

CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2021

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1. Introduction

After the outbreak of the coronavirus crisis resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 edition, the CEV Volleyball European Silver League returns in 2021 to fulfil its mission of providing up-and-coming teams with an opportunity to compete on the international stage, grow their players and hone their skills.

The eventual winners of the competition will get the right to compete in the Golden division in 2022, where they will be replacing the lowest ranked team per gender from the 2021 edition.

The regulations in force are the latest version of the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations', and these are available here:

https://inside.cev.eu/media/2g0b0ylu/cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations_2020-06-29.pdf

All participants are required to be aware of the content of this document, in particular the specific European League provisions that you can find in Chapter 25.

This and subsequent 'Official Communications' are available as a pdf document on the CEV website here:

<https://inside.cev.eu/en/documents/volleyball-documents/>

For this competition, those working on it have the support of the 'Competitions Hotline' during the competition evenings and weekends on: +352 621 25 34 44. If you have any question, please contact the CEV Volleyball Department (nationalteams@cev.eu).

2. Participants

Participants: teams are eligible to participate following the below criteria:

- National Teams not participating in the FIVB Nations League 2021
- National Teams not participating in the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2021
- Lowest ranked teams of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2019 (if registered):
 - Men: FINLAND
 - Women: SWEDEN

3. Competition Format

Competition Format:

League Phase

- Number of pools depending on number of registered teams
 - Pools of 3 or 4 teams
 - 2 Tournaments played with single Round Robin in each pool
 - Pool composition according to serpentine system based on the CEV National Team Ranking (dated 01.01.2020).
 - Maximum 6 matches per team in the League phase.

Final Phase

- Final Four tournament – 1 organiser + pool winners. If organiser is among the pool winners, the 2nd best ranked teams across all pools will qualify.
- The winner will qualify to the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022.

If there is no organiser of the Final Four, two options will be possible:

- Semi Finals and Finals will be played in Home & Away matches, or:
- Only Finals will be played in Home & Away matches

4. Competition Calendar

The reserved periods in which the competition will take place are:

League Phase (Men & Women)

- 1st Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021
- 2nd Tournament 04 – 06 June 2021

Final Phase

If there is a Final Four:

- Final Four Women 25 – 27 June 2021
- Final Four Men 25 – 27 June 2021

In case no Final Four will be organized and the Semi Finals & Finals are played in Home & Away matches, the relevant competition calendar window will be discussed during the video conference calls on **18th December 2020**.

National teams will not be able to call up any of their players prior to the Finals of the CEV Champions League Volley 2021 scheduled for the 1st of May 2021, provided the fact that their players are involved with their respective club teams.

5. Registration for competition

The registration deadline for the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2021 will be no later than

Thursday, 10th December 2020 at 23:59

The registration process will be done via the respective O1 Registration Form inside the CEV Database. The printed and signed version of this form should be sent to the CEV office by registered letter.

6. Application for League Round Tournament Organization

The application process for the organisation of a League Round Tournament for each gender is open for all participating federations. The application has to be submitted over the CEV database on the respective 01 Registration Form.

Deadline no later than Thursday, 10th December 2020 at 23:59.

The accommodation and transportation costs are covered according to the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations Article 130.6 §8.

The Organizer should fully comply with the CEV Regulatory Framework, CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines and CEV Hygiene Guidelines – Volleyball Specifications.

The hosts will be defined during the video conferences calls on 18th December 2020.

7. Bidding for Final Four Organization

The bidding process for the organisation of the Final Four Tournament for each gender is open for all participating federations. The bidding documents with details are sent together with this Official Communication No. 1.

The deadline for receiving the bidding documents at the CEV Office is

Wednesday, 16th December 2020 at 23:59.

8. Officials to be appointed by CEV

CEV Supervisors

According to the general principles, the organising NF is responsible to appoint the CEV Supervisor. The NF's can appoint the local person from the confirmed list of CEV Supervisors for the European Cups 2021.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

Referees

The ERC will appoint 3 neutral + 1 local International Referees for each tournament. The nomination will be made available on the CEV database and CEV website as well.

