Beach volleyball (team of two players) shall compete with a team of players with the same rank on the team’s five team order of skill and competitiveness. Stacking of team pairs to gain a competitive advantage is not allowed. When a regular pairing of players is unable to participate in their established position, that position shall be filled by advancing a pair from a lower rank level. When a single player is unable to participate an alternate may fill that position (direct line substitute).

- Example: #1 pair unable to compete. Pair #2 moves to the #1 rank competition, #3 moves to the #2 rank competition, #4 moves to the #3 rank competition, #5 moves to the #4 rank competition, #6 alternate pair moves to the #5 rank competition.

- Example: Player A on #2 pair unable to compete, Alternate A moves to the #2 pair to replace the player unable to compete.