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1. INTRODUCTION

This Official Communication No. 1 (Registration) supports all National Federations interested in registering teams for one of the CEV Club competitions.

It contains important information and explanations about registration, regulations, and other items to ensure a smooth running of the competitions.

You will find a useful timeline / to-do-list in the [Organisation Guidelines - Chapter 1](#) available on the CEV website. Please read it carefully.

The CEV Office is available to help, should you have any questions, or need any assistance during this process.

2. 2026 REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registration is done via the CEV database by completing the 01 form (one per gender), no later than:

Wednesday, 18 June 2025 at 12:00 CEST.

Once you close the 01 form, the data is recorded and cannot be changed anymore. The CEV will set the form as 'Accepted' as soon as it is checked. When the signed and stamped originals sent by mail are received, the CEV will set the form as 'Confirmed'.

More information about your registration is available in the [Organisation Guidelines](#).

For further details on how to access the CEV database and its functionalities, please check Chapter 22.

3. ALLOCATION OF SLOTS

The allocation of slots per National Federation reflects the [CEV European Cups 2026](#) Ranking List.

Since Russian and Belarusian teams are not eligible to register for participation in the CEV European Cups 2026, further to a decision made by the CEV Board of Administration, the vacant positions in the 4th Round of the CEV Champions League Volley will be allocated according to a strategic approach designed by the CEV to enhance the quality of the competition. Therefore, such vacancies will be regarded as wild card slots.

According to the CEV Volleyball Competition Regulations Article 31.1 §1, The CEV only registers a maximum number of Clubs per gender and per National Federation, as follows:

- a) 5 in all Club competitions
- b) 3 in the CEV Champions League Volley

The club getting a wild card is not considered in the calculation of the maximum number of participants for each and all club competitions. However, a National Federation granted with a wild card in the CEV Champions League Volley shall not be entitled to an additional slot secured via a CEV Zonal Association Cup or Zonal Association championship.

Notwithstanding the above, a National Federation granted a wild card for the CEV Champions League Volley shall not be entitled to an additional qualification slot via a CEV Zonal Association Cup or CEV Zonal Association Championship, should the total number of participating teams from that Federation exceed six (6) across all CEV club competitions.

Any CEV Zonal Association Cup shall be finalised:

- Women: by 12 October 2025
- Men: by 26 October 2025

The CEV Zonal Associations are kindly requested to inform CEV no later than by **Friday, 04 July 2025 at 23:59 CEST** to confirm the teams participating in their Zonal Cup – if any such competition is organised. The event shall feature a minimum of four teams per gender representing four different countries.

4. CL 4th Round - WILD CARD APPLICATION

Further to the decision of the CEV Board of Administration, wild cards may be granted for participation in the 4th Round of the CEV Champions League Volley.

The CEV is committed to ensuring that this process is run and governed with a strategic, balanced, and forward-looking mindset. The evaluation process considers both sporting merit and market relevance, taking into account factors such as media footprint, fan engagement, sponsorship appeal, and the long-term growth potential of participating clubs and their national markets.

The CEV hereby invites interested clubs to submit their applications for a wild card to enter the competition.

Each application must include comprehensive information addressing the following evaluation criteria:

1. Sporting Merit & Competitiveness

- Recent national and international results
- Domestic league and/or national cup standing
- Performance in previous CEV competitions (if applicable)
- Ambition and competitiveness for the upcoming season
- Team roster

2. Venue & Infrastructure

- Venue name, city, and capacity
- Compliance with CEV requirements (e.g., flooring, lighting)
- VIP, media, and team facilities
- Historical attendance and fan engagement figures in CEV and national competitions

3. Organisational Capacity & Event Organisation

- Description of the club's organisational structure
- Previous experience in hosting international or major domestic matches
- Operational readiness to meet CEV match organisation standards
- Estimated fan attendance for the CEV Champions League Volley matches
- Sports presentation strategy

4. Commercial & Marketing Potential

- Key sponsors and commercial partners
- Fan base data (attendance, social media following, community engagement)
- Marketing and promotional plans for the competition
- Proposed strategies for enhancing visibility of the club and the event
- Opportunities to create joint activities between the clubs commercial partner and the CEV.

 *Note: While commercial proposals are not a formal requirement, they may be taken into account in the evaluation process to maximise the competition's value and visibility and partner exposure.*

5 . Media Plan

- Club's digital communication strategy (website, livestream, social media)
- Content creation capabilities (video, interviews, match coverage)
- Ability to support CEV's digital and broadcast strategy

6. Strategic Value for European Volleyball

- Impact of participation on volleyball growth in the region or country
- Market development potential and media reach
- Youth programmes, school engagement, or grassroots outreach
- Long-term commitment to developing the sport

7. Commitment to CEV Values

- Respecting CEV Regulatory Framework
- Upholding Fair Play, Integrity, and Inclusiveness
- Promotion of gender equality and diversity
- Sustainability and environmental responsibility initiatives

The CEV Office remains at your disposal for any assistance in submitting the application and reserves the right to request additional information or clarifications during the evaluation process.

Applications must be submitted via email to **clubs@cev.eu** with the respective National Federation in copy no later than **Wednesday, 18 June 2025 at 12:00 CEST.**

Please note that the final decision regarding the allocation of wild cards rests solely with the CEV Board of Administration.

