



Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines – 2022 VW Beach Volleyball Futures in Klaipėda, Lithuania

Health, safety and well-being of athletes, coaches, officials, staff and all persons involved is a top priority for CEV and the event Organiser!

This document provides specific information relating to the 2022 VW Beach Pro Tour Futures in Klaipėda and complements the [CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines](#), the [CEV Hygiene Guidelines - Beach Volleyball Specifications](#) with specific, detailed implementation and amended protocols, that are in line with the respective requirements, measures and recommendations applied by the Lithuanian National Authorities and CEV.

All participating team delegation members, CEV officials, match officials, LOC, staff, accredited media, international and local service providers, etc. adhere to fully comply and respect the protocols.

Failure to do so will be sanctioned with both financial and disciplinary sanctions according to the provisions of the FIVB/CEV Regulatory framework and may lead up to withdrawal of accreditation and the right to participate in the tournament.

Travel restrictions:

The information regarding travel restrictions to Lithuania is available under the following link: <https://www.urm.lt/>

Please check the given website links regularly for more updated and detailed information:

- Ministry of Health: <https://sam.lrv.lt/en/>
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <https://www.urm.lt/default/en/>

The CEV and the LOC retain the right to perform additional testing to any accredited person despite of already provided certificates throughout the period of the Competition.

General Guidelines:

- Communication and education shall always be implemented towards the target groups to ensure the best performance of the tasks and identify the associated risks.
- Accurate and regular health screening before traveling, during the competition and after returning to the country of residence.
- All athletes, team delegation members, referees and CEV officials must have:
 - a printed certificate of COVID-19 fully vaccination issued by the relevant competent authorities,
OR
 - a printed PCR test certificate of negativity to Coronavirus issued by authorised health laboratory no earlier than 72 hours before the official arrival day.
OR
 - a printed and certified Antigen test certificate issued no earlier than 48 hours before the official arrival date

Either documents must be printed in English.

- Anyone participating in the event (athletes, team delegation members, CEV officials, match officials, LOC, staff, accredited media, international and local service providers, etc.) should proactively and regularly check their health status. In case you have any of the following symptoms such as; feel unwell, fatigue, cold symptoms, fever, coughing, severe shortness of breath, aches and pain, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, loss of smell/taste, diarrhoea do not travel or come to the Venue!
- The accreditation forms have to be submitted within the set timelines to the organisers.
- Travelling athletes and accredited delegation members need to provide full and clear information about their travel schedule within the set timeline through the respective forms.
- Follow all hygiene precaution measures (wearing facemasks where applicable, regular hand washing, observing the rules of cough hygiene, social distancing protocol, etc.) at all time.
- Carefully review and follow the Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines the CEV Hygiene Guidelines - Beach Volleyball Specifications and any additional information communicated through the Event's Regulations document.
- Carefully study the travel restrictions or other requirements set by the local authorities.
- Use the maximum personal attention as much as possible for the period before travelling to the competition.
- Ensure to use personal protection equipment (facemasks included) for all international and local transportation.
- Follow the guidelines of the LOC staff and present all requested documents.
- Ensure to use personal protection equipment (facemasks included) when not in open air and within the venue sheltered areas.
- Social distancing protocols will be organised and mandated throughout the event location(s) to optimise the safety and well-being of all groups. All accredited people

need to fully adhere to these protocols and respect the social distancing to other team delegations, officials and staff.

- Avoid gathering and crowding and stay within the areas of the hotel and Venue following the social distancing principles. Do not socialize and stay in public areas after match or training.
- Enter the venue through the dedicated entrance and stay within the venue dedicated areas. Only accredited people can access specific areas, which will be controlled by the organiser.
- Handshaking or interaction between any accredited people is prohibited. Match protocol follows the amendments annexed to this document and communicated in the Preliminary Inquiry
- Disinfect hands and personal equipment when entering the venue, before and after each training/match.
- The access to the location of Preliminary Inquiry will be controlled and a clear time schedule will be defined to avoid mass gathering. Players and Delegation members are required to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and present their passports, accessories and certificates.
- Athletes should arrive to the venue with official gear and personal equipment.
- Do not share personal items. Use individual towel and water bottle.
- It is recommended for athletes to use their hotel room for shower after the match
- LOC will ensure the regular disinfection of all areas in the venue, and quantity of cleaning and disinfection materials.
- Collaborate with the CEV and the LOC in regular health screening.
- Any media initiatives will follow all precaution measures and will be communicated in detail to all athletes. LOC will control the number of the media and photographers around the Field of Play
- Specific and controlled areas will be defined for attending media, in case of any media activities safe distancing and hygiene protocols shall be respected
- Non-accredited persons will not be allowed to interact with team delegation members and officials at the venue and hotels.

