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# 1. Introduction

By registering for participation in the CEV European Golden League 2024, all the teams commit to following the CEV Competition Regulations, Guidelines, and Official Communications. The latest version of the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations' is available here:

[https://inside.cev.eu/media/lenn2kyq/leg\\_cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations\\_approved\\_boa\\_25-02-2023\\_final.pdf](https://inside.cev.eu/media/lenn2kyq/leg_cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations_approved_boa_25-02-2023_final.pdf)

All participants are required to be aware of the content of this document, in particular the specific provisions outlined in Chapters 20 and 26.

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

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

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: 12 teams per gender according to the CEV European National Team Ranking (as of October 9, 2023 for men and September 25, 2023 for women, respectively) and considering the below criteria:

- National Teams not participating in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League 2024
- The best ranked teams registered for the CEV European League 2024 plus the winners of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2023 (Men: Latvia; Women: Estania) will play the 2024 edition of the Golden League.

# 3. Competition Format

Further to the feedback received from the participating National Federations and according to the decision made by the CEV Board of Administration this past September 16, 2023 in Rome, the format for CEV European Golden League 2024 Men & Women has been adjusted to follow the similar format as applied in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League.

## League Phase

- Each team is hosting one of the three-day tournaments (Friday to Sunday) with two opponents
- Each team will travel for two tournaments played away from home.
- Each team will play six matches in total with just as many different opponents.
- The 12 participating teams will be listed from 1 to 12 according to the CEV National Team Ranking as of October 9, 2023 and September 25, 2023 for men and women, respectively.



- The number assigned to each team will determine who will host and participate in the respective tournaments.
- The hosting team will play their matches on the first and third day of the tournament.
- There will be one common table to define the final standing of the League Phase considering all teams and their respective matches played.
- Due to the specific competition formula, it will not be possible to modify the hosts, participants and dates defined for each tournament.
- Last ranked team of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 will be relegated to the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2025.

### Final Phase

- Final Four tournament – 1 organiser + three best ranked teams after the end of the League Phase. If Organiser after League Round is among the top three, the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team will qualify to the Final Four tournament as well. If the organiser is not among the top four, the top three from the League Phase will join the host in the Final Four.
- Depending on the FIVB decision, the winner and runner-up will qualify to the 2024 FIVB Challenger Cup.
- The organisers of the Final Four are also required to compete in the League Phase.
- If there is no organiser of the Final Four, the semi-finals (1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3) and finals will be played in home & away format, while the better ranked team will host the second match at home.

## 4. Competition Calendar

The reserved periods in which the competition will take place are:

### League Phase (Men & Women)

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> Tournament | 17 – 19 May 2024     |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tournament | 24 – 26 May 2024     |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tournament | 31 May – 2 June 2024 |

### Final Phase

- |                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Final Four Women | 15/16 June 2024 – Czechia     |
| • Final Four Men   | 15/16 June 2024 – Country TBD |

If there is no organiser of the Final Four, the semi-final matches will be scheduled on 7 & 9 June and the final matches on 14 & 16 June 2024.

National teams will not be able to call up any of their players prior to the Finals of the CEV Champions League Volley 2024 scheduled for May 4-5/5/2024, provided that their players are involved with their respective club teams.

## 5. Registration for competition

The registration deadline for the CEV Volleyball European League 2024 Men & Women will be no later than

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 23:59 CET**

The registration process will be done via the respective Registration Form 01 inside the CEV Database and in accordance with the CEV Regulatory Framework.

The printed and signed version of the 01 Form should be sent to the CEV office by registered letter.

## 6. Bidding for Final Four Organisation

The Czech Volleyball Federation has been appointed by the CEV Board of Administration for the organisation of the CEV European Golden League Women Final Four Tournament.

The bidding process for the organisation of the CEV European Golden League Men Final Four Tournament is open to all respective participating National Federations. The relevant bidding documents are circulated together with this Official Communication.

The respective bidding documents for the organisation the Men's Final Four should be received by the CEV office no later than

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 23:59 CET**

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

According the revised competition formula, the CEV Officials will be appointed and their expenses covered as follows:

### CEV Supervisors

The CEV is responsible for appointing the CEV Supervisor.