5. CEV REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

During your participation in a CEV competition, you will have to use and comply with the CEV Regulatory Framework, mainly with the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, Guidelines, and the Official Communications. These documents are available on the dedicated section of the CEV website: <https://inside.cev.eu/documents/volleyball-documents/>

You will also have to fill in CEV forms. These forms are available in your area in the CEV database.

For a full list of the CEV forms, please check the Organisation Guidelines - Chapter 2.

The CEV Board of Administration approved new changes to the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations. The latest version of such regulations is available on the CEV website.

Please be aware that by registering for the CEV European Cups 2026, you acknowledge that you have read and agreed on the terms of these Regulations and Official Communication.

6. 2026 CEV EUROPEAN CUPS CALENDAR

The 2026 European Cups calendar is currently available in your download area in the CEV database as well as on the CEV website [here](#).

7. CEV EUROPEAN CUPS 2026 COMPETITION SYSTEM

The Competition system is as follows:

Levels	CEV Champions League Volley	CEV Volleyball Cup	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup
1.	Main Phase – 1st Round Losers are moved to the 1/32 or 1/16 Finals of the CEV Cup Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches*	Main Phase – 1/32 Finals Additional level if more than 32 Clubs register for participation in the CEV Cup plus teams moved from the CL 1 st -3 rd Rounds. Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	Main Phase – 1/32 Finals Additional level if more than 32 registered Clubs Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches
2.	Main phase – 2nd Round Winners from 1 st Round Losers are moved to the 1/32 or 1/16 Finals of the CEV Cup Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches*	Main phase – 1/16 Finals Winners from previous round, seeded teams and teams moved from the CL 1 st -3 rd Rounds. Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	Main phase – 1/16 Finals Winners from previous round and seeded teams. Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches

Levels	CEV Champions League Volley	CEV Volleyball Cup	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup
	*Depending on the number of accepted registrations, if this round is played as a tournament, it will be a single round robin (hosting privilege given to higher- ranked teams).		
3.	Main phase – 3rd Round Winners from 2nd Round Losers are moved to the 1/32 or 1/16 Finals of the CEV Cup Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches* *Depending on the number of accepted registrations, if this round is played as a tournament, it will be a single round robin (hosting privilege given to higher-ranked teams).	Main phase – 1/8 Finals Winners from 1/16 Finals Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	Main phase – 1/8 Finals Winners from 1/16 Finals Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches
4.	Main phase - 4th Round 2 Winners from 1-3 Rounds and 18 seeded teams Double round robin with three matches at home and another three matches away. Five pools, each with four teams Winners of each pool progress directly to the Quarter Finals The five second placed teams and the third-placed team with the best score across all pools qualify for the Playoffs.	Main Phase - Playoff Winners from 1/8 Finals Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	Main Phase– 1/4 Finals Winners from 1/8 Finals Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches

Levels	CEV Champions League Volley	CEV Volleyball Cup	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup
	The remaining four (4) 3rd placed teams will be continuing their competition in the Quarter Finals of the CEV Volleyball Cup		
5.	Main Phase - Playoff The five second placed teams and the third-placed team with the best score Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	Main Phase – 1/4 Finals Winners from CEV Cup Playoff Phase and four 3 rd ranked teams from Champions League 4 th Round not qualified for the CL Playoffs Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	Final phase - Semi-finals Winners from 1/4 finals Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches
6.	Main Phase - 1/4 Finals Three winners of Playoff Phase and five pool winners from 4 th Round Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	Final phase – Semi-finals Winners from 1/4 finals Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	Final Phase – Final matches Winners from semi-finals Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches
7.	Final phase Final Four Winners from 1/4 finals Knock out Semi-final single matches. Winners from Semi-finals contest a single title-deciding match, whereas the semi-final losers play for the bronze medal.	Final phase – Final matches Winners from Semi-finals Knock-out with "Home and Away" matches	-

Following CEV Competition Regulations, the CEV reserves the rights to change the format according to the number of participants, the Organiser or for any valid reason.

8. CEV CHAMPIONS LEAGUE VOLLEY 2026 - PRIZE MONEY ALLOCATION

Please find below the relevant breakdown per stage of the CEV Champions League Volley 2026 competition, including the bonus for matches won and lost.

Prize money	Men and Women
1 st Place	500,000 €
2 nd Place	250,000 €
3 rd Place	150,000 €
4 th Place	100,000 €
Quarter Final Match Victory	12,000 €
Quarter Final Match Defeat	6,000 €
Playoff Match Victory	10,000 €
Playoff Match Defeat	5,000 €
4 th Round Match Victory	10,000 €
4 th Round Match Defeat	5,000 €
3 rd Round Match Victory	6,000 €
3 rd Round Match Defeat	3,000 €
2 nd Round Match Victory	4,000 €
2 nd Round Match Defeat	3,000 €
1 st Round Match Victory	3,000 €
1 st Round Match Defeat	2,000 €

9. CEV VOLLEYBALL CUP 2026 – PRIZE MONEY

Prize money	Men and Women
1 st Place	80,000 €
2 nd Place	60,000 €

Teams eliminated in the ½ finals	30,000 €
Teams eliminated in the ¼ finals	10,000 €
Teams eliminated in the Playoff	5,000 €

10. CEV VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE CUP 2026 – PRIZE MONEY ALLOCATION

Prize money	Men and Women
1 st Place	50.000 €
2 nd Place	30.000 €
Teams eliminated in the Semi-finals	15.000 €
Teams eliminated in the Quarter-finals	10.000 €

