



**FIVB**  
VOLLEYBALL  
**WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**ITALY 2014**

**STATISTICAL PREVIEWS**  
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### **General Statistics**

- This will be the 17th edition of the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship, with the first edition taking place in 1952.
- Italy will be hosts to the competition for the first time, 12 years after claiming their only title at the 2002 World Championship. They are the 11th country to host the FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship.
- Italy can become the first hosts to win the tournament since Japan in 1967.
- Russia (including Soviet Union) will participate for the 16th time, only missing the 1967 World Championship. Brazil, Japan, United States and Germany (including East and West Germany) will take part in their 15th edition.
- The 2014 FIVB Volleyball Women's World Championship will not have any debutants this year. Tunisia (1986) and Belgium (1978) are returning to the competition after decades of absence.
- Russia (including Soviet Union) have claimed the most World Championship titles with seven in total, including the last two editions. Japan and Cuba follow with three gold medals each.
- China (2) and Italy (1) are the only other countries to be crowned World Champion.
- Russia are the two-times defending champions and are looking to win a third consecutive title. To date, only the Soviet Union have won three World Championship titles in a row, at the first three tournaments in 1952, 1956 and 1960.
- Russia (inc. Soviet Union) have never finished outside the top 6, making 1982 and 1986 their worst performance with a sixth place. In the last six editions, Russia have finished at least in the top 3.
- Olympic champions and current World Grand Prix winners Brazil have never won the tournament, taking home the silver in 1995, 2006 and 2010. They can become the first country to win both the World Grand Prix and the World Championship in the same year.