The CEV will book the travel ticket to the nominated persons and bear costs such as international travel costs, per diem and visa (if necessary and where applicable).

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

### 2 Neutral Referees

The ERC will appoint two neutral Referees for each tournament. The nominations will be visible inside the CEV database and on the CEV website as well.

The CEV will book the travel ticket to the nominated persons and bear costs such as international travel costs and visa (if necessary and where applicable).

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Referee

The ERC will appoint a local 3<sup>rd</sup> Referee for each tournament. The nomination will be visible inside the CEV database and on the CEV website as well.

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

### Challenge Referee

If the organiser will use the Challenge System, the ERC will appoint a Challenge Referee.

The CEV will book the travel ticket to the nominated persons and bear costs such as international travel costs, per diem and visa (if necessary and where applicable).

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

## 8. Financial Conditions

- Participation fee is 20,000 EUR per team
- Fee for Final Four organiser: 100,000€
- Prize money paid by CEV (in case of participation of 12 teams per gender)
  - League Round matches: 2,000€ per victory and 1,000€ per defeat
  - Final Four tournament:
    - 100,000€ for winner
    - 60,000€ for runner-up
    - 40,000€ for 3rd place
    - 25,000€ for 4th place

In case no Final Four will be organised and the semi-finals and finals are organised in the home & away format, no prize money for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed teams will be allocated. In this case, the prize money for the winners and runners-up will remain the same as indicated above.

## 9. Enhancing the Competition – Bonus payments by CEV

In the mutual aim of all stakeholders to increase the level of the competition, the usage of a challenge system, a LED system and a high number of spectators are considered as crucial. Therefore, the CEV will award those participants using an approved Challenge system and LED system as well as those with a high number of spectators with a bonus as follows:

### LED System

Using of an approved LED System in the respective home tournament:

- 3,000€

### Challenge System

Using of an approved Challenge System in the respective home tournament:

- 5,000€

### Spectators:

Average number of **all** matches **hosted** at home:

- $\geq 2,501$  spectators: 20,000€

## 10. Technical Requirements

The hosting National Federation shall fulfil the following technical requirements:

- Minimum competition hall for League Phase category 3
- The Video Challenge system is optional for League Phase and mandatory for Final Four
- Referees head set mandatory for all phases
- Tablets are mandatory for all phases
- Use of the LED system is optional during the League Round matches, but recommended. It is mandatory for the Final Four
- With the sole exception of the above conditions, the event will be organised and run according to the requirements and conditions defined in the CEV Regulatory Framework.

## 11. Official Ball

All matches during the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 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. Organisational Meeting

Please note that the CEV European League Organisational Meeting with the participating National Federations will be held at the CEV Headquarters in Luxembourg on

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 11:00 CET.**

We kindly ask representatives from all participating National Federations to attend this meeting. The participants that are prevented from travelling may join the meeting via video link. The link for the call will be shared in advance.

For those who will join meeting in Luxembourg, the CEV can assist with arranging accommodation (booking a room) in Hotel Parc Plaza in Luxembourg City. The relevant costs are to be borne exclusively by the participating National Federation Any such requests are to be sent to [nationalteams@cev.eu](mailto:nationalteams@cev.eu) by **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 23:59** in order to confirm the number of reserved rooms at the hotel.

## 13. Marketing & Commercial Rights

### League Phase

- a. 80% of visibility on and off-court advertising are granted to the Organisers of a tournament, except for the net advertising where 100% of the visibility belongs to CEV.
- b. Use of LED system is optional during the League Round matches, but recommended.
- c. All commercial rights' split are taken into consideration in the official layouts made available on the CEV cloud server

- d. Protected product categories by CEV: "Betting & Gambling" and "Sports equipment – Volleyballs".
- e. All other categories are considered non-exclusive.

## Betting & gambling services sponsorship rights acquisition:

The CEV partner AMI, rightsholder of the "betting & gambling services" sponsorship rights worldwide, is offering the chance for participating National Federations to acquire some rights for a National betting partner for the upcoming CEV European Golden League 2024.

