

CEV U16 Volleyball European Championship 2025

Men and Women

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1. Introduction

The European Volleyball Confederation is pleased to open the registration for the fifth edition of the CEV U16 Volleyball European Championships – the event specifically designed for the youngest players competing internationally, thereby providing the stars in the making of the sport with an opportunity to test their skills and to measure themselves up against their peers from other countries across Europe. The competitions will be played for a second time with as many as 16 teams in the respective Final Phases.

This Championship will be managed and processed through the CEV database and therefore we ask all National Federations to apply the necessary accuracy while working with it, and any time they will be entering and processing any of the required information.

It remains the sole responsibility of the NFs to follow and respect the provisions of all Official Communications, the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, Guidelines, and any other relevant decisions to guarantee the delivery of correct, accurate and complete data at any time that these are required.

2. Registration procedure and deadline

The registration for this edition will be done through the CEV Database by using the CEV form 01CH (Team Registration).

The deadline for closing and submitting the above-mentioned form is:

Monday September 02, 2024, at 23:59 CEST

After closing the form online, National Federations must click on 'Print Form' and then sign the paper copy and send it by registered letter to the CEV Office.

This must also be sent with a postmark dated on or before the above-mentioned deadline for the registration to be valid.

On this form, there are boxes designed to inform CEV if the respective National Federation intends to apply to organise one of the 2nd Round qualifiers scheduled for the spring of 2025. However, the relevant application forms and detailed procedure for applying to organise such a tournament will be dispatched to all NFs after confirming the list of registered teams.

For any assistance on filling the registration form, please do not hesitate to contact the CEV Volleyball Department by emailing nationalteams@cev.eu.

3. Age limit

According to the Official Regulations, the CEV U16 Volleyball European Championships 2025 will be open to female and male players:

Born on 1st January 2010 or thereafter

4. Competition format and dates

The competition includes a Final phase and a Qualification phase, the latter broken down into 1st and 2nd Round qualifiers as follows:

1st Round Qualifiers (Zonal)

The 1st Round Qualifiers will be organised in each of the six CEV Zonal Associations. Following the registration, the CEV will inform each Zonal Association about the exact number of National Federations from their respective zone that have registered for participation.

Moreover, further to a decision made by the CEV Board of Administration, a minimum of 40% of the respective National Federations have to register for participation in order for the zonal event to count as a 1st Round Qualifier for the European Championship. The host(s) of the Final Phase are not allowed to participate in the qualification process.

If one or more Zonal Associations fail to fulfil this requirement, depending on the total number of teams registered for participation in the championship, their registered teams might:

- have to join those from another zone to compete in the first stage of the qualification process
- join a qualifying round including teams from different zones put together as per the results of a Drawing of Lots.

Each Zonal Association shall organise their qualification stage according to the calendar set by CEV for this round and finalise it before 19th January 2025.

In each tournament / 1st Round Qualifier, the first placed team qualifies directly to the Final Phase.

2nd Round Qualifiers

The 2nd Round Qualifiers are organised with a maximum of 20 National Federations whose teams competed in but did not qualify from the 1st Round Qualifiers to the Final Phase.

The number of vacancies per Zone (quotas) in the 2nd Round Qualifiers depends on the total number of registered teams. The team quota per Zone in the 2nd Round is based on the percentage of overall European Ranking points per Zone calculated based on participating teams and will be communicated in the next Official Communication.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- The 2nd Round Qualifiers will be played using the single round robin format (i.e. one tournament "one against each other").
- Each 2nd Round Qualifier will be played with minimum three and maximum four teams.
- The teams in each 2nd Round Qualifier will play one tournament over three competitions days:
 - Tournament with 3 teams: each team will play over 2 competition days
 - Tournament with 4 teams: each team will play over 3 competition days
- Each of the National Federations involved has the right to apply for the organisation of such a tournament.
- Should more National Federations apply for the organisation of the 2nd Round qualifiers than the actual number of pools, the eventual organisers will be drawn by the CEV. Should no National Federations or an insufficient number of National Federations come forward and apply for the organisation of the 2nd Round qualifiers, the missing organiser(s) will be drawn by the CEV as well among all participating teams.
- In each pool, the team finishing first in the final standing qualifies to the Final Phase. In case of a vacancy / vacancies in the Final Phase, the next best placed team(s) across all pools not yet qualified advance(s) to the Final Phase as well.

