

2018-2020 CEV BEACH VOLLEYBALL CONTINENTAL CUP



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No. 1

1. INTRODUCTION

The CEV Beach Volleyball Continental Cup will feature the participation of a total of 42 National Federations and will act as an additional route through which National Federations are able to qualify one (1) Beach Volleyball team per gender for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, according to the [Beach Volleyball Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games](#).

2. COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2.1 COMPETITION FORMAT

General information:

- Playing country vs. country matches in a "best-of-three" format
- Each country participates with an official delegation of minimum 5 and maximum 6 members per gender, including 2 teams composed by 2 players each and up to 2 delegation members (NF Delegate, coach, doctor or physiotherapist).
- Men's and Women's competitions are separated
- In case of a tie after the 2 matches a "Golden Match" has to be played.
In such case, the Head of Delegation/captain of the country decides which athletes play thus Golden Match (Optional: this match can be played in any combination of the 4 players from the same country).
- Competition format of each phase to be detailed through the respective Official Communications documents

2.2 COMPETITION CALENDAR

The 2018-2020 CEV Continental Cup is composed by the following 3 phases:

- **1st Phase played in May/June 2019**, with the exception of the organiser of the Final and the top 8 ranked NFs per gender in the CEV Country Ranking as of September 30, 2018, namely:

- Men: Netherlands as Organisers plus Poland, Latvia, Russia, Norway, Italy, Austria, Spain and Germany

- Women: Netherlands as Organisers plus Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Finland, Poland, Spain and Italy

Men:

Phase 1: May/June 2019 - 8 pools of 4 NFs each

32 NFs (in alphabetical order)

 Albania	 Finland	 Romania
 Armenia	 France	 San Marino
 Belarus	 Georgia	 Scotland
 Belgium	 Greece	 Serbia
 Bulgaria	 Hungary	 Slovakia
 Croatia	 Ireland	 Slovenia
 Cyprus	 Israel	 Sweden
 Czech Republic	 Kosovo	 Switzerland
 Denmark	 Lithuania	 Turkey
 England	 Moldova	 Ukraine
 Estonia	 Northern Ireland	

Women:

Phase 1: May/June 2019 - 8 pools of 3/4 NFs each

30 NFs (in alphabetical order)

 Albania	 Greece	 Portugal
 Austria	 Hungary	 Romania
 Belarus	 Ireland	 Scotland
 Bulgaria	 Israel	 Serbia
 Croatia	 Kosovo	 Slovakia
 Cyprus	 Latvia	 Slovenia
 Denmark	 Lithuania	 Sweden
 England	 Moldova	 Turkey
 Estonia	 Northern Ireland	 Ukraine
 France	 Norway	
 Georgia		

- **2nd Phase played in May 2020**, including the top 8 seeded NFs per gender in the CEV Country Ranking as of September 30, 2018 and the 16 NFs qualifying from Phase 1.
- **3rd Phase - Final played during the week of 22-28 of June 2020** in Netherlands (exact dates to be communicated in a later stage)

A graphic of the progression scheme is annexed to this Official Communication.

3. 1ST PHASE EVENT REGULATIONS

3.1 1ST PHASE COMPETITION FORMAT

The 1st Phase is played with the participation of 32 NFs in Men and 30 NFs in women and consists of 8 double gender events.

Participating NFs were grouped in 4 groups according to the standing of each NF in the CEV Country Ranking as of 30th September and were drawn in pools of maximum 4 NFs.

The top 2 ranked countries in each of the following pool will qualify to the 2nd Phase of the Competition.

Men:

Pool A - SRB Novi Sad June 8-9	Pool B - ENG London May 25-26	Pool C - IRL Bettystown June 1-2	Pool D - GRE Schinias June 22-23
Serbia	Switzerland	Lithuania	Turkey
Belarus	England	Ukraine	Sweden
Romania	Armenia	Scotland	Greece
San Marino	Bulgaria	Ireland	Kosovo

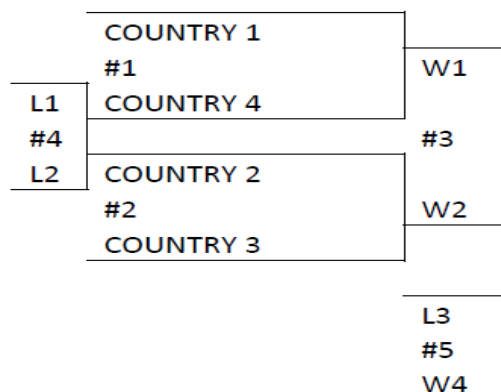
Pool E - SLO Portoroz May 11-12	Pool F - GEO Batumi June 22-23	Pool G - CRO Zagreb (tbc) June 22-23	Pool H - CYP Larnaka June 8-9
Czech Republic	Belgium	Estonia	France
Slovenia	Hungary	Denmark	Finland
Israel	Slovakia	Croatia	Cyprus
Northern Ireland	Georgia	Albania	Moldavia

