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STATISTICAL PREVIEWS
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Pool B: Brazil - Germany (September 1)

Head-to-Head

- Brazil have won all five matches against German teams, two against the German Democratic Republic (GDR) and three against unified Germany (GER).
- Four of the five wins were in straight sets, including the last three in 1994, 2006 and 2010.
- Brazil are on a 15-match winning streak against (unified) Germany at Olympic Games, World Championships and World League, since two defeats in the 1993 World League.
- Brazil have won the last five of these 15 matches in straight sets.

Brazil

- Brazil have won the last three World Championships and they can become the first team to win the trophy four times in a row.
- Italy won the gold medal also three times in a row, in 1990, 1994 and 1998, before Brazil de-throned them in 2002.
- Only Russia/Soviet Union (6) have won more gold medals at the World Championships than Brazil (3) and Italy (3).
- Brazil are ranked No.1 on Men's FIVB Senior World Ranking, but they lost the final of the 2014 World League to current No.4 USA.
- They have won 25 of their last 29 World Championships matches.
- They lost two matches at the 2010 World Championship, one in the first round and one in the second round. This was the first time they lost two matches at a single World Championship since losing the semifinal and 3rd/4th place match in 1998.

Germany

- This is the 11th edition in which Germany, GDR or West Germany (FRG) are active at the World Championships.
- GDR won the title in 1970, while West Germany's best result was 20th in 1966. Unified Germany finished ninth (1994, 2006) and eighth in 2010.
- Germany have lost their last three matches at the World Championships. They had a longer losing streak (5) in 2006.
- They have lost their last three matches in straight sets and they can lose four matches in a row by a 3-0 scoreline for the first time in history.



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Pool B: Finland - Cuba (September 1)

Head-to-Head

- Cuba won the only match against Finland at the World Championships 3-0 in 1966.
- Cuba have also won all four encounters against Finland in the World League, all played in 1993.
- They have defeated Finland in straight sets in four of the five total matches against them at major tournaments.
- Finland have won five of their last six World Championship matches against teams of the Americas, all in 1978 and 1982, losing the last encounter 3-2 vs Mexico.

Finland

- Finland return to the World Championships for the first time since 1982. This is their seventh participation and their best result has been 11th in 1952.
- Of all 2014 teams, only Belgium have been absent longer. Their previous participation was in 1978.
- Finland hope to win their opening match at a World Championships for the first time after six opening defeats at the previous editions.

Cuba

- Cuba have reached the semifinals in four of the last six World Championships, winning medals in 1990 (2nd), 1998 (3rd) and in 2010 (2nd).
- They also took bronze in 1978, but have yet to win the gold medal at the World Championships.
- Cuba's last World Championship match was a 3-0 defeat against Brazil in the 2010 final. They have not lost two consecutive World Championship matches in straight sets since 1982, when they suffered straight sets defeats against the Soviet Union and Brazil.



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Pool B: Korea - Tunisia (September 1)

Head-to-Head

- This will be the third match between Korea and Tunisia at the World Championships. Korea won 3-0 in 1974 and Tunisia won 3-2 in 2006.
- That 3-2 defeat is Korea's only loss against an African team at the World Championships. They have won their other five encounters all in straight sets, including their win vs Tunisia (1974).
- Korea have won nine of 10 matches against Tunisia at Olympic Games, World Championships and World Cup, eight of which in straight sets.

Korea

- Korea's best result in their previous eight World Championships was a 4th place in 1978.
- They finished 17th in their last World Championship, in 2006.
- Korea have won three of their last 14 World Championship matches and one of their five matches in 2006.
- They have won six of their 15 five-set matches. Their last five-setter was their defeat against Tunisia.

Tunisia

- This is Tunisia's ninth World Championships. Their best rank is 15th in 2006 and they finished 19th in 2010.
- Of all African teams, Tunisia have the most participations. Egypt will play in their eighth World Championship.
- Tunisia's winning percentage of 21% in World Championship history is the highest of all African countries, ahead of Egypt (19) and Cameroon (18), who are also playing in the 2014 edition.
- They have won five and lost six of their five-set matches at the World Championships.



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Pool C: Russia-Canada (September 1)

Head-to-Head

- Russia and Canada have met twice at the World Championships. Russia won both encounters, in 1994 (3-2) and 2006 (3-0).
- In that first 3-2 win for Russia in 1994, Canada scored more points (72) than their winning opponents (71).
- The last time these teams met at a big event was in the Final Round of the 2013 World League when Canada beat Russia 3-2.

Russia

- Russia have won the World Championships a record six times. All these titles were won when they participated as the Soviet Union (1949, 1952, 1960, 1962, 1978 and 1982).
- Russia will participate in the World Championships for a record 18th time.
- Russia have won their last three matches at the World Championships, since a 3-1 defeat against Serbia in 2010.
- Russia is second on the World Ranking, behind Brazil. The last major event in which they took part was the 2014 World League, where they finished fifth.
- Russia have lost two of the last three opening matches at the World Championships.

Canada

- Canada will participate in the World Championships for the 10th time. Their best result is a ninth place finish in 1994.
- Canada finished in joint-last place at the previous World Championships in 2010 (19th).
- Canada's record in the last six World Championship matches is: W-L-W-L-W-L.



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Pool C: Mexico - Bulgaria (September 1)

Head-to-Head

- Mexico and Bulgaria have met twice at the World Championships. Bulgaria won both encounters, in 1974 (3-0) and 1978 (3-2).
- These two matches in the seventies were their last meetings at major tournaments.

Mexico

- Mexico will participate for the fifth time at a World Championship. After three consecutive participations (1974-1982) they were absent for 28 years before participating once again in 2010.
- Their best rank was on debut, 10th in 1974.
- Mexico have lost five of their last six matches at the World Championships. Their only win in this streak was against Venezuela in 2010 (3-0).

Bulgaria

- Bulgaria will take part in the World Championships for the 17th time. Only Russia (including the Soviet Union) have participated in more World Championship tournaments.
- Bulgaria have won five medals at the World Championships. They never managed to win the event, but took one silver and four bronze medals, most recently in 2006.
- In 2010, Bulgaria finished in seventh place.



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Pool C: China – Egypt (September 1)

Head-to-Head

- China and Egypt have met three times at the World Championships. All three encounters were won by China.
- The first two meetings between these two teams were won in straight sets (1974, 1978). In their most recent meeting in 2006, China needed five sets to claim victory (3-2).

China

- China will take part for the 13th time in the World Championships, not missing any edition since 1994.
- China have lost their last four World Championship matches. Their last win was in 2006 against Egypt.
- China's best result at a World Championship tournament is a seventh place finish (1978 and 1982).

Egypt

- Egypt will partake for the eighth time in the World Championships, not missing any edition since 1998.
- Their best result at a World Championship tournament is 13th, set in 2010.
- Egypt have lost their last four World Championship matches. Their last win was against Iran in 2010 in straight sets.