

2018 CEV BEACH VOLLEYBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 DATE AND VENUES

The CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship will be hosted in 4 cities in the Netherlands -The Hague, Rotterdam, Utrecht and Apeldoorn - the period 15 to 22 of July 2018.

The Men competition is due to start on Sunday, 15 of July with 2 opening matches (pool to be defined following the Drawing of Lots), while the women competition will start on Tuesday, 17 of July.

Detailed information on the competition calendar will be circulated through the Practical Info document.

1.2 COMPETITION FORMAT

The total number of teams participating in the Main Draw is 32 per gender. There is no preceding Qualification Tournament.

The competition is played in a 32-team Pool Play format followed by a 24 teams Single Elimination format. From the Preliminary Round the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will be advancing to the Single Elimination phase according to the 24-Team Single Elimination Playoffs exemplified in the [CEV Beach Volleyball guidelines](#).

1.3 RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION

An athlete wishing to take part in a CEV sanctioned competition must possess the nationality of the country he/she intends to represent and must fully comply with the requirements laid down by the Sports Regulations of the FIVB.

Only athletes not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB are allowed to participate.

2. EVENT REGULATIONS

2.1 NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

Main Draw is composed as follows:

- Minimum 29 teams directly qualified:
 - Minimum 3 and maximum 6 host country teams
 - Minimum 23 and maximum 26 foreign teams
- Maximum 3 Wild Card teams

2.2 COUNTRY QUOTA

Once the teams from the entry list have been confirmed, an assessment will be taken on the effects of the bellow Country Quota rule.

- Maximum 6 host country teams per gender
- Maximum 4 foreign country teams per gender

Country Quota limitations may be voided in case the roster of teams registered for the event or present during the Preliminary Inquiries/Technical Meetings is not complete.

2.3 REGISTRATION DEADLINE & ALLOCATION OF TEAMS

The registration deadline for the 2018 CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship is set to 50 days before the competition, thus **Monday, 28 of May**, following a request of the hosting National Federation in order to elaborate the promotional activities prior to the competition.

Teams will allocated in the Main Draw and Reserve List of the competition according to the CEV Entry Ranking, taking into consideration the Country Quota rules.

When two or more Teams have the same amount of points in the CEV Entry Ranking, the order of Teams is established by:

- a) Using the number of points earned in the competitions counting for the CEV Entry Ranking points of the respective tournament, in the following descending order:
 - i. FIVB World Championships
 - ii. FIVB 5 stars events
 - iii. FIVB 4 stars events
 - iv. CEV European Championship
 - v. FIVB 3 stars events
 - vi. CEV Beach Volleyball European Masters
 - vii. CEV Beach Volleyball Satellites
- b) In case the tie still persists after applying the criteria a) by a drawing of lots.

2.4 SEEDING

A drawing of lots on Friday 1 of June 2018, will determine the seeding within the pools. The teams will be seeded according to the sum of their CEV Entry Ranking points as of 28 of May.

The drawing of lots will be conducted as follows:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
Seed #1	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6	Seed #7	Seed #8
Draw 2 between Seed #13 - #16				Draw 1 between Seed #9 - #12			
Draw 3 between Seed #17 - #20				Draw 4 between Seed #21 - #24			
Draw 5 between Seed #25 - #32							

If the hosting National Federation has no team among the top 8 seeded teams, the best-ranked team of the Federation will be allocated to Seed 8 in order to help the promotion of the competition; if the best hosting National Federation ranked team is among the top 8, the team retains its position.

Host Country teams must never be placed in the same pool/**host city**. These team(s) will have their seed increased (i.e. from Seed #15 to Seed #16) until they are in a different pool/**host city** than already seeded Host Country teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible), then the seed will be reduced (i.e. from Seed #32 to Seed #31) until the team(s) is placed in a different pool.

Following a request of the Hosting National Federation, the 3rd Host country team in both genders will be decided by a National qualification process the latest 2 weeks prior to the start of the competition; for the Drawing of Lots process this team will be communicated as “NED 3” and will be seeded as #32, thus participating in the 5th and last draw.

For foreign teams from the same National Federation a maximum of 2 teams can be placed in the same pool. In case a 3rd team is drawn in the same pool, the team will have its seed increased until it is in a different pool than the first 2 teams. Should increasing the seed not work (or not be possible), then the seed will be reduced until the team(s) is placed in a different pool.

2.5 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS AND ATHLETES

The National Federations have to register their teams through the Volleyball Information System (VIS - www.fivb.org → Login) prior to the registration deadline, which is a pre-condition to be tentatively admitted to any Beach Volleyball competitions officially recognised by the CEV. The CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines contain the details of the registration procedure.

