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Article 1: Competition Format

Article 1.1: Juridical Structure

According to the Article 2.6 and 14.4 of the Statutes of the Confédération Européenne de Volleyball a.s.b.l. (CEV) the CEV U18/20/22 European Championship for Men and Women will be organised on a regular basis.

Each edition of the European Championship will cover a period of one year.

The European Beach Volleyball Commission (EBVC) is entrusted to organise this competition.

Article 1.2: Organisation Format

The CEV U18/20/22 Beach Volleyball European Championship (afterwards referred to as "Championship") shall each consist of a Main Draw (Preliminary Round and Final Phase).

The Championship starts on 01 January and end on 31 December of each year.

The Championship must be organised for men and women on the same date and venue.

Article 2: Right of Participation of Teams

Article 2.1: Eligibility

All national teams shall be eligible to participate provided their National Federation has fulfilled all its commitments and paid its debts to the CEV.

Article 2.2: Registration and Confirmation

2.2.1 Registration Procedure

The registration procedure is divided in two phases:

- 1. Spot Registration Deadline -2 months
- 2. Athletes Registration Deadline -15 days

All deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the start of each Main Draw Tournament.

The National Federations are advised to register their teams through the Volleyball Information System (VIS - www.fivb.org \rightarrow Login).

The provision of the CEV Athlete's Commitment – accompanied by a health certificate – duly signed by the NF and the concerned athlete(s) is the pre-condition set to be tentatively admitted to any of the Beach Volleyball competitions officially recognised by the CEV.

Once the aforementioned condition is fulfilled by all parties concerned, the National Federation (exclusively) is required to comply with the following procedures in order to tentatively register its spots and athletes in the Championship.

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Spot Registration (Deadline -2 months):

- Each National Federation is provided with an individual and secured user access (user name and password) through its own e-mail address.
- After Log in, the National Federation may select the respective Championship and click the button "reserve teams".
- National Federations may register for one, two or three spots.
- The spot is automatically registered in the selected tournament database and is instantly included in the tentative list posted on the CEV website for each event. While this procedure allows the National Federations to directly control that their spots are correctly entered, it also gives them the opportunity to immediately contact the webmaster (vis@fivb.org and beach@cev.lu) in case a technical problem occurs.
- The Tentative Spot List is an ongoing information available on the CEV website and up to -2 months can be amended by each participating National Federations.

Registrations after the end of the spot registration deadline have to be done through the CEV Office and will be included at the end of the Reserve List.

Athletes Registration (Deadline -15 days):

- Each National Federation is provided with an individual and secured user access (user name and password) through its own e-mail address.
- After Log in, the National Federation may select any team as per CEV Beach Volleyball Handbook and Official Regulations and register it in the CEV U18/20/22 European Championship by following this procedure:
 - Select first athlete;
 - Select his/her teammate;
 - Select the CEV U18/20/22 European Championship from the calendar;
 - Confirm the entry of the team.
- The team is automatically registered in the selected tournament database and is instantly included in the tentative list posted on the CEV website for each event. While this procedure allows the National Federations to directly control that their teams are correctly entered, it also gives them the opportunity to immediately contact the webmaster (vis@fivb.org and beach@cev.lu) in case a technical problem occurs.
- After the athletes registration the number of reserve teams has to be reduced by clicking the button "reserve teams" and entering "0".
- Each National Federation may directly enter new CEV/FIVB athletes as the computer instantly generates CEV/FIVB # for the new athlete as well as a user name and password.
- Athletes with pending sanctions are not allowed to enter in CEV sanctioned events until the related fine is duly paid to the CEV.
- The entry deadline for each event is stated on the CEV website for each event.
- Each National Federation and athlete will be responsible for checking the entry through internet by consulting the tentative "Entry List" for each event.
- The Tentative Entry List is an ongoing information available on the CEV website and up to -15 days can be amended by each participating National Federations.

Additionally, each athlete willing to participate must complete and sign and have his/her respective National Federation sign and seal the BV-01 NF-Athlete's Commitment & Health Certificate form.

