

CEV EuroVolley 2021

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1. Final Round: Competition System

As per decision of the Board of Administration, the competition system of each CEV competition is now communicated through the Official Communications.

The competition system for the CEV EuroVolley 2021, Men and Women is as follows:

Phase	Competition method	Organisation
Final phase		
Final round		
Gold Medal match	Knock-out with a single-leg match	Tournament
Bronze Medal match		
Semifinals		
1/4 finals		
1/8 finals		
Preliminary pools	Round robin with a single-leg match	
Qualification phase		
Qualification round	Double round robin	exceptionally tournaments

1.1 General provisions

National Federations not qualifying to further levels are eliminated from the CEV competition.

1.2 Qualification round

National Federations are allocated to pools composed of 3 to 4 National Federations.

The 12 best placed of all pools qualify to the Final phase.

1.3 Final round

The Final round is organised with the 24 following National Federations:

- i. 4 Organisers, directly qualified,
- ii. 8 National Federations, directly qualified according to the standing of the 2019 CEV competition edition.
- iii. 12 National Federations, qualified from the Qualification round,

The 24 National Federations are allocated equally in 4 Preliminary pools. In each Preliminary pool, the four best placed qualify to the 1/8 finals.

In the 1/8 finals, the 8 winners qualify to the 1/4 finals.

In the 1/4 finals, the 4 winners qualify to the Semifinals.

In the Semifinals, the 2 winners qualify to the Gold Medal match and the 2 losers of the Semifinals qualify to the Bronze Medal match,

In the Gold Medal match, the winner is the winner of the CEV EuroVolley 2021.

2. Final Round: Allocation of Teams

As per decision of the Board of Administration, the allocation of teams is now also communicated through the Official Communications.

The allocation of teams for the final round of the CEV EuroVolley 2021 – Men and Women is as follows:

PRELIMINARY POOLS

The drawing of lots is combined with a seeding of National Federations and performed as follows:

- The 4 Organisers are seeded in different Preliminary pools.
 - For Men: POLAND in Pool A, CZECH REPUBLIC in Pool B, FINLAND in Pool C and ESTONIA in Pool D
 - For Women: SERBIA in Pool A, BULGARIA in Pool B, CROATIA in Pool C and ROMANIA in Pool D,
- The first and second best ranked from the previous edition of the CEV competition do not play against each other in the Preliminary pools and are drawn in different Preliminary pools,
- By the CEV Board of Administration decision, each organiser has selected a team to their respective pool
- According to the CEV National Team ranking list, National Federations are seeded by descending order in a number of cups that equals the number of Preliminary pools.
- From each cup one National Federation is then drawn in each Preliminary pool.

1/8 FINALS

Will be played in CZE and POL for Men and in SRB and in BUL for Women.
National Federations are seeded as follows:

- The best four classified teams from Pool A and C play against each other. Same for Pool B and D, as follows:



1/4 FINALS

Men: The 1/4 Finals will be played in two host countries (Gdansk POL and Ostrava CZE) between the two winners of the 1/8 Finals that were played in the same country.

Women: The 1/4 Finals will be played in two host countries (Belgrade SRB and Plovdiv BUL) between the two winners of the 1/8 Finals that were played in the same country.



SEMIFINALS and FINALS

In both competitions (Men/Women) the Semifinal losers will continue to the Bronze Medal match and winners will continue to the Gold Medal match for the title of the CEV EuroVolley 2021 Winner.

Those final matches will be played in Katowice (POL) for the men's competition and in Belgrade (SRB) for the women's competition.

3. Final Round: Dates, Venues and DOL

The CEV EuroVolley 2021 dates have been confirmed as follows:

MEN

From 01 to 19 September 2021 in POLAND (Krakow, Gdansk, Katowice), in CZECH REPUBLIC (Ostrava), in FINLAND (Tampere) and in ESTONIA (Tallinn).

The Men's DOL will take place in Helsinki (FIN) on Thursday 27/05/2021, more detailed information will follow in due time.

WOMEN

From 18 August to 04 September 2021 in SERBIA (Belgrade), BULGARIA (Plovdiv), CROATIA (Zadar) and ROMANIA (Cluj-Napoca).

The Women's DOL will take place in Belgrade (SRB) on Thursday 20/05/2021, more detailed information will follow in due time.

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1. Teams Qualified to the Final Round

Below the confirmed 24 teams participating in the Final Round of the CEV EuroVolley 2021 (Men/Women).

