

A1 Beach Pro Vienna 2024: The comeback of the world stars



The beach elite is making a serve at the A1 Beach Pro Vienna 2024 on Vienna's Heumarkt. Photo: ACTS/Conny Kurth

From July 10 to 14, 2024, the beach volleyball elite will make a stop at Vienna's Heumarkt as part of the A1 Beach Pro Vienna, rehearsing for the Olympics.

Fantastic news for Austrian beach volleyball fans: For the first time since the 2017 World Championships and the major tournaments in 2018 and 2019, the world stars are returning to Vienna! Thanks to Hannes Jagerhofer and his team, Austria will host a top-tier ranking event, an Elite16 tournament within the Beach Pro Tour.

From July 10 to 14, 2024, the who's who of the sport will gather at the A1 Vienna Beach Pro 2024 in the beach metropolis, using this opportunity as a dress rehearsal for the Olympic Games in Paris! After the fantastic European Championships in 2021 and the Nations Cup the following year, once again, Vienna's Heumarkt will become the epicenter of the beach volleyball world.

FIVB President Ary Graça expresses his "great delight"

"I am delighted to once again welcome Vienna to the international beach volleyball circuit", says Dr Ary S Graça, President of the Volleyball World Federation FIVB. "Next July, this beautiful European capital will for the first time join the Beach Pro Tour by hosting an Elite16 tournament. We are all looking forward to the warm welcome we will no doubt receive from the passionate beach volleyball fans of Austria, alongside the amazing atmosphere both on and off the field of play."

Gernot Leitner is confident in the breakthrough of the home teams.

"It's fantastic that ACTS and Volleyball World have reached an agreement on hosting a World Pro Tour event of the highest category in Austria," says Gernot Leitner, President of the Austrian Volleyball Federation ÖVV. "An Elite16 tournament in our own country is a huge deal for the win2day Beach Volley Team Austria and the red-and-white beach community. The absolute world elite will be our guests. Our top teams have given us a lot of joy with great results in the second half of the season. We naturally hope that this trend continues in 2024, not only qualifying for the Olympic Games in Paris but also playing a good role in the top 10 in the world."

Hannes Jagerhofer: "Images will circulate around the world."

"I am very pleased that we can offer our beach fans another fantastic beach event in Vienna next year, despite all the challenges of finding a suitable date in an Olympic year," says Hannes Jagerhofer. The fact that the Danube Island is not available as a venue this time does not diminish his excitement: "The images of the picturesque and exclusive setting in the heart of the city – this time with a familiar stadium layout – will circulate around the world again!"

So, in the summer, European aces will once again be visited by competition from overseas – it remains to be seen whether they can use their home advantage and position themselves in Vienna for the fight for Olympic medals. One thing is guaranteed: Goosebumps!

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