The form must be uploaded to the Volleyball Information System (VIS - www.fivb.org \rightarrow Login). 15 days prior to the start of the event the athlete participates in.

Additionally, the athlete has to complete the FIVB anti-doping programme "Play clean".



2.2.2 Confirmation of the right of participation

The right of participation shall become effective as soon as the teams' names appear on the Confirmed List established by the CEV for each event. The Confirmed List is sent to the National Federations concerned. It is the National Federations' responsibility to inform their athletes accordingly.

2.2.3 Substitution of an athlete

No athlete can be substituted after the Confirmed List has been published unless in case of injury or "force majeure" upon approval of CEV.

Respective proof/documentation must be presented to the CEV before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event.

The substitute athlete must fulfill all the requirements of Art. 3.

Article 2.3: Team Composition

A team is composed of two athletes of the same nationality and same gender.

One coach per team is considered as official member of delegation and is entitled of the privileges offered to the athletes regarding board & lodging and local transportation.

Article 3: Right of Participation of Athletes

Article 3.1: Eligibility

3.1.1 General

An athlete wishing to take part must possess the nationality of the country with whose national team he/she intends to play and must fully comply with the requirements laid down by FIVB.

Only athletes not suspended by the CEV and/or the FIVB for the event concerned are allowed to participate.

Athletes wishing to participate shall be aged under 18/20/22 years on 31 December of the year during which the respective Championship is held.

Article 3.2: Licenses

Athletes obtain the right of participation by being included in the National Federations' Collective License released by the CEV.

The number of athletes allowed to be listed on the Collective License is not limited A license lapses on 31 December of the year it is issued.



Article 4: Competition Clauses

Article 4.1: General Rules Governing the Competitions

The Championship shall be organised and played under the current FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules, unless specified differently in the respective Event's Official Communication.

The Championship shall only take place at venues approved by the CEV.

The matches shall be played with a ball homologated by the FIVB and confirmed by the CEV Board of Administration.

Article 4.2: Competition Methods in different rounds/phases

4.2.1 General Principles

The total number of participating teams is limited to 32 per gender and the competition format always includes both genders.

The total number of matches in the Main Draw is 152, comprising of 76 men's and 76 women's matches. The Main Draw consists of a 32 team Pool Play Round and one 24 team Single Elimination Phase for both genders, plus a classification phase for teams disqualified in the 1/4 finals to classify for the 5th – 8th place.

In case less than 30 teams register to the Championship a 24 team competition format will be used. In such case and if more than 24 teams are registered, a Qualification Tournament involving teams ranked above position 20 in the Confirmed List will take place on site -1 day before the start of to qualify 4 teams to the Main Draw. In case of 30 or 31 registrations a 4th host country team will be allowed to enter.

Regarding deadlines, the day of the first match of the Main Draw is considered as the start of the event.

4.2.2 Main Draw

4.2.2.1 Preliminary Round

Eight (8) pools of four (4) teams each played in a Round Robin format.



4.2.2.2 Seeding into the Pools

The seeding into the pools and any eventual draw is performed immediately after the end of the Preliminary Inquiry and before the start of the Technical Meeting.

If less than 32 teams are competing in the Main Draw, the draw starts with the definition of which pool(s) will have only 3 teams by draw.

Seeding into the pools from 1 to 32 is determined according to the Confirmed List.

In case 2 or more teams have the same U18/20/22 Country Ranking in the Confirmed List a draw has to be performed to define the seeds.

Pool Seeding:

- Pool A: Seed 1, Seed 16, Seed 17, Seed 32
- o Pool B: Seed 2, Seed 15, Seed 18, Seed 31
- o Pool C: Seed 3, Seed 14, Seed 19, Seed 30
- Pool D: Seed 4, Seed 13, Seed 20, Seed 29
- o Pool E: Seed 5, Seed 12, Seed 21, Seed 28
- o Pool F: Seed 6, Seed 11, Seed 22, Seed 27
- o Pool G: Seed 7, Seed 10, Seed 23, Seed 26
- o Pool H: Seed 8, Seed 9, Seed 24, Seed 25

The first Host Country team with the highest CEV Entry Ranking must be seeded on position 1 in Pool A.

