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Introduction

Since its introduction in 2023 the **CEV Beach Volley European Cup** aims at incorporating Beach Volleyball Clubs in the CEV Beach Volleyball ecosystem, in close collaboration with National Federations and other stakeholders.

Following a successful 2025 season with a record number of participating Clubs and events, the CEV is now launching the 2026 edition.

As per the principle applied in the 2025 edition the CEV Beach Volley European Cup 2026 is planned for the last quarter of 2026, following completion of the qualification process detailed below.

Men's and Women's competitions will run separately from each other. The 2026 edition of the Beach Volley European Cup will consist of 2 phases: a Preliminary Phase (pools and events to be confirmed at a later stage) and a Final tournament, featuring 8 clubs per gender.

1. Qualification Process

1.1. Zonal Event qualification pathway

Each Zonal Association is entitled to host one qualifying event towards the Beach Volley European Cup. The Zonal Association Club Championship winner obtains the right to compete in the CEV Beach Volley European Cup (preliminary phase).

The homologation of the qualifying Zonal Event needs to happen by **April 30th 2026**, by submitting the Zonal Beach Volleyball Clubs Competition Homologation form. This form contains the relevant organising terms and conditions to host such competition. This event must be concluded by **15th of July 2026 at latest**.

To participate in the Zonal Beach Volleyball Clubs Competition, a club must participate also in their respective National Clubs Championships.

All qualified Clubs having the right and wish to participate in the Beach Volley European Cup need to be registered by the respective National Federation **by July 16th** through the relevant [Registration Application form](#). The registration of the athletes due to represent the Clubs is due by **August 27th, 2026 at latest**.

1.2. National Championship qualification pathway

As per the previous editions, each National Federation is entitled to host one or multiple events to qualify Beach Volleyball Clubs to the CEV Beach Volley European Cup.

National Federations with an already existing or planned National Clubs competition shall define and communicate to the CEV the respective information (number of events, process of clubs registration, number of participating clubs etc.) by **April 30th, 2026**, through the respective National Clubs competition Homologation Form.

The National Beach Volleyball Club competition needs to be concluded **by August 16th, 2026, at the latest**.

The **winners** of the National Clubs competition obtain the right to compete in the CEV Beach Volley European Cup 2026.

In addition, **a 2nd spot is allocated to the 2nd ranked Clubs from the top 4 National Federations** in the 2026 CEV Beach Volleyball NF Ranking that can be found here: [Rankings | CEV](#).

If a Club wins both the Zonal Association Club Championship and its respective National Club competition, the qualification from the Zonal Association Championship will be prioritised. The vacant spot from the National Clubs competition will be granted to the next eligible Club.

All qualified Clubs having the right and wish to participate in the Beach Volley European Cup need to be registered by the respective National Federation **within two weeks from the end of the respective National Championship 2026** through the relevant [Registration Application form](#). Should the championship happen in August, the latest deadline to sign up the club will be 17th of August 2026. The registration of the athletes due to represent the Clubs is due **by August 27th, 2026 at latest**.

1.3. European Cup Final organiser's spot

The organiser of the Final will be granted a spot to the Final and may be a National Federation or a Club and will be confirmed through the Candidature Application process initiated by the CEV.

In case the organiser is the National Federation, the winning Club of the respective National Federation will earn this spot provided that the National Clubs Championship is duly homologated.

In case the organiser is a Club, this will automatically earn the right to participate in the European Cup Final, provided that:

- ✓ The NF supports the Candidature Application to host the event
- ✓ The Club participates in their respective homologated National Clubs competition

Should the same Club win also the National Championship, the right to participate to the European Cup (Preliminary Phase) will be allocated to the next best ranked Club in the National competition.

1.4. 2025 European Cup Winner spot

If the winning Clubs of the 2025 CEV Beach Volley European Cup edition do not reach qualification through the above mentioned pathways, they will still obtain the right to register for the 2026 CEV Beach Volley European Cup (Preliminary Phase).

2. Competition

2.1. Dates and format

The 2026 edition of the Beach Volley European Cup will consist of 2 phases: a Preliminary Phase and a Final tournament, featuring 8 clubs per gender.

The spots will be allocated the spots to the Final will be allocated through a preliminary phase that will involve all registered Clubs, apart from the organiser of the Final. The preliminary phase will be completed the following weekends:

- 26th – 27th of September 2026
- 3rd – 4th of October 2026

The competition is played in a Club vs Club format where each Beach Volleyball Club participates with 2 teams and a delegation of minimum 4 and maximum 6 athletes, minimum 1 coach and 1 head of delegation. The coach cannot be a player registered for the competition and it is a mandatory requirement for this competition.