11. CEV CHAMPIONS LEAGUE VOLLEY 2026 – PARTICIPATION FEES

Competition	Participation Fee
CEV Champions League Volley – ½ Finals	10,000 €
CEV Champions League Volley – ¼ Finals	5,000 €
CEV Champions League Volley – Playoff	5,000 €
CEV Champions League Volley – 4 th Round	25,000 €
CEV Champions League Volley – Prior to 4 th Round	2,000 € per round

12. DRAWING OF LOTS

The CEV European Cups 2026 Drawing of Lots for the CEV Champions League Volley 2026, CEV Volleyball Cup 2026 and the CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026 will be taking place at the Broadcasting Center Europe (BCE) in Luxembourg on:

Tuesday, 15 July 2025 at 12:00 CEST

The CEV European Cups 2026 Drawing of Lots event will be live-streamed on the official CEV YouTube & Facebook channels.

13. USE OF CHALLENGE SYSTEM - UPDATE

CEV Champions League Volley 2026:

Further to the CEV Board of Administration decision taken on May 18, the use of the Challenge System is mandatory in all rounds of the CEV Champions League Volley 2026, including the Early Rounds.

CEV Volleyball Cup 2026:

The use of the Challenge System is mandatory starting from the Playoffs of the CEV Volleyball Cup.

CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026:

The use of the Challenge System is mandatory starting from the ¼ Finals of the CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup.

14. USE OF LED SYSTEM - UPDATE

CEV Champions League Volley 2026:

The LED system is mandatory for **all rounds** of the CEV Champions League Volley 2026.

The clubs **must** submit the “LED system application form” to the CEV for approval no later than **1 September 2025**.

CEV Volleyball Cup 2026:

The static banner system is allowed up to the ¼ Finals. The LED system is mandatory starting from the ½ finals.

The clubs shall submit the “LED system application form” to the CEV for approval no later than **29 September 2025**.

CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup:

The static banner system is allowed up to the ¼ Finals. The LED system is mandatory starting from the ½ finals.

The clubs shall submit the “LED system application form” to the CEV for approval no later than no later than **29 September 2025**.

A combination of static banners and LED system is not permitted in any of the above competitions.

The LED system application form is available on the CEV Cloud (download area).
The application form must be submitted as specified in the application document.

Overview of LED system usage:		
Competition:	LED system mandatory	Deadline to submit the LED system application form
CEV Champions League Volley 2026	for all rounds	no later than 1 September 2025
CEV Volleyball Cup 2026	from the ½ finals	no later than 29 September 2025
CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026	from the ½ finals	

15. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

In accordance with the rights already granted to Clubs (Chapter 18 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations), the table hereafter shows the split of Advertising spaces on the Playing area between the CEV and the organising clubs.

Advertising spaces	CEV Champions League Volley 2026		CEV Volleyball Cup 2026		CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026	
	CLUB	CEV	CLUB	CEV	CLUB	CEV
Banners**	cannot be used	cannot be used	12 (+4 on positions 23-26)	10	12 (+4 on positions 23-26)	10
LED system visibility split (percentage of a 360° loop)	60%	40%	60%	40%	60%	40%
Floor stickers	2+2*	2	2	2	2	2
Net	-	100%	50%	50%	50%	50%
Net post	-	100%	-	100%	-	100%
Referee stand	-	100%	-	100%	-	100%

*Including two positions, one for the competition title and one for the host city (see court layout for further details on the positioning).

**The static banner system is allowed up to the ¼ Finals for CEV Volleyball Cup 2026 and CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026 only. From the ½ finals the use of LED system is mandatory.

RESERVED PRODUCT CATEGORIES:

CEV Champions League Volley 2026, CEV Volleyball Cup 2026 and CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026:

The CEV reserves the following product categories:

RESERVED PRODUCT CATEGORIES – CEV CHAMPIONS LEAGUE VOLLEY 2026:

1. Airlines
2. Banking
3. Courier services & logistics
4. Betting and Gambling services*
5. Body & healthcare products
6. Mobile phones/technology communications
7. Sports Equipment - Volleyballs and Sports Floor
8. Sportswear

RESERVED PRODUCT CATEGORIES – CEV VOLLEYBALL CUP 2026 & CEV VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE CUP 2026:

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

3. Sportswear

*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.

16. BRANDING

For the upcoming season, all materials and branding layouts will be available in due time after registration in the download area of the CEV Cloud, and all clubs must implement them for the 2025/2026 season.

Further information on all graphics will be published in the next Official Communication.

17. MATCH TECHNOLOGY

Participating clubs in the CEV European Cups 2025 should use the following match technologies based on the specific competition and phase:

- e-Scoresheet;
- e-Scoresheet Tablet;
- Data Volley 4;
- Video Sharing;
- Video Challenge;
- Wireless Headset.