The next top 7 teams to be seeded according to the U18/20/22 Country Ranking in the Confirmed List directly into the pools as follows (in case of a tie a drawing of lots decides):

Seed 1 (Host) – Pool A	Seed 2 – Pool B	Seed 3 – Pool C
Seed 4 – Pool D	Seed 5 – Pool E	Seed 6 – Pool F
Seed 7 – Pool G	Seed 8 – Pool H	

The rest of the teams to be drawn from seeding groups, in a drawing of lots procedure, into each pool as follows, unless obliged to be relocated in the next possible position in the sequence of the serpentine system to avoid having teams from the same country in the same pool:

- Seeds 9-12 are drawn in each of the pools H, G, F, E 1st draw Pool H, 2nd draw Pool G, 3rd draw Pool F, 4th draw Pool E.
- Seeds 13-16 are drawn in to each of the pool D, C, B, A 1st draw Pool D, 2nd draw Pool C, 3rd draw Pool B, 4th draw Pool A.
- Seeds 17-24 are drawn in each of the pools A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H 1st draw Pool A, 2nd draw Pool B, 3rd draw Pool C, 4th draw Pool D, 5th draw Pool E, 6th draw Pool F, 7th draw Pool G, 8th draw Pool H.
- Seeds 25-32 are drawn in each of the pools H, G, F, E, D, C, B, A 1st draw Pool H, 2nd draw Pool G, 3rd draw Pool F, 4th draw Pool E, 5th draw Pool D, 6th draw Pool C, 7th draw Pool B, 8th draw Pool A.



4.2.2.3 Rules for Pool Ranking

For all matches the final team ranking will be determined in accordance with the results of the matches (won or lost). For each match won, the winning team will earn 2 match points. For each match lost the losing team will earn 1 match point and for each forfeited match the winning team will earn 2 match points while the forfeited team will have 0 points.

All discontinued matches or matches not started are to be assessed by the Technical Supervisor to determine if the losing team is Disqualification (DSQ) or Disqualification by Injury (INJ/DSQ) and whether they will receive any match points.

If a team withdraws due to an injury before or during a match or gets disqualified during a match, it will earn 1 match point and will keep the sets and points earned up to that moment, but the sets and points against will be the maximum. For example, if a team wins the first set 21:19 and is injured and forfeits the match when they are losing the second set 6:4, this injured team would earn 1 match point with sets of 1:2 and rally points of 21:19, 6:21 and 0:15. In this example, the winning team would get 2 match points with sets of 2:1 and rally points of 19:21, 4:6, 0:0. In addition, its match result will be marked with "INJ/DSQ".

If a team refuses to play after being summoned to do so, it is declared in default and forfeits the match with the result 0:2 for the match and 0:21, 0:21 for the sets. The opponent team will be declared the winner of this match.

A team that does not appear on the playing court on time is declared in default with the result 0:2 for the match and 0:21, 0:21 for the sets. The opponent team will be declared the winner of the match. In addition, this match result will be marked with "DSQ". The winning team will receive 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.

If the injury occurs before the match begins, the match will be marked "INJ/DSQ" and the losing team will be awarded 1 match point with sets of 0:2 and rally points of 0:21, 0:21. In this case, the winning team will be awarded 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.

If a team withdraws without a valid reason before a match (e.g. no show) they will lose by forfeit 0:2 (0:21, 0:21) and will earn 0 match points. In addition, this match result will be marked with "DSQ". The winning team will receive 2 match points with sets of 2:0 and rally points of 0:0, 0:0.

If a team is disqualified during the preliminary round of the tournament due to a positive doping test, it will lose all the matches in the pool (played or to be played) by forfeit (see above). It will receive no rank. All of the team's matches in the Pool will be recorded as a forfeit for ranking purposes (e.g. All winning teams receive - Sets 2:0 - Rally Points 0:0, 0:0).

