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# 1. Introduction

By registering to the CEV European Silver League 2023, all the teams commit to following the CEV Competitions Regulations, Guidelines, and Official Communications. The latest version of the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations' is available here:

[https://webmedia.cev.eu/media/gliboebobo/cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations\\_15-06-2022.pdf](https://webmedia.cev.eu/media/gliboebobo/cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations_15-06-2022.pdf)

All participants are required to be aware of the content of this document, in particular the specific provisions outlined in Chapters 20 and 25.

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

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

The eventual winners of the competition will get the right to compete in the Golden division in 2024, where they will be replacing the lowest ranked team per gender from the 2023 edition.

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 do not hesitate to contact the CEV Volleyball Department ([nationalteams@cev.eu](mailto:nationalteams@cev.eu)).

## 2. Participants

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

- National Teams not participating in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League 2023
- National Teams not participating in the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023

## 3. Competition Format

Competition Format:

### League Phase

- Home and Away matches
- Number of pools depending on the number of registered teams
- Pool composition according to serpentine system based on the CEV European National Team Ranking (12.09.2022 – Men and 16.10.2022 – Women respectively)
- Maximum six 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 CEV will adjust the qualifying criteria according to the number of pools in the League Round.
- The winner will qualify to the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023.
- The organisers of the Final Four are also required to compete in the League Phase.

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)

1 <sup>st</sup> Leg	27/28 May 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg	31 May 2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg	03/04 June 2023
4 <sup>th</sup> Leg	10/11- June 2023
5 <sup>th</sup> Leg	14 June 2023
6 <sup>th</sup> Leg	17/18 June 2023

### Final Phase

- Final Four Women 24/25 June 2023 – Country TBD
- Final Four Men 24/25 June 2023 – Country TBD

National teams will not be able to call up any of their players prior to the Finals of the CEV Champions League Volley 2023 scheduled for May 20/21, 2023, 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 2023 will be no later than

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 23:59 CET**

The registration process will be done via the respective O1 Registration Form inside the CEV Database and in accordance with the CEV Regulatory Framework.

The printed and signed version of the O1 Form should be sent to the CEV office by registered letter.

## 6. Bidding for Final Four Organisation

The bidding process for the organisation of the Final Four Tournament for each gender is open for all participating federations. The bidding documents can be found on the CEV website.

The deadline for receiving the bidding documents is

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 23:59 CET**

## 7. Officials to be appointed for the League Round

### CEV Supervisors

According to the general principles, the organising NF is responsible for appointing the CEV Supervisor. The NF's can appoint the local person from the confirmed list of CEV Supervisors for the European Cups 2023.

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

### 1st Referee

The ERC will appoint a neutral 1st Referee for each match. 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 and bear costs such as travel costs, per diem and visa cost (if necessary and where applicable).

The organisers will bear the costs for local transportation, accommodation and other costs.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee

The ERC will appoint a local 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee for each match. The nomination will be visible on the CEV database and CEV website as well.

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

### Reserve Referee

The organising NF's is responsible for appointing the local Reserve Referee for each match. These proposed names should be added to respective 08 Form and approved by the ERC.

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

## 8. Financial Conditions

- Participation fee for single gender is 15,000€, double gender: 25,000€ (same deduction of 5,000€ in case one team of the same National Federation is playing in the "European Golden League" and one team in the "European Silver League")
- Fee for Final Four organiser: 25,000€
- Prize money paid by CEV (only 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 3<sup>rd</sup> place
    - 15,000€ for 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## 9. Spectators attendance and the Final Prize Money paid by CEV

In order to increase the general spectators attendance, the Final Prize Money amount will be paid according to the below presented criteria, considering the average number of spectators for all matches organised by the respective National Federation per gender:

- i.  $\geq 1501$  spectators = 125% of total Prize Money
- ii. 1001 to 1500 spectators = 100% of total Prize Money
- iii.  $\leq 1000$  spectators = 75% of total Prize Money

## 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 is optional for all phases, but recommended
- 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 Organisers are obliged to run 2 CEV certified in-game data collection software, E-scoresheet & DataVolley.
- Host Organisers 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 Organisers 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 2023 will be played with the

### **MIKASA Ball V200W**

Each registered team will receive 20 MIKASA balls and the Final Four organisers will receive additionally 60 balls each.

## 12. Calendar Conference

Please notice that the Calendar Conference with the respective National Federations will be held at the CEV Headquarters in Luxembourg on

**Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 10:00 CET.**

The participants that are prevented from travelling may join the meeting over video conference call. The link for the call will be shared in advance.

