

# CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026

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# 1. Competition Parameter Updates

## 1.1. Allocation of Preliminary Phase pools

The Drawing of Lots of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Preliminary Phase took place in the CEV Office in Luxembourg on Friday, February 6.

The Turkish Volleyball Federation submitted an official letter to the CEV requesting to exclude Israeli national team from the pools hosted in Türkiye due to current international situation and the practice applied in other team sports, which has been accepted by the CEV.

As per the above request and the principles shared through the CEV Official Communication No 2a, the allocation of National Federations across the Preliminary Phase pools, based on the results of the Drawing of Lots, reads as follows:

MEN:

- Pool A: Türkiye: Alanya, 6 – 7 of June  
Participating National Federations: Türkiye, Czechia, Ukraine, Northern Ireland
- Pool B: Cyprus: Protaras, 9 – 10 of May  
Participating National Federations: Cyprus, Poland, Israel, Bulgaria
- Pool C: Latvia: **Cesis Riga**, 16 – 17 of May  
Participating National Federations: Latvia, Denmark, Slovenia, Croatia
- Pool D: Spain: Madrid, 12 – 13 of May  
Participating National Federations: Spain, Italy, Serbia, Luxembourg
- Pool E: Türkiye: Alanya, 5 – 6 of June  
Participating National Federations: Norway, France, Greece, England
- Pool F: Romania: Constanta, 23 – 24 of May  
Participating National Federations: Netherlands, Portugal, Belgium, Moldova

WOMEN:

- Pool A: Romania: Constanta, 23 – 24 of May  
Participating National Federations: Romania, Czechia, Slovenia, Croatia
- Pool B: Spain: Madrid, 12 – 13 of May  
Participating National Federations: Spain, Netherlands, Denmark, Israel
- Pool C: Türkiye: Alanya, 6 – 7 of June  
Participating National Federations: Türkiye, Poland, Norway, Greece
- Pool C: Latvia: **Cesis Riga**, 16 – 17 of May  
Participating National Federations: Latvia, Portugal, Italy, Bulgaria
- Pool E: Türkiye: Alanya, 5 – 6 of June  
Participating National Federations: Ukraine, France, Belgium, England

Both the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 Final standing and CEV Country Ranking as of February 6 can be found on the CEV website: <https://www.cev.eu/beach/nations-cup/2025/> and <https://www.cev.eu/beach/country-ranking/>

## 1.2. Seeding within the Preliminary Phase pools

The seeding of the National Federations within the pool will be according to the sum of the CEV Entry Ranking points of the participating athletes on the day of the respective Preliminary Phase event, with the exception of the host country being seeded #1.

## 1.3. Preliminary Phase Athletes Registration deadline

The registration of athletes for the respective pool is now open through the FIVB Volleyball Information System (VIS). The athletes registration deadline is - 30 days before the start of the respective pool.

Each participating National Federation shall register four (4) athletes in two (2) teams.

## 1.4. Substitution of an athlete

Before the registration deadline a National Federation may substitute athletes through the FIVB Volleyball Information System (VIS).

After the registration deadline up until the start of the Preliminary Inquiry, a National Federation may substitute any of the registered athletes without any consequences but needs to inform CEV by providing the relevant CEV form.

Substitution or changes in the composition of a team is not allowed after the Preliminary Inquiry of the pool that the National Federation attends.

The substitute athlete(s) shall fulfil all requirements set in the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulatory Framework.

## 1.5. Preliminary Phase Competition Format

Further to the provisions of Article 2.4 of the Official Communication No 2a, in case of a last-minute withdrawal or force majeure situation affecting a participating National Federation, the remaining National Federations in the pool will play a double round robin system (each National Federation will face the others in the pool twice).

## 1.6. Order of matches

The order of matches in the country vs country double header format will be the following:

- Match No. 1: The teams with the lowest sum of the CEV Entry Ranking points on the day of the Preliminary Inquiry from each National Federation
- Match No. 2: The teams with the highest sum of the CEV Entry Ranking points on the day of the Preliminary Inquiry from each National Federation.

No Golden Set to be played as defined in the Official Communication 2a

## 1.7. Order of the country vs country double header

The proposed order of the country vs country double headers will be the following:

Pools of four (4) National Federations:

- Match 1: NF seeded #2 vs NF seeded #3

- Match 2: NF seeded #1 vs NF seeded #4
- Match 3: NF seeded #2 vs NF seeded #4
- Match 4: NF seeded #1 vs NF seeded #3
- Match 5: NF seeded #3 vs NF seeded #4
- Match 6: NF seeded #1 vs NF seeded #2

Due to promotional reasons, the Host Country may request an alternative order of the country vs country double headers.