Each team will play all other teams in their pool. The ranking of teams within their pools will be determined by the total number of match points, with the following points awarded per match to each team:

Match won2 pointsMatch lost1 pointMatch forfeited0 points (21:0; 21:0)

In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) during the round robin, the following rules will apply:

Between two teams:

The team with the higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool is ranked higher.

If a tie still exists by points ratio then the teams have the same position in ranking.

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Between three teams:

- If three teams have a tie in the main points, then the top ranked team is determined by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.
- If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.

Between four teams:

- The ranking is determined by the points ratio between all teams in the pool.
- If a tie still exists then the teams have the same position in the ranking.

In the case of a tie in the pools (match points) at the end of the round robin, the following rules will apply:

Between two teams:

- The team with higher rally point ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool is ranked higher.
- If a tie still exists, then the tie is determined by the tournament seeding established after the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry (the highest seed of the tied teams is the top ranked team).

Between three teams:

- Teams are ranked (1, 2 & 3) by the rally points ratios in the matches between the three tied teams.
- If a tie still exists (1, 1 & 1 or 1, 1 & 3 or 1, 2 & 2) then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
- If a tie still exists then the teams still tied are determined by the tournament seeding established after the Main Draw Preliminary Inquiry (the highest seed of the tied teams is the top ranked team).

4.2.2.4 Qualified teams for the Final Phase

From the Preliminary Round the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will be advancing to the single elimination phase (total: 24 teams).

4.2.2.5 Final Phase

24 teams playing in a Single Elimination format (the losers of a semi-final matches will play the bronze medal match, while the winners of the semi-final will play the gold medal match).

Additionally, the losers of the quarter final matches will be drawn to a single elimination bracket of four teams to rank the $5^{th} - 8^{th}$ place (4 matches per gender) that is granting the respective NF with a main draw spot to the equivalent age group FIVB World Championship.

Seeding of the teams into the Single Elimination bracket after the Preliminary Round will be in accordance to the following regulations:

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24-Team Single Elimination Playoffs



Draw 1 = 8 x 2nd place teams from pool play*

Draw 2 = 8 x 3rd place teams from pool play*

Draw 3 = Losers of the quarter finals for Classification Single Elimination Phase

*Teams from the same pool can't meet in the first two rounds

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4.2.3 Country Quota

Each National Federation is attributed with one main draw spot if up to 30 NFs register for the event, while the organising National Federation of the Championship has 3 spots directly available.

In case less than 30 National Federations register for the event, second teams are eligible to participate from all registered National Federations according to their CEV U18/20/22 Country Ranking.

In case of 30 or 31 registrations a 4th host country team will be allowed to enter.

If the maximum number of 32 teams in the Championship is still not reached third teams may fill the remaining spots according to the CEV U18/20/22 Country Ranking.

When registering the National Federations must indicate how many teams (one, two or three) they want to register.

4.2.4 Wild Cards

No Wild Cards are allocated in the Championship.

4.2.5 Substitution of Teams

Teams having the right to participate to the Main Draw and who are excluded from the event by the Technical Supervisor for "no show" shall be replaced by the best ranked team according to the CEV U18/20/22 Country Ranking among those not qualified for the Main Draw under the condition the replacement teams are present at the Preliminary Inquiry.

Article 4.3: Organisers of Events

The CEV may delegate the organisation of each event to a National Federation by written agreement.

The hosting National Federation may enter in a subsequent agreement with a third party to deliver certain organisational requirements. If such agreement is signed, an English copy shall be forwarded to the CEV office within 2 weeks from the signage day.

Any National Federation interested in organising the CEV U18/20/22 European Championship shall apply in writing to the CEV (and to the CEV partner if the rights have been delegated) using the BV-A form. The duly completed form shall be returned before the deadline set out on the respective organising terms and conditions.



Article 4.4: Competition Calendar

The exact dates of the events are determined by the CEV thereby taking into consideration the current FIVB calendar and major events.