Women:

Pool A - SRB Novi Sad June 8-9	Pool B - ENG London May 25-26	Pool C - IRL Bettystown June 1-2	Pool D - GRE Schinias June 22-23
Sweden	France	Slovakia	Austria
Israel	England	Denmark	Greece
Serbia	Belarus	Estonia	Portugal
Albania	Northern Ireland	Ireland	Kosovo

Pool E - SLO Portoroz May 11-12	Pool F - GEO Batumi June 22-23	Pool G - CRO Zagreb (tbc) June 22-23	Pool H - CYP Larnaka June 8-9
Latvia	Norway	Lithuania	Ukraine
Slovenia	Turkey	Romania	Cyprus
Bulgaria	Hungary	Croatia	Scotland
-	Georgia	-	Moldavia

- All pools of 4 NFs will be played following the below format:



- The pools of 3 NFs will be played with the standard single round robin format.

The ranking of the pool defining the top 2 NFs will be according to the rally point ratio in the matches between all NFs. Classification amongst the 2 top NFs (1st and 2nd) will be according to the winner of the respective NF vs NF matches.

3.2 PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

There are no limitations for the participation in Continental Cup events.

All teams from the World Ranking and CEV Entry Ranking are allowed to participate, provided they meet the eligibility criteria set by the FIVB/CEV regulatory framework and the Beach Volleyball Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games document.

3.3 SEEDING WITHIN EACH POOL

The countries will be seeded in the competition bracket according to the sum of the CEV Entry Ranking points of their respective players on the day of the Preliminary Inquiry/Technical Meeting of each pool. In case of a tie, a drawing of lots will decide.

The “team 1” from each participating National Federation should be higher ranked in the CEV Entry Ranking than “team 2”.

For the Pool composition of the 2nd Phase the pool ranking of the 1st Phase will be taken into consideration.

3.4 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

In the “best-of-three” format the sequence of matches will be as following:

- 1) (Higher seeded NF) team 1 vs (Lower seeded NF) team 2
- 2) (Higher seeded NF) team 2 vs (Lower seeded NF) team 1
- 3) “Golden Match” – in case of tie in win and lost matches

The Head of Delegation of each NF, as identified during the Preliminary Inquiry, confirms in writing to the CEV Technical Supervisor which athletes will play the Golden Match (Optional: this can be a mix of the teams).

A minimum break of 45 minutes between the end of the 2nd match and the start of the Golden Match needs to be applied.

3.5 PLAYER'S REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The deadline for the Player's Registration is -30 days before the start of each tournament, registration through the CEV/FIVB Online Registration System.

Additionally each athlete willing to participate must:

- complete and sign and have his/her respective National Federation sign, seal and upload Player's Commitment and Health Certificate for Beach Volleyball players BV-01 form
- have completed the FIVB anti-doping Education and Certification programme "Play Clean"

3.6 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYER'S/TEAMS

Player's/Teams can be substituted after the Confirmed List has been published and up to the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective tournament upon approval of the CEV.

Respective proof or documentation must be presented to the CEV before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry

3.7 ATHLETES' UNIFORMS

Each participating National Federation has to provide their athletes with uniforms and may use their own sponsors as per the annexed layout

- Men: Tank tops and Shorts; Women: Tops and bikini bottoms
- Two different and contradicting colours of men's tank tops and women's tops have to be provided per team

All uniforms must be approved by CEV (-30 days before the start of the competition).

In case of non-conformity and not using the uniforms during the matches, official warm-up and awarding ceremony, sanctions will be applied according to CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations.

3.8 ALLOCATION OF POINTS

World Ranking points will be allocated to the participants of the CEV Beach Volleyball Continental Cup according to the FIVB World Ranking allocation table

3.9 MAKE AND TYPE OF BALLS

The ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300.

3.10 RULES OF THE GAME

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

Exception: Following the general FIVB guidelines the presence of a coach inside the field of play is allowed in all 1st Phase Continental Cup events provided that these are duly and in time accredited by CEV through the respective BV-05 form.

A detailed document describing the obligation and rights of coaches will be available on CEV website in the 2018-2020 CEV Beach Volleyball Continental Cup webpage

3.11 BOARD, LODGING & LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

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

Travelling delegations need to inform organisers about their travel schedule through the CEV respective form (BV-04) on the official arrival and departure dates (contact details for each event will be communicated in due time through the Practical Info documents).