Applying an alternative order of the country vs country double header sequence is subject to prior approval by CEV.

## 2. Further Information

All clauses and conditions already provided in the Official Communications no. 1, 1a, 2 and 2a and 3 remain the same and still stand.

## 3. Contact Addresses

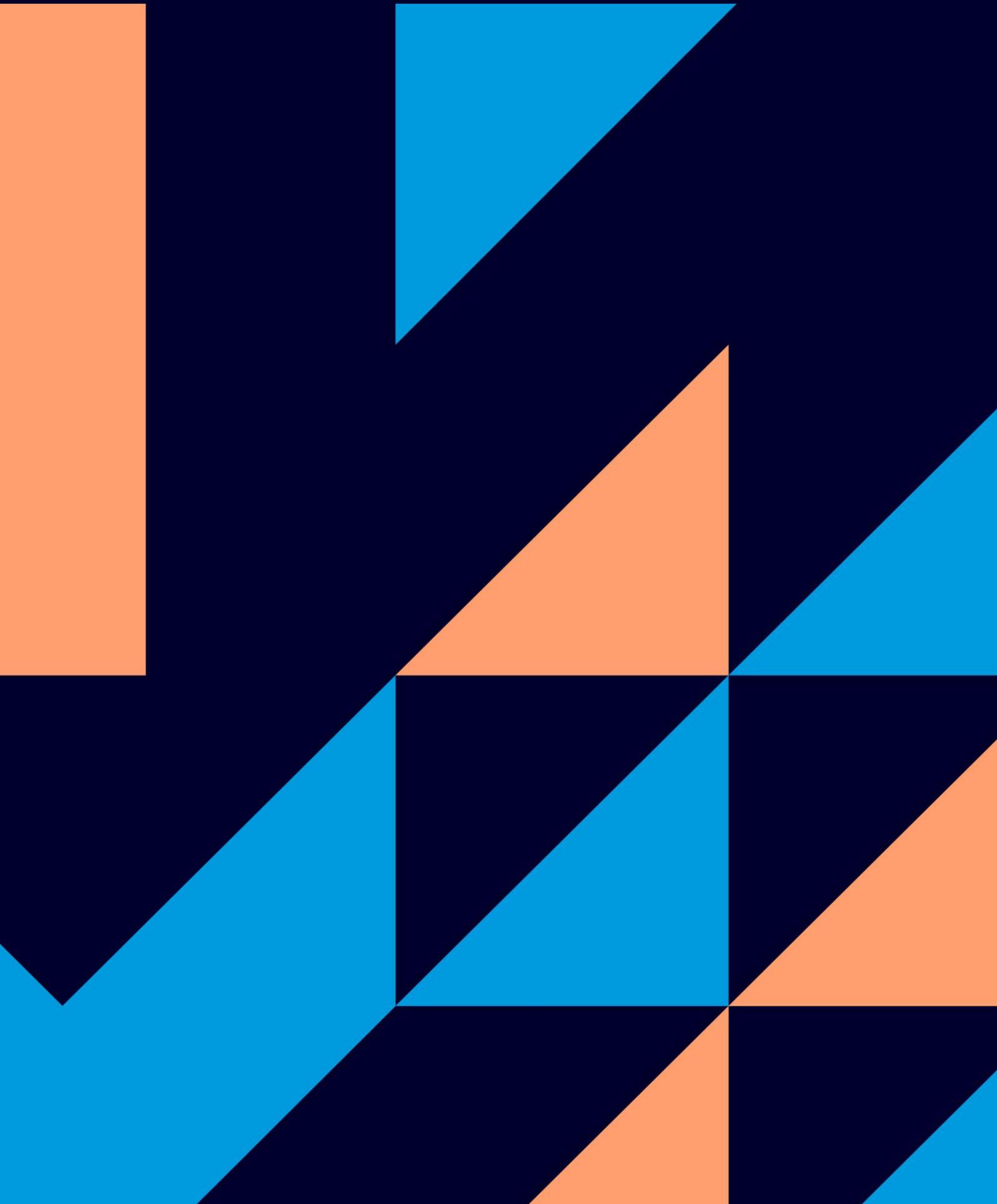
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# 1. Confirmed List

The list below features the National Federations registered for participation in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026.

