















POOL A			
1		BRA	Alison/Bruno Schmidt
2		ITA	Ranghieri/Carambula
3		AUT	Doppler/Horst
4		CAN	Binstock/Schachter

POOL B			
1		NED	Brouwer/Meeuwsen
2		POL	Losiak/Kantor
3		GER	Böckermann/Fluggen
4		RUS	Liamin/Barsouk

POOL C			
1		USA	Lucena/Dalhausser
2		ITA	Nicolai/Lupo
3		MEX	Virgen/Ontiveros
4		TUN	Naceur/Belhaj

POOL D			
1		BRA	Pedro Solberg/Evandro
2		LAT	Samoilovs/Smedins
3		CAN	Schalk/Saxton
4		CUB	Diaz/Gonzalez

POOL E			
1		NED	Nummerdor/Varenhorst
2		RUS	Semenov/Krasilnikov
3		POL	Fijalek/Prudel
4		CHI	Grimalt/Grimalt

POOL F			
1		USA	Gibb/Patterson
2		ESP	Herrera/Gavira
3		AUT	Huber/Seidl
4		QAT	Jefferson/Cherif

The top seeds in each pool (No. 1 to No. 6 positions) were automatically allocated according to the top five positions in the Olympic rankings and the best host country team, who, according to FIVB regulations, were automatically placed in Pool A as seed 1 since they were ranked within the top six pairs in the Olympic rankings.

The remaining teams were allocated their pool places following the serpentine method through six draws, according to the FIVB regulations as follows:

Draw 1 determined which teams (from those ranked seven to nine) were placed in positions 7 to 9 in pools F, E and D, starting with position 7 in Pool F.

Draw 2 determined which teams (from those ranked 10 to 12) were placed in positions 10 to 12 in pools C, B and A, starting with position 10 in Pool C.

Draw 3 determined which teams (from those ranked 13 to 17) were placed in positions 13 to 17 in pools A, B, C, D and E, starting with position 13 in Pool A.

Draw 4 determined which team (from the five Continental Cup winners) was placed in position 18 in Pool F.

Draw 5 determined which teams (among the remaining four winners qualified from the Continental Cup Finals from the Confederations) to be seeded 19 to 22 and placed in pools F, E, D and C

Draw 6 determine which teams (among the 2 winners of the FIVB World Continental Cup Olympic Qualification) to be seeded 23 to 24 and placed in pool B and A