QUALIFICATION DATES

Round	European Championships
1 st Round Qualifiers (organised by Zonal Associations)	Between October 1st and 19 th January 2025
2 nd Round Qualifiers	24 th – 27 th April 2025

5. 1st Round Qualifiers - format and dates

Following the receipt of the confirmed list of registered teams, each Zonal Association must confirm to CEV their competition structure and dates by Monday 09th September 2024 regarding their respective 1st Round Qualifiers.

6. 1st Round Qualifiers - CEV financial support

CEV will continue to support the teams participating in the 1st Round Qualifiers as it did for previous editions, with such CEV contribution standing at 1,000 EUR per participant towards the host country and 3,000 EUR to each travelling team. This contribution will be paid only upon finalisation of the mentioned round, not in advance.

7. 2nd Round Qualifiers – Allocation of tams

Following completion of the 1st Round Qualifiers, CEV will confirm the teams qualified to the 2nd Round. The composition of the 2nd Round Qualifiers will be defined according to the serpentine system, once the 2nd Round organisers are known and seeded as head of those 2nd Round pools.

8. 2nd Round Qualifiers - organiser application

Forms to apply to organise the 2nd Round qualifiers will be sent to all participating teams in due time. The deadline to apply for the organisation of such tournaments will be shared through those same forms.

9. FIVB World Championships

Teams will qualify through the CEV U16 Volleyball European Championships 2025 Final Phase to the FIVB U17 Volleyball World Championships scheduled for 2026. FIVB will define the number of teams qualified through the respective continental championships at a later stage. This information will be shared with all National Federations as soon as it becomes available.



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1. Teams Registered

The teams listed below have registered (by 02/09/2024) for participation in the CEV U16 Volleyball European Championship 2025 (Men/Women).

STATUS OF TEAMS REGISTERED	U16 MEN			U16 WOMEN		
	Level where the team will start the Championship	Country/ NF	↓ CEV European Ranking List as per 18/06/2024 Position/Total points (Zone)	Country/ NF	↓ CEV European Ranking List as per 18/06/2024 Position/Total points (Zone)	
① The organisers are directly qualified to the Final Round	1	ARM	31/32 (EEVZA)+ ORG.	1	ALB	NP/0 (BVA)
				2	KOS	27/54 (BVA)
② Teams starting competition from the 1 st Round	2	ITA	1/194 (WEVZA)	3	ITA	1/198 (WEVZA)
	3	BUL	2/190 (BVA)	4	TUR	2/192 (BVA)
	4	POL	3/188 (EEVZA)	5	BUL	3/182 (BVA)
	5	SLO	5/176 (MEVZA)	6	CRO	4/180 (MEVZA)
	6	TUR	6/172 (BVA)	7	POL	4/180 (EEVZA)
	7	SRB	7/168 (BVA)	8	SRB	6/172 (BVA)
	8	AUT	8/166 (MEVZA)	9	HUN	7/170 (MEVZA)
	9	CZE	9/156 (MEVZA)	10	SLO	9/150 (MEVZA)
	10	ESP	10/152 (WEVZA)	11	ROU	9/150 (BVA)
	11	FIN	11/146 (NEVZA)	12	SVK	11/142 (MEVZA)
	12	FRA	12/142 (WEVZA)	13	FRA	13/134 (WEVZA)
	13	LAT	13/140 (EEVZA)	14	CZE	13/134 (MEVZA)
	14	EST	14/134 (EEVZA)	15	EST	15/132 (EEVZA)
	15	ROU	16/112 (BVA)	16	UKR	17/112 (EEVZA)
	16	UKR	16/112 (EEVZA)	17	AUT	18/110 (MEVZA)
	17	ISR	16/112 (MEVZA)	18	FIN	18/110 (NEVZA)
	18	CRO	21/108 (MEVZA)	19	GEO	20/102 (EEVZA)
	19	GEO	21/108 (EEVZA)	20	GRE	21/94 (BVA)
	20	HUN	23/88 (MEVZA)	21	ISR	22/90 (MEVZA)
	21	GRE	24/82 (BVA)	22	LAT	22/90 (EEVZA)
	22	SVK	27/66 (MEVZA)	23	LTU	24/88 (EEVZA)
	23	AZE	28/34 (EEVZA)	24	ESP	26/56 (WEVZA)
	24	CYP	31/32 (MEVZA)	25	CYP	27/54 (MEVZA)
				26	MNE	30/34 (BVA)
			27	AZE	33/0 (EEVZA)	

2. Final Round - NEW confirmed dates and VENUES

The Final Phase of the stated competitions will be played with 16 teams.

