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1. General Information

1.1. Date and Venue

The CEV U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships 2023 will take place in Riga, Latvia from 17th to 20th of August 2023.

Should a Qualification Tournament needs to be organised, this will be held in the same competition venue on 16th August 2023.

1.2. Number of participating teams

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

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 Championships is attributed 2 additional spots (in total 3 spots).

In case more than 30 NFs register for the event, a Qualification Tournament consisting the National Federations not qualified to the main draw according to the current CEV U20 Country Ranking will take place -1 day before the start of the competition at the same competition venue.

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 U20 Country Ranking.

If the maximum number of 32 teams in the Championships is still not reached, third teams may fill the remaining spots according to the current CEV U20 Country Ranking.

In case of the total registrations following the above criteria are less than 32, additional teams from the reserved list will be allowed to enter the competition.

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, with additional classification matches.

From the Preliminary Round the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams from each pool will be advancing to the Final Phase. Losers of the semi-final matches will play the bronze medal match, while the winners of the semi-final will play the gold medal match.

The 4th ranked teams of each pool will play one additional round of classification matches. Losers of the rounds of 24 and 16 will play one additional round of classification matches.

The Qualification Tournament competition format (if needed), will be played according to the provisions stated in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines and depending on the total number of registered NFs.

1.4. Right of Participation of Athletes & Registration

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 FIVB Sports Regulations. In addition, each athlete needs to have the following documentation completed/updated on his/her VIS profile:

- upload the Player's Commitment and Health Certificate forms to his/her VIS profile
- have completed the FIVB Anti-Doping "We Play it Clean!", and the FIVB Prevention of Competition Manipulation online courses that can be found [here](#)

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 20 years on 31st of December of the year during which the respective Championship is held (for this season Born on **1st of January, 2004 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 for CEV Age Group Championships is divided in two phases:

- **Spot registration – Deadline: 17th of June 2023** (-2 months) as per the procedure detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines
- **Players Registration – Deadline: 18th of July 2023** (-30 days) as per the procedure detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

In case of two or more registered teams National Federations need to specify the team order (1, 2, etc.) by email to beach@cev.eu by 11th of July 2023 (-30 days).

1.7. Withdrawal process and fee

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

Between the Players Registration deadline and the issue of the Confirmed List, a National Federation may withdraw a team from the competition without any consequences but shall inform the CEV Beach Volleyball Department by providing the completed CEV BV-03 form.

Between the issue of the Confirmed List and up to 4:00 pm (Luxembourg time), 3 days before the start of the first Preliminary Inquiry, a National Federation may withdraw a team from the competition without any consequences only if there is a medical reason or Force majeure, but shall inform the CEV Beach Volleyball Department by providing the completed CEV BV-03 form.

The withdrawal fee for a team listed either in the Main Draw or the Qualification Tournament is 50,- EUR per team.

After 4:00 pm (Luxembourg time), 3 days before the start of the first Preliminary Inquiry, a National Federation may withdraw a team from the competition but shall inform the assigned CEV Supervisor and the CEV Beach Volleyball Department by providing the completed CEV BV-03 form. Regardless of the reason of such withdrawal, a financial sanction will be applied.

The withdrawal fee for a team listed in the Qualification Tournament is 100,- EUR per team.

The withdrawal fee for a team listed in the Main Draw is 200,- EUR per team.

1.8. Allocation of Teams

All National Federations entered in the Championships are distributed in the Confirmed List between the Main Draw and Qualification Tournament according to their CEV U20 Country Ranking one week after the spot registration deadline while taking into consideration the number of registered National Federations (Country Quota).

The ranking points of a National Federation are those its best ranked team achieved during the last three years (60% of last year, 30% of two years ago and 10% of three years ago) and can be found in the event's page [here](#).

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.

The CEV U20 Country Ranking is also considered for the distribution of second teams in for the NFs that have registered additional spots/teams.

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	U20 Country Ranking Points	CEV / FIVB Ranking Points
1	40	128
2	39	115
3	38	105
4	37	90
5	36	80
6*	35	80
7	34	80
8*	33	80
9	32	60
17	24	35
25	16	20
33	8	12
37	4	6

*When classification matches from position 5 to 8 are played

1.10. Make and type of balls

The ball to be used is the MIKASA BV550C.

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 CEV Age Group Beach Volleyball 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 is available on CEV website in the respective competition webpage.

1.12. Uploading Accreditation request(s) and Travel schedule form(s) to the CEV Cloud

The BV-05 Accreditation for a Coach / Head of Delegation and the BV-06 Accreditation for Medical staff forms need to be uploaded to the CEV Cloud in the respective folder created for each participating National Federation by using the following link:

- https://cloud.cev.eu/url/u20ECHs_Accreditation2023

BV-04 Travel schedule form needs to be uploaded to the respective folder created for each participating National Federation by using the following link:

- https://cloud.cev.eu/url/u20ECHs_Travel2023

Do not to be send the forms via email directly to the Organiser.

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 per team to the CEV upon the receipt of the invoice at the end of the 2023 season.

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.

2.2. Contribution Fee

A contribution fee is a fee paid for each Main Draw or Qualification team member to the Organiser in order to contribute to its accommodation and local transportation.

Delegation members are considered two (2) players and optionally up to one (1) team manager/coach per team.

A daily contribution fee of 100,- EUR per delegation member per day shall be paid for each Main Draw team by the respective National Federation to the Organiser for five days in total, even if the duration of the stay of its delegation members is shorter (Main Draw 5 x 100,- EUR = 500,- EUR).

The same daily contribution fee shall be paid for 1 additional day for any teams participating in the Qualification Tournament if such occurs (Qualification = 100,- EUR).

