

2018 CEV YOUTH BEACH VOLLEYBALL CONTINENTAL CUP FINAL



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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The CEV Youth Beach Volleyball Continental Cup will act as the dedicated qualification process for the five (5) European spots to the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Beach Volleyball tournament in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Any additional spots to the Games reallocated to the CEV will also be allocated to the next eligible National Federation(s) according the final ranking of the CEV Youth Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Final in the respective gender.

































1.1 DATE AND VENUE

The 2018 CEV Youth Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Final will be held on June 8 to June 10, 2018 in Baden (AUT) as a double gender event.

1.2 NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING NF & CONFIRMED LISTS

The total number of participating National Federations is 16 per gender.

The below listed countries are eligible to participate, following the results of the Qualification Phase organised in 2017 (in alphabetical order).

BOYS		GIRLS	
 Austria	 Hungary	 Austria	 Poland
 Belarus	 Latvia	 Czech Republic	 Portugal
 Czech Republic	 Netherlands	 England	 Romania
 England	 Russia	 France	 Russia
 Estonia	 Sweden	 Greece	 Slovenia
 France	 Switzerland	 Italy	 Spain
 Germany	 Turkey	 Netherlands	 Switzerland
 Greece	 Ukraine	 Norway	 Ukraine

In case of any National Federation withdrawing from the competition, the spot will be allocated to the 3rd ranked National Federation in the respective Qualification Phase pool/gender.

If the allocated spot is not confirmed it will be reallocated to the highest ranked National Federation of the 2018 CEV U18 Country Ranking not qualified to the Final in the respective gender.



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1.3 COMPETITION FORMAT

The Tournament of each gender is played through a Preliminary Round of 4 pools of 4 teams each (Round Robin) and a Final Phase with 12 teams playing in a Single Elimination format, according to the 12-Team Single Elimination Playoffs exemplified in the [CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines](#).

From the Preliminary Round the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will be advancing to the Final Phase. Losers of the semifinal 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 quarterfinal matches will play a single elimination bracket of four teams to rank the 5th – 8th place (4 matches per gender).

1.4 RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION

A team is composed of two players of the same nationality and same gender. A player 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 players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB for the event concerned are allowed to participate. Players wishing to participate shall be born between 1st January 2000 and 31st December 2003.

Each National Federation participates with an official Delegation of 3 members per gender, including 1 team composed of 2 players and 1 delegation member (NF Delegate / Coach).

1.5 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS

All deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the start of the competition.

The National Federations need to register their teams through the CEV/FIVB Online Registration System (www.fivb.org → Login). The username and password are the same as for all FIVB/CEV registrations.

The CEV Beach Volleyball Competition Regulations contain the details of the registration procedure.

Registration deadline is set to -30 days days prior to the start of the event

Once the aforementioned condition is fulfilled, the National Federation (exclusively) is required to comply with the following procedures in order to complete the registration of its players in the competition.

- Upload to the [vis2009 system](#) the completed and signed by each athlete and his/her National Federation CEV Player's Commitment and Health Certificate for Beach Volleyball players form.
- Ensure that each athlete has completed the [FIVB anti-doping Education and Certification programme "Play Clean"](#).

Both the above conditions shall be completed thirty (30) days prior to the start of the event and have to be submitted only once per player per season.

1.6 SUBSTITUTION OF A PLAYER

Players'/Teams can be substituted after the Registration deadline through the respective form (BV-03) and upon approval of the CEV before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the event.

Respective proof/documentation must be presented to the CEV.

The CEV Beach Volleyball Competition Regulations contain the details of the substitution/withdrawal procedure.

2. EVENT REGULATIONS

2.1 SEEDING

The participating National Federation will be seeded in the competition in 2 groups:

- Winners of the 2017 CEV Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Qualification phase tournaments will be grouped as **Group A** and seeded between Seeds 1 and 8 (drawn randomly in a serpentine order).
- Following seeding of Group A, the 2nd placed NFs of the Qualification phase tournaments will be grouped as **Group B** and seeded between Seeds 9 and 16 (drawn randomly in a serpentine order).
- In case of extra spots to be reallocated to NF(s) due to withdrawals of qualified NFs, these will be grouped within **Group B** (drawn randomly in the non-completed pools and following the draw to complete Group A if needed)

2.2 PLAYERS' UNIFORMS

The organiser **will provide uniforms (tops) to all participating teams.**

Each participating National Federation has to provide their players with shorts/bikini bottoms retaining the right to use their own sponsors on the designated area (lay-out and sponsoring according to the CEV Marketing Guidelines).

In addition, each participating National Federation has to provide their official delegations members with a uniform which is different from the team (e.g. polo/ track suit top, showing country name/ flag).

2.3 MAKE AND TYPE OF BALLS

The ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300.

2.4 RULES OF THE GAME

All matches shall be played according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules in their latest edition.

Exceptions – Coaching: Following the respective FIVB guidelines, the presence of a coach inside the field of play is allowed in all FIVB Underage international competition, and as a result, the same applies to the CEV Youth Continental Cup Final as well.

These coaches needed to be duly and in time accredited through the respective CEV form.

A detailed document describing the obligation and rights of coaches entering the Field of Play will be available on CEV website in the respective competition webpage.

2.5 ALLOCATION OF POINTS

No ranking points are allocated for this competition.

2.6 VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Players, Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and National Federations are requested to apply early enough for visas, whenever needed. The hosting National Federation should be contacted to receive an invitation letter for the event.

3. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

3.1 BOARD, LODGING & LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

All official Delegation members will be provided with full board and lodging from the organisers in twin rooms from dinner of the day preceding the event Preliminary Inquiry until breakfast of the day after their elimination, without any contribution fee.

Additional delegation members may be accredited for the event but board and lodging conditions need to be coordinated directly with the event organisers and are subject to availabilities.

Travelling delegations need to inform organisers about their travel schedule through the CEV respective form (BV-14), the latest 7 days prior to Competition.

3.2 ENTRY & CONTRIBUTION FEE

No Entry or contribution fee has to be paid by participating National Federations.

3.3 LICENSES

For each athlete participating in any CEV event, the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice, a license fee amounting to 20,- EUR once per season to CEV.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION – ELIGIBILITY FOR YOG

All necessary information about the competition will be circulated to the National Federations using the Official Communications and Practical Info document. More details can be found in the Official Regulations and the CEV Beach Volleyball Handbook, which are available on the CEV website.

Additional information concerning the competition and the participating teams will be published in the respective Beach Volleyball section of the CEV website: www.cev.lu. Please check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

To be eligible to participate to the 2018 Buenos Aires Youth Olympic Games, players need to adhere to the Athletes Eligibility as detailed in the [IOC 2018 Youth Olympic Games Beach Volleyball Qualification system](#).

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