Data Collection

e-Scoresheet, e-Scoresheet Tablet, Data Volley 4 and Video Sharing are mandatory and provided by CEV’s official technology partner Genius Sports. The applications download and user guidelines documentation link is the following: <https://download.dataproject.com/cev>

The software should be operated by following the official CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the Genius Sport software user guidelines documentation:

- e-Scoresheet is 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 (or home team) for CEV purposes.
- The 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 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 during the CEV Competition to operate the e-Scoresheet, e-Scoresheet Tablet, Data Volley 4 and Video Sharing in a professional manner:

- Hardware including laptops or tablets that meets the software minimum technical requirements:
 - [e-Scoresheet requirements.](#)
 - [e-Scoresheet Tablet requirements.](#)
 - [Data Volley 4 requirements.](#)
 - [Video Sharing requirements.](#)
- Download and installation of the latest version of the software.
- High-speed and stable internet connection for e-Scoresheet and Data Volley 4 via LAN cable with at least 10 Mb/s up and down speed and necessary power supply during the CEV Competition to ensure professional data collection and distribution to CEV and all CEV Commercial partners.
- Appointment of an experienced Scorer and Statistician during the CEV Competition to operate the software applications and collect data and statistics according to the respective regulations.
- Execute [e-Scoresheet](#) and [Data Volley 4](#) match tests in the Competition Hall one (1) day before the start of the match scheduled for a CEV competition.
- Using the credentials provided by the CEV and only on a match court, ensure delivery of the [e-Scoresheet](#) and Data Volley 4 live match statistics without internet connection interruptions or data collection mistakes.
- Finalize e-Scoresheet match on the court within 5 minutes after the end of a match and print Scoresheet according to the Official Volleyball rules and CEV Guidelines.

Prohibition of any illegal or non-authorized collection, archiving and distribution of match related data and statistics during all matches.

Challenge system

- The requirement for video challenge is mandatory based on the specific competition and phase, with details provided in [CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Art. 95.1 §3.](#)
- The system must be set and used according to the relevant [CEV Guidelines – Art. 95.6.](#)

Wireless Headset

- The requirement for wireless headsets systems for referees is mandatory based on the specific competition and phase, with details provided in [CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Art. 95.1 §3.](#)
- The system must be set and used according to the relevant [CEV Guidelines – Art. 95.5.](#)

For further information on CEV Competition match technology or data matters, the following contact details shall be used during all CEV Competitions:

CEV – Mr Donatas Averkinas, Sport Data Coordinator (data@cev.eu)

18. MEDIA RIGHTS & HOST BROADCAST PRODUCTION

The CEV is the ultimate media rights-holder of the CEV Club Competitions including the CEV Champions League Volley, the CEV Volleyball Cup and the CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup. The CEV has appointed the Sport Media Agency Infront as its exclusive global media rights distribution partner for the above-mentioned competitions.

For further information on media rights and host broadcasting production matters, the following contact details shall be used during the CEV Club Competitions season 2025/2026:

- **CEV – Ms Xiaohan Wen, TV & Media Rights Coordinator** (tv@cev.eu)
- **Infront – Ms Ottavia Perra, Director Media Sales** (Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com)
- **Infront – Ms Michela Cugnasca, TV & Media Rights** (Michela.Cugnasca@infrontsports.com)
- **Infront – Ms. Deborah Termanini, Media Operations** (Deborah.Termanini@infrontsports.com)

The following media rights range of exclusivity and broadcasting standards, which are duly stated in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, will apply during the CEV European Cups season 2025/2026:

1. CEV Champions League Volley

Match Schedule

In relation to their home matches, it is the responsibility of each participating club to submit officially their match date & starting time (in local time) proposals to the CEV via the 07 form.

Once submitted by the club, the proposals are considered definitive and reviewed by the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency. In case their competition hall is not available during the set competition window, the participating clubs shall inform the CEV via email before closing the said form.

Similarly, the participating clubs sharing competition halls/venues shall coordinate between each other before submitting their proposals via the 07 form (such clubs might also request the support of their National Federation to help with the coordination).

The CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency reserve the right to select any of the submitted proposals by the participating clubs and confirm the final match schedule (in accordance with art. 13.3. of the official CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations).

Media Rights

On behalf of the CEV, the CEV Sport Media Agency Infront is managing and distributing the exclusive worldwide media rights with respect to the Men & Women CEV Champions League Volley. As a result, the participating clubs **do not hold** any media rights in their domestic territory.

In order to ensure a professional broadcast production, the participating clubs must provide upon request to CEV and its Sport Media Agency the following facilities and services on a free-of-charge basis:

- Camera platforms for one (1) or two (2) cameras centralised above the court and at the appropriate angle to produce a TV signal of international standard.
- A minimum number of commentary positions for each match to be located on the same side of the main camera and as close as possible to the field of play.
- Access to match data/statistics for the host broadcaster and the TV graphic operator.
- Adequate space in the TV and SNG compound for TV transmissions and production vans.
- One (1) fully furnished office for the CEV Sport Media Agency team on-site.
- Support to access the venue, TV compound and other broadcast areas.

2. CEV Volleyball Cup & CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup

Media Rights

With respect to the domestic matches only, the CEV is granting to the Participating Clubs the non-exclusive domestic media rights in the territory.

