



All National Federation Presidents

CC: FIVB Board of Administration Members
FIVB Councils and Commissions Members
Continental Confederations
Zonal Associations

Lausanne, 18 September 2025

Re: Club Competitions and National Team players

Dear National Federation Presidents,

I hope that this letter finds you well.

I would like to congratulate you all on a spectacular National Team Season in which we have seen fantastic volleyball at all levels from Zonal Association competitions, Continental Confederation competitions and FIVB competitions, concluding with an amazing FIVB World Championships.

As we move into the club season, the FIVB would like to call on your support as our players move from their national teams to their clubs.

We want to remind you that the FIVB Calendar 2025-2028 was created with certain principles in mind, one of which is athletes' health and well-being. The FIVB fully supports year around volleyball activities, including competitions at the club level, so long as they respect the athletes and the National Team Season. This allows our players to maximize their development and deliver the amazing performances that we have seen throughout the National Team season.

We all have a collective responsibility to protect the welfare of our athletes by providing them with a well-earned break after the demanding National Team Season. Thus, the FIVB Calendar 2025-2028 provides additional time between the World Championships' end and the beginning of the club season.

The FIVB is responsible for overseeing the transfer of players internationally while the National Federations are responsible for preparing regulations related to the transfer of players within their respective territories. Thus, the FIVB has focused on creating rules around ITCs that provide a break for the athletes after they have participated in the FIVB World Championships. For competitions below the top divisions, it is the responsibility of the National Federation to regulate these competitions in alignment with the principles defined in the FIVB Calendar 2025-2028.

Recently, competitions below the top division, including regional and state championships, are starting before the end of the National Team Season, which FIVB supports. However, all national team players need to be treated equally, whether playing abroad or in their Federation of Origin. The FIVB is enforcing the defined athlete break by preventing players who have played in the World Championships to obtain an ITC before the club season starts on 6 October 2025 for women and 20 October 2025 for men.

The FIVB kindly requests that each National Federation do the same for their own national team players who are not subject to ITCs because they are playing within their Federation of Origin. The health and well-being of our athletes, who give us so much to be inspired by on the court, must be our top priority.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Hugh McCutcheon', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Hugh McCutcheon
Secretary General