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Introduction

As per the information communicated in the [CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023/2024 Official Communication No.1](#), for the next two editions scheduled for 2023 and 2024, the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup will account for the European Olympic Qualification process for the one (1) spot per gender at stake to join the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Beach Volleyball competition.

Following the registration deadline, the following National Federations have been registered to participate in the competition

MEN (35 National Federations in total): AUSTRIA – BELGIUM – BULGARIA – CROATIA – CYPRUS – CZECHIA – DENMARK – ENGLAND – ESTONIA – FINLAND – FRANCE – GERMANY – GIBRALTAR – GREECE – HUNGARY – ISRAEL – ITALY – LATVIA – LITHUANIA – LUXEMBOURG – MOLDOVA – NETHERLANDS – NORTHERN IRELAND – NORWAY – POLAND – PORTUGAL – ROMANIA – SCOTLAND – SLOVAKIA – SLOVENIA – SPAIN – SWEDEN – SWITZERLAND – TÜRKİYE – UKRAINE

WOMEN (31 National Federations in total): AUSTRIA – BELGIUM – BULGARIA – CROATIA – CYPRUS – CZECHIA – DENMARK – ENGLAND – ESTONIA – FINLAND – FRANCE – GERMANY – GREECE – HUNGARY – ISRAEL – ITALY – LATVIA – LITHUANIA – NETHERLANDS – NORTHERN IRELAND – NORWAY – POLAND – PORTUGAL – ROMANIA – SCOTLAND – SLOVAKIA – SLOVENIA – SPAIN – SWITZERLAND – TÜRKİYE – UKRAINE

2023 Preliminary Phase

1.1. Pools Composition

The preliminary Phase of 2023 will be played in 7 pools per gender.

Each Pool will consist of minimum 4 and maximum 5 National Federations, based on the result of the Drawing of Lots that is scheduled for Monday 13 February 2023 at the CEV Head Office.

The Drawing of Lots will follow the following principles:

- The top 7 National Federations registered to the competition as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be placed as Pool leaders in descending order (Pools A to G)
- The next 7 National Federations registered to the competition (ranked 8 to 14) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be placed in Pools A to G in reverse order (NF ranked 8th in pool G, NF ranked 9th in Pool F, etc.)
- The next 7 National Federations registered to the competition (ranked 15 to 21) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be drawn in Pools A to G (NF drawn 15th in pool A, NF drawn 16th in Pool B, etc.)
- The next 7 National Federations registered to the competition (ranked 22 to 28) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be drawn in Pools A to G in reverse order (NF drawn 22nd in pool G, NF drawn 23rd in Pool F, etc.)
- **For the Men Competition:** the last group of National Federations registered (ranked 29 to 35) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be drawn in Pools A to G (NF drawn 29th in pool A, NF drawn 30th in Pool B, etc.).
- **For the Women Competition:** the last group of National Federations registered (ranked 29 to 31) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10th will be drawn in Pools A to G (both NF and pool drawn).

1.2. Competition Calendar

The pools will be played in one of the following calendar weeks, based on the candidature applications that will be received for the event hosting, in line with the 2023 Beach Volley Nations Cup Preliminary Phase Candidature Application document.

- Week 19: May 8 to 14
- Week 20: May 15 to 21
- Week 21: May 22 to 28
- Week 23: June 5 to 11

1.3. Seeding within each pool

The countries will be seeded in each Pool according to the sum of the CEV Entry Ranking points of their respective players on the day of the Preliminary Inquiry of each pool. In case of a tie, a drawing of lots will decide the seeding.

"Team 1" from each participating National Federation is defined the one with the highest sum of Entry Ranking points on the day amongst the 2 teams attending the Preliminary Inquiry.

1.4. Competition format

The competition format follows a country vs country format and is detailed in Official Communication No1.

Pools of 5 NFs will be played with the following Double Elimination format:

- Match No1: NF seeded #5 vs NF seeded #4
- Match No2: NF seeded #3 vs NF seeded #2
- Match No3: NF seeded #1 vs Winner Match No1
- Match No 4: Loser Match No1 vs Loser Match No2
- Match No 5: Winner Match No2 vs Loser Match No3
- Match No 6: Winner Match No3 vs Loser Match No4
- Match No 7 – Final: Winner Match No5 vs Winner Match No6

Pools of 4NFs will be played with the following Double Elimination format:

- Match No1: NF seeded #1 vs NF seeded #4
- Match No2: NF seeded #3 vs NF seeded #2
- Match No3: Winner Match No1 vs Loser Match No2
- Match No 4: Loser Match No1 vs Winner Match No2
- Match No 5 – Final: Winner Match No3 vs Winner Match No4

In case of any last moment withdrawal or injury leading to a Pool of 3 NFs this Pool will be played with the standard single round robin format.

The winner of each pool qualifies to the 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final together with the Organiser.

In case the Organiser of the Final is one of the 7 qualified National Federations or a spot to the Final becomes available due to a late withdrawal, this will be allocated to the next best ranked National Federation in the respective pool.