Host Broadcast Production

The participating clubs shall respect and fulfil the requirements stated in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and indicated below:

CEV Volleyball Cup

Phase	Production obligation	Minimum requirements
Main Phase	Optional	CEV Broadcast Standard D - 3 HD cameras Delivery of TV signal via European satellite
Final Phase	Semi-Finals & Finals	CEV Broadcast Standard C – 5 HD cameras Delivery of TV signal via European satellite

CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup

Phase	Production obligation	Minimum requirements
Main Phase	Optional	CEV Broadcast Standard D - 3 HD cameras Delivery of TV signal via European satellite
Final Phase	Finals	CEV Broadcast Standard C – 5 HD cameras Delivery of TV signal via European satellite

For the avoidance of doubt, any domestic matches produced by the Participating Clubs during the CEV Volleyball Cup and CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup shall respect the following World Feed signal format and signal delivery requirements:

Quality	Live uninterrupted & continuous HD 1080i 50Hz 16:9 World Feed signal
Audio configuration	Minimum four (4) audio channels for international stereo sounds and 2 nd language commentary mix (if applicable)
Microphones	Min. six (6) including one (1) net microphone to capture atmospherics
Signal Delivery	Established European satellite (Eutelsat 10A or 7B)

TV graphics	Provided by the CEV and its Sport Media Agency (via FTP)
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For the avoidance of doubt, the World Feed signal of each produced match must be delivered to the CEV and its Sport Media Agency free of charge via satellite according to the following standards:

- Uplink to an established European satellite
- Book the corresponding satellite space (including the end-to-end test synopsis)
- Provide an encrypted satellite feed (also called BISS code)

In order to ensure a professional broadcast production, the participating clubs must provide upon request to the CEV and its Sport Media Agency the following facilities and services on a free-of-charge basis:

- Camera platforms for one (1) or two (2) cameras centralised above the court and at the appropriate angle to produce a TV signal of international standard.
- A minimum number of commentary positions for each match to be located on the same side of the main camera and as close as possible to the field of play.
- Access to match data/statistics for the host broadcaster and the TV graphic operator.
- Adequate space in the TV and SNG compound for TV transmissions and production vans.
- One (1) fully furnished office for the CEV Sport Media Agency media and production team.
- Accommodation (full board) – up to 2 rooms for the CEV Sport Media Agency staff on-site provided that they request minimum 1 month before the start of each match.

Lastly, comprehensive TV production manuals/match running order and on-screen graphics package will also be distributed to each participating club and appointed host broadcasters.

19. DIGITAL & SOCIAL COVERAGE

The rising of mobile phone users and social media changed the way we look at the sport of Volleyball including our engagement to that unique sport. There are many different social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. Fans worldwide can use these social media platforms conveniently in their daily lives. Social media has also become an important tool for promoting events, distributing content, attracting new readers, and creating more engagement to teams and athletes.

The participating clubs should use social media to promote the CEV Club competitions. You may find below industry standards as well as social media tips that can be used throughout the season:

Description	Facebook/YouTube	Instagram	X
Type of posts	Match Highlights Top plays Off-the-court content	Single rally clips Graphical clips	Single rally clips Match highlights
Ideal length	3 minutes or longer	< 1 minute	< 2 minutes

- Go “behind the scenes.” Make fans who are not at the event feel like they are there (and want to attend next time) by showing the scene on social media accounts. (e.g. show what the players are doing in their off time, before the game, etc.).
- Quote players: people love sharing a great quote. Make sure you use quotation marks and attribute it to the speaker.
- Think quality not quantity.
- Interaction between fans and athletes: when you post an interesting fact about a player, tag the athlete.

- Cross-post to other media. Make posts by attaching photos and videos of the event.
- Interact with people at the event. Share newsworthy posts by fans and credible sports journalists.

Participating clubs are also expected to engage and support the CEV Digital & TV Department with the following actions:

- Promote the events via their own social media channels on a regular basis.
- Use the official competition hashtags whenever posting about it.
- Access and use CEV Social Media Graphics creator platform
- Share on their social media behind-the-scene photos and video footage, showing the social side of players and staff, which can be re-tweeted or shared further on by the CEV.
- Provide the CEV with additional content to distribute on social media: the best promotion comes from the players themselves.
- Produce additional video material, such as mixed zone interviews in English, for publishing across social media channels.
- Engage with the CEV and other participating clubs on social media by liking, sharing, reposting, following, retweeting content.

The official #hashtags to be used throughout the season are:

#Volleyball – when referring to the sport of Volleyball

CEV Champions League Volley 2026 – Women	#CLVolleyW
CEV Champions League Volley 2026 – Men	#CLVolleyM
CEV Volleyball Cup 2026 – Women	#CEVCupW
CEV Volleyball Cup 2026 – Men	#CEVCupM
CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026 – Women	#CEVChallengeCupW
CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026 – Men	#CEVChallengeCupM

The CEV Digital team will reach out to each Participating Club with digital and social media coverage guidelines. A communication structure via Slack channels will also be established prior to the start of the season.

If you have any questions and/or ideas for digital and social media activations, please always contact digital@cev.eu.

20. TEAM & PLAYER PICTURES

General Information

Team and athletes' pictures are used by the CEV for promotional purposes on its website, social media, TV graphics operations as well as to enhance the event experience for in-venue spectators with entertaining sport presentation concepts.

It is the responsibility of each participating club to provide quality pictures to the CEV based on the following requirements:

Athlete portrait shot & staff

A **portrait shot** of each registered athlete and key staff shall be provided as per the standard below:



Quality standards:

- Background: neutral – white only
- Eyes: facing the camera
- Expression: smiling
- Hands: behind the back
- Body position: straight to the camera with shoulder visible
- Match jersey: only from the current season (**no training suit, national team jersey or polo shirts are allowed**)
- Jersey number: to be visible on picture
- Dimension: 1800*2800 pixel and 300 DPI minimum
- Maximum weight: 6-8 MB

Team picture

Quality standards:

- Location: backdrop or on court.
- Background: neutral – white only
- Eyes: facing the camera
- Expression: smiling
- Body position: straight to the camera
- Match jersey: only from the current season (no training suit or polo shirts are allowed)
- Jersey number: to be visible on picture
- Team officials and head coach to wear smart dress code
- Fun team picture is also recommended (as a plus, to be delivered via CEV Cloud)
- Dimensions: at least 4000*2500 pixels and 300 DPI minimum
- Maximum weight: 12-15 MB

A **team picture** shall be provided as per the standard below:



Delivery method:

Pictures shall be submitted via the CEV database 04 form in high-resolution, in JPG format and with full player name.