Through this sponsorship package, the National Federation will have the opportunity to align with betting & gambling rights at the national level, providing their sponsor significant visibility and branding during the home games. The rights available for acquisition and taken from the CEV contingent include the following:

In-venue	
LED TIME (seconds per one 360" rotation)	15"
Giant screen (if available)	20"/match
Backdrop positions	5
Fan zone/Fan parks (if any) - rights to be defined on a case by case basis	✓
Print & digital	
Branding on tickets	✓
Branding & advertising in match programme (if any)	✓
Digital & Social media	
Activation on digital media channels, social media (branded posts of branded content/messaging)	up to 2 comms/month
Signed merchandise (to be defined case by case)	✓
Branding and marketing presence at launch events & press conferences to be defined on a case by case basis	✓
VIP tickets	5

For further information and to initiate discussions regarding a potential sponsorship deal, please feel free to reach out to Andrew Mulcahy, the dedicated marketing representative from AMI. He will be more than happy to guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have. Any sponsorship agreement would then be settled directly between the National Federation and AMI.

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## Final Phase / Final Four

See Candidature application guideline.



# 14. Media Rights & Production Obligation

The participating National Federations shall respect the following requirements which will apply to the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 – League Phase & Final Four.

## League Phase

### Media Rights

The CEV is granting to each participating National Federation the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation only to the Tournament being hosted & organised by such National Federation in its territory (total number of three matches). This grant of right is in exchange of the production of the said three matches as per the CEV broadcasting standards indicated in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

We kindly inform that there is no media rights reciprocity allowed between the participating National Federations of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024. Should the National Federation wish to acquire its away matches (outside the tournament they are hosting in their own territory), it should duly contact the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency (contacts provided below). For the avoidance of doubt, all other media rights not explicitly granted to the National Federation are retained by the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency.

- Ms Ottavia Perra, Associate Director Media Sales / [Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com](mailto:Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com)
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### TV Production Obligation

All matches of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 – League Phase shall be produced.

When hosting, the participating National Federation shall produce all matches as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (standard C). It is here agreed that the production of the matches can be delegated to a third party partner appointed by the National Federation:

- 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: integration of the 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 minimum two weeks prior to the start of the League Phase.

*\*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 days before the start of the relevant tournament.

## Final Phase / Final Four

### Media Rights

The CEV is granting to the Organiser of the Final Four the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to all the matches being organised and played in its territory in exchange of the production of such matches as per the broadcasting standards indicated in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

In case of no Final Four and the semi-finals and final match are played in home & away format, the CEV is granting to each organising National Federation the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation in exchange of the production of such match in its territory as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

We kindly inform that there is no media rights reciprocity allowed between the participating National Federations of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 Final Four. Should a National Federation wish to acquire its matches for its territory, it should duly contact the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency (contacts provided below). For the avoidance of doubt, all other media rights not explicitly granted to the National Federation are retained by the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency.

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### TV Production Obligation

The appointed organising National Federations for the Final Four or host of the semi-final and final match shall produce all matches as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (standard B). It is here also agreed that the production of the matches can be delegated to a third party partner appointed by the National Federation:

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 6 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery\*: via satellite only (Eutelsat 7B or 10A carrier)
- Graphics: integration of the 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 two weeks prior to the start of the Final Four 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.

## 15. Match Data Collection

The participating National Federations shall fulfil the below requirements to ensure a professional match data collection & distribution when hosting any matches of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024:



- Compulsory use of the CEV Data & Statistics collection applications including but not limited to E-scoresheet and DataVolley software
- The CEV Data & Statistics collection applications are provided by CEV's official technology partner Genius Sports
- For the avoidance of any doubt, the CEV will provide to the participating National Federations the necessary access details & credentials (username and password) to the above mentioned 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 minimum services, equipment and resources free of charge when hosting 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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# 1. General Information

After closing the registration process, we are able to release this document in order to update all participants regarding:

- Teams registered for participation in the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 Men & Women respectively
- Competition Format
- League Round Tournaments and Match Schedule for respective weekends
- Updates in terms of marketing and commercial rights
- Useful information regarding the competition official branding.