1.5. Competition Schedule

In the "best-of-three" format the sequence of matches will be as following:

- Match No. 1: The teams with the smallest sum of entry ranking points from each NF
- Match No. 2: The teams with the highest sum of entry ranking points from each NF
- Match No. 3: "Golden SET" – in case of a tie in matches won and lost, a Golden SET to 15 points without a cap will be played right after the end of the 2nd match.

The Head of Delegation of each NF, as identified during the Preliminary Inquiry, confirms in writing to the CEV Supervisor which athletes will play the Golden SET (Optional: this can be a mix of the two teams).

1.6. Right of Participation & Registration

There are no limitations for the participation in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023.

The conditions for the right of participation are detailed in Official Communication No1.

1.7. Players' Registration

Following the Drawing of Lots, the CEV will create the 7 pools in the VIS. The participating NFs need to register 2 teams per gender through the CEV/FIVB Online Registration System by the – 30 days registration deadline.

1.8. Substitution of a Player

Before the registration deadline, a National Federation may substitute any player from either teams through the VIS, without any consequences.

After the Registration deadline, a National Federation may substitute any player from either teams in case of injury/medical reason or "force majeure" through the CEV BV-03 form; respective proof or documentation must be presented to the CEV.

1.9. Prize Money

No Prize Money is allocated to the 2023 Beach Volley Nations Cup Preliminary Phase.

National Federations qualifying to the Final will receive the Prize Money made available for the 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final.

1.10. Rules of the Game

As per the information announced in Official Communication No1.

1.11. Athletes' Uniforms & Accessories

As per the information announced in Official Communication No1, National Federations are responsible for providing their athletes with uniforms for the Preliminary Phase and may use their own sponsors as per the annexed layout.

Each participating National Federation has to provide two different and contrasting colours per team.

In case of non-conformity and not using the uniforms during the matches, official warm-up and awarding ceremony, sanctions will be applied according to the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations

1.12. Allocation of points

World Ranking points will be allocated to the participants of the CEV Beach Volleyball Nations Cup Preliminary Rounds according to the FIVB Sport Operations Manual World Ranking allocation table (Continental Olympic Qualification Preliminary Phase).

Financial Regulations

1.13. Transportation & Accommodation

All participating National Federations are responsible for their International Travel to the respective tournament.

For the 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Preliminary Phase, the organiser of each respective pool will provide full-board accommodation to six delegation members from the evening prior to the 1st competition day until one day after their elimination from the tournament (noon) in twin rooms.

For each delegation member, the participating National Federation will pay to the organiser a contribution fee of 100€ per day per person.

1.14. Participation & License Fees

A participation and License fee will be applied to all National Federations as per the information announced in Official Communication No1.

Further Information

All necessary information about the Preliminary Phase pools will be circulated to National Federations by using the event's Practical Info documents.

Additional information concerning the competition and the registered teams will be published on the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup section of the CEV website.

