

Volleyball Competition – Gay Games XII Valencia 2026

The volleyball competition at Gay Games Valencia 2026 will feature a total of 148 teams, divided into four levels of play. The tournament is designed to ensure maximum participation, competitive balance, and a guaranteed minimum number of matches for all teams.

Please note that all matches will be played according to the current official FIVB rules.

We kindly ask all teams, players, and technical staff to be familiar with and respect these rules throughout the competition, including sporting, disciplinary, and organizational aspects.

Phase 1 – Group Stage (Initial Ranking)

The group stage will last two and a half days and its main objective is to establish a sports ranking to seed teams for the final phase.

The aim is to create as many groups of 5 teams as possible, so that each team plays 4 matches in a 2-set format, with a maximum duration of 45 minutes per match.

The group stage will take place across 13 courts in the city of Valencia, distributed as follows:

- **Pabellón Benicalap** – 4 courts
- **Polideportivo Nou Moles** – 4 courts
- **Polideportivo Cabañal-Cañamellar** – 3 courts
- **Pabellón Malvarrosa** – 2 courts

Operating hours: 08:30 to 20:00, unless an extension is required for organizational reasons.

Levels will be distributed as follows:



- **AA+A (High or Professional Level)** – 16 teams
Venue: Pabellón Malvarrosa
Includes Women category (in its second phase)
- **BB (Upper-Intermediate Level)** – 29 teams
Venue: Polideportivo Cabañal-Cañamelar
- **B (Intermediate Level)** – 45 teams
Venue: Pabellón Benicalap
In the second phase, this level will be divided into Upper and Lower divisions.
- **C (Recreational/Entry Level)** – 55 teams
Venue: Polideportivo Nou Moles
In the second phase, this level will be divided into Upper and Lower divisions.

If there are not enough teams registered in the Women category, they will be integrated into the B-level group stage at Pabellón Benicalap. They will subsequently have their own competition in the second phase, which may take place at Pabellón Malvarrosa.

Phase 2 – Double Elimination System

All final brackets will be played under a double elimination format, guaranteeing a minimum of two playoff matches for each team.

- **Winners Bracket:** Best of 3 sets, maximum duration 70 minutes.
- **Losers Bracket:** Single set matches, maximum duration 30 minutes.

A team will only be definitively eliminated after accumulating two losses.

Overall Schedule

- June 28, 29 and June 30 (morning): Group Stage
- June 30 (afternoon), July 1 and 2: Double Elimination Brackets
- July 3: Semifinals, Finals and Medal Ceremonies



Event Scale

- 148 participating teams
- 6 days of competition
- 13 courts
- More than 500 matches played

A Champion, Runner-up, and Third Place team will be awarded in each of the four competition levels.