MEN: Twenty-five (25) National Federations in total, listed in alphabetical order:

Belgium – Bulgaria – Croatia – Cyprus – Czechia – Denmark – England – France – Greece – Hungary – Israel – Italy – Latvia – Luxembourg – Moldova – Netherlands – Northern Ireland – Norway – Poland – Portugal – Serbia – Slovenia – Spain – Türkiye – Ukraine

WOMEN: Twenty-one (21) National Federations in total, listed in alphabetical order:

Belgium – Bulgaria – Croatia – Czechia – Denmark – England – France – Greece – Hungary – Israel – Italy – Latvia – Netherlands – Norway – Poland – Portugal – Romania – Slovenia – Spain – Türkiye – Ukraine

# 2. Competition Parameter Updates

## 2.1. Number of Preliminary Phase tournaments

National Federations will be divided into six (6) pools for the men's and five (5) pools for the women's competition.

The list of organising National Federations in alphabetical order and the host cities, event dates and gender for each is as following:

- Cyprus: Protaras, 9 – 10 of May, men's only event
- Latvia: Cesis, 16 – 17 of May, men and women
- Romania: Constanta, 23 – 24 of May, men and women
- Spain: Madrid, 12 – 13 of May, men and women
- Türkiye: Alanya, 5 – 7 of June, hosting 2 pools per gender

National Federations will be assigned to one of these pools through a Drawing of Lots.

## 2.2. Pool Composition

Based on the number of pools and the number of registered National Federations, the composition of the pools will be the following:

MEN: six (6) pools of four (4) National Federations.

WOMEN: five (5) pools of four (4) National Federations.

## 2.3. Drawing of Lots

As it was defined in the Official Communication no. 1, the Hosting National Federation of the Final 2026, i.e. Hungary, will not be involved in the Drawing of Lots for the Preliminary Phase, since the host country is automatically qualified for the Finals.

As it was defined in the Official Communication no 4 for the 2025 edition of the Beach Volley Nations Cup, the seeding of the Nations Federations in 2026 will be based on the final ranking of the Final and the Preliminary Phase of 2025. National Federations who didn't participate in the 2025 edition of the Beach Volley Nations Cup will be seeded last.

If any tie in the seeding should be broken, the CEV Country Ranking as of the 06 of February 2026 will be used.

For the remaining National Federations, the following principles will be applied for the Drawing of Lots:

- Draw 1: The National Federations awarded to host a Preliminary Phase tournament will be drawn as head of their pool in descending order, from Pool A to Pool E for men's and from Pool A to Pool D for women's

In Pool E and F for the men's and Pool E for the women's competition, the highest ranked National Federation(s) based on the final ranking of the Final and the Preliminary Phase of the Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 will be taking the top row

- Draw 2: The following highest six (6) for men and five (5) for women ranked National Federations based on the final ranking of the Final and the Preliminary Phase of the Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 will be drawn in reverse order by following the serpentine system, i.e. 1st drawn National Federation goes to Pool F, 2nd drawn National Federation to Pool E for men's, etc. and 1st drawn National Federation goes to Pool E, 2nd drawn National Federation to Pool D for women's etc.
- Draw 3: The following highest six (6) for men and five (5) for women ranked National Federations based on the final ranking of the Final and the Preliminary Phase of the Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 will be drawn in reverse order by following the serpentine system, i.e. 1st drawn National Federation goes to Pool A, 2nd drawn National Federation to Pool B, etc.
- Draw 4: Remaining National Federations will be drawn to one (1) of the six (6) for men's and five (5) for women's pools.

The Drawing of Lots to define the pool composition will be hosted on the 06 of February 2026 at 11:00 CET (Luxembourgish time) in the CEV Office. The procedure can be followed on the link and credentials below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/37342481328139?p=bjKq7iKQKkchipz4iP>

Meeting ID: 373 424 813 281 39

Passcode: Vw3UG9kh

## **2.4. Competition format**

The competition format will be a country vs country double header format in a single round robin system played over two (2) competition days.

During the Preliminary Phase of 2026, no Golden Set will be played in case of a tie after completion of the country vs country double header.

Wins and losses per match will be counted as follows:

- 2 points for the winning National Federation of a match
- 1 point for the losing National Federation of a match

- 0 points for the National Federation that forfeits a match

In case of a tie in the pool, the tie will be broken according to the principles laid down in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines Art. 3.4 (Tie in a pool play competition method).