Article 4.5: Allocation of Teams/Drawing of Lots

4.5.1 Allocation of Teams

All teams entered in a Championship are distributed in the Confirmed List between the Main Draw and Reserve List according to their U18/20/22 Country Ranking one week after the spot registration deadline while taking into consideration the number of registered National Federations.

All second teams from National Federations participating in the competition with more than one team will be seeded in the Confirmed List after all first teams are seeded, irrespective of their NF's Country Ranking. The same principle will be applied for any third teams, following the seeding of the second teams.

An eventual tie shall first be resolved by the best result in the last year (then by the best result two years ago, best result three years ago) of the National Federation concerned achieved at events of the previous Championship, then by a drawing of lots.

4.5.2 Main Draw

Once all the participating teams are known and have confirmed their presence during the mandatory Preliminary Inquiry, held the evening before the Main Draw, the teams will be seeded in the competition bracket according to article 4.2.2.2.

Article 4.6: Match Program

The Match Program of each competition day is confirmed by the CEV Technical Supervisor and announced in the Daily Bulletin and on the CEV website. If necessary, modifications to the Match Program may only be decided by the CEV Technical Supervisor at any time. Modifications must be communicated to the teams concerned immediately.

In any case there must be no less than 3 minutes for the teams' warm-up on the official courts before the beginning of each match.

In case no warm-up courts are available during the event, teams are allocated a warm-up time of 15 minutes on the assigned court.

The minimum break time between two matches played consecutively by the same team must be at least of 45 minutes. The CEV Technical Supervisor has the authority to prolong the break in case of special circumstances.

Each team may not play more than 4 matches per day during the Main Draw competition. The CEV Technical Supervisor has the authority to request from the athletes to play more than 3 times in one day in order to recover from any interruptions in case of special circumstances.

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Article 4.7: Allocation of Points and Classification

4.7.1 Allocation of Points

A National Federation shall be allocated the Country Ranking points according to its best team's classification in the Championship. The ranking point tables are fixed as in Annex II.

An athlete shall be allocated the ranking points according to his/her classification in the Championship. The ranking point tables are fixed as in Annex II.

4.7.2 The CEV U18/20/22 Country Ranking

The ranking points of a National Federation are those its best ranked team achieved during the last three years considering the following:

- 60% of the final ranking of the Championship last year
- 30% of the final ranking of the Championship two years ago
- 10% of the final ranking of the Championship three years ago.

4.7.3 Classification (Main Draw)

The teams are ranked as follows: First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eight, eight ninth places, eight seventeenth places and eight twenty-fifth places.

Article 5: Uniforms

Article 5.1: Athletes Uniforms

Shirts and shorts must comply with the provisions of the CEV Marketing Regulations. The shirts will be provided by the organisers, while athletes are responsible for their shorts respectively briefs/one piece bathing suit (for female athletes).

Publicity on uniforms must comply with these provisions.

During play athletes are authorised to use only accessories according to Chapter 4, Article 4.7 of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations.

Sizes and Quantities are defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Handbook.

Article 5.2: Officials' Uniforms

Officials must wear the uniforms provided by the organizer according to the quantities defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Handbook.



Article 6: Cases not foreseen

All cases not provided for by the current regulations shall be settled by the CEV Executive Committee. Before and during an event the CEV Technical Supervisor shall be empowered to take immediate action whenever necessary.

Article 7: Forms

Article 7.1: Forms

In competition & technical matters the following forms have to be used:

BV-A	-	Competition Application
BV-A2	_	Event Approval
BV-OC	_	Organisational Chart
BV-01	_	NF-Athlete's Commitment & Health Certificate
BV-03	_	Team Withdrawal
BV-04	_	Athlete's Travel schedules
BV-14	_	Sanctions for athletes
BV-15	_	Medical Time Out

Article 7.2: Additional documents

In competition & technical matters the following documents should be used additionally:

FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules FIVB Sports Regulations FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook CEV General Regulations CEV Code of Discipline CEV Beach Volleyball Handbook



