

XII Luis Cup – Tournament Format & Match Regulations

Team Groups – First Stage

The tournament will begin with **35 teams** divided into **7 groups of 5 teams** each. Each group will compete in a **round-robin** format.

Match Format

- Each match consists of **2 sets only**.
- Sets are played to **21 points**.
- Teams must win each set by **2 points**.
- **There is no point cap**.

Important: Please ensure the score of every set is recorded, as total points scored may be required to determine tiebreakers.

Scoring System

Match points will be awarded as follows:

- **Win both sets:** 3 points
- **Win one set:** 1 point per set won

At the end of the group stage, teams will be ranked from **1st to 5th place** based on total match points earned.

Tie-Break Procedures

If two or more teams are tied on match points, the following procedures will apply:

Teams from the Same Group

1. **Head-to-head result.**
2. If the head-to-head match ended **1–1 in sets**, the team that scored the **most total points** in that match will rank higher.
3. If the teams remain tied, the following overall tournament tiebreakers will apply.

Overall Tournament Tiebreakers

1. The team with the **highest combined total points scored** across all sets played will earn the higher ranking.
2. If teams remain tied, the team with the **fewest total points allowed** (points scored against them) across all sets played will earn the higher ranking.

Division Advancement

- **1st and 2nd place** teams in each group advance directly to the **Sand Elite Division**.
 - The **3rd-place teams** from each group will be ranked from **1st Best 3rd Place** through **7th Best 3rd Place** using the tie-break procedures above.
 - The **top four 3rd-place teams** will compete in qualification matches for the remaining Sand Elite Division spots.
 - The winners of those qualification matches will advance to the **Sand Elite Division**.
 - The losing teams, the remaining 3rd-place teams, **all 4th-place teams**, and the **highest-ranked 5th-place team** will compete in the **Sand Social Division**.
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Sand Elite Qualification Matches

Each qualification match will consist of **one set to 25 points**.

- Win by **2 points**.
- **No point cap**.

Game Match

71 1st Best 3rd Place vs. 4th Best 3rd Place

72 2nd Best 3rd Place vs. 3rd Best 3rd Place

The winners of Games **71** and **72** advance to the **Sand Elite Division**.

The losing teams stay on the **Sand Social Division**.

Sand Social Division – Qualification Round

The qualification round will feature the remaining six 5th-place teams.

Match Format

- Sets 1 and 2: **21 points**, win by 2, no point cap.
- If required, Set 3: **15 points**, win by 2, no point cap.

Game Match

73 2nd Best 5th Place vs. 7th Best 5th Place

74 3rd Best 5th Place vs. 6th Best 5th Place

75 4th Best 5th Place vs. 5th Best 5th Place

The **1st Best 5th Place** team receives a bye and advances directly to the **Round of 16**.

Sand Elite Division – Playoffs

Match Format

- Sets 1 and 2: **21 points**, win by 2, no point cap.
- If required, Set 3: **15 points**, win by 2, no point cap.

Round of 16

Game Match

- 101 2nd Place Group A vs. 2nd Place Group B
- 102 1st Place Group A vs. Winner of Game 71
- 103 1st Place Group B vs. 2nd Place Group C
- 104 1st Place Group C vs. 2nd Place Group D
- 105 1st Place Group D vs. 2nd Place Group E
- 106 1st Place Group E vs. 2nd Place Group F
- 107 1st Place Group F vs. 2nd Place Group G
- 108 1st Place Group G vs. Winner of Game 72

Quarterfinals

Game Match

- 109 Winner of Game 101 vs. Winner of Game 105
- 110 Winner of Game 102 vs. Winner of Game 106
- 111 Winner of Game 103 vs. Winner of Game 108
- 112 Winner of Game 104 vs. Winner of Game 107

Semifinals

Game Match

- 113 Winner of Game 109 vs. Winner of Game 112
- 114 Winner of Game 110 vs. Winner of Game 111

Championship Final

Game Match

115 Winner of Game 113 vs. Winner of Game 114

Note: There will be **no third-place match**. Both semifinal losers will finish the tournament as **joint third-place teams**.

Sand Social Division – Playoffs

Match Format

- Sets 1 and 2: **21 points**, win by 2, no point cap.
- If required, Set 3: **15 points**, win by 2, no point cap.

Round of 16

Game Match

201 5th Best 3rd Place vs. Winner of Game 73

202 6th Best 3rd Place vs. 7th Best 4th Place

203 7th Best 3rd Place vs. 1st Best 5th Place

204 3rd Best 4th Place vs. 4th Best 4th Place

205 2nd Best 4th Place vs. 5th Best 4th Place

206 1st Best 4th Place vs. 6th Best 4th Place

207 Loser of Game 71 vs. Winner of Game 74

208 Loser of Game 72 vs. Winner of Game 75

Quarterfinals

Game Match

209 Winner of Game 201 vs. Winner of Game 205

210 Winner of Game 202 vs. Winner of Game 206

211 Winner of Game 203 vs. Winner of Game 208

212 Winner of Game 204 vs. Winner of Game 207

Semifinals

Game Match

213 Winner of Game 209 vs. Winner of Game 212

214 Winner of Game 210 vs. Winner of Game 211

Sand Social Championship Final

Game Match

215 Winner of Game 213 vs. Winner of Game 214

Note: There will be **no third-place match**. Both semifinal losers will finish the tournament as **joint third-place teams**.

XIII Luis Cup – Tournament Announcement

We're excited to announce that the **XIII Luis Cup** will take place on **Saturday, September 12, 2026**, at **Spanish Banks Beach** in Vancouver!

Registration Schedule

◇ Pre-Registration

Opens: Monday, July 27, 2026

Pre-registration is available exclusively to:

- Teams that participated in the **XII Luis Cup**.
- Players who have participated in previous **Luis Cup** tournaments.

Please contact Luis to receive the pre-registration link.

General Registration opens: Thursday, July 30, 2026

General registration will open at www.luiscup.com and will be available to all other teams on a **first-come, first-served basis** until the tournament reaches capacity.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on the sand for another great day of beach volleyball.

See you on September 12! 