## **2.5. Allocation of spots for the Final**

As it was defined in the Official Communication no. 1, the final will be played with eight (8) National Federations per gender.

The breakdown of the eight (8) National Federations is as follows:

- Hosting National Federation
- Winner of each Preliminary Phase tournament: six (6) for the men's and five (5) for the women's competition
- Remaining spot(s) one (1) for the men's and two (2) for women's to the highest ranked not yet qualified National Federation(s) based on the CEV Country Ranking as of the 06 of February 2026, between the runner ups of the Preliminary Phase events of 2026

## **2.6. Coaching Regulations**

The presence of a coach inside the field of play is allowed for all phases of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026, provided that the coach is duly accredited and fulfils all requirements laid down in the respective Coaching Regulations.

## **2.7. Athlete's uniform updates**

The organiser of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2026 will not provide uniforms to the participating teams. Consequently, National Federations are responsible for providing their athletes with uniforms both for the Preliminary Phase and the Finals.

Athletes' uniforms must be numbered from 1 to 4 and follow the quantity and layout defined and annexed in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Official Communications No1.

## **2.8. Composition of team delegation**

Each team delegation is composed by four (4) athletes and up to two (2) duly accredited team officials (coach, head of delegation, doctor, or physiotherapist), i.e. a maximum of six (6) people per team delegation. Further details regarding the process to apply for an accreditation for team officials will be provided in the relevant Practical Info document.

It is mandatory to appoint one of the accredited team officials as Head of Delegation during the Preliminary Inquiry both in the Preliminary phase and in the Final. For the avoidance of doubt a player cannot be identified as Head of Delegation.

National Federations may bring additional team officials (coach, head of delegation, doctor or physiotherapist). These extra persons must go through the same accreditation process mentioned above, while the service offered by the organiser in regard to accommodation and local transportation might be different. Further details will be provided in the respective Practical Info document.

## 3. Further Information

All clauses and conditions already provided in the Official Communication no. 1 remain the same and still stand.

## 4. Contact Addresses

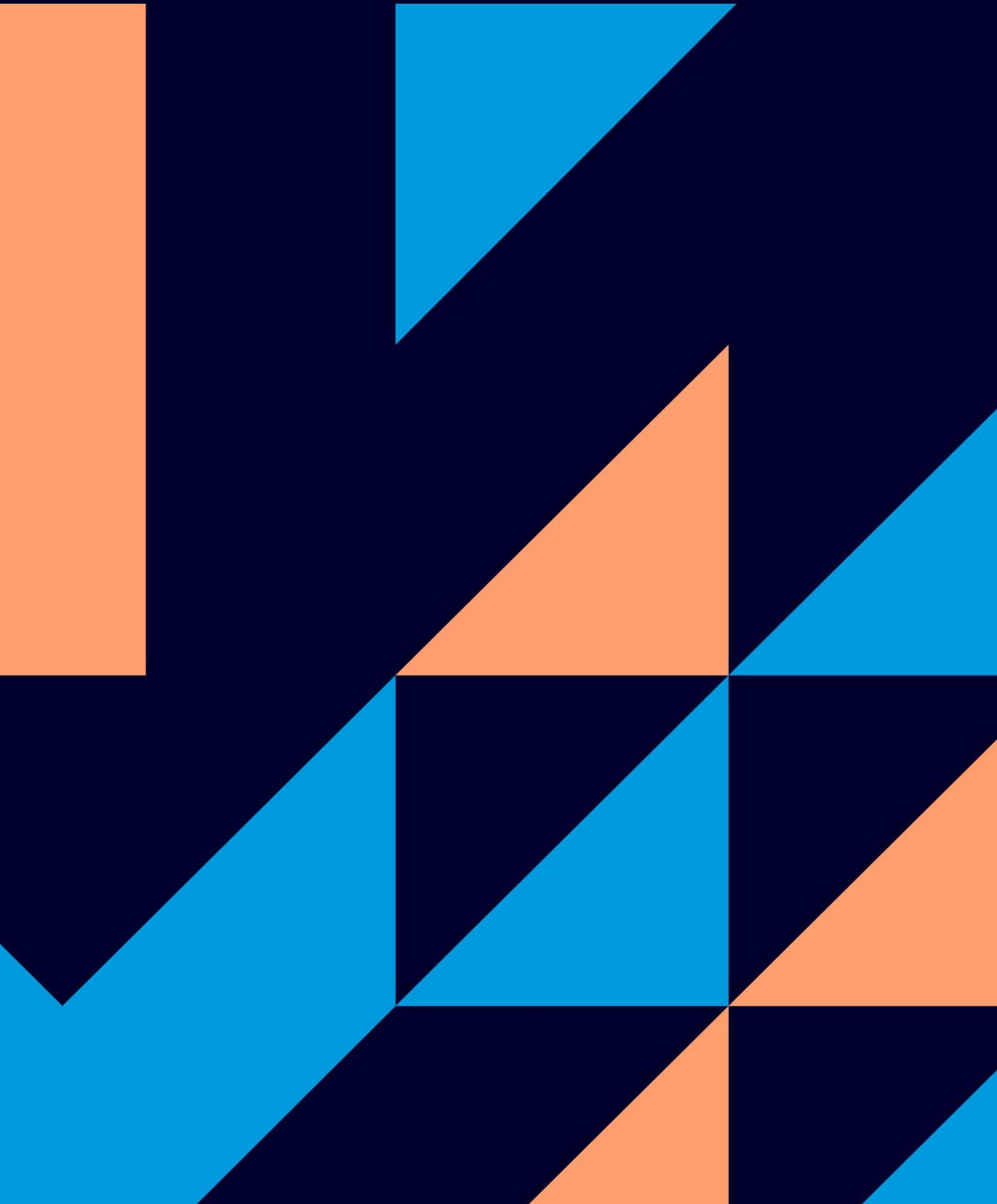
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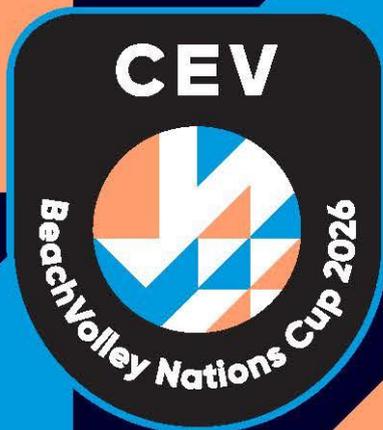


# CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026

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# 1. Introduction

The CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup was introduced in 2022 to provide additional competition opportunities for European athletes and a platform that National Federations can use to facilitate their athletes' further development.

As per the standards applied in 2025, the 2026 edition is scheduled as a competition with two stages, a preliminary round and a final contested in the same year. More specifically the competition consists of:

- the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026 Preliminary Phase, with the participation of all registered National Federations, beside the National Federation hosting the Final.
- The CEV Nations Cup Final 2026, with seven (7) National Federations progressing from the Preliminary Phase and the hosting National Federation, competing for the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026 title.

For the 2026 edition, the winning National Federation in each gender will secure one (1) extra spot for the CEV EuroBeachVolley 2026, as per the conditions detailed under Art. 2.9 of this same document.

## 2. Competition Parametres

### 2.1. Competition format

The competition is played in a 'country vs country format' double header where each National Federation participates with two teams. Men's and Women's competitions run separately from one another.

For the Preliminary Phase of the competition the participating National Federations will be divided into pools. The exact number of National Federations allocated per pool and the detailed competition format will be based on the number of registered National Federations and will be communicated in a subsequent Official Communication.

### 2.2. Right of Participation

Athletes wishing to take part in the competition must possess the nationality of the country they intend to represent and must fully comply with the requirements laid down by the FIVB Sports Regulations and in the CEV Regulatory Framework. In addition to that, each athlete needs to have the following documentation completed/updated on their VIS profile:

- Upload both the CEV Athlete's Commitment and the FIVB Health Certificate forms to their respective profile in the VIS
- Have completed both the FIVB Play Clean as well as the Prevention of Competition Manipulation courses, which can be found [here](#)

Only athletes not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB are allowed to participate in the competition.

### 2.3. Registration procedure and deadline

Based on the LA Olympic Qualification system announced and with the principle that all athletes/NFs should have the opportunity to participate in an Olympic Qualification process, the CEV has decided to re-open the registration to the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup that is allocating a spot to the Olympic Qualifying Eurobeachvolley to any National Federations wishes to take this additional opportunity and pathway.