# 2. Participants

The confirmed list of participants for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 Men reads as follows:

No.	CEV Ranking	National Federation	Remarks
1	9	UKR	
2	11	BEL	
3	12	POR	
4	13	CZE	
5	14	ROU	
6	15	FIN	
7	16	CRO	
8	17	ESP	
9	21	MKD	
10	23	EST	
11	25	LUX	
12	26	AZE	

The confirmed list of participants for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 Women reads as follows:

No.	CEV Ranking	National Federation	Remarks
1	8	UKR	
2	10	BEL	
3	11	CZE	Final Four Organiser
4	12	SVK	
5	13	SLO	
6	14	SWE	
7	16	ESP	
8	18	ROU	
9	19	CRO	
10	20	AZE	
11	21	AUT	
12	29	EST	2023 Silver League Winners

## 3. League Round Matches Schedule

The Men's League Round Tournaments and relevant matches are scheduled as follows:

1st weekend 17 – 19.05.2024				
	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3	Tournament 4
Organiser	AZE (12)	MKD (9)	FIN (6)	POR (3)
Opponents	UKR (1)	CZE (4)	BEL (2)	ESP (8)
	ROU (5)	EST (10)	CRO (7)	LUX (11)
Match Day 1	ROU (5) vs AZE (12)	EST (10) vs MKD (9)	CRO (7) vs FIN (6)	LUX (11) vs POR (3)
Match Day 2	UKR (1) vs ROU (5)	CZE (4) vs EST (10)	BEL (2) vs CRO (7)	ESP (8) vs LUX (11)
Match Day 3	AZE (12) vs UKR (1)	MKD (9) vs CZE (4)	FIN (6) vs BEL (2)	POR (3) vs ESP (8)

2nd weekend 24 – 26.05.2024				
	Tournament 5	Tournament 6	Tournament 7	Tournament 8
Organiser	LUX (11)	ESP (8)	ROU (5)	BEL (2)
Opponents	CZE (4)	FIN (6)	POR (3)	AZE (12)
	UKR (1)	EST (10)	CRO (7)	MKD (9)
Match Day 1	CZE (4) vs LUX (11)	EST (10) vs ESP (8)	CRO (7) vs ROU (5)	AZE (12) vs BEL (2)
Match Day 2	UKR (1) vs CZE (4)	FIN (6) vs EST (10)	POR (3) vs CRO (7)	MKD (9) vs AZE (12)
Match Day 3	LUX (11) vs UKR (1)	ESP (8) vs FIN (6)	ROU (5) vs POR (3)	BEL (2) vs MKD (9)

3rd weekend 31.05 – 02.06.2024				
	Tournament 9	Tournament 10	Tournament 11	Tournament 12
Organiser	EST (10)	CRO (7)	CZE (4)	*UKR (1)
Opponents	LUX (11)	ESP (8)	ROU (5)	BEL (2)
	AZE (12)	MKD (9)	FIN (6)	POR (3)
Match Day 1	AZE (12) vs EST (10)	MKD (9) vs CRO (7)	FIN (6) vs CZE (4)	POR (3) vs UKR (1)
Match Day 2	LUX (11) vs AZE (12)	ESP (8) vs MKD (9)	ROU (5) vs FIN (6)	BEL (2) vs POR (3)
Match Day 3	EST (10) vs LUX (11)	CRO (7) vs ESP (8)	CZE (4) vs ROU (5)	UKR (1) vs BEL (2)

\*UKR – Please notice that due to the current situation, the men's national team of Ukraine is not able to play their home matches in their country. Therefore, the matches of Tournament 12 will be played on a neutral ground. The venue will be announced **no later than by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.