## 13. Marketing & Commercial Rights

### **League Phase**

- a. 80% of visibility on and off-court advertising are granted to the Organisers of a tournament and/or match, 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. The LED system is optional for all phases, but recommended
- d. Protected product categories by CEV:  
"Betting & Gambling" and "Sports equipment – Volleyballs".
- e. All other categories are considered non-exclusive

### **Final Four**

See Candidature application guideline.

## 14. Media Rights & Production

The appointed National Federations shall respect the following requirements applying to the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2023 – League Round & Final Four.

### **League Phase**

Media Rights

The CEV is granting to the organising National Federations the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to their **home matches only** in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

There is no media rights reciprocity allowed in the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2023. All media rights in relation to the National Federations away matches are exclusively retained by the CEV Sport Media Agency. To acquire such rights, you can contact the CEV Sport Media Agency:

- Mrs. Ottavia Perra, Associate Director Media Sales / [Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com](mailto:Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com)
- Mrs. Deborah Termanini Media Operations / [deborah.termanini@infrontsports.com](mailto:deborah.termanini@infrontsports.com)

## Production obligation

The production of matches during the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2022 – League Round is optional.

In case the appointed National Federations wish to produce their home matches, they shall inform CEV and fulfil the minimum broadcasting requirements indicated below (standard D):

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 3 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery\*: **via satellite only** (Eutelsat 7B or 10A carrier)
- Graphics: official CEV TV graphics package (to be provided by the CEV)
- Contact details: NF to provide to the CEV contact details of their host broadcaster or local production company 2 weeks prior to the start of the competition.

*\*For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the responsibility of the appointed National Federation to provide to the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency free-of-charge a TV signal with DVB-S2 standard via an established European satellite such as Eutelsat 7B or Eutelsat 10A. A Eutelsat certified SNG HD fully redundant (1+1) capable of transmission DVB-S2 2 MPEG4/H.264 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 with BISS 1 Encryption.*

The complete satellite parameters are provided in English to the CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency no later than 7 days before the start of the relevant match.

## Final Round

### Media Rights

In case of Final Four competition format, the CEV is granting to the National Federation appointed as Organiser of the Final Four the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to all the matches produced in its territory in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

In case of home/away competition format, the CEV is granting to the organising National Federations the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to their **home matches only** in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

There is no media rights reciprocity allowed between organising National Federations of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2023. All media rights in relation to the National Federations away matches are exclusively retained by the CEV Sport Media Agency. To acquire such rights, you can contact the CEV Sport Media Agency:

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## Production obligation



All matches of the Final Four shall be produced as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (standard C):

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 5 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery\*: via satellite only (Eutelsat 7B or 10A carrier)
- Graphics: official CEV TV graphics package (to be provided by the CEV prior to the tournament)
- Contact details: NF to provide to the CEV contact details of their host broadcaster or local production company 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

*\*For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the responsibility of the appointed National Federation to provide to the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency free-of-charge a TV signal with DVB-S2 standard via an established European satellite such as Eutelsat 7B or Eutelsat 10A. A Eutelsat certified SNG HD fully redundant (1+1) capable of transmission DVB-S2 2 MPEG4/H.264 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 with BISS 1 Encryption.*

The complete satellite parameters are provided in English to the CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency no later than seven (7) days before the start of the Final Four / semis or final matches.

## 15. Match Technology & Data

The match technology requirements in relation to the organisation of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League are stated in the CEV Competitions Regulation Article 95, Match Technology.

The appointed National Federations shall fulfil the below requirements:

- Compulsory use of the CEV data and statistics collection applications for each match of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2022 including but not limited to E-scoresheet and DataVolley software to ensure a professional collection and distribution of data and statistics.
- For the avoidance of any doubt, the CEV will provide to the National Federations the necessary credentials (incl. username and password) to access the data and statistics collection applications prior to the event.

To ensure a professional usage of the above-mentioned applications, it is the responsibility of each National Federation to provide the below services, equipment and resources free of charge to CEV for all matches of the CEV Competition:

- Download **latest** software version - <https://download.dataproject.com/cev>
- Necessary hardware to run adequately E-scoresheet application (such application is only available on Windows operating system).
  - Necessary hardware to run DataVolley applications for statistics delivery.
  - State-of-the art & high-speed internet connection as well as dedicated power supply.
  - Testing of the application and connectivity one (1) week prior to the competition in collaboration with CEV and its appointed official data provider.
  - Experienced human resources to operate E-scoresheet and Statistics software
    - One (1) E-scoresheet operator
    - One (1) Statistics Software operator



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