The CEV **will book the travel ticket** to the nominated persons (3 neutral referees) and bear all relevant costs such as travel costs, per diem and visa cost (if necessary and where applicable).

The organisers will bear the costs for local transportation and accommodation for all International Referees appointed.

The organisers will bear all related costs for the local International Referee appointed.

9. Financial Conditions

- Participation fee for single gender is 15,000€, double gender: 25,000€ (same deduction of 5,000€ in case of one team of the same National Federation is playing in the “European Golden League” and one team in the “European Silver League”)
- CEV is covering international travel and per diem for the 3 neutral International Referees
- Fee for Final Four organiser: 25,000€
- Prize money paid by CEV (in case of participation of minimum 8 teams per gender):
 - League Round matches: 1,000€ per victory and 500€ per defeat
 - In case Final Four tournament will be played:
 - 50,000€ for winner
 - 35,000€ for runner-up
 - 20,000€ for 3rd place
 - 15,000€ for 4th place
 - In case no Final Four will be organised and the Semi Finals & Finals will be played in Home & Away matches (no prize money for 3rd place allocated):
 - 50,000€ for winner
 - 35,000€ for runner-up
 - In case no Final Four will be organised and only Finals Home & Away matches will be played:
 - 50,000€ for winner
 - 35,000€ for runner-up

10. Technical Requirements & Match Technology

- Minimum competition hall for League (tournaments) phase category 5
- Challenge system optional for League Round and Final Phase
- Referees head set mandatory for all phases
- Tablets are mandatory for all phases
- The LED system optional for all phases
- With the sole exception of the above conditions, the event will be organised and conducted according to the requirements and conditions of the CEV Regulatory Framework
- Host Organizers are obliged to run 2 CEV certified in-game data collection software, E-scoresheet & DataVolley.
- Host Organizers shall ensure a state-of-the art internet connectivity in the venue in order to relay the data in real time with no delay.
- Host Organizers should also appoint experienced officials/scorer that are gathering the official data for the event in order to ensure accurate and reliable data delivered in a timely manner.

11. Official Balls

All matches during the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2021 will be played with the

MIKASA Ball V200W

Each registered team will receive 10 MIKASA balls and the Final Four organizers will receive additionally 40 balls each.

12. Calendar Conference

The video conferences with the respective pools will be held on

Friday, 18th of December 2020

The schedule of those conferences will be communicated in due time upon the registration.

13. Marketing & Commercial Rights

League Phase

- a. 80% of visibility on and off-court advertising are granted to the Organisers of a tournament, except for the net band advertising where a 100% belongs to CEV.
- b. All commercial rights' split are taken into consideration in the official layouts made available on the CEV cloud server
- c. Protected product categories by CEV: "Betting & Gambling" and "Sports equipment – Volleyballs".
- d. All other categories are considered non-exclusive

Final 4

See Candidature application guideline.

14. TV & Media Rights

League Phase

Grant of Media Rights:

- Host team: non-exclusive domestic media rights for all matches produced in the territory
- Away teams: acquisition of relevant media rights via CEV's exclusive media partner Infront

**As indicated in the Volleyball Competition regulations and in accordance with the CEV Sport Media Agency, Media Rights mean all linear/traditional and digital media rights.*

Production obligation:

- Optional

Broadcasting standards

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- 3 HD cameras: two (2) fixed and one (1) hand-held
- Delivery of the signal is only via European satellite (appointed host broadcaster to also book necessary satellite space)
- Satellite feed to be delivered free of charge to CEV and media partner 2 weeks prior start of the match
- Integration of official CEV match TV graphics (provided by the CEV)

Final 4

Due to the current context, the CEV is exceptionally adapting its broadcasting requirements for the CEV European Silver League 2021 (Final 4 stage) and number of cameras to be provided are now of:

- 4 HD cameras: two (2) fixed, one (1) hand-held and one (1) net camera

Grand of Media rights:

- Host team: non-exclusive domestic media rights for all matches produced in the territory
- Away teams: acquisition of relevant media rights via CEV's exclusive media partner Infront