The Women's Tournaments and respective matches are scheduled as follows:

<b>1st weekend</b>				
<b>17 – 19.05.2024</b>				
	<b>Tournament 1</b>	<b>Tournament 2</b>	<b>Tournament 3</b>	<b>Tournament 4</b>
Organiser	EST (12)	CRO (9)	SWE (6)	CZE (3)
Opponents	UKR (1)	SVK (4)	BEL (2)	ROU (8)
	SLO (5)	AZE (10)	ESP (7)	AUT (11)
Match Day 1	SLO (5) vs EST (12)	AZE (10) vs CRO (9)	ESP (7) vs SWE (6)	AUT (11) vs CZE (3)
Match Day 2	UKR (1) vs SLO (5)	SVK (4) vs AZE (10)	BEL (2) vs ESP (7)	ROU (8) vs AUT (11)
Match Day 3	EST (12) vs UKR (1)	CRO (9) vs SVK (4)	SWE (6) vs BEL (2)	CZE (3) vs ROU (8)

<b>2nd weekend</b>				
<b>24 – 26.05.2024</b>				
	<b>Tournament 5</b>	<b>Tournament 6</b>	<b>Tournament 7</b>	<b>Tournament 8</b>
Organiser	AUT (11)	ROU (8)	SLO (5)	BEL (2)
Opponents	UKR (1)	SWE (6)	CZE (3)	CRO (9)
	SVK (4)	AZE (10)	ESP (7)	EST (12)
Match Day 1	SVK (4) vs AUT (11)	AZE (10) vs ROU (8)	ESP (7) vs SLO (5)	EST (12) vs BEL (2)
Match Day 2	UKR (1) vs SVK (4)	SWE (6) vs AZE (10)	CZE (3) vs ESP (7)	CRO (9) vs EST (12)
Match Day 3	AUT (11) vs UKR (1)	ROU (8) vs SWE (6)	SLO (5) vs CZE (3)	BEL (2) vs CRO (9)

<b>3rd weekend</b>				
<b>31.05 – 02.06.2024</b>				
	<b>Tournament 9</b>	<b>Tournament 10</b>	<b>Tournament 11</b>	<b>Tournament 12</b>
Organiser	AZE (10)	ESP (7)	SVK (4)	*UKR (1)
Opponents	AUT (11)	ROU (8)	SLO (5)	BEL (2)
	EST (12)	CRO (9)	SWE (6)	CZE (3)
Match Day 1	EST (12) vs AZE (10)	CRO (9) vs ESP (7)	SWE (6) vs SVK (4)	CZE (3) vs UKR (1)
Match Day 2	AUT (11) vs EST (12)	ROU (8) vs CRO (9)	SLO (5) vs SWE (6)	BEL (2) vs CZE (3)
Match Day 3	AZE (10) vs AUT (11)	ESP (7) vs ROU (8)	SVK (4) vs SLO (5)	UKR (1) vs BEL (2)

\*UKR – Please notice that due to the current situation, the women's national team of Ukraine is not able to play their home matches in their country. Therefore, the of Tournament 12 matches will be played on a neutral ground. The venue will be announced **no later than by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.**

## 4. Final Phase competition system

### Final Phase Men – Final Four Tournament or Home & Away Matches (if no Final Four Organiser)

If a Final Four tournament is organised, it will follow these principles:

The seeding of the Host Team will depend on their place in the final standing at the end of the League Round. If the Host Team is among the four highest ranked teams, they will be placed according to their place in the League Round final standing. If the Host Team finishes lower than fourth, the Host Team will replace the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team.

The starting time of the semi-final matches will be confirmed in coordination with the local organisers and the CEV media agency.

General principles:

Semi-Final 1: 2nd Ranked team – 3rd Ranked team  
Semi-Final 2: 1st Ranked team – 4th Ranked team

Final Matches:

3<sup>rd</sup> place match: Loser Semi-Final 1 – Loser Semi-Final 2  
1<sup>st</sup> place match: Winner Semi-Final 1 – Winner Semi-Final 2

If there is no Final Four tournament, the competition will continue as follows:

Home Matches	Semi-Final 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ranked team – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ranked team	Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
	Semi-Final 3	4 <sup>th</sup> Ranked team – 1 <sup>st</sup> Ranked team	Thursday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

Away Matches	Semi-Final 2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ranked team – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ranked team	Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
	Semi-Final 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Ranked team – 4 <sup>th</sup> Ranked team	Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

Home Match	Final	Winner Semi-Final 1/2 – Winner Semi-Final 3/4	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
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Away Match	Final	Winner Semi-Final 3/4 – Winner Semi-Final 1/2	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
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### Final Phase Women – Final Four Tournament in CZE (venue TBC)

General principles:

Semi-Final 1: 2nd Ranked team – 3rd Ranked team  
Semi-Final 2: 1st Ranked team – 4th Ranked team

The match to be played by the CZE national team (as Host Team) depends on their place in the final standing after the end of the League Round. If CZE will be among the four highest ranked teams, Team CZE will be placed according to their position in the final standing of the League Round. If Team CZE finishes lower than fourth, they will replace the 4<sup>th</sup> ranked team.

