

Is Footvolley Safe?

–Urgent Call to Address Threats in Our Community!

What Is Futevôlei/Footvolley?

Futevôlei (or Footvolley) mirrors Beach Volleyball but forbids hand use. It is among Brazil's biggest and fastest-growing sport with millions of players (promoted by ex-football stars like Ronaldinho, Romário, and Neymar). It was once magically created in Brazil — by and for the poor, the marginalised, and the oppressed — and, like a beautiful side effect, it made it possible to unite different social classes on the beach.

The European Footvolley community, is a vibrant community that now boast 16 members from diverse nations. This community has flourished through thrilling championships and events that showcase the talent and spirit of our players. Despite our varied backgrounds, we all share a common love for the sport, speaking a universal language camaraderie and respect.

This shared passion is the reason I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the alarming threats that @footvolley.Athens has recently received. It is both horrific and unacceptable that such behaviour is tolerated within our community.

Silencing these threats not only undermines the safety of our players but also creates an environment where such actions can be perceived as acceptable. It is imperative that we do not turn a blind eye to these issues. Ignoring them sends a message that threats and intimidation can go unchallenged, which is detrimental to the integrity of our sport and the well-being of its participants.

We must stand together to denounce these actions and ensure that all players feel safe and supported. It is our responsibility to address these threats openly and to foster a culture of respect and accountability.

Let us take a firm stand against this behaviour and work towards creating a safe environment for everyone involved.

Threats:

The messages below, sent on Instagram DM, are just a small collection—**JUST A FRACTION**—of the messages sent to @footvolley.athens (Yiannis Tsiouris) after his post for humanity, which he posted on his Instagram on the 15th of July 2025.

Yuval Aharfi from labola_ftvschool, he writes:

-Go fuck yourself you are one piece of shit. You need to die!

Yinon Amir writes:

-Fuck you, Fuck your Family and wish that your kids will be raped by terrorists like you look like my dick at a bad day..... Continuing in Hebrew “direct translated to English” You disgusting one, you son of a whore, may the rape your mother. May they do a Holocaust to you. Son of a whore. May the rape, your whore mother you are disgusting.

FTV Player “@lidorfrank14” writes:

-You are fucking dead! From now on you are in trouble, no jew will support you anymore, if you are all for them, go and live in Gaza and inshallah they will rape you there. Fuck you. You are fucking dead.

Another writes:

-Hi you piece of shit, don't you ever forget Am Israel Chai, And you can't do anything about it you Nazi supporter, I hope a Turk rapes an kills your sister and mother! And that it will all be on video for you to see it! Your scum of the earth! Mossad in on to you! Soon!

FTV Player @Shaulinbal7 writes:

-And I recommend you to open a new instagram account. This one is going to be like people in Palestine, DEAD (emojis) I have my people in Greece that can help me cut down your business a legal way, you fucking pig!

@Shahaflavi512 from Shahaf Lavi organic cosmetics writes:

-We understand that you want to come to Israel, if we see you in Israel we will kill you! Don't go near the state of Israel you anti-semite. We will murder you like the children in Gaza!