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 athletes 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 form. **This form must be uploaded** in the Volleyball Information System **50 days prior to the start of the event** and has to be submitted only once per athlete per season.
- Ensure that each athlete has completed the [FIVB anti-doping Education and Certification programme “Play Clean”](#).

2.6 SUBSTITUTION OF AN ATHLETE

Before the registration deadline, a National Federation may substitute an athlete from a team through the VIS from any CEV competition, without any consequences.

After the Registration deadline, a National Federation may substitute only one athlete per team from a CEV competition in case of injury/medical reason or “force majeure” through the CEV BV-03 form; respective proof or documentation must be presented to the CEV.

In case of such substitution, the new team’s CEV Entry Ranking points as of 28 of May are taken into consideration for the new team’s entry. The new team is then placed into the Main Draw or Reserve List accordingly.

In case of a replacement of an athlete after the pool seeding, the new team’s CEV Entry Ranking points as of May 28 are taken into consideration for the new team’s entry. The new team is then placed into the Main Draw or Reserve List accordingly:

- In case the team remains in the Main Draw, the position in the pool will be maintained.
- In case the team moves to the Reserve List, the next team on the Reserve List (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw in the vacant position in the pool, regardless of the number of same NFs in the pool.



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2.7 WITHDRAWAL

Before the registration deadline, a National Federation may withdraw a team from a CEV competition, without any consequences.

After the registration deadline, a National Federation may withdraw a team from the competition in case of injury/medical reason or “force majeure” through the CEV BV-03 form; respective proof or documentation must be presented to the CEV. In such case, the next team on the Reserve List (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter in the Main Draw.

In case of a withdrawal of a team after the pool seeding the next team on the Reserve List (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter in the Main Draw in the vacant position in the pool.

2.8 WILD CARDS

CEV has the right to grant up to 3 Wild Cards per gender upon request of National Federations or upon its own initiative. The National Federations may present their request for Wild Cards to the CEV Office at the latest 50 days before the beginning of the event using the BV-02 form.

The allocation of Wild Cards will be circulated through the event’s Confirmed Lists. For every unused Wild Card, the spot to the Main Draw will be awarded to the next eligible team according to the CEV Entry Ranking.

In case of changes to the composition of a team receiving a wild card, this is not transferable to the new team unless approved by CEV. If not approved, the new team will be placed into the Main Draw/ Reserve List according to the new team’s CEV Entry Ranking points as of 50 days before the event.

Wild Cards are not taken into consideration for the Country Quota.

2.9 CEV ENTRY RANKING

The CEV Entry Ranking is calculated by adding each athlete’s FIVB Beach Volleyball Ranking Points earned at the best 4 of the last 6 FIVB World Tour (1-5 star) & FIVB Senior World Championships events within the last 365-days period.

The FIVB Ranking points obtained at other FIVB sanctioned or homologated events outside the FIVB World Tour (1-5 Stars) & FIVB Senior World Championships will be counted in the Entry Points only if they improve the athlete’s standing.

2.10 ALLOCATION OF POINTS & PRIZE MONEY

An athlete shall be allocated the ranking points and prize money according to his/her classification in the competition he/she took part in. The ranking point and prize money table you can find hereafter.

Rank	Ranking points (per athlete)	Prize money (per team)
1	300	20,000 €
2	270	15,000 €
3	240	10,000 €
4	210	7,000 €
5	180	4,000 €
9	150	2,500 €
17	120	1,000 €
25	90	500 €

Prize Money will be paid to the respective National Federations, which are in charge of transferring the prize money to their athletes.

2.11 MAKE AND TYPE OF BALLS

The ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300.

2.12 RULES OF THE GAME

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

2.13 VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Athletes, 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 if needed.

3. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

3.1 ENTRY FEE

For each team registering to participate in any competition of the 2018 season the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice, a unique entry fee of

100,- EUR

to the bank account of the CEV: BGL BNP Paribas in Luxembourg,
Account number: IBAN LU12 0030 4427 2960 1000
SWIFT: BGLLLULL

Teams made up of athletes that already participated in a competition of the current season but did not enter a competition of the current season together, count as a new team.

3.2 LICENSE FEE

For each athlete applying for participation in any competition of the 2018 season the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice, a license fee amounting to

20,- EUR

to the bank account of the CEV: BGL BNP Paribas in Luxembourg,
Account number: IBAN LU12 0030 4427 2960 1000
SWIFT: BGLLLULL

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

Necessary information about the Championship will be circulated to the National Federations using the Official Communications and the event's Practical Info document. More details can be found in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines, which are available on the CEV website.

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



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