Annex

- I. Match Schedule
- II. CEV U18/20/22 Country Ranking & CEV & FIVB World Ranking Point System



Annex I – Match Schedule

WOWEN -	Pool A, B, C, D, E,	, i , G allu I I		ool A, B, C, D, E, F	
		M&W Day 1 (48	matches)		
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
M&W	09:00	A1-A4	A1-A4	A2-A3	A2-A3
Pool Play 1	09:50	B1-B4	B1-B4	B2-B3	B2-B3
	10:40	C1-C4	C1-C4	C2-C3	C2-C3
	11:30	D1-D4	D1-D4	D2-D3	D2-D3
	12:20	E1-E4	E1-E4	E2-E3	E2-E3
	13:10	F1-F4	F1-F4	F2-F3	F2-F3
	14:00	G1-G4	G1-G5	G2-G4	G2-G4
	14:50	H1-F4	H1-H5	H2-H4	H2-H4
M&W	15:40	A1-A3	A1-A3	A2-A4	A2-A4
Pool Play 2	16:30	B1-B3	B1-B3	B2-B4	B2-B4
	17:20	C1-C3	C1-C3	C2-C4	C2-C4
	18:10	D1-D3	D1-D3	D2-D4	D2-D4
	10.10	M&W Day 2 (48	-		
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
M&W	09:00	E1-E3	E1-E3	E2-E4	E2-E4
Pool Play 2	09:50	F1-F3	F1-F3	F2-F4	F2-F4
	10:40	G1-G3	G1-G3	G2-G4	G2-G4
	11:30	H1-H3	H1-H3	H2-H4	H2-H4
M&W	12:20	A1-A2	B1-B2	A3-A4	B3-B4
Pool Play 3	13:10	C1-C2	D1-D2	C3-C4	D3-D4
, , .	14:00	E1-E2	F1-F2	E3-E4	F3-F4
	14:50	G1-G2	H1-H2	G3-G4	H3-H4
	15:40	A1-A2	B1-B2	A3-A4	B3-B4
	16:30	C1-C2	D1-D2	C3-C4	D3-D4
	17:20	E1-E2	F1-F2	E3-E4	F3-F4
	18:10	G1-G2	H1-H2	G3-G4	H3-H4
		<u>.</u>	DRAW		•
		M&W Day 3 (40	matches)		
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
M&W	09:00	WR24 (1)	WR24 (2)	WR24 (3)	WR24 (4)
Round of 24	09:50	WR24 (5)	WR24 (6)	WR24 (7)	WR24 (8
Round of 16	10:40	MR24 (1)	MR24 (2)	MR24 (3)	MR24 (4)
	11:30	MR24 (5)	MR24 (6)	MR24 (7)	MR24 (8)
	12:20	WR16 (9)	WR16 (10)	WR16 (11)	WR16 (12
	13:10	WR16 (13)	WR16 (14)	WR16 (15)	WR16 (16
	14:00	MR16 (9)	MR16 (10)	MR16 (11)	MR16 (12
	14:50	MR16 (13)	MR16 (14)	MR16 (15)	MR16 (16
M&W	15:40	WQF (17)	WQF (18)		
Quarterfinals	16:30	WQF (19)	WQF (20)		
	17:20	MQF (17)	MQF (18)		
	18:10	MQF (19)	MQF (20)		
		M&W Day 4 (16	matches)		
Round	Start Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4
M&W	10:00	WSF (25)	WC (21)	WC (22)	
Classification	10:50	WSF (26)	MC (21)	MC (22)	
5th - 8th	11:40	MSF (25)	WC (23)	WC (24)	
Semifinals	12:30	MSF (26)	MC (23)	MC (24)	
Finals	14:00	WBronze (27)			
	15:00	MBronze (27)			
	16:00	WGold (28)			

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Annex II CEV U18/20/22 Country Ranking (points per country) and CEV & FIVB World Ranking Point System (points per athlete)

Rank	CEV U18/20/22 Country Ranking Points	CEV & FIVB Ranking Points
1	40	40
2	39	36
3	38	32
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