**As indicated in the Volleyball Competition regulations and in accordance with the CEV Sport Media Agency, Media Rights mean all linear/traditional and digital media rights.*

Production obligation

- Production of all matches by the host as per CEV Broadcasting Standard C

Broadcasting standards

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- 4 HD cameras: two (2) fixed, one (1) hand-held and one (1) net camera
- Delivery of the signal is only via European satellite only (host broadcaster to also book necessary satellite space)
- Satellite feed to be delivered free of charge to CEV and media partner 2 weeks prior start of the match
- Integration of official CEV match TV graphics (provided by the CEV)



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1. Participating Teams and Pools Composition

MEN * (Ranking)	WOMEN * (Ranking)
MKD (24)	SLO (18)
AUT (25)	POR (23)
CRO (27)	EST (25)
ISR (28)	AUT (27)
DEN (29)	ISR (29)
HUN (34)	BIH (30)
LUX (35)	LAT (30)
CYP (41)	LUX (36)

* CEV European Ranking as per 1st January 2020

Pools composition

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Pool A	Pool B
MKD	AUT
ISR	CRO
DEN	HUN
CYP	LUX

CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2021 – Women

Pool A	Pool B
SLO	POR
AUT	EST
ISR	BIH
LUX	LAT

2. Official Forms

All the CEV forms (04, 09, 09bis & 10) related to the competitions and respective phase/tournaments are created inside the CEV Database and have to be fill in, close and send to the CEV in a due time indicated in the forms itself.

3. Tournaments dates and the Match Schedule

Please notice that the proposed match schedules were presented by organizers (respective National Federations) and confirmed by the CEV. The definitive confirmed League Round calendar (dates for all tournaments and starting time of each match) are available at the CEV database and on the CEV website.

Due to the Men's Final Four Organizers (MKD) request the CEV has confirmed the date's changes for 1st Tournament of the League Round and Final Phase (Final Four Tournament).

This same time due to Women's Final Four Organizer (SLO) request the CEV has confirmed the date's changes for Final Phase (Final Four Tournament) as well.

The new calendar for respective competitions are follow:

League Phase – Men

- 1st Tournament 21 – 23 May 2021 Pool A in MKD
- 2nd Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool A in DEN

- 1st Tournament 21 – 23 May 2021 Pool B in AUT
- 2nd Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool B in LUX

League Phase – Women

- 1st Tournament 27 – 30 May 2021 Pool A in LUX
- 2nd Tournament 04 – 06 June 2021 Pool A in SLO

- 1st Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool B in BIH
- 2nd Tournament 01 – 03 June 2021 Pool B in BIH

Final Phase

- Final Four Men 05 – 06 June 2021 in Skopje (MKD)
- Final Four Women 11 – 12 June 2021 in Maribor (SLO)

4. Team Composition

Participating teams are permitted to have a team delegation composed according to article. 21.2 §1 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

5. CEV Challenge System

Organisers may apply for the use of a Challenge System according to article 96.6 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and Challenge System Regulations, and these are available as an e-book here:

<https://inside.cev.eu/media/udgbd04o/cev-challenge-system-regulations-for-volleyball-2019.pdf>

The deadline for submitting applications for the League Round is Friday, 14th of May 2021 to nationalteams@cev.lu

6. Competition Bulletin / Handbook Layout

The official Competition Bulletin / Handbook shall be prepared by the organiser. The latter must mandatorily use the official layout template available for downloading on the CEV Cloud server. The Bulletin and Handbook must be approved by the appointed CEV Supervisor only.

7. Final Phase – Final Four Tournaments

The CEV is delighted to announce that the Final Four Tournaments for both genders will be organized.

The Final Four participants will be:

- If Organizer is ranked 1st after League Round – 1 organiser + team ranked as 1st and 2 teams ranked as 2nd in the pools,
- If Organizer is ranked 2nd or lower after League Round – 1 organiser + 2 teams ranked as 1st and the 2nd best ranked team across all pools will qualify

The Semi Finals matches schedule are organize that way:

1st Semi Final the higher ranked team from Pool A is playing against lowest ranked team from Pool B
2nd Semi Final the higher ranked team from Pool B is playing against lowest ranked team from Pool A.

