



2026 VW BEACH PRO TOUR Futures in Europe CANDIDATURE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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1. INTRODUCTION

Building on the FIVB–CEV collaboration established since 2018, the CEV will once again take responsibility for the organisation of all **Beach Pro Tour Futures events in Europe in 2026**.

As in previous years, the event delivery model will be implemented in close coordination with the FIVB: the CEV will oversee and manage all event parameters, fully applying the *FIVB Sport Operations Manual* and the *VW Beach Pro Tour Futures in Europe – Event Rider* across all competition related aspects, with the FIVB providing support throughout the process.

At the same time the season will be a transition period, serving as a bridge towards the launch of a new competition structure which is expected to be introduced by the FIVB commencing post end of the 2026 season. This transitional year will allow all stakeholders to consolidate existing practices while preparing for the evolution of the Tour in line with the future vision shared by FIVB and CEV.

2. WHY HOSTING AN EVENT?

The category has proved to be a very successful part of the overall Tour structure with a wide range of settings both in urban environments (city centers, iconic squares, sport centers) and natural settings on the beach and lakes.

Hosting a Beach Pro Tour Futures event brings a wide range of benefits to your city and community, including:

-  **International visibility for your city and partners**, showcasing your destination on a global stage through extensive media coverage and worldwide broadcasts.
-  **New sponsorship and business opportunities**, providing a valuable platform for local and international brands to connect with audiences and partners B2B openings, side events for the general public or targeted groups, social responsibility initiatives.
-  **A true festival of sport, fun, and community pride**, creating memorable experiences that bring people together and strengthen local identity.

The appointment process, timeline, and key organisational terms & conditions for the 2026 Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Futures in Europe are as follows:

3. HOW TO GET STARTED? – 4 STEPS APPROACH

1 Application

Submit the **Beach Volleyball General Questionnaire & Competition Application Form** within the set deadlines mentioned below:

-  **by 10 January 2026 the latest** for events planned in late April, May and June 2026.
-  **by 15 February 2026 the latest** for events scheduled from July onwards.

⚡ In all applications a clear vision of the goals and objectives should be identified.

⚡ Additional elements such as photos from previous events (if any) and of the hosting venue/location should be included

⚡ Incomplete Candidature Application will not be considered.

Applicants shall provide the “**Beach Volleyball General Questionnaire & Competition Application form**” along the following supporting documents:

- ✓ **Support letters** from Host city, other institutions, sponsors and partners on national, or regional level involved in the application.

- ✓ **A city map** highlighting the venue(s) location and the hotels to be used.
- ✓ **A venue map** including courts and organisational areas in line with the Event Rider.
- ✓ **A guarantee from the Competition venue's owner** (exclusive use from 3 days before to 1 day after the end of the competition as well as the exclusive grant of all rights concerning advertisement and promotion within the venue).
- ✓ **A brief description of the Host city** with one or two digital pictures of the city and/or competition venue to be used at the CEV discretion
- ✓ **A competition schedule proposal** indicating the days and hours of the competition (both Main Draw and Qualification–template can be requested by the CEV if needed).
- ✓ **A draft overall event budget:** stating the expenses and incomes foreseen.

An event may be staged in more than one venue, if approved by the FIVB/CEV; in this case, attention needs to be paid in planning the necessary supporting facilities, logistical aspects, and human resources.

2 Evaluation

CEV and FIVB will review the candidature application file, including the Form and all supporting documents provided, and the experience from previous events in the respective venue/country. CEV and FIVB retain the right to reject an application or request additional information/improvements of the application file.

- ✓ The evaluation is based in the provided Application and supporting document which are considered as binding.
- ✓ Site inspections may be conducted if needed.

3 Award

In case of positive evaluation the CEV, and FIVB will officially appoint the Co-coorganiser.

An agreement shall be signed between CEV and the respective National Federation's detailing the event conditions.

- ✓ A Public announcement will only follow when both the above steps are completed with the appointed co-organiser, the respective National Federation and the FIVB.

4 Execution

Co-Organiser will work closely with CEV to implement and deliver the event and make it a memorable experience for all participants and fans.

CEV will provide a set of tools to support the organiser in the event build-up including:

- ✓ **Master plan and timelines:** a comprehensive document outlining the steps to follow before, during, and after the competition. It serves as a checklist across all key areas, with clear deadlines to be respected.
- ✓ **Branding Guidelines:** a framework defining the event's image and identity, detailing logos, layouts, and all promotional materials to be produced within the field of play and around the venue.
- ✓ **Event Rider:** a document outlining all requirements to prepare the event, including competition format, facilities, referees & staff, security, accreditation and logistics.
- ✓ **Workshops:** online webinars designed to clarify all key areas over all event parameters.

For the event delivery the candidate is expected to:

- ✓ Comply with all requirements set in this document and detailed in the Letter of Organisation / Co-Organising Agreement.
- ✓ Involve a sufficient management team for the proper event delivery, considering the competition requirements and necessary supporting operations.
- ✓ Present a promotional and communication plan (including timelines, activities, channels of promotion, media, etc.).

4. WHAT ARE THE GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS?

The category aim to serve as the introductory stage for both athletes and organisers to the Tour and as such a certain level or conditions must be met.

A summary of the key points to be considered for your application are listed below:

Organiser Responsibilities

💰 FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	
Organising fee	8.000 Euros for single gender and 15.000 Euros for a double gender event.
Event Dates	To be coordinated with the FIVB/CEV. CEV and FIVB might approve up to 2 events within the same dates, considering geographical and promotional criteria.
🏠 FACILITIES	
Courts, Facilities and Infrastructure	According to the requirements set in the Event Rider and the CEV /FIVB Regulatory framework.
Assignment of LOC & Staff	According to the requirements set in the Event Rider and the CEV /FIVB Regulatory framework.
🏐 COMPETITION	
Number of teams	16-team Main Draw and 16-team Qualification per gender. In case an Organiser wishes to increase the Main Draw to 24 teams there will be a proportional increase on the Organising fee.
Competition Format	Modified Pool Play, number of teams and quotas according to the FIVB BVB Sport Operations Manual.
LOC assigned personnel	Co-Organiser ensures and bears the expenses for Referees and auxiliary personnel (scorers, linejudges), Local OC members and court/match data collection staff. Number of Referees, and auxiliary personnel according to the conditions set in the Event Rider and considering the number of courts/venues.
Services	Co-Organiser covers costs of Board & Lodging plus local transportation for CEV assigned officials, plus catering services for all accredited people on site (snacks) according to the conditions set in the Event Rider .

Uniforms	Co-Organiser must provide uniforms for athletes, CEV Officials, Referees and auxiliary personnel and OC members according to the quantities set in the Event Rider. Co-Organiser retains the right to exploit commercially these uniforms in line with the event category Branding Guidelines.
 PRODUCTION & MEDIA	
Production Obligation	Co-Organiser to produce and bear the costs for a Streaming Feed minimum for Semi-Finals & Finals (4 matches per gender) including minimum 3HD cameras, official competition TV graphics, and the provision of real-time internet/RTMP transmissions for distribution of the signal to the CEV and its partners (number and type, along minimum technical requirements to be confirmed in the Letter of Organisation/ Organiser Agreement). Co-Organiser is also responsible for coordinating with CEV and its partners respective streaming tests prior to the start of the event. In case the Co-Organiser is appointing a host broadcaster for the event, the production of a World Feed signal for Semi-Finals & Finals (4 matches) including 3HD cameras, official TV graphics and a signal delivery via European satellite is mandatory.
Match Data collection	Ensure the availability of the necessary hardware and personnel for the mandatory use of Volleyball Information System (VIS), the CEV E-scoresheet and the CEV Click & Scout Media applications, with internet LAN cable connection on-court for all matches of the Competition (software access credentials and remote technical support are provided by the CEV and its official technology partner). The Co-organiser is responsible for the ensuring the accurate and timely delivery of match data to CEV and its partners, as per technical requirements provided in the Letter of Organisation/ Co-Organiser Agreement.
In-Venue Connectivity	Co-Organiser provides a stable and high-speed internet connection on all courts to support multiple internet/RTMP transmissions and delivery of data feed from the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications as per the technical specifications provided in the Letter of Organisation/ Co-Organiser Agreement.
Branding materials	Co-Organiser applies the unified branding elements for the field of play and venue branding according to the Event Category Branding Guidelines.

Organiser Benefits

🏆 SPORT AND RANKING	
Prize Money	Paid by the CEV
World Ranking points	Ranking points allocation as per FIVB BVB Sport Operations Manual
Calendar	Inclusion of the event in all FIVB and CEV communication and promotional announcement and publications
🛍️ COMMERCIAL & SPONSORSHIPS RIGHTS	
Exploitation of commercial sponsors and partners	The FIVB/CEV allows full exploitation of commercial partners in a non-exclusive basis apart from the following categories: a. Volleyball balls b. Betting & Gambling services In addition, the following categories are prohibited for any CEV events: alcohol (spirits), tobacco, and pornography.
Competition title	Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Futures in Europe plus location (city/region) as per the event category Branding Guidelines .
Advertising rights	- 75% panels and flags surrounding competition courts - 75% of logos for commercial or institutional partners on the backdrops - 100% in VIP and other hospitality areas (apart from FIVB and CEV institutional logos) - Athletes, Officials, Referees Uniforms except for the CEV predetermined positions All the above are detailed in the event category Branding Guidelines.
Marks	Non-exclusive right to use and exploit the VW/FIVB/CEV identification on event promotion and merchandising to be sold inside and outside the Competition venue. Prior approval of the FIVB/CEV required.
📺 MEDIA RIGHTS	
Media rights	The CEV is granting to the Organiser the non-exclusive domestic media rights in case of a World Feed production. In case the LOC wishes to live stream matches on its official digital platforms (including YouTube, OTT platform), should inform CEV in writing minimum 15 days prior to the tournament. Geo-blocking may be applied subject to CEV and CEV Sport Media agency decision.
🎫 TICKETING	
Ticketing rights	Ticketing 100% to the organiser (normal and VIP – including hospitality) A contingent of tickets to be granted free of charge to the VW/FIVB/CEV sponsors and partners as per the Letter of Organisation/ Co-Organiser Agreement

🤝 CEV SUPPORT	
CEV assigned officials	CEV arranges and covers - the international transportation for the CEV assigned Officials (up to 3 people for a single venue event) - the per diem for the CEV assigned Officials
CEV support	- CEV provides Mikasa balls and medals for winning teams - Software access credentials and technical support are provided by the CEV and its official technology partner - CEV covers the event exposure on CEV digital platforms and website via content publication and live streaming activities. - The CEV also reserves the right to stream live matches of the competition on its official digital platforms.

5. YOUR COMMITMENT

By submitting an application, the applicant commits to:

✅ Follow FIVB & CEV rules

Irrevocably, fully, and unconditionally willing to organise the competition according to the requirements mentioned in this candidature application document, the provisions of the FIVB BVB Sport Operations Manual, the VW Beach Pro Tour Futures Event Rider, the FIVB Medical and Anti-doping Regulations, the Letter of Organisation/ Co-Organiser Agreement and the CEV Regulatory framework.

✅ Bear the costs related to the granted rights and obligations to be fulfilled

Comply with the rules, process and timelines stated in this Candidature Application Guidelines and those provided via the CEV Master Plan. The lack of compliance with the latter may lead to financial sanctions or even the decision to strip the applicant from the rights to organise the competition.

✅ Secure insurance coverage

Subscribe to an insurance policy that provides coverage against any sort of damage or loss that may incur throughout the event.

✅ Deliver a fun, professional, international-level event

Make the best possible effort to follow the shared guidelines and timelines and closely cooperate with the CEV to achieve the mutual set goals.

Applications need to be complete, true, accurate, realistic, and based on existing and verified data.

The applicant needs to own, have, or obtain all the necessary and appropriate rights, licences, consents, skills, workforce, experience, and other resources to comply with the event requirements and implement the content of the relevant application.

If appointed, the applicant acknowledges and agrees that the application will automatically be considered as a binding agreement.