➔ **Deadline of submission: 1 month prior to the start of the competition**

21. MATCH BALLS

The official match ball to be used for all games of the **CEV Champions League Volley 2026** is the Mikasa ball **V200W-CEV**.



The official match ball to be used for all games of the **CEV Volleyball Cup** and **CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup 2026** is the Mikasa ball **V200W**.



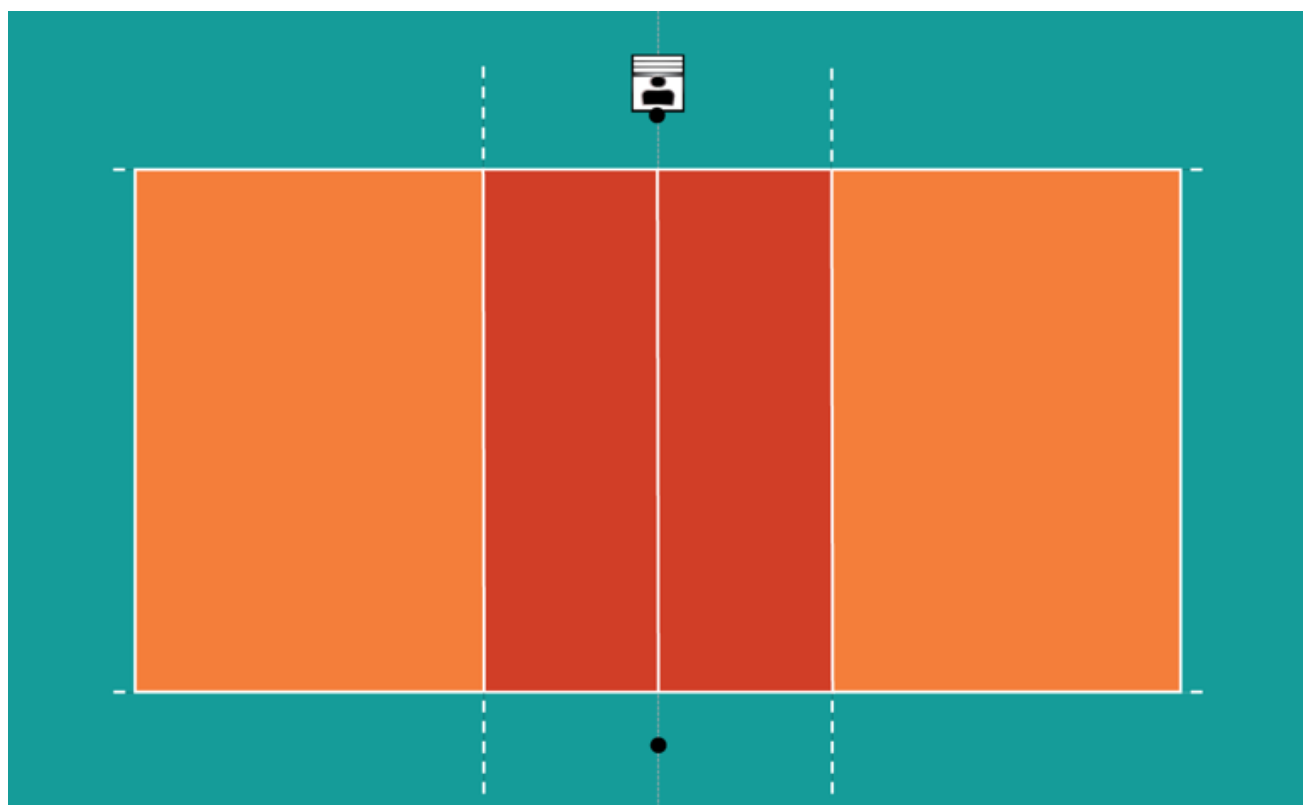
Each team registered will receive as usual **30 V200W-CEV** or **15 V200W** balls (depending on the competition) as material support from CEV. The balls will be sent by Mikasa to the respective National Federation in September 2025, then the National Federations will be responsible for dispatching the balls to their clubs participating in the European Cups 2026.

22. FLOORING

In all phases of the CEV Champions League Volley, it is mandatory to use a synthetic 3-colour surface floor placed on a wooden or equally appropriate sub-floor as follows:

- **Free Zone: 6431-Teal**
- **Back Zone: 6146-Coral**
- **Front Zone: 6038-Terracotta**

Please find below a visual representation of these colours for your reference:





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1. TEAMS REGISTERED

Please find the allocation of the registered teams per Competition for the upcoming CEV European Cups 2026 in accordance with the respective CEV European Cups Ranking and CEV Competitions Regulations Article 19 and 31.