The organisation of the respective Final Phase have been granted as follows:

- Men U16 – in ARMENIA in the city of Yerevan on 23/07–03/08/2025 (NEW DATES since the registration process was launched)
- Women U16 – in ALBANIA (Tirana) and KOSOVO (Pristina) on 02–13/07/2025, with ALBANIA playing host to the semi-final and medal matches.

3. 2nd Round Vacancies

The 2nd Round is organised with participation of maximum 20 National Federations, whose teams have not managed to progress to the Final Round via the 1st Round qualifiers run by the respective Zonal Associations. Please note that the respective zonal events run by WEVZA and NEVZA do not involve a sufficient number of teams to count as 1st Round qualifiers and therefore no teams from these zones will advance directly to the Final Round.

Therefore, the registered teams from WEVZA and NEVZA will be playing one common event – at the end of which the three WEVZA teams (France, Italy, and Spain) and the only team from NEVZA (Finland) will all progress to the 2nd Round. No team from this 'joint' WEVZA and NEVZA events will advance to the Final Round of the respective European Championship.

On the other hand, the winners of the remaining zonal qualifiers organised by BVA, EEVZA and MEVZA, will all claim a spot in the Final Round of the competition in each gender.

In the 2nd Round, National Federations are allocated to pools comprising of maximum four teams. The five 2nd Round pool winners, five runners-up and two third-placed teams with the best results across all pools will all progress to the Final Round in the men's U16 competition. In the women's U16 competition, the five 2nd Round pool winners, five runners-up and the third-placed team with the best result across all pools will qualify for the Finals.

The number of vacancies per Zonal Association in the 2nd Round qualifiers reflects each Zone's contribution (%) to the total number of registered teams and their cumulative ranking points. Therefore, the vacancies per Zonal Association are granted as follows:

	BVA	EEVZA	MEVZA	NEVZA	WEVZA	
U16M	4	5	6	1	3	19 *)
U16W	5	5	6	1	3	20

*) Theoretically, as per the above criteria, BVA should have five vacancies in the men's second round – but as their 1st Round zonal qualifier features five teams and the winner will qualify directly to the Final Round, only four teams remain – and these will all continue their journey in the competition in the 2nd Round. The vacancy not taken by BVA will eventually go to the team not yet qualified for the 2nd Round with the highest position in the U16 Men's European Ranking (as of 18/06/2024) across all zones. This will be defined after completion of all 1st Round qualifiers.

4. (1st and 2nd Round): Media Rights & Streaming Production

Should the Organiser wish to produce and live stream matches, please reach out to tv@cev.eu and digital@cev.eu to receive further information on media rights granting and broadcasting / streaming requirements.

Should any National Federation choose to stream matches from the competition, it shall inform the CEV about the destinations they are streaming to (YouTube, OTT) for geo-blocking purposes.

5. (1st and 2nd Round): Match Technology & Data Collection

For each match, the following match technology is provided and used by the participating National Federations for the CEV U16 Volleyball European Championship 2025:

- a. e-Scoresheet,
- b. e-Scoresheet Tablet
- c. Data Volley 4,
- d. Video Sharing 4.

The applications are provided by CEV's official technology partner Genius Sports. The link to download the applications and relevant user guidelines reads as follows: <https://download.dataproject.com/cev>.