STATUS OF TEAMS	#	MEN		#	WOMEN	
Level where the team will start the Championship		Country/NF	↓ CEV EuroVolley 2019 Standing/ European Ranking		Country/NF	↓ 2019 CEV Women ECH Finals Standing/ European Ranking
① The Organisers (4) and the 8 best classified teams from the CEV EuroVolley 2019 Finals are directly qualified to the CEV EuroVolley 2021 <i>(according to the 2019 CEV Men's & Women's EuroVolley final standing)</i>	1	POL	ORG. + 3. / 4	1	SRB	ORG. + 1. / 1
	2	CZE	ORG. + 13. / 12	2	BUL	ORG. + 8. / 8
	3	FIN	ORG. + 14. / 13	3	CRO	ORG. + 11. / 9
	4	EST	ORG. + 24. / 16	4	ROU	ORG. + 13. / 15
	5	SRB	1. / 1	5	TUR	2. / 2 ⁽¹⁾
	6	SLO	2. / 7	6	ITA	3. / 2 ⁽²⁾
	7	FRA	4. / 6	7	POL	4. / 10
	8	RUS	5. / 2	8	NED	5. / 2 ⁽³⁾
	9	ITA	6. / 4	9	GER	6. / 7
	10	UKR	7. / 14 ⁽¹⁾	10	RUS	7. / 6
	11	GER	8. / 9	11	BEL	9. / 12
	12	BEL	9. / 3	12	AZE	10. / 5
② Teams qualified to the Final Round through the qualification round <i>(the European Ranking Dated: 01/01/2020 Men and 01/01/2020 Women)</i>	13	NED	8	13	BLR	11
	14	BUL	10	14	UKR	13
	15	TUR	11	15	ESP	14
	16	ESP	14 ⁽²⁾	16	SVK	15
	17	SVK	17	17	HUN	17
	18	GRE	18	18	CZE	19
	19	BLR	19	19	FRA	20
	20	POR	20	20	FIN	21
	21	MNE	21	21	GRE	22
	22	LAT	23	22	SUI	24
	23	MKD	24	23	BIH	30
	24	CRO	27	24	SWE	34

2. Final Round Pools

The women's DOL took place on 20/05/2021 in Belgrade (SRB) and respectively men's DOL on 27/05/2021 in Helsinki (FIN), here are the confirmed pools and venues:

WOMEN				
POOL A in Belgrade (SRB)			Pool B in Plovdiv (BUL)	
SERBIA	(SRB)		BULGARIA	(BUL)
AZERBAIJAN	(AZE)		POLAND	(POL)
RUSSIA	(RUS)		GERMANY	(GER)
BELGIUM	(BEL)		SPAIN	(ESP)
FRANCE	(FRA)		CZECH REPUBLIC	(CZE)
BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA	(BIH)		GREECE	(GRE)
POOL C in Zadar (CRO)			Pool D in Cluj-Napoca (ROU)	
CROATIA	(CRO)		ROMANIA	(ROU)
ITALY	(ITA)		TURKEY	(TUR)
BELARUS	(BLR)		THE NETHERLANDS	(NED)
SLOVAKIA	(SVK)		UKRAINE	(UKR)
HUNGARY	(HUN)		FINLAND	(FIN)
SWITZERLAND	(SUI)		SWEDEN	(SWE)

MEN				
POOL A in Krakow (POL)			Pool B in Ostrava (CZE)	
POLAND	(POL)		CZECH REPUBLIC	(CZE)
BELGIUM	(BEL)		ITALY	(ITA)
SERBIA	(SRB)		SLOVENIA	(SLO)
UKRAINE	(UKR)		BULGARIA	(BUL)
GREECE	(GRE)		BELARUS	(BLR)
PORTUGAL	(POR)		MONTENEGRO	(MNE)
POOL C in Tampere (FIN)			Pool D in Tallinn (EST)	
FINLAND	(FIN)		ESTONIA	(EST)
RUSSIA	(RUS)		LATVIA	(LAT)
THE NETHERLANDS	(NED)		FRANCE	(FRA)
TURKEY	(TUR)		GERMANY	(GER)
SPAIN	(ESP)		SLOVAKIA	(SVK)
NORTH MACEDONIA	(MKD)		CROATIA	(CRO)

3. Final Round Administrative Deadlines

Further detailed information related to the CEV EuroVolley 2021 event will follow through the Teams Handbook that will be released in due time before the start of the respective event.

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information
CONTACT DETAILS OF PARTICIPATING NFs and THEIR TEAM DELEGATION	July 11th 2021 <u>Women</u> July 25th 2021 <u>Men</u>	All participating National Federations are required to provide <u>email and phone number</u> of the following persons on their NF/delegation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NFs TEAM ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR - HEAD COACH - TEAM MANAGER - TEAM MEDIA OFFICER 	Please send an email to events@cev.eu with the requested contact details.
PLAYER LICENSES (remaining new players)	July 11th 2021 <u>Women</u>	All participating National Federations are required to apply any new potential players by requesting for player licenses using the existing CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user area of the CEV Database. The already approved licenses remain valid until the end of the ECH.
PLAYER LICENSES (remaining new players)	July 25th 2021 <u>Men</u>	All participating National Federations are required to apply any new potential players by requesting for player licenses using the existing CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user area of the CEV Database. The already approved licenses remain valid until the end of the ECH.
TRAVEL TICKETS	July 24th 2021 <u>Women</u> August 07th 2021 <u>Men</u>	Organisers must ensure that the travel ticket(s) and/or the information as to when and where the tickets can be collected <u>are with the Jury/SRC Members and Referees.</u>	
PLAYERS 'LONG LIST'	July 18th 2021 <u>Women</u>	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the CEV 05 Form ('TEAM REGISTRATION').	The CEV 05 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database. It is limited to a maximum of 24 players, out of which maximum 14 players will eventually participate in the match. After it is approved, the CEV 05bis will be automatically created.

TOP EVENTS MEDIA (TEM) form	July 18th 2021 <u>Women</u>	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the TEM form ('TOP EVENTS MEDIA form'). Information and photos are required from a minimum of 3 players.	The TEM Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
PLAYERS 'LONG LIST'	August 01st 2021 <u>Men</u>	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the CEV 05 Form ('TEAM REGISTRATION'). Please verify each leg's deadline directly on the 05 Form.	The CEV 05 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database. It is limited to a maximum of 24 players, out of which maximum players 14 will eventually participate in the match. After it is approved the CEV 05bis will be automatically created.
TOP EVENTS MEDIA (TEM) form	August 01st 2021 <u>Men</u>	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the TEM form ('TOP EVENTS MEDIA form'). Information and photos are required from a minimum of 3 players.	The TEM Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
TEAM's ACCREDITATION	July 18th 2021 <u>Women</u> August 01st 2021 <u>Men</u>	By the set deadline all participating NF are obliged to upload individual photos of their all 'Team Officials' and all 'Extra Team Officials' that are in the CEV 05 Form and <u>insert inside the NFs Contact list, under National Team Management their photos.</u>	<u>This is mandatory in order those persons will get Accreditation Badges for the competition.</u> The players' photos are coming directly from 04 form.
CEV 05bis FORM	Before each teams Preliminary Inquiry	Before attending their Preliminary Inquiry, each team must complete and close the CEV 05bis form inside the CEV Database. (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION)	The maximum 14 players listed on the CEV 05bis form must have already featured on the CEV 05 form (i.e. the players 'long list'). **)

*****) RULE, Section 2: CEV competitions, Chapter 3: Participation, Article 21.4.2 D) §3**

"Notwithstanding art. 21.4.2 D) paragraph 1c, during the CEV Volleyball European Championship Final Phase, a Participant may change one player after the Preliminary Inquiry, by a player registered on the relevant CEV form (05), if it is justified by duly proven medical reasons. The team requesting such change will cover all related extra costs."

4. Final Round Match Schedule

The detailed match schedule will be released on the CEV website and all updates in the future before the start of the event are set directly there, due to possible TV reason.

5. Tickets for Teams

PRELIMINARY ROUND (for each playing team):

- 10% of the total seating capacity for normal tickets to be bought at a preferred rate and shall be confirmed until 1 July 2021;
- 4 VIP tickets free of charge and shall be confirmed by the respective team at the Preliminary Inquiry
- 10 VIP tickets to be bought at a reduced rate and shall be confirmed until 15 July 2021
- 30 normal category tickets free of charge for the family of the players and shall be confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry.

After the expiration of the above stated deadlines, unused reserved tickets for the Preliminary pools may be used by the Organiser at its sole discretion.

EIGHTH AND QUARTER FINALS (for each playing team):

- 200 normal tickets to be bought at a reduced rate;
- 18 VIP tickets (8 free of charge and 10 to be bought at a reduced rate);
- 30 family tickets with normal access free of charge.

SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS (for each playing team):

- minimum 100 normal tickets to be bought at a reduced rate;
- 30 VIP tickets (15 free and 15 to be bought at a reduced rate);
- 30 family tickets with normal access free of charge.

At the end of each match of the elimination phase of the CEV EuroVolley 2021, the Organiser shall inform the qualified teams about the availability of the above-mentioned tickets and set a reasonable deadline time on the day of the respective match in which the Team delegation participates. After such deadline, unused reserved tickets may be used by the Organiser at its sole discretion.



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1. CEV EuroVolley 2021 COVID-19 Contingency Plan

Referring to the CEV Board of Administration decision from 14 August 2021 and linked to the CEV Volleyball Competition Regulations Article 3, paragraph §2 Enforcement; *"in case a national law prevents the compliance with the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations"* the following decisions for the CEV EuroVolley 2021 Final Phase have been taken:

1.1. COVID 19 – Medical Joker

According to the CEV Competition Regulations, Article 21.4.2, D, Change of Players after the selection procedure:

§1 A Participating team may change a Player under the following conditions:

- a. Change is justified by duly proven medical reasons or Force Majeure,
- b. Change is done before the preliminary inquiry,
- c. The replacing Player complies with article 21.4.1.

§3 Notwithstanding article 21.4.2 D) paragraph §1 b and c, *during the EuroVolley Final Phase a Participant may change one player after the Preliminary Inquiry, by a player registered on the relevant CEV form 05, if it is justified by duly proven medical reasons.*

Decision:

During the EuroVolley 2021 Final Phase, a Participant has the right to change a player proven contaminated with the COVID-19 virus or officially quarantined, with a player registered on the relevant Form 05 (24 players). If the replaced player is no more subject to any COVID-19 restrictions, they may return to the Competition only in the place of the previously replacing player. The COVID-19 Medical Joker change ratio is 1:1, one contaminated/quarantined vs. one new player.

1.2. Default, withdrawal and incomplete Participant in a Preliminary Round

Decision:

To apply the existing CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulation Article 21.9 §1:
A Participant, declared in default, forfeits the relevant match. Result of such match is 3-0, with 25-0 for each set in favour of the not-defaulting Participant.

1.3. Teams qualified to the next round;

Decision:

- a) 1/8 Finals
 - In case a team qualified for the 1/8 Finals is not able to continue the competition, the next best standing team from the concerned pool will be promoted.
- b) 1/4 Finals
 - In case a team qualified for the 1/4 Finals is not able to continue the competition, the respective opponent from the 1/8 Final match will compete instead.
- c) 1/2 Finals
 - In case a team qualified for the 1/2 Final is not able to continue the competition, the respective opponent from the 1/4 Final match will compete instead.



d) Final

- In case one of the teams qualified for the Final is not able to continue the competition, the respective opponent from the 1/2 Final match will compete instead.

1.4. National Teams Ranking

Decision:

A team eliminated from the Competition due to COVID-19 reasons will receive the respective ranking points according to the round it qualified to until elimination and according to the team final standing in the Competition.

1.5. FIVB World Championship

According to the FIVB World Championship 2022 Qualification system, the top two teams from Continental Championships held in 2021 will qualify to the WCH 2022.

Decision:

The teams playing in the Final match are qualified for the FIVB World Championship 2022.

2. COVID-19 Medical Joker Procedure

Following the CEV Board of Administration decision on the CEV EuroVolley 2021 Contingency Plan regarding the COVID-19 Medical Joker, please find the procedure to be followed:

- The team should officially request either in a written form or orally to replace a contaminated player who has returned a COVID-19 positive test or is officially quarantined to the CEV Jury Member not later than ONE hour before the official start of the match.
- The replacing player shall follow the CEV EuroVolley 2021 Hygiene Guidelines at all times
- Once the CEV Jury Member inspects the relevant documents, the decision will be effective immediately
- All changes about the replacement will be made manually inside the E-scoresheet & Data Volley (statistics) before every match still to be played.
- The requesting team will cover all related extra costs (if any).
- The decision of the Jury will be published in the Daily Bulletin.



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