The starting time of the semi-final matches will be confirmed in coordination with the local organisers and the CEV media agency.

Final Matches:

3<sup>rd</sup> place match: Loser Semi-Final 1 – Loser Semi-Final 2  
1<sup>st</sup> place match: Winner Semi-Final 1 – Winner Semi-Final 2

## 5. Administrative deadlines

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
<b>Application for advertising on uniforms</b>	April 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024	If applicable, all participating National Federations having advertisement on team uniforms are required to request the Certificate of Approval for advertising on uniforms.	The form can be found inside the CEV database "download area" and must be sent to: <a href="mailto:marketing@cev.eu">marketing@cev.eu</a>
<b>LED system application form</b> (if used by Organiser for League Round) & <b>mandatory for Final Phase matches</b>	April 19 <sup>th</sup> 2024 for League Round May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2024 for Final Phase	Organising National federations can apply for the use of LED system around the court.	The form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud: <a href="https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20">https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20</a>
<b>PLAYER LICENSES</b> (minimum 14 players)	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2024	All participating National Federations are required to register all potential players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
<b>PLAYER LICENSES</b> (remaining players)	May 29 <sup>th</sup> 2024	All participating National Federations are required to register any additional players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the CEV Database under: Federation Area – Form List for each National Federations.
<b>PLAYERS 'LONG LIST' CEV 05 Form</b>	10 to 14 days before the respective tournament	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 under: Federation Area – Form List. After it is approved, the CEV 05bis will be automatically created listing up to 14 players confirmed for the respective tournament.
<b>COMPETITION HANDBOOK</b>	On the arrival of the Teams and CEV Officials at the Competition Site	Organisers are obliged to issue a Competition Handbook. The Competition Handbook can only be released after it has been approved by the	

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
		appointed CEV Supervisor.	
<b>CEV 05bis Form</b>	Before each team's Preliminary Inquiry	Before attending their PI, each team must complete and close the CEV 05bis form inside the CEV database. (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION)	

For further information on any meetings required onsite, please see the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the Volleyball Guidelines for National Team Competitions.

Meeting	When	Main items to be covered
GENERAL ORGANISATION MEETING	On the arrival day of the CEV Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Information about the Competition Site(s)</li> <li>• Time schedule for pre-competition days</li> <li>• General Items</li> <li>• Financial Matters</li> <li>• Can be linked with the 'INITIAL COMPETITION HALL INSPECTION'</li> </ul>
TEAM PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES	On the arrival day of the teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final team/player participation</li> <li>• Accreditation Cards (<i>if applicable</i>)</li> <li>• Team Uniforms</li> <li>• Advertising on Team Uniforms Certificate</li> <li>• Health Certificates (M-3 Forms)</li> <li>• Anti-Doping Diplomas (FIVB Play Clean)</li> <li>• FIVB Manipulation Course (certificates)</li> <li>• Team Medical Doctor/Team Physiotherapist accreditations</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: the Team Manager must have its National Federation's login credentials for the CEV database in order to "sign" the relevant forms.</i></p>

## 6. Challenge System

In case an organiser will be using the Challenge System for the League Round, they must inform the CEV Office ([referee@cev.eu](mailto:referee@cev.eu)) accordingly, **no later than by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.**

## 7. Marketing & Commercial Rights

Marketing and commercial rights were shared through the Official communication n°1.

The use of the LED system boarding is optional for League Round matches, but mandatory for semi-final, final and Final Four matches.