Contact Addresses

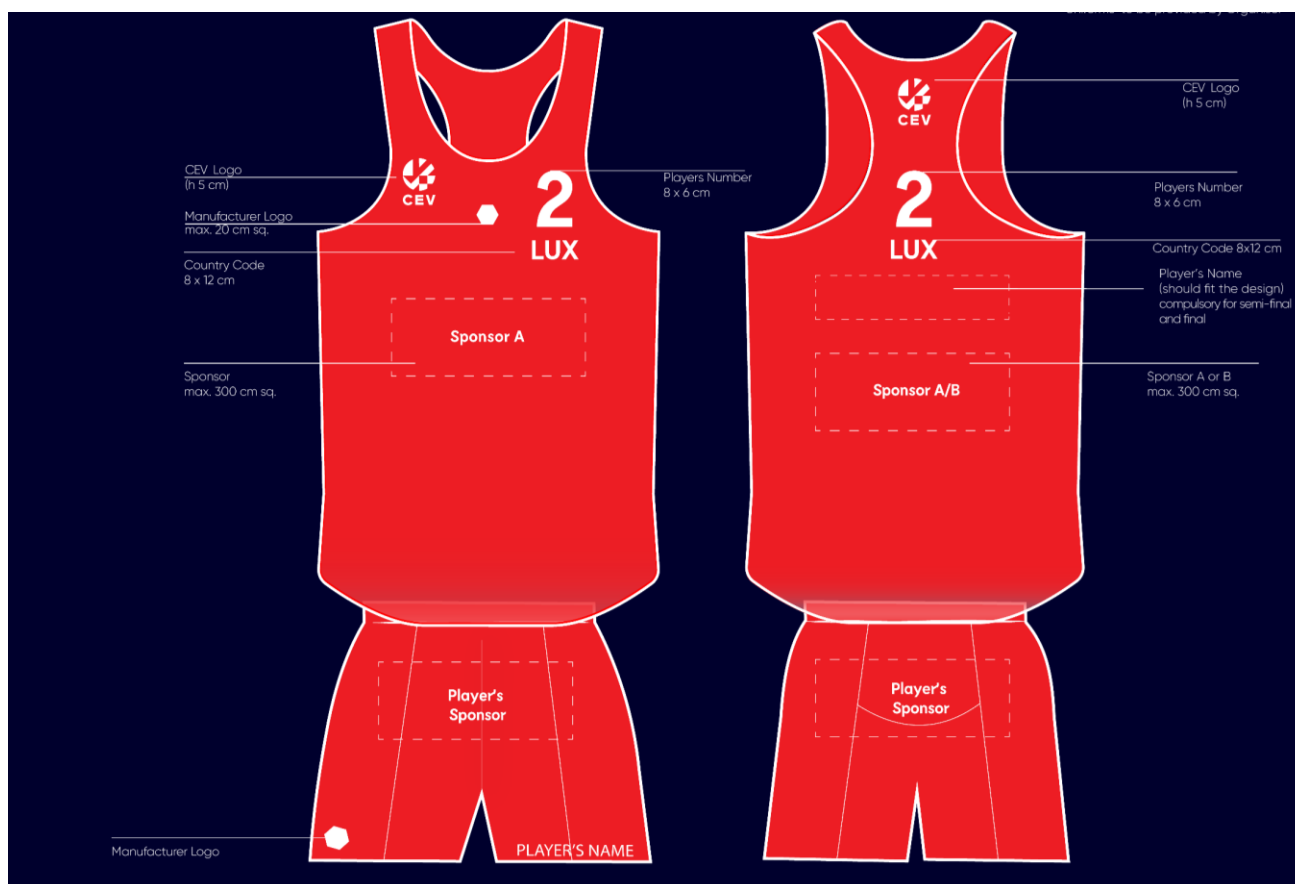
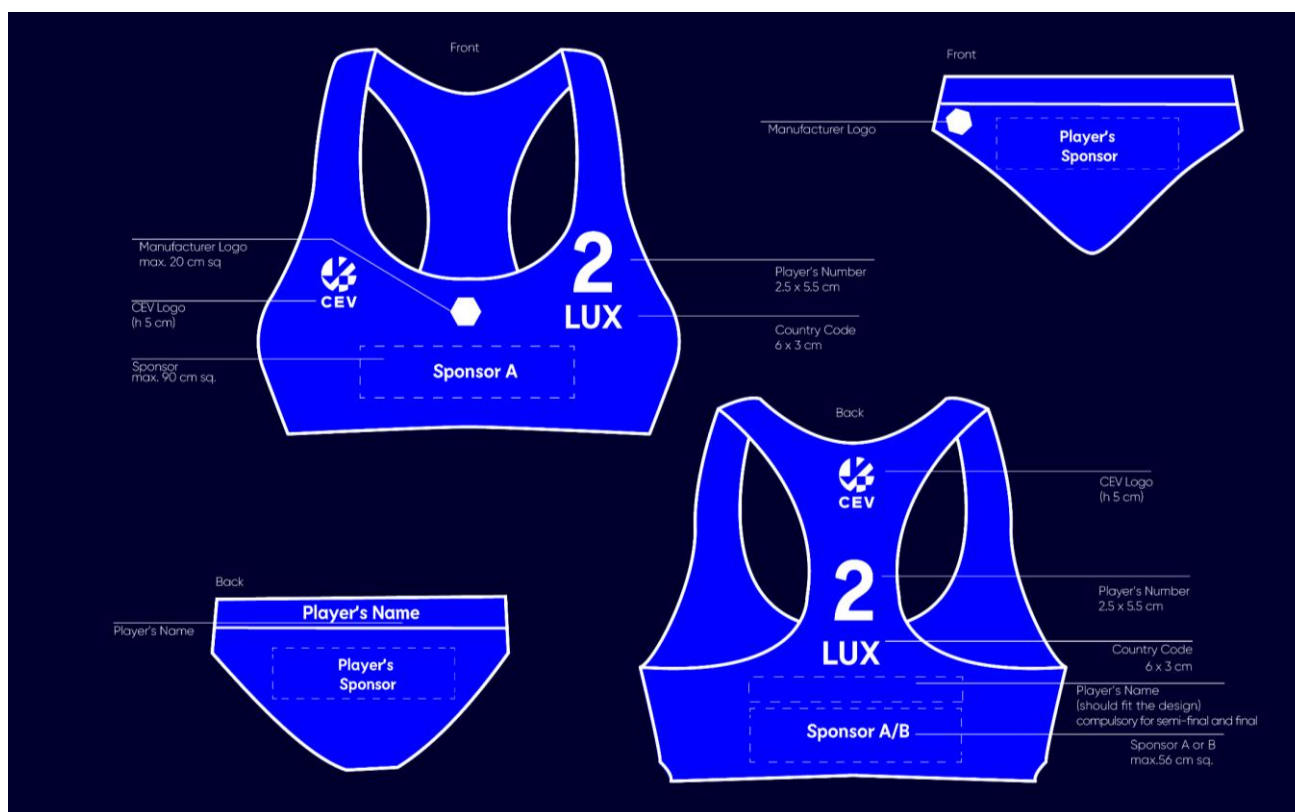
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ANNEX: Players' Uniforms Layout





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