The preliminary phase will be organised in pools, considering the number of homologated National events and registered clubs, seeding and geographical criteria and will be detailed in subsequent Official Communications.

Each participating National Federation/Club has the right to apply for the organisation of the Preliminary Phase tournaments. A document detailing the organising conditions will be shared to all NFs/Clubs concerned and will follow the principles applied in the Final in regard to the

CEV support and participating Clubs' obligations, yet lower organisational conditions for the organising NF/Beach Volleyball Club will be required. The document will be shared with all stakeholders in January 2026.

In case of insufficient number of organisers for the Preliminary Phase, these will be drawn amongst the registered Beach Volleyball Clubs.

2.2. **CEV Beach Volley European Cup NF Ranking**

The CEV Beach Volley Cup NF ranking reflects the results of each past edition and the current standing of participating National Federations.

Ranking points are allocated to all clubs participating in the CEV Beach Volley European Cup, including those participating in the preliminary phase, and are retained over a period of three years with a percentage of 60% for the points resulting from the most recent edition of the competition, 30% for those from the event held a year earlier and 10% for the remaining edition included in this three-year period.

The ranking follows the below scale and will be used for the seeding of Clubs representing their respective NF. The seeding of additional Clubs from the same NF will follow the seeding of all NF champions as per the principle applied in the CEV Volleyball Clubs competitions.

Rank	Points final	Rank	Points preliminary phase
1	100	9	45
2	90	Next*	40
3	80	Next*	35
4	70	Next*	30
5	60	Next*	25
7	50	Next*	20

** The ranking points for those clubs not qualifying to the Final are based on the number of total registrations and the competition format of the preliminary phase tournaments.*

2.3. Prize money

A Prize Money of 17,500 EUR per gender will be allocated in the Beach Volley European Cup Final, as per the following breakdown:

Rank	Prize money (per Club)
1	7,000 €
2	4,000 €
3	2,500 €
4	1,500 €
5	750 €
7	500 €

No prize Money is allocated for the preliminary phase tournaments.

2.4. Athletes' Uniforms & Accessories

Each participating Club is responsible for providing all delegations members with uniforms, including the athletes' tops/jerseys. Extensive marketing exploitation of the uniforms with exposure of up to 4 sponsors/supporters remains with the Club and as per the annexed layouts.

In addition, each participating Beach Volley Club retains the right of displaying a Title Sponsor in the official Club's name used for the entire competition.

2.5. Transportation, Board and Lodging

- Preliminary Phase: all participating Clubs are responsible for their travel, board and lodging expenses.
- Final: all participating Clubs are responsible for their international travel and for any further expenses such as visa or airport taxes. Board, lodging and local transportation will be arranged by the organiser. Participating clubs will pay a contribution fee as detailed in the Financial Regulations section of this document.

3. Financial Regulations

3.1. Participation Fee

To participate in the CEV Beach Volley European Cup, the respective Club shall pay a once off participation fee of 200,- EUR to the CEV through their respective National Federation.

3.2. License Fee

For each athlete participating in the CEV Beach Volley European Cup, each Club shall pay a once off license fee of 50,- EUR, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice and through the respective National Federation, as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

3.1. Contribution Fee – Beach Volley European Cup FINAL

Each participating club shall pay a contribution fee to the organiser to support expenses associated with their accommodation and local transportation. Such fee is 130, - EUR (one hundred thirty Euros) for each delegation member per night for the period from the official day of arrival until the day after of their elimination from the competition. More specifically the fee

includes transportation from the official venue of arrival to the official hotel for the athletes and up to two (2) duly accredited team officials (coach, head of delegation, physiotherapist) on the official days of arrival and departure and full board hotel accommodation in twin rooms from the official day of arrival (starting with dinner) until the official day of departure (breakfast included).

4. Further Information

All necessary information about the competition will be circulated to National Federations by using the Official Communications and the relevant Practical Info documents.

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

5. Contact Addresses

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ANNEX: ATHLETES UNIFORMS LAYOUT



A Club may present maximum 2 sponsors on each side of the top or the same sponsor on both the front and back sides. For the shorts/bottoms, any sponsors' appearance shall follow the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

Each Club needs to prepare 2 sets of uniforms (tank tops and shorts/bottoms) in different colours numbered from 1 to 6



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