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**STATISTICAL PREVIEWS**  
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**Pool G: Italy – Russia**

**Head-to-head**

- Italy are winless in their World Championship matches against Russia. Russia beat Italy three times in straight sets (1986, 1994 and 2006) and once in five sets (2002).
- Russia also beat Italy in their most recent meeting at a major tournament – 3-1 at the 2014 World Grand Prix.
- Italy's last victory over Russia at a major tournament came at the 2008 Olympic Games. Italy beat Russia 3-1 in their group stage match.
- Italy are unbeaten in their last seven World Championship matches against fellow European sides.
- Russia have lost only three of their 39 matches against teams from Europe at the World Championship.

**Italy**

- The hosts beat United States 3-0 in their third round opening match.
- Italy outspiked (52-42) and outblocked (9-2) team USA in that match. Four players of Italy reached double figures: Valentina Arrighetti (10), Carolina Del Pilar Costagrande (13), Nadia Centoni (14) and Antonella Del Core (15).
- It was their ninth win at the 2014 World Championship, only falling to Dominican Republic. The only time Italy won nine matches in a single edition was in 2002 when they won the title.
- Italy have taken at least one set in their last 16 World Championship matches. The only longer streak was between 1998 and 2006 when they won at least one set in 24 consecutive matches.

**Russia**

- Russia have lost four World Championship matches in a span of six for the first time since 1982 and can lose five in seven for the first time ever.
- Russia have taken at least one set in their last 44 World Championship matches. As Soviet Union, one longer streak occurred – 52 matches in 1952-1974.
- The last team to keep them from scoring a set was China in the 1998 semifinal.



## Pool H: Brazil – Dominican Republic

### Head-to-head

- These teams will meet for the third time at the World Championship. Brazil beat Dominican Republic twice in straight sets (1974 and 1998).
- Dominican Republic are also eying their first victory over Brazil at the World Grand Prix and World Cup losing all 13 matches and taking only five sets.
- Brazil are unbeaten in their last seven World Championship matches against NORCECA sides, conceding only two sets.
- Dominican Republic lost their first three meetings with South American sides (including Brazil), but won their last two (both against Argentina).

### Brazil

- Brazil scored 25 points more than China, outspiking (49-33) and outblocking (11-2) them. Thaisa Menezes, Jaqueline Pereira De Carvalho Endres and Fernanda Rodrigues all scored 15 points.
- With that victory, Brazil stayed the only unbeaten team in this year's competition with 10 victories so far. In 12 of the 16 previous editions the winner of the tournament did not lose a single match.
- Brazil have won 31 of their last 33 World Championship matches, only losing the 2006 and 2010 final.
- They have won at least two sets in each of their last 37 matches at the World Championship, their longest streak in the competition.

### Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic could become the first country to lose four consecutive World Championship matches in five sets in a single edition. Peru lost three five-setters in a row in 2006.
- Seven of their 10 matches were played out in five sets, two in four sets and only one in three.
- Dominican have won at least two sets in their last 11 World Championship matches. Before this streak, they only succeeded to win two sets in 12 of their previous 38 matches in the competition.
- Dominican Republic will play their 50th match at the World Championship, the 18th team to reach this milestone.