European Silver League Men's Final Four in Skopje (MKD) schedule:

- 5th June (Saturday) Semi Final matches
- 6th June (Sunday) 3rd place match & Golden Medal match

European Silver League Women's Final Four in Maribor (SLO) schedule:

- 11th June (Friday) Semi Final matches
- 12th June (Saturday) 3rd place & Golden Medal match

National teams will not be able to call up any of their players prior to the Finals of the 2021 CEV Volleyball Champions League scheduled for the 1st of May 2021, provided the fact that their players are involved with their respective club teams.

8. Marketing & Commercial Rights

Marketing and commercial rights are published in the Official communication n°1.

LED system boarding is optional.

In case of using LED system boarding, the LED system application shall be completed.

The LED playlist as well as the official court layout are published on the CEV cloud and can be downloaded from CEV Cloud.

9. Branding & Graphics

Branding guidelines published on the CEV cloud must be followed by all organisers.

All graphics (Banner, Net, backdrop, poster, etc.) will be published on 4th March 2021 and shall be downloaded from the CEV Cloud folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>.

CEV institutional brand can be found on the CEV website:

<https://inside.cev.eu/en/brand/> or download directly the CEV institutional kit from the CEV Cloud:

<https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

CEV online Competition storage is an optimized file sharing and storage solution. All Organisers have direct access to all resources via a web service interface. The CEV Cloud supports Drag and Drop file managing.

No logins or passwords are needed.

Special links navigate you to the CEV online Competition storage with 2 main folders:

Download, which contains all necessary files / templates you need to use for production of any possible material link related to the competition <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>.

and

Upload, where all files to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before producing. After uploading any files, the graphics department (graphics@cev.eu) has to be announced by short e-mail. Note that, the cloud doesn't inform us automatically on uploading. Upload folder is structured by Organisers <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>.

LED system information:

The mandatory LED system application form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20> (select the LED system application folder).

Fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud into your respective folder

<https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> by **16th April 2021**.

After uploading file, the graphics department (graphics@cev.eu) has to be announced by short e-mail. Note that, the cloud doesn't inform us automatically on uploading!

Production of the promotional banners

Organising National federations are required to produce the following banners according to the layouts provided hereafter and made available on the CEV Cloud folder:

- Position nr. 12: Competition title banner
- Position nr. 9: Eurovolley.tv
- Position nr.15: #EuroleagueW (when participating in the women's competition or #EuroleagueM (when participating in the men's competition)

- Position nr. 4+19: Promotion EuroVolley 2021 – Men and Promotion EuroVolley 2021 – Women

Court layout: see annex 1 and, please, check carefully all court layout conditions.

10. Match Data Collection Requirements

As stipulated in the Volleyball Competition Regulations (Cf. 95. Match Technology section), the Organiser shall deliver free of charge to the CEV the following requirements, facilities and services in relation to data collection during matches of the competition:

- CEV is providing the necessary log-in credentials (including user name & password) for the E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications to the Organiser prior to the start of the CEV Competition.
- Adequate hardware including laptop or tablets that is running the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications.
- Ensure download and installation of the latest version of the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications.
- Ensure stable and high-speed internet connectivity during the CEV Competition and necessary power supply to ensure a professional data collection and distribution to CEV and CEV Commercial partners.
- Perform testing of the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications in the Competition Hall one (1) day before the start of the CEV Competition.
- Ensure appointment of experienced e-scorer and statisticians workforce during the CEV Competition to collect data and statistics during the CEV competition in a professional manner.
- For the CEV Statistics, live match statistics shall be delivered throughout the match during the CEV Competition by connecting to the CEV Database, making use of the credentials provided by the CEV.
- The Organiser shall prohibit any illegal or non-authorized collection, archiving and distribution of match related data and statistics during the live matches of the CEV Competition.

11. Annex 1 - Official Court Layout



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 For all technical details and measurements see the official court layout



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