For teams qualifying to the Main Draw via the Qualification Round, the respective National Federation shall pay an additional contribution of 100,- EUR per delegation member per day for five days in total even if the duration of the stay of its delegation members is shorter. This shall be paid on site or wired by the respective National Federation on the first day of the Main Draw and a proof of payment has to be provided to the CEV Supervisor.

The respective National Federation shall pay the contribution fee 7 days before the start of the event to the bank account of the Organiser, which will be communicated together with the Practical Info document. If the Organiser will not receive the fees in time, the CEV Supervisor has the right to exclude the concerned teams from the event.

Each participating National Federation has to present a copy of the confirmed money transfer to the CEV Supervisor at the respective Preliminary Inquiry.

Every person is responsible for any and all extra expenses at the hotel such as mini-bar, phone calls, laundry, etc. These expenses must be paid at checkout time.

2.3. License Fee

For each athlete participating in any CEV competition in 2023, the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice, a license fee amounting to **20,- EUR per player**.

3. Uniforms and accessories

The Organiser will not provide uniforms to the participating teams, and as a result the participating National Federations shall provide their players with minimum 2 sets of uniforms in different colours according to the layout specified in Annex and may exploit them commercially (excluding the following product categories: alcohol (spirits), tobacco & pornography).

National Federations/athletes are responsible to bring their own shorts/bikini bottoms as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations and the Appendix below. Athletes may use gear and accessories as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

To their coaches entering the Field of Play, as per the CEV Coaching Regulations document, available on the CEV website.

For any questions regarding uniforms layout please address to graphiccs@cev.eu with beach@cev.eu in copy.

Please note that in case of non-conformity of the uniforms the provisions of the Regulations will be applied.

4. Further information

Necessary information about the Championships 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 in the [CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines](#), available on the [CEV website](#).

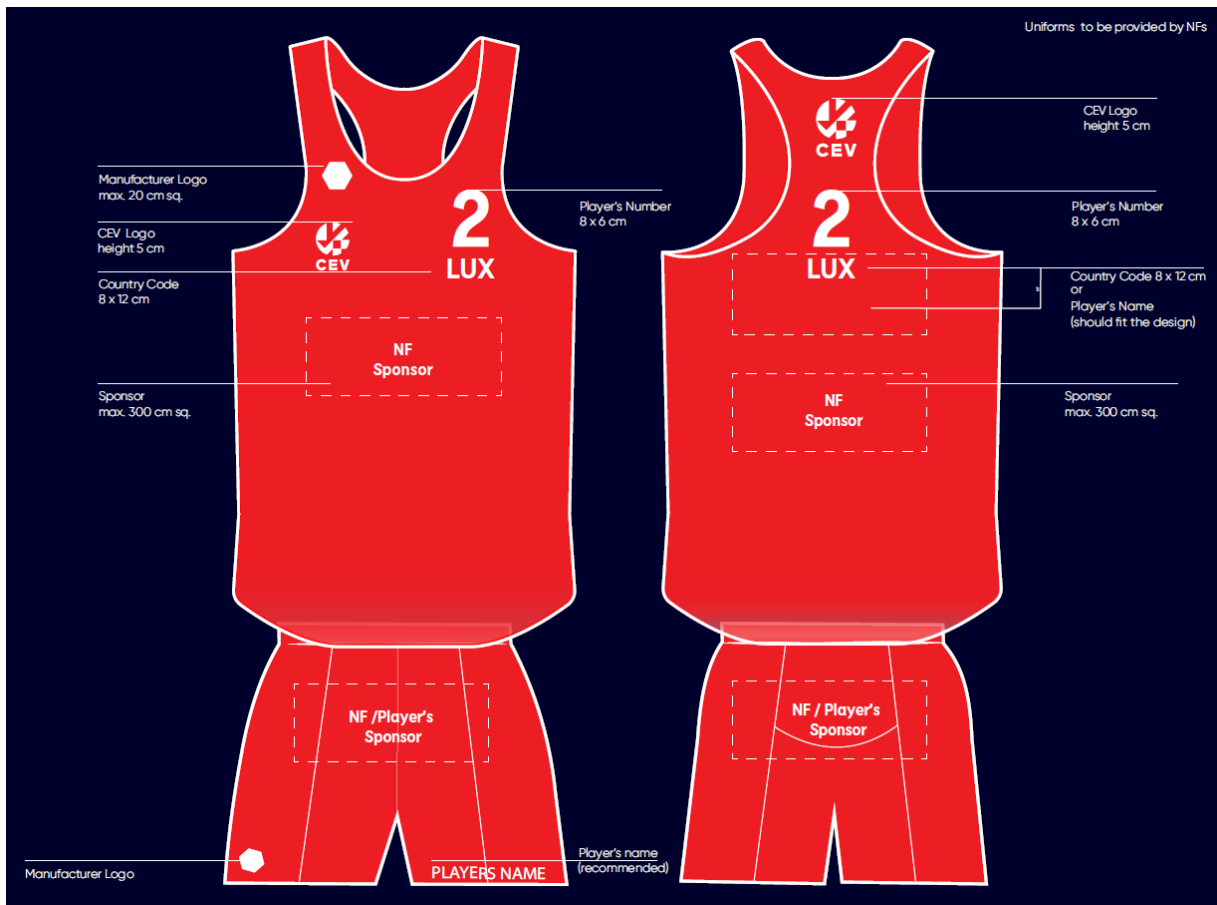
National Federations are requested to apply early enough for visas for their delegation members whenever needed. The hosting National Federation shall be contacted to provide to the Team Delegation concerned an invitation letter for the event.

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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ANNEX 1 – Athletes Uniforms Layout



Logos and numbers should be always well visible, and in a contradictory colour to the uniform



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