The software's should be operated by following the respective CEV regulations and user guidelines documentations:

- e-Scoresheet are the only official software, operated by one (1) Scorer who officially records the match progress, results, participants, events, protests, and sanctions of such match. Statistics of each match are collected by designated match officials of the Organiser for CEV purposes.
- e-Scoresheet Tablet is the part of the e-Scoresheet software operated by a team bench and match referees to manage match line-ups, substitutions, timeouts, video challenges, and to follow player positions.
- Data Volley 4 is the only official software, operated by one (1) Statistician who officially records players and team's statistics of each match. The statistics of each match are collected by a designated Statistician of the Organiser for CEV purposes.
- Video Sharing 4 is a software operated by a designated Statistician to upload and download match video recordings and statistics collected by Data Volley 4.
- The necessary login credentials (including username and password) for the above software are available to the Organiser on [the CEV Database](#) before the start of the competition.
- The Organiser must provide free-of-charge the following facilities and resources to operate the e-Scoresheet, e-Scoresheet Tablet, Data Volley 4 and Video Sharing 4 according to the respective regulations:
 - Hardware including laptops or tablets that meets the software's minimum technical requirements.
 - Download and installation of the latest version of the software.
 - High-speed and stable internet connection is required for e-Scoresheet and Data Volley 4 via LAN cable, with a minimum speed of 5 Mb/s for both upload and download, along with the necessary power supply.
 - Execute e-Scoresheet and Data Volley 4 match tests in the Competition Hall one (1) day before the start of the first match.
 - Appointment of an experienced Scorer and Statistician to operate the software and collect data and statistics according to the respective regulations

- Ensure delivery of e-Scoresheet and Data Volley 4 live match statistics with no internet connection interruptions or data collection mistakes, and open and close a match only on a match court.
- Finalize e-Scoresheet match within 5 minutes after the end of a match and print Scoresheet according to the Official Volleyball rules and CEV Guidelines.
- Upload Data Volley 4 statistics and video files to Video Sharing within 1 hour after the end of a match.
- Ensure the prohibition of any illegal or non-authorized collection, archiving and distribution of match related data and statistics during all matches.

For further information on match technology or data matters, the following contact details shall be used:

CEV – Mr Donatas Averkinas, Sport Data Coordinator

- digital@cev.eu

6. 2nd Round: Commercial rights

In accordance with the rights already granted to the National federations ([Chapter 18 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations](#)), the table hereafter shows the split of Advertising rights for the Advertising spaces in the competition hall between the CEV and the organising National federation (NF).

Advertising rights	CEV U16 Volleyball European Championship – Men & Women	
	NF	CEV
N° of Static Banners	21 (incl. positions 23-26)	5
LED system visibility split (percentage of a 360° loop)	75%	25%
Floor stickers	No floor stickers permitted	
Net	Upper & lower net bands to remain blank, no advertising	
Net post & Referee stand	no advertising	
Scorer table	100%	-
Player benches backside	100%	-

RESERVED PRODUCT CATEGORIES:

The CEV reserves the following product categories:

1. Betting and Gambling services*
2. Sports Equipment – Volleyballs
3. Sportswear

*For the avoidance of doubt, although the gambling and betting services sector and/or category is reserved for the CEV, the Organiser may exploit based on prior agreement of CEV, the category for the National lottery, provided that their sports betting and/or gambling operations are in no way presented under the same brand as their National lottery operations. Thus, betting and gambling services are prohibited and the category will not be released by CEV.

7. 2nd Round - Branding

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

The CEV institutional brand is to be found on the CEV website: <https://inside.cev.eu/brand/> or downloaded directly from the CEV Cloud: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

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 navigate you to the CEV Cloud with two main folders:

Download, which contains all necessary files/templates you need to use for producing of any possible material <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>. The download folder is structured by Competitions.

and

Upload, where all files are to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before production.

Upload folder is structured by Competitions and Organisers: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>.

➔ After uploading any files, the Graphics Department (graphics@cev.eu) has to be notified by e-mail. Note that, the CEV Cloud does not notify us following the upload of any files.

