

2018 CEV U22 BEACH VOLLEYBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No. 1

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 DATE AND VENUE

The 2017 CEV U22 Beach Volleyball European Championship will be held on July 26-29, 2018 in Jurmala (LAT) as a double gender event.

1.2 NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

The total number of participating teams is 32 per gender in the Main Draw.

Each National Federation, including the organising National Federation, is attributed with one main draw spot if up to 30 NFs register for the event.

In addition, the organising National Federation of the Championship is attributed 2 additional spots (in total 3 spots).

In case less than 30 NFs register for the event, second teams are eligible to participate from all other registered National Federations according to their current CEV U22 Country Ranking.

If the maximum number of 32 teams in the Championship is still not reached, third teams may fill the remaining spots according to the current CEV U22 Country Ranking.

In case of the total registrations following the above criteria are 30 or 31, a 4th host country team will be allowed to enter the competition.

In case more than 30 NFs register for the event, a Qualification Tournament will take place -1 day before the start of the competition at the same competition venue.



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1.3 COMPETITION FORMAT

The Main Draw Tournament of each gender is played through a Preliminary Round of 8 pools of 4 teams each (Round Robin) and a Final Phase with 24 teams playing in a Single Elimination format.

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.

The Qualification Tournament competition format (if needed), will be announced following the end of registration period depending on the total number of registered NFs.

1.4 RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF ATHLETES

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

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

Players wishing to participate shall be aged under 22 years on 31 December of the year during which the respective Championship is held (for this season Born on **1st January 1997 or after**).

1.5 RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF TEAMS

The right of participation shall become effective as soon as the teams' names appear on the Confirmed List established by 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.

1.6 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS

The registration procedure is divided in two phases:

1. **Spot registration – Deadline 26 May 2018 (-2 months)**

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

- 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".
- When registering the National Federations must indicate how many teams (one, two or three) they want to register.
- 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, allowing the National Federations to directly control that their spots are correctly entered
- 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.

2. **Players Registration - Deadline 26 June 2018 (-30 days)**

1.7 ALLOCATION OF TEAMS

All teams entered in the Championship are distributed in the Confirmed List between the Main Draw and Qualification Tournament according to their CEV U22 Country Ranking one week after the spot registration deadline while taking into consideration the number of registered National Federations (Country Quota).

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 Federations concerned achieved at events of the previous Championship, then by a drawing of lots.

1.8 CEV U22 COUNTRY RANKING

The ranking points of a National Federation are those its best ranked team achieved during the last three years as per the following breakdown and can be found in the CEV Website/country Ranking under the respective age category [here](#):

- 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.

1.9 ALLOCATION OF POINTS

A National Federation shall be allocated the Country Ranking points according to its best team's classification in the Championship.

A player shall be allocated the respective CEV & FIVB ranking points according to his/her classification in the competition. The ranking points (per player) for the Championship are listed in the table below.

Rank	U22 Country Ranking Points	CEV & FIVB Ranking Points
1	40	80
2	39	72
3	38	64
4	37	56
5	36	48
9	32	40
17	24	32
25	16	24
33	8	16

1.10 MAKE AND TYPE OF BALLS

The ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300.

1.11 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 Underage European Championships, provided that these are duly and in time accredited through the respective BV-05 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. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

2.1 ENTRY FEE

For the participation of each team in the Championship the respective National Federation shall pay an entry fee of **100,- EUR** to the Organiser, respective information and bank details will be communicated through the event's Practical Info document.

Each participating delegation has to present a copy of the confirmed money transfer to the Technical Supervisor at the Technical Meeting.

When a National Federation/team withdraws from the Championship later than 15 days before the start this fee is non-refundable.

2.2 CONTRIBUTION FEE

Starting from the 2018 CEV Beach Volleyball season, for five days in total the respective National Federation shall pay the updated contribution of **70,- EUR** per delegation member per day to the Organiser even if the duration of the stay of its delegation members is shorter.

Delegation members are considered 2 players and optionally up to one team manager/coach per team.

2.3 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.

3. UNIFORMS

The organisers of the U18/20/22 European Championships have the option to decide whether to retain the right to exploit the player's uniforms category and thus provide the respective uniforms.

In case the organisers decided to void this right, the participating National Federations shall provide their players with uniforms according to the layout specified in the CEV Beach Volleyball Corporate Design Guideline and exploit them commercially (excluding the following product categories: alcohol (spirits), tobacco & pornography).

Respective information for the U22 2018 CEV Beach Volleyball European Championship will be communicated in the Official Communication number 2 and the event's Practical Info.

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 Official Regulations and the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines, which are posted on the CEV website.

National Federations are requested to apply early enough for visas for their delegation members whenever needed. The hosting National Federation should be contacted to receive an invitation letter for the event.

Additional information concerning the competition and the registered teams will be posted in [the event's webpage](#) in the CEV website. Please check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

5. CONTACT ADDRESSES

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