Report immediately of any symptoms, even mild to the Hygiene Officer at koordinatorium@ltf.it and collaborate with the LOC for the necessary actions! Do not move around if you have symptoms.

Phone number that will be available 24/7 as a helpline: 112

For registration of Covid tests, please contact: 1808.

ANNEX: Match Protocol

Before the match

- Athletes to wait in a designated holding area near the Field of Play to enter after the court is prepared and disinfected by the court staff.
- Hand disinfection is mandatory entering and exiting the court for all attending the match (athletes, officials, auxiliary staff and ball boys).
- Ball boys to enter the Field of Play separately from the athletes and to respect the minimum social distancing of 2m throughout the warm up and the match.
- Rakers spot to be placed minimum 2m from players area (athletes timeout area) in a spot to be confirmed by the assigned Supervisor (corner of free zone, etc.).
- Line judges and Scorers to enter the court wearing their facemasks separately from the Referees and to respect the minimum social distancing of 2m throughout the warm up and the match.
- Scorers to always use the personal protection equipment (facemasks) in the beginning and closing of the match and when athletes or referees approach the scoring table.
- Line judges to not be equipped with small towels or sun glasses cleaning cloth; athletes need to have on them a cloth to clean their face/sunglasses, or place one on the lower net cord (opposite sides for the 2 teams).
- Court Managers to position a small penholder with 2 disinfected pens on the scorers table that will be used by the athletes for signing the scoresheet.
- Referees must always wear a mask before the game (i.e., from entering the Field of Play, throughout the entire protocol and during the coin toss) and keep the mask available to be used whenever he/she needs to talk to a captain-coach-scorer

Time (min)	Action
	Previous match finishes, referees to complete post-match formalities and exit court area separately from line judges and scorers.
-8	As soon as court is prepared by the sand levellers, players and officials enter the court area. Players from this time must be in official match uniforms. Watering and raking should be complete by this time. Scorers, Line judges and court staff to enter separately Players warm up in the court and other preparations, officials check match equipment, score sheet, conditions, players area, etc.
-5	Coin toss taken in front of scorer's table (Minimum 1,5 meter from the scorer). (Note: If local conditions allow the coin toss time can be moved forward to allow extra warm up time)
-4	Beginning of official warm up period.

-1	<p>End of Official warm up period, players to leave the court area to their respective Player's Area.</p> <p>First referee to the referee's chair, second referee to position standing in front of the scorer's table, all other officials take their positions.</p> <p>Entry from their players area to the short side line of their side of playing court (for the centre court Individual player's announcement).</p> <p>After last player's entry to the field of play, the first referee whistles to invite all players to enter the court - no hand shake under the net</p>
0	Start of the match
During the match	<p>Athletes shall go around opposite side of the net during side switch (counter clockwise) and not under the net.</p> <p>Athletes shall avoid handshaking or other exchange of hand gestures during the match with opponents.</p>
End of match	<p>After the match, the players return to the players' area and wait for the second referee to bring them the scoresheet. The scoresheet is signed by the captains. All participants gather their belongings, and the referees lead the teams to exit the court so that it can be prepared for the next match.</p> <p>Athletes shall avoid handshaking or other exchange of hand gestures after the match with opponents.</p> <p>Line judges and scorers exit together after handing the scoresheet over to the 2nd referee to collect the signatures from both captains. The second Referee to use a different and disinfected pen for the signatures.</p> <p>Teams exit after line judges and scorers have exited the court. Referees to control the process and leave the court last.</p>

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