Nr.	Competition	Rounds	Gender	NF	Club Name
1	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	AUT	TSV Raiffeisen HARTBERG
2	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	AUT	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB
3	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	AZE	Azerrail BAKU
4	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	AZE	Khilasedichi BAKU
5	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	BEL	Knack ROESELARE
6	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	BEL	Volley Haasrode LEUVEN
7	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	BEL	Techtum ACHEL
8	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	BEL	Greenyard MAASEIK
9	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	BEL	Lindemans AALST
10	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	BIH	OK Napredak ODŽAK
11	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	BUL	Levski SOFIA
12	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	BUL	Lokomotiv Avia PLOVDIV
13	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	BUL	Neftohimik BURGAS
14	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	BUL	Beroe 2016 STARA ZAGORA
15	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	CRO	MOK Mursa OSIJEK
16	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	CRO	Mladost ZAGREB
17	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	CRO	Ribola KAŠTELA
18	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	CRO	OK MEDIMURJE Centrometal
19	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	CYP	Omonia NICOSIA
20	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	CYP	Pafiakos PAFOS
21	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	CYP	Anorthosis FAMAGUSTA
22	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	CZE	VK Lvi PRAHA
23	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	CZE	ČEZ KARLOVARSKO
24	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	CZE	Jihostroj ČESKÉ BUDĚJOVICE
25	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	CZE	Dukla LIBEREC
26	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	CZE	Volejbal BRNO
27	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	DEN	NORDENSKOV UIF
28	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	ESP	Guaguas LAS PALMAS
29	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	ESP	Rio Duero SORIA
30	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	ESP	Conqueridor VALENCIA
31	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	ESP	Conectabalea CV MANACOR
32	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	ESP	Pamesa TERUEL
33	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	EST	PÄRNU VK
34	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	EST	Bigbank TARTU
35	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	FAR	Mjølñir KLAKS Vík

Nr.	Competition	Rounds	Gender	NF	Club Name
36	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	FIN	AKAA Volley
37	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	FIN	Ford Levoranta SASTAMALA
38	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	FRA	TOURS VB
39	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	FRA	MONTPELLIER HSC VB
40	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	FRA	TOURCOING Lille Métropole
41	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	FRA	Alterna SPVB POITIERS
42	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	FRA	CHAUMONT VB 52
43	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	GER	BERLIN Recycling Volleys
44	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	GER	SVG LÜNEBURG
45	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	GER	VfB FRIEDRICHSHAFEN
46	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	GER	Helios Grizzlys GIESEN
47	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	GER	WWK Volleys HERRSCHING
48	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	GRE	Olympiacos PIRAEUS
49	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	GRE	Panathinaikos ATHENS
50	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	GRE	AONS Milon ATHENS
51	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	GRE	PAOK THESSALONIKI
52	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	GRE	Foinikas SYROS
53	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	HUN	MÁV Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR
54	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	HUN	Fino KAPOSVÁR
55	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	HUN	DVTK-Vegyész KAZINCBARCIKA
56	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	ISR	Maccabi TEL-AVIV
57	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	ITA	TRENTINO Itas
58	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	ITA	Cucine Lube CIVITANOVA
59	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	ITA	Sir Sicoma Monini PERUGIA
60	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	ITA	Gas Sales Bluenergy PIACENZA
61	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	ITA	Allianz MILANO
62	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	KOS	KV Ferizaj FERIZAJ
63	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	LUX	VC STROOSSEN
64	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	MKD	VC Strumica STRUMICA
65	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	MKD	UGD Stip STIP
66	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	MNE	Buducnost PODGORICA
67	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	MNE	Budva BUDVA
68	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	NED	Orion Stars DOETINCHEM
69	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	NED	Draisma Dynamo APELDOORN
70	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	NED	Prima Donna Kaas HUIZEN
71	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	NED	SLIEDRECHT Sport
72	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	NOR	Viking TIF BERGEN
73	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	NOR	Koll IL OSLO
74	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	POL	Bogdanka LUK LUBLIN
75	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	POL	Aluron CMC Warta ZAWIERCIE
76	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	POL	PGE Projekt WARSZAWA

Nr.	Competition	Rounds	Gender	NF	Club Name
77	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	POL	Asseco Resovia RZESZOW
78	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	POL	JSW JASTRZEBSKI Wegiel
79	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	POL	Norwid CZESTOCHOWA
80	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	POR	Sporting CP LISBOA
81	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	POR	Sport LISBOA e Benfica
82	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	ROU	Dinamo BUCURESTI
83	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	ROU	CSM Corona BRASOV
84	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	ROU	SCM CRAIOVA
85	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	ROU	SCM ZALAU
86	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	ROU	C.S. Arcada GALATI
87	CEV CEV Champions League Volley Champions League	1-3	M	SLO	ACH Volley LJUBLJANA
88	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	SLO	OK Alpacem KANAL
89	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	SLO	Krka NOVO MESTO
90	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	SLO	OK i-Vent MARIBOR
91	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	M	SRB	Radnicki KRAGUJEVAC
92	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	SRB	Vojvodina NOVI SAD
93	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	SRB	Crvena Zvezda BEOGRAD
94	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	SRB	Karadorde TOPOLA
95	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	SUI	Volley AMRISWIL
96	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	SUI	Volley SCHÖNENWERD
97	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	SUI	Volley NÄFELS
98	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	SUI	Chênois GENEVE
99	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	SUI	LAUSANNE UC
100	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	SVK	VK Slovan BRATISLAVA
101	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	TUR	Ziraat Bankkart ANKARA
102	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	TUR	Galatasaray ISTANBUL
103	CEV Champions League Volley	4	M	TUR	Halkbank ANKARA
104	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	TUR	Fenerbahçe Medicaana ISTANBUL
105	CEV Volleyball Cup		M	TUR	ON Hotels ALANYA Bld
106	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	TUR	Altekma SK IZMIR
107	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	UKR	Epicentr-Podolyany HORODOK
108	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	AUT	UVC Holding GRAZ
109	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	AUT	Erzbergm TROFAIACH EISENERZ
110	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	BEL	Asterix Avo BEVEREN
111	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	BEL	Darta Bevo ROESELARE
112	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	BEL	CHARLEROI Volley
113	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	BEL	Tchalou CHAPELLE-LEZ-HERLAIMONT
114	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	BIH	ŽOK GACKO RD Swisslion
115	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	BIH	ZOK Igman ILIDZA
116	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	BUL	Maritza PLOVDIV