Production of the promotional banners

Organising National Federations are required to produce the following banners according to the layouts provided hereafter and made available on the CEV Cloud:

- Position nr. 4: EuroVolley 2026 Women promotion
- Position nr. 9: #EuroVolleyU16M or #EuroVolleyU16W
- Position nr. 12: Competition title banner

- Position nr. 15: Eurovolley.tv
- Position nr. 19: EuroVolley 2026 Men promotion

LED system information:

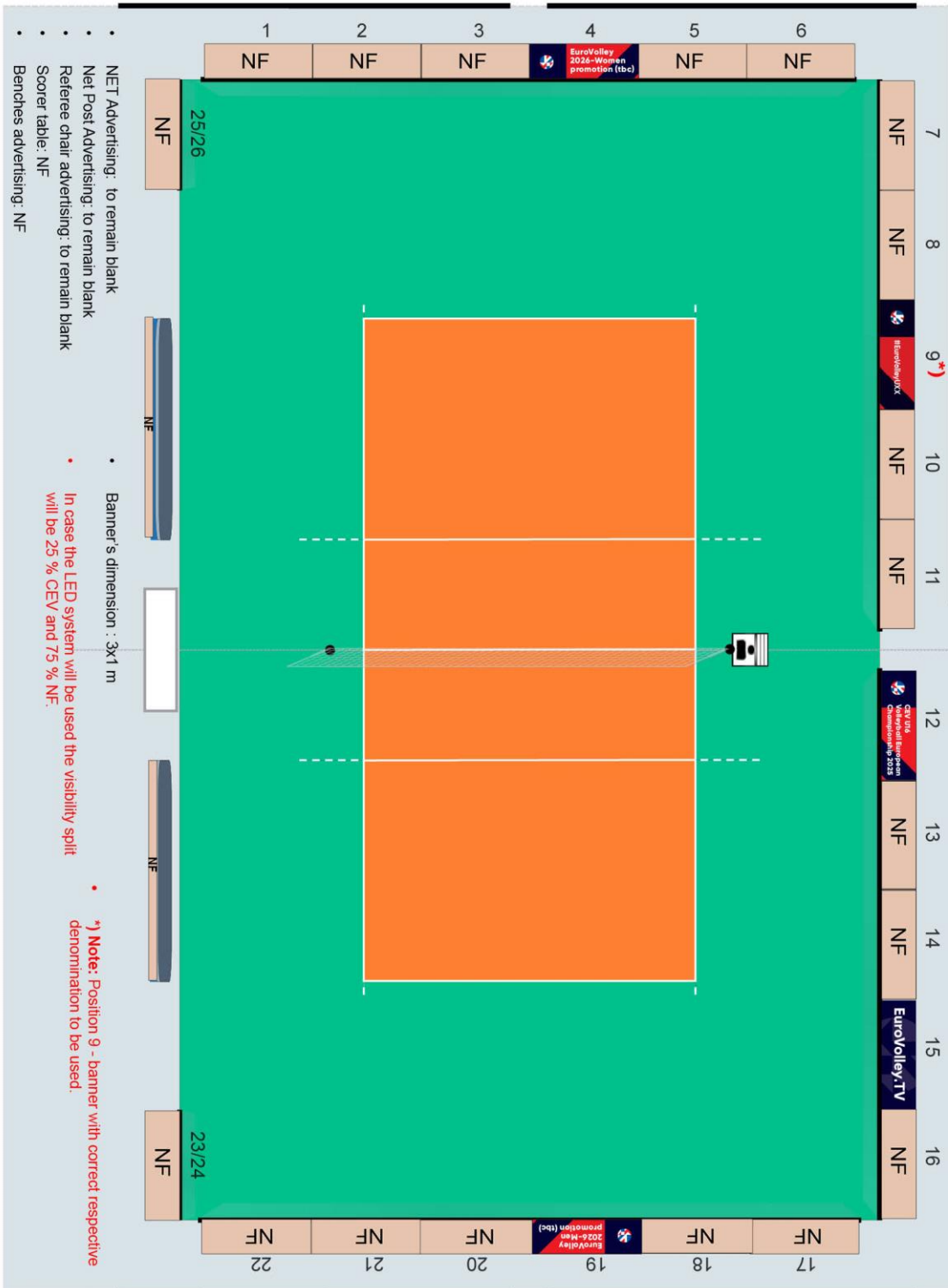
In case any organising national federation wants to use the LED system boarding, the LED system application form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud [here](#) (select the LED system application folder).

Fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud to your respective folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> by **20th March 2025**.

Court layout



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