Additional to the above stated number of delegation members can be accredited but will not be covered with board & lodging or local transportation by the organiser.

4. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

For each athlete participating in a CEV competition in 2019 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

As per the CEV Beach Volleyball regulations, no entry fee is applied for the Continental Cup.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

All necessary information about the competition will be circulated to the National Federations using the Official Communications and the event's Practical Info document.

More event related 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 competitions and the registered teams will be posted in the Beach Volleyball section of the CEV website: www.cev.eu. Please check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

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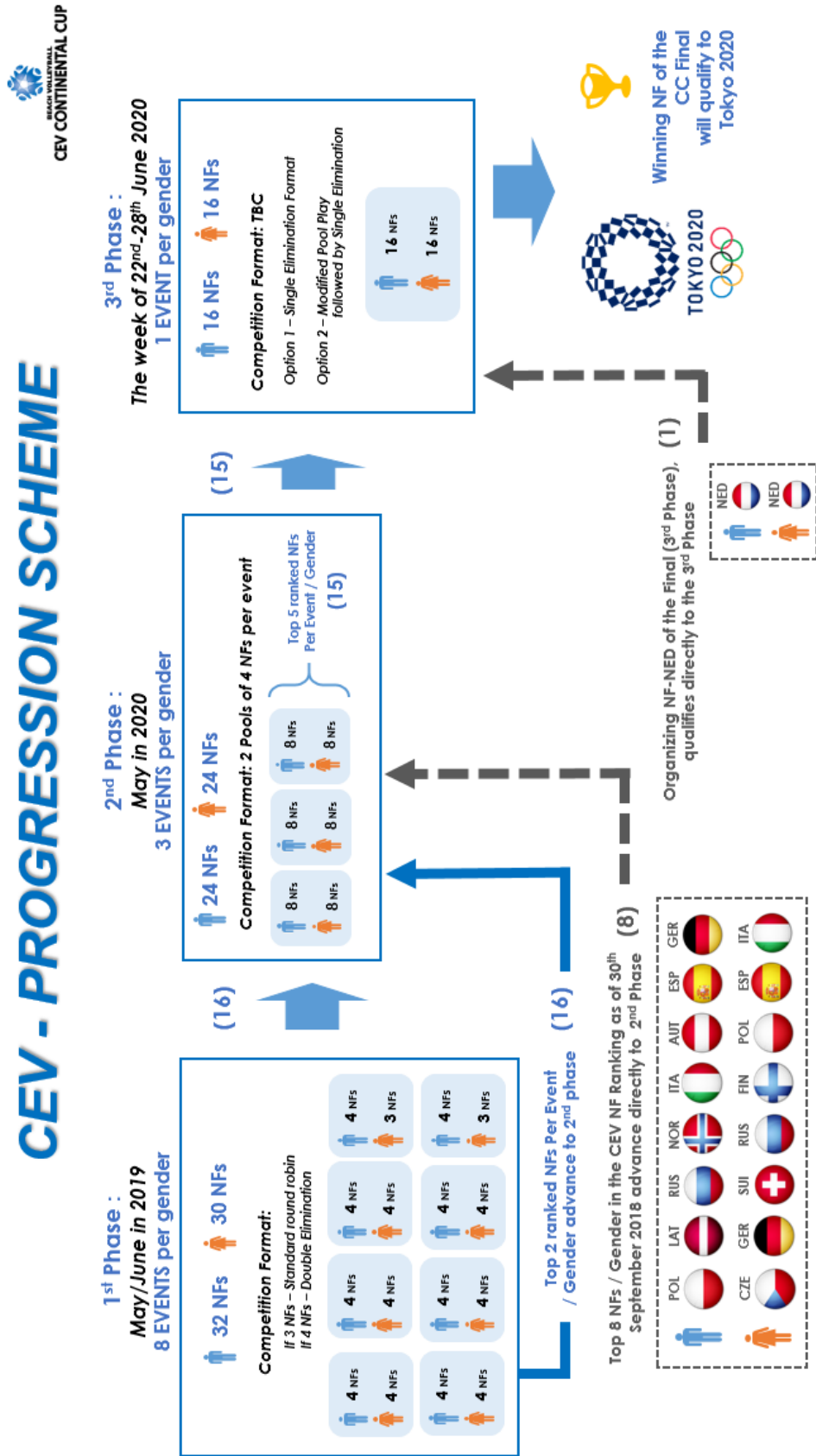
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Annex 1: CEV Continental Cup – Competition Calendar





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Annex 2: Uniforms layout