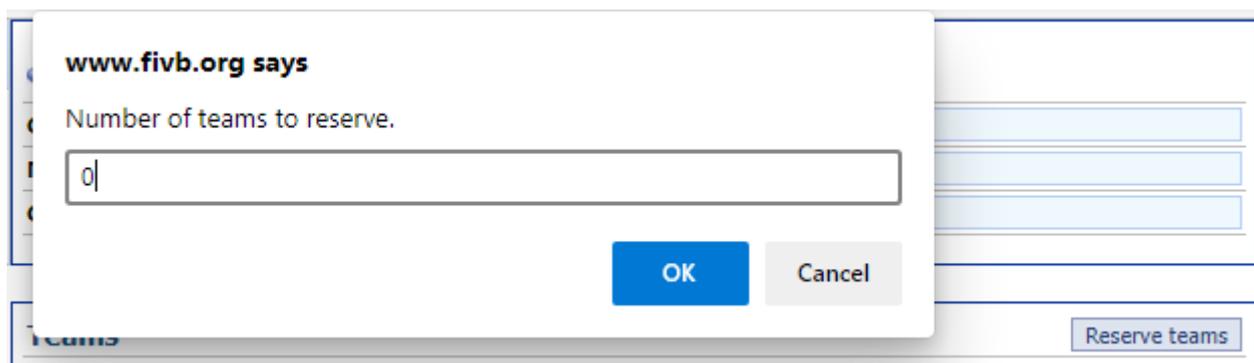
The new deadline is set for Monday, January 26th at noon, after that the CEV will be officially circulating the entry list of the NFs participating in the 2026 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup.

Due to the fact that the Volleyball Information System (VIS) link provided earlier for the registration is not working, the registration deadline is postponed until this Friday, 19 of December 2025. The correct link for the VIS is the following:

<https://www.fivb.org/vis.asp/>

National Federations wishing to participate in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026 need to register no later than 10 of December 2025 by registering a spot through the Volleyball Information System (VIS) <http://www.fivb.org/vis/>.

After logging in, the National Federation may select the respective event and click the button "reserve teams", and set the number to one (1).



As per Art. 2.1 of this document, the Men's and Women's competition runs separately, that means National Federations can decide if they wish to participate with one or with both genders.

Following the registration deadline, CEV will conduct a Drawing of Lots for the Preliminary Phase. The exact date and time of the Drawing of Lots will be communicated at a later stage.

## **2.4. Preliminary Phase 2026**

The Preliminary Phase of the 2026 edition will be played in a tournament format where each National Federation plays once against all opponents in the pool.

All competition related details will be communicated in detail following the registration deadline and the Preliminary Phase Drawing of Lots.

Each of the National Federations participating in the Preliminary Phase have the right to apply for the organisation of a Preliminary Phase event as per the conditions defined in the respective Candidature Application Guidelines.

Should less National Federations apply for the organisation than the eventual number of preliminary pools, the necessary additional organiser(s) will be drawn by CEV.

## **2.5. Final 2026**

The CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2026 will be played with eight (8) National Federations per gender in Budapest, Hungary, between 16 to 19 of July 2026.

The breakdown of the eight (8) National Federations is as follows:

- Hosting National Federation
- Seven (7) National Federations qualifying from the Preliminary Phase.

## **2.6. Allocation of FIVB World Ranking Points**

The allocation of World Ranking points to the competition will be in line with the provisions of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Operations Manual as follows:

### Preliminary Phase

Rank	Ranking points (per athlete)
1	120
2	108
3	96
4	84
5.	72

### Final

Rank	Ranking points (per athlete)
1	160
2	144
3	128
5	96
7	84

## **2.7. Allocation of Prize Money for the Final 2026**

A total amount of 100.000, – EUR (one hundred thousand Euros) Prize Money will be allocated to the National Federations attending the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2026, as follows:

Rank	Prize Money (per NF and per gender)
1	15,000
2	10,000
3	6,500
5	4,000
7	2,000

No Prize Money will be allocated for the Preliminary Phase events.

## **2.8. Delegation's Uniforms & Accessories**

For the Preliminary Phase events, the respective National Federations are responsible for providing their athletes with minimum two (2) sets of uniforms in different colours in line with the layout provided in the annex of this document.

National Federations may exploit the sponsor positions as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations in force at the time of the competition and the Appendix below.

Athletes may use gear and accessories as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

For the coaches entering the Field of Play, the uniform requirements will be defined in the CEV Coaching Regulations document.

## **2.9. Allocation of spots for the CEV EuroBeachVolley 2026**

The winning National Federation in each gender of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2026 will be allocated one (1) spot to the CEV EuroBeachVolley 2026, as long as the respective National Federation / team fulfils the following requirements:

- The team is the next best of the respective National Federation not qualified team to the CEV Eurobeachvolley 2026 through the CEV Eurobeachvolley Entry Ranking.
- The team must have participated in at least six (6) FIVB homologated international or national Beach Volleyball events over the period from 17 November 2025 to 19 of July 2026.
- The team meets the eligibility criteria as set under Art. 2.2 of this document and the FIVB/CEV regulatory framework.