**Court layout commercial rights:** see the layout and check carefully all court layout conditions:

- Net Advertising: 100 % CEV (net band remains empty)
- Net Post Advertising: 100 % CEV (net post covers remain empty)
- Referee chair advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty (CEV approval required)
- Scorer table: NF
- Player benches advertising (backside): NF
- Floor-stickers: 4 positions for NF. In case only 2 are used, they must be symmetrical (2 positions have been ceded by CEV to NF: F1 and F6)
- Floor stickers F3 and F4 are mandatory and have to always be displayed together (5m x 1m)
- Static advertising around the court: see commercial court layout
- In case of LED System use: visibility split is 20% CEV, 80 % NF
  - ➔ The LED playlist (after the LED system application is approved) has to be downloaded from the CEV Cloud, completed and uploaded into the NF folder for CEV approval, please send an email to [marketing@cev.eu](mailto:marketing@cev.eu) to inform us about the upload and to seek approval).

**CEV protected product categories:**

- Betting & gambling\*
- Sports equipment: Volleyballs

\*For the avoidance of doubt, although the "Betting & gambling services" sector and/or category is reserved by the CEV, the Organiser may exploit, based on prior agreement of the CEV, the category for the "National lottery", provided that their sports betting operations are in no way presented under the same brand as their National lottery operations. Thus, gambling and betting services are prohibited and the category will not be released by the CEV. The CEV partner is the ultimate betting rights holder on a global basis in relation to the CEV Competitions.

Exception: Participating teams may position one sponsor logo of the "betting & gambling" category on the official player jersey. Approval will be given through the certificate for advertising on uniforms.

Organisers wishing to acquire "betting & gambling" advertising rights shall contact the CEV partner AMI as stipulated in the Official Communication n°1.

**Approval procedure for LED system playlist (only after the LED system application is approved):**

- List of all sponsors with brand name, product category, website, to be uploaded into the Organiser folder on the CEV Cloud.
- LED playlist duly filled in to be uploaded into the folder as well.
- Email to be sent to [marketing@cev.eu](mailto:marketing@cev.eu) to notify CEV of the upload
- The files will be approved on the CEV Cloud directly.
- In case any changes need to be made, organisers will be informed by email.
- NO FILES ARE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL.

## 8. Branding and Graphics

**The CEV Cloud** is an optimised file sharing and storage solution.

All Organisers have direct access to all resources via a web service interface. The CEV Cloud supports drag and drop file managing. **No logins or passwords are needed.**

Special links take you directly to the CEV online Competition storage with two main folders:

**Download**, which contains all necessary files / templates you need to use for production of any possible material related to the competition: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>

and

**Upload**, where all files have to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before producing. After uploading any files, the Graphics Department ([graphics@cev.eu](mailto:graphics@cev.eu)) has to be notified via a short e-mail. No automatic notification is sent to the CEV Office when files are uploaded. The upload folder is structured by organisers: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>

### **Graphics whose production is mandatory:**

- Court banners in case of static court layout
- Backdrop
- Poster (printed or electronic versions)
- Podiums (for Final Four or final away match in case there is no Final Four)

If any additional graphics (social media, web promotions, billboards, etc.) are used, they must also be approved in the same way as described above.

**All graphics** (Banner, Net, backdrop, poster, etc.) shall be downloaded from the CEV Cloud <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>

Branding guidelines published on the CEV cloud must be followed by all organisers.

**The CEV institutional brand** can be downloaded from the CEV Cloud as well:

<https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

### **LED system information:**

Using of LED system boarding:

- League Phase matches – optional
- Final Four – mandatory
- Semi-Final and Final matches – mandatory

**The LED system application form** must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud

<https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20>

(We recommend reading all the requirements for the use of the LED system and all the information in the application very carefully).

A fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud into your respective folder

<https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> **by 19th April 2024**. When uploaded, please send an email to [graphics@cev.eu](mailto:graphics@cev.eu) to inform us and request approval.

### **Approval procedure for any branding material:**

- If not already done so for the LED system, the list of all sponsors with brand name, product category, website, to be uploaded into the Organiser folder on the CEV Cloud.
- Branding files /graphics to be uploaded into the folder as well.
- Email to be sent to [graphics@cev.eu](mailto:graphics@cev.eu) to inform us about the upload.



- The files will be approved on the CEV Cloud directly.
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