



Presidents of the National Federations

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**FIVB Athletes' Relief Support fund**

Dear Volleyball Family,

We hope you and your loved ones are keeping well during these challenging times.

Many in our global Volleyball Family have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, and our volleyball and beach volleyball players are certainly no exception to this. With the necessary cancellation or postponement of international, continental and national seasons, the FIVB recognises that some athletes have been significantly impacted financially by the current situation.

Today, more than ever before, we must come together and support them. Therefore, it is with great pleasure that I can announce the creation of the FIVB Athletes' Relief Support fund.

This initiative, created jointly by the FIVB and the FIVB Athletes' Commission, will provide short-term support for volleyball and beach volleyball players that are struggling to afford the basic necessities, including, but not limited to, food, family care and housing.

The FIVB Athletes' Commission has been working closely with the FIVB Team to design a transparent online application process with clearly defined eligibility criteria that have been reviewed by independent experts. In addition, a specially formed Task Force, comprised of the FIVB leadership, the FIVB Athletes' Commission and the FIVB Team, will be responsible for reviewing all applications. Athletes applying for the FIVB Athletes' Relief Support fund will need to meet set eligibility requirements for their application to be considered for further evaluation. The eligibility criteria include, but are not limited to, being clear from sanctions on international and national levels, having no anti-doping rules violations, and having participated in the minimum required number of FIVB events during the 2018-2019 season along with several other requirements.

We hope that with this initiative we can continue to support our community of volleyball and beach volleyball players. I know that I can also count on your support to share this positive news with your athletes. I also hope that you will kindly assist the Task Force with the implementation of the Athletes' Relief Support by providing any information that may be requested.

For further information on the FIVB Athletes' Relief Support fund, please visit <https://www.fivb.com/en/players/athletes-relief-support-fund>.

Please stay safe and healthy!

Best regards,

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