Nr.	Competition	Rounds	Gender	NF	Club Name
117	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	BUL	Levski SOFIA
118	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	CRO	OK Dinamo ZAGREB
119	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	CRO	Mladost ZAGREB
120	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	CRO	ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA
121	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	CRO	OK Nebo ZAPREŠIĆ
122	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	CRO	OK Brda SPLIT
123	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	CYP	Olympiada Neapolis NICOSIA
124	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	CZE	VK UP OLOMOUC
125	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	CZE	Dukla LIBEREC
126	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	CZE	Olymp PRAHA
127	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	CZE	TJ OSTRAVA
128	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	CZE	VK PROSTEJOV
129	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	DEN	HOLTE IF
130	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	ESP	CD Heidelberg LAS PALMAS
131	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	ESP	Avarca de MENORCA
132	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	ESP	Hidramar GRAN CANARIA
133	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	ESP	Ocisa HARO Rioja
134	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	ESP	Fundación Unicaja ANDALUCÍA
135	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	EST	RAE Spordikool Viaston JÜRI
136	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	FAR	Flejr TÓRSHAVN
137	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	FIN	LP SALO
138	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	FRA	LEVALLOIS PARIS Saint Cloud
139	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	FRA	Volero LE CANNET
140	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	FRA	Volley MULHOUSE Alsace
141	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	FRA	Vandoeuvre NANCY VB
142	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	GER	SSC Palmberg SCHWERIN
143	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	GER	DRESDNER SC
144	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	GER	Allianz MTV STUTTGART
145	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	GER	VfB SUHL Thüringen
146	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	GER	SC POTSDAM
147	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	GRE	Olympiacos PIRAEUS
148	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	GRE	AC PAOK THESSALONIKI
149	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	GRE	Panathinaikos ATHENS
150	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	GRE	GS Panionios NEA SMYRNI
151	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	GRE	AO THIRAS
152	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	HUN	Vasas Óbuda BUDAPEST
153	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	HUN	MBH – BÉKÉSCSABA
154	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	HUN	KAPOSVÁRI NRC
155	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	HUN	Fatum NYÍREGYHÁZA
156	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	ITA	A. Carraro Prosecco DOC CONEGLIANO
157	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	ITA	Numia Vero Volley MILANO

Nr.	Competition	Rounds	Gender	NF	Club Name
158	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	ITA	Savino Del Bene SCANDICCI
159	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	ITA	Igor Gorgonzola NOVARA
160	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	ITA	Reale Mutua Fenera CHIERI'76
161	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	ITA	Megabox group VALLEFOGLIA
162	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	KOS	KV Fer Volley FERIZAJ
163	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	LTU	KAUNAS VDU
164	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	MKD	Janta Volej KISELA VODA
165	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	MKD	Nakovski Volej STRUMICA
166	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	MKD	Rabotnicki SKOPJE
167	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	MNE	Buducnost PODGORICA
168	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	NED	Draisma Dynamo APELDOORN
169	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	NED	Friso SNEEK
170	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	NOR	TIF Viking BERGEN
171	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	NOR	Øksyl MYRE
172	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	POL	Developres RZESZÓW
173	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	POL	ŁKS Commercecon ŁÓDŹ
174	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	POL	Grot Budowlani ŁÓDŹ
175	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	POL	BKS Bostik BIELSKO-BIAŁA
176	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	POL	MOYA Radomka RADOM
177	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	POR	Sport LISBOA e Benfica
178	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	POR	Sporting CP LISBOA
179	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	POR	FC PORTO
180	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	POR	Sporting Clube de BRAGA
181	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	ROU	CS Volei Alba BLAJ
182	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	ROU	C.S.O. VOLUNTARI 2005
183	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	ROU	Dinamo BUCURESTI
184	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	ROU	CSM Corona BRASOV
185	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	ROU	C.S.M LUGOJ
186	CEV Champions League Volley	1-3	W	SLO	OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR
187	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SLO	GEN-I Volley NOVA GORICA
188	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	SRB	OK Železničar LAJKOVAC
189	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	SRB	Tent OBRENOVAC
190	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	SRB	ZOK UB
191	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SRB	Crvena Zvezda BEOGRAD
192	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SRB	GZOK Srem SREMSKA MITROVICA
193	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	SUI	Viteos NEUCHÂTEL UC
194	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SUI	VC Kanti SCHAFFHAUSEN
195	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SUI	VBC CHESEAUX
196	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SUI	Volley DