**Gold for Slovenia, Sweden and Spain top in the youth tournament**

**The 13th edition of the Vaduz beach volleyball tournament ended happily and successfully in a new extended format. The Slovenes secured the victory in the men’s tournament, the evening before the Swiss women won in a high class final as well. A total of three tournaments attracted 16,000 spectators to the Städtle during 10 days. 11'500 in the first and 4'500 in the second week. The concept of the Beacharena with several tournaments was very well accepted with sponsors and the audience. The European Championships SCD, the already established CEV Satellite tournament and the Youth Continental Cup, where youth teams can qualify for the Olympic Youth Games, offered an exciting and concentrated mix of different beach volleyball events. What remained unchanged: The fascinating sport of beach volleyball, which has many fans with its mix of power, finesse and beach.**

On the last day of the Beacharena 2017, 4,000 Beachvolley fans came to the stadium again. The weather played offered best conditions. The Slovenians Zemljak / Pokeršnik, number 9 of the tournament, had the opportunity for revanche for the defeat of round 3 against the Italians Caminati / Rossi. This they managed in a fantastic game with incredibly long rallies 2-1 (20-22, 21-12, 18-16). To get there they still had to defeat the German team Fuchs / Walkenhorst and the English Gregory / Sheaf in the semi-finals. They did so in a convincing way. After winning Gold, they said: "In round 3 we have lost quite clearly against Caminati / Rossi, now weh ad the better end for us. Fantastic. After our match analysis, we served more often on Caminati and were more successful. We played for the first time in Vaduz, the tournament, the stadium and the atmosphere were great. "

The French Loiseau / Gauthier-Rat won the Bronze Medal with an outstanding tournament performance. They won the second Satellite medal this year after gold at the Satellite in Götheborg. They won against Swiss No. 1 2-1 (21-17, 16-21, 21-19) in a hot but fair fight this morning, and said quite modestly: "The Swiss are a real top team and have beaten so many cracks in the last time. We were absolute underdogs, wanted to learn from them today and play as best as possible. The fact that we have won is simply fantastic." There very true attitude is entirely like Michael Jordan said: I never lose, either I win or learn. In the semi-final they "learned" from the Italians Caminati / Rossi and had to be content with the bronce medal match. They won the third set very clearly, before they met with the English Gregory / Sheaf an open, high-class match, in which the French showed phase-like incredible power volleyball and at the right moment could still vary. After winning Bronze, they were very happy and proud: "We are very proud to have won Bronze here in Vaduz. The level at the tournament was incredibly high, it was the best satellite we've ever played. It was great fun, thank you. "

Spain and Sweden meet the role of favorites at the CEV Youth Continental Cup

The Spanish girls Soler / Moreno won the Youth Continental Cup. Silver goes to Austria (Klinger / Dirnhofer). The swedish boys Andersson / Åhman defeated the Austrian riders / Leitner and won Gold for Sweden. For Spain and Sweden, the qualification for Buenos Aires 2018 continues.

The Swedes emphasized the importance of this title for them: "The title means a lot to us and gives us a lot of self-confidence for the further route to the qualification." And like the professionals, they delivered the game plan immediately: "Our goal was keeping the Austrians with strong services far away from the net to disturb their game setup. We succeeded well. "

In conclusion, a statement by the President of the OC, Philippe Schürmann: "The weather could have been somewhat better in the second week. The 13th edition of our event was still a very happy one. The new stadium with the covered catering area has already proved itself at the first time, the satellite tournament was one of the best we have ever had. All in all everything worked out well and we could hopefully offer Vaduz 10 days of fantastic beach volleyball. 16,000 spectators in 10 days can also be seen. Thanks to all our loyal partners and the 250 helpers we need to carry out such an event. "