

CEV U18 Beach Volleyball European Championships 2026

Candidature
Application
Guidelines

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Introduction

The CEV U18 Beach Volleyball European Championships remains a key asset in the portfolio of the CEV Beach Volleyball competitions for more than 20 years.

The competition is unanimously regarded as the annual meeting point for Beach Volleyball athletes from across Europe on this age group, providing the next generation of elite European Beach Volleyball players with the introductory step to international Beach Volleyball competitions and setting a pathway to grow and develop their skills.

Since 2013, the number of Main Draw teams has been increased to 32 and since the 2025 edition qualification to the Final is through two phases Qualifier, thereby providing additional opportunities for young athletes to compete on the international stage and a more performance-based qualification pathway.

This candidature application document shall give you a clear overview of the event conditions and requirements.

Hosting a CEV Beach Volleyball Age Group European Championship allows the association with a European title event and the chance to engage into a true festival of sport with delegations around Europe.

1. Appointment Process

Step 1: Application

The CEV invites you to apply for the organisation of the CEV U18 Beach Volleyball European Championships 2026.

The appointment of the Co-Organiser is based on a bidding process and may be done at any time. The submission of the Application is an acceptance to comply with the relevant CEV requirements and regulations for the organisation of the relevant CEV competition.

Step 2: Evaluation

The CEV evaluates the applications based on a number of criteria such as:

- The documentation provided, namely the BV-A Competition Application and all requested supporting files and information,
- Prior experience of candidate NFs/Co-Organisers in organising European Beach Volleyball events,
- Additional parameters such as involvement in other CEV initiatives, etc.

Step 3: Award

If appointed by the CEV, the candidate will automatically become the Co-Organiser of the respective CEV competition, and an agreement will be sent for signing to the organising National Federation.

Public announcement of the appointed Co-Organisers will be coordinated together with the CEV at a mutually agreed time.

Step 4: Execution

CEV will be supporting the Co-organisers to deliver a well-prepared and professionally organised championships through a set of tools and a timetable of actions developed to detail all event parameters.

The Co-Organiser and the CEV work closely together throughout the implementation process in order to deliver together a great and remarkable event for all involved stakeholders.

Requests for additional assistance regarding the filing of your application can be addressed to beach@cev.eu.

2. Application Requirements

The submission of the candidature application is an acceptance to comply with the [CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations & Guidelines](#) and the Organising Terms & Conditions for the CEV competition as set below.

As clearly indicated in the Beach Volleyball Competition Application form, a number of supporting documents shall be presented together with your duly completed [BV-A form](#), and the commitment letter that is available at the end of this Candidature Application document.

For the event delivery the candidate is expected to:

- ✓ Follow the CEV event delivery documents (Master Plan, Branding Guidelines, etc.),
- ✓ Involve a sufficient management team for the proper event delivery, considering the number of participating teams and necessary supporting operations,
- ✓ Present adequate promotional and event communication initiatives in the lead up to the event as well as during the competition itself (timeline, activities, promotional channels, media, etc.).

The submission of the Candidature Application is an acceptance to comply with the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines for the specific event category plus the Organising Terms & Conditions outlined below.

An event can be staged in more than one venue; in this case, attention needs to be paid in planning the necessary supporting facilities, logistical aspects and human resources for all venues.

3. Key Organising Terms & Conditions

Event Parameters	
Event Dates	From late July to early September to allow sufficient time for the Zonal Associations to complete their respective First-round Qualifiers, and the smooth participation of athletes with school / academic obligations. Dates to be coordinated with the CEV to avoid clashes with any other major Beach Volleyball events in Europe.
Infrastructure and Facilities	According to the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations (Section 5: Organiser, Chapter 6: Facilities) and the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines (Section 4: Organiser, 28. Areas)
Centre/Side Court capacity	Centre Court with minimum capacity of 700 seats in a stadium style with tribunes from at least 2 sides, and with additional designated areas to be developed for VIPs and participating National Federation members.
Competition, Warm-up courts	4 competition courts plus 1 warm up court per gender
Number of competition days	4 for Main Draw plus 1 for Second-round Qualifier (if needed) on the day before the start of the Main Draw
Number of Main Draw teams	32 per gender, including two Host Country teams directly in the Main Draw and a third team in the Second-round Qualifier (if organised)

Event Parameters	
Competition format	Double gender events. Pool play followed by a Single Elimination Phase and Classification matches. Competition format will be further defined in the Official Communication document.
Accommodation & Local transportation	For all participating delegations, CEV Officials and referees in line with the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations (Section 5: Organiser, Chapters 8: Transportation and 9: Accommodation) and the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines (Section 4: Organiser, 33. Accommodation)
International transportation & Per Diem	For up to 5 CEV Officials and 8 Neutral Referees in line with the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations (Section 5: Organiser, Chapters 8: Transportation and Section 8: Finance 103. Organisation Costs) and the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines (Section 4: Organiser). When the Co-Organiser uses more than one venue, additional individuals are appointed to each additional venue.
Minimum Production Obligation	Matches to be produced: semi-finals and medal matches (for a total of 8 matches across the two genders) Production standards: 3HD camera and integration of official CEV graphics package (templates to be provided by the CEV) Delivery method of the signal: via Internet/RTMP/SRT (Streaming Feed) and as per the specifications shared by the CEV.
Streaming	Streaming of additional matches from the center court and side courts from the earlier stages of the competition is highly recommended. In such case the Co-Organiser shall contact CEV to agree on the minimum production standards.
Production of CEV corporate identity	According to the CEV Branding Guidelines
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 technical support are provided by the CEV and its official technology partner. The Co-Organiser is responsible for ensuring the accurate and timely delivery of match data to CEV and its partners, as per technical requirements provided in the Co-Organiser Agreement.
Assignment of LOC and Staff	According to the requirements set in the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations (Section 5: Organiser, Chapter 7: Workforce) and in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines (Section 4: Organiser, 25. Court staff)
Uniforms	Compulsory for CEV Officials and Referees, optional for participating teams (option to be confirmed -3 months from event dates).

Co-Organiser Benefits	
CEV contribution to the Co-Organiser	Up to 25,000 EUR and upon receipt of all final event reports.
Calendar	Inclusion of the event in the CEV communication and promotional announcement and publications
Fees of participating teams to the benefit of the Co-Organiser	For each Main Draw team, the respective National Federation shall pay to the Co-Organiser a contribution of 130,- EUR per delegation member per night for five days in total even if the duration of the stay of its delegation members is shorter (Main Draw 5 x 130, - EUR = 650, - EUR). For each team involved in the Qualification Tournament, the respective National Federation shall pay a contribution of 130, - EUR per delegation member for 2 nights to the Co-Organiser (qualifier 2 x 130, - EUR = 260, - EUR).
Commercial rights	i) Appointment of national sponsors/partners apart from the categories reserved from CEV: - Airlines - Banking - Betting and Gambling services - Body & healthcare products - Courier services & logistics - Sports Equipment – Beach Volleyball Balls - Sportswear Please note that categories such as alcohol, tobacco and pornography are prohibited ii) All private and governmental subsidies iii) Non-exclusive Merchandising for selected products, upon approval of CEV iv) Use of the marks of the competition and the CEV in promotional and marketing initiatives (following CEV approval)
Advertising rights	- 70% of panels and commercial flags surrounding competition courts and the areas presented within the Branding Guidelines - 70% of logos on the backdrops - 100% in VIP and other hospitality areas (apart from CEV institutional logos + any eventual partners) - On designated areas of the athletes' uniforms (if provided), Referees' and OC members' uniforms.
Media rights	i) Non-exclusive domestic Media Rights

Co-Organiser Benefits	
	ii) The Co-Organiser is allowed to stream matches live on its official digital and social media platforms subject to relevant geo-blocking policy indicated by the CEV.
CEV support	- Medals and MIKASA balls - 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. - CEV reserves the right to stream live matches of the competition on its official digital platforms
Uniforms	Exploitation of athletes' uniforms if the Co-Organiser opts to provide them to all participating athletes (excluding the CEV position). Exploitation of uniforms for officials in line with the Branding Guidelines
Ticketing	100% with the Co-Organisers if applied, except the CEV predetermined contingent of tickets for CEV and CEV partners. Ticketing policy to be developed in collaboration with CEV if introduced to.

5. Commitment

Please print the following text on the official letterhead of your National Federation. The names of all parties and their representatives shall be included at the end of the text. Please return one original to the CEV office, together with your application.

If the application is submitted by more than one entity, all entities shall sign only one original.

Dear Mr President,

We hereby submit our application to host the **CEV U18 Beach Volleyball European Championships 2025**, hereinafter "the CEV competition".

This letter constitutes a formal declaration of intent and pre-contractual commitment. It expresses our serious, clear and unequivocal commitment to organising said CEV competition. We fully are prepared to deliver, to the best of our abilities, a competition of the highest standard, one that will be recognised by fans, media and partners as an international event, in accordance with the requirements and standards established by the CEV.

Our application is complete, true, accurate, realistic, based on existing and verified data and in full compliance with the CEV Application Guidelines and Regulatory Framework.

We own, have or will obtain in due time all the necessary and appropriate rights, licences, consents, skilled personnel, workforce, facilities, and other resources to comply with the CEV requirements and implement the content of our application.

By submitting this application, we irrevocably, fully and unconditionally undertake to organise the CEV competition in accordance with the information provided and in compliance with the CEV regulations.

We acknowledge and agree that, upon the CEV's official appointment of our organisation as Host, this signed Commitment Letter together with our submitted application shall automatically constitute a binding agreement between the CEV and ourselves for the organisation of the CEV Competition.

Until such appointment, this letter shall serve as a binding expression of our intent and commitment to host the event, and our application shall remain valid and irrevocable for consideration by the CEV Board.

Yours sincerely,

Place

Date

Name of NF President, signature and seal

(In case of several NFs applying together, please insert all the names and signatures of the NF Presidents)