## 3. Financial Regulations

### 3.1. Participation Fee

To participate in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026, the respective National Federation shall pay a participation fee of 200, - EUR per gender to the CEV upon receipt of the relevant invoice.

### 3.2. License Fee

For each athlete participating in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026, the respective National Federation shall pay upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice a license fee per player per year, as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

### 3.3. Contribution fee for the Preliminary Phase 2026

Each Participating National Federations shall pay a contribution fee to the organiser to support expenses associated with their accommodation and local transportation. Such fee is set to 130, - EUR (one hundred and thirty Euros) per delegation member – as per the CEV Board of Administration decision taken during the meeting held this past November 7 in Paris. This applies to four (4) athletes and up to two (2) duly accredited team delegation members (coach, head of delegation, physiotherapist) thereby accounting for a maximum six (6) persons per delegation.

Transportation from the official venue of arrival to the official hotel for the four (4) athletes and up to two (2) duly accredited team delegation members will be provided by the local organiser on the official days of arrival and departure.

The local organiser will provide the four (4) athletes and up to two (2) duly accredited team delegation members with hotel accommodation in twin rooms and full board from the official day of arrival (starting with dinner) until the official day of departure (breakfast included).

All participating National Federations are responsible for their own international and domestic airfare and for any further expenses such as visa or airport taxes.

## 4. Further Information

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

Further details can be found in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines, whose latest editions are available on the CEV website.

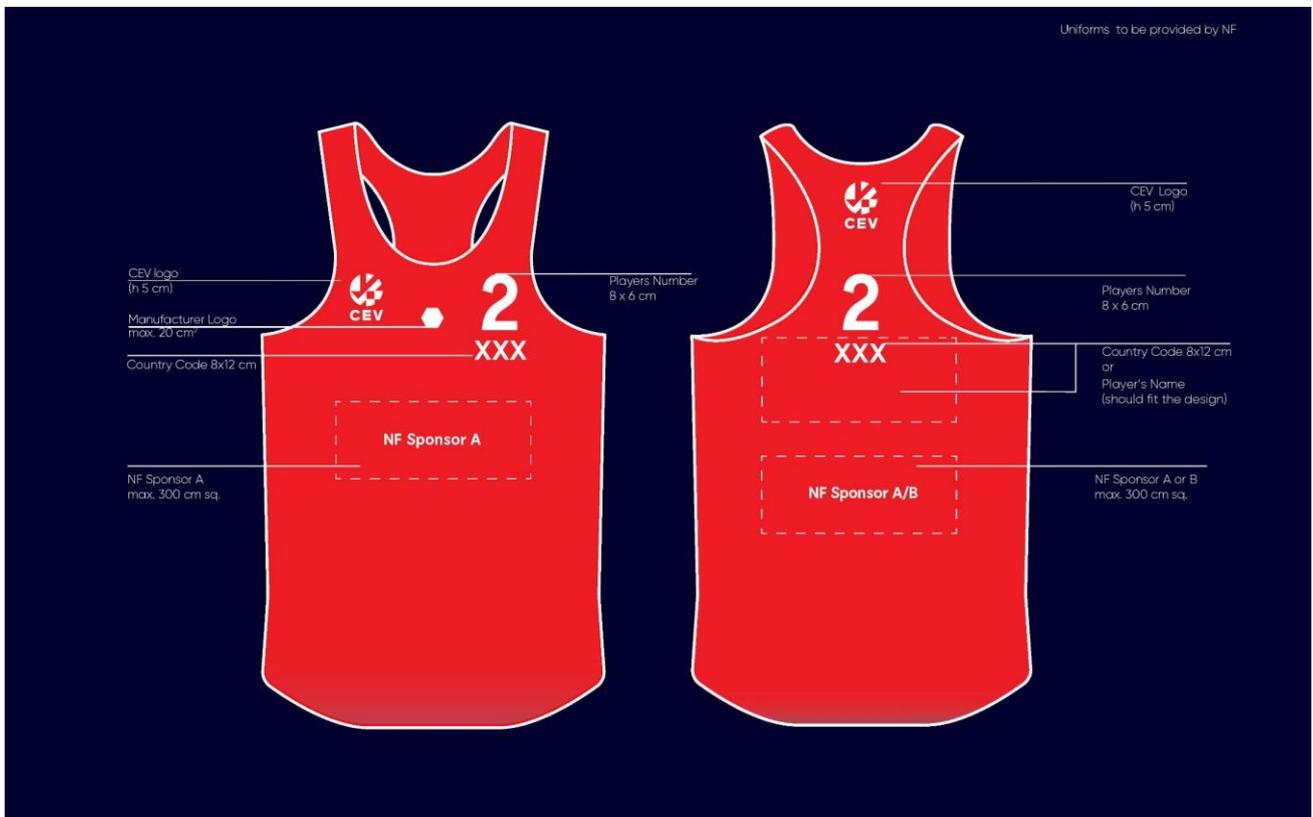
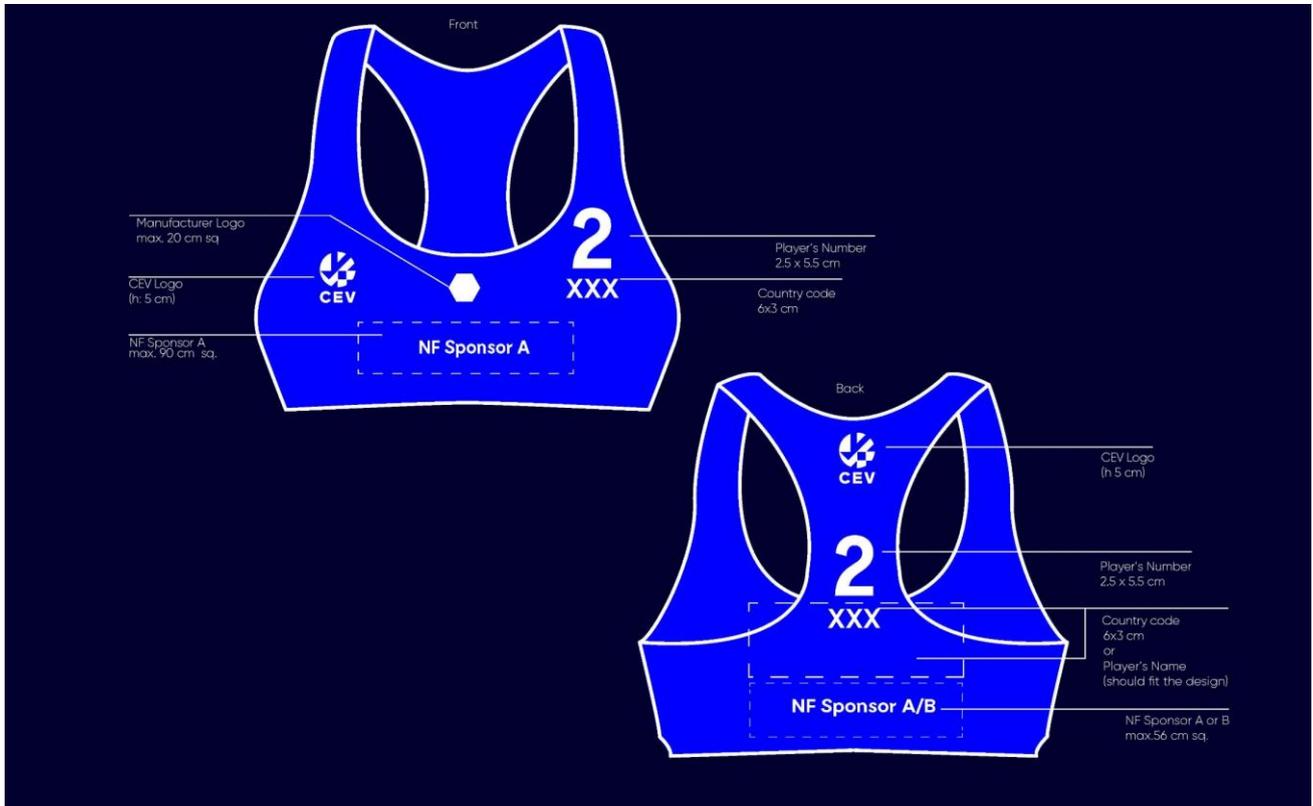
Additional information concerning the competition, and the registered teams will be published on the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup section of the CEV website.

## 5. Contact Addresses

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# 6. ANNEX: Players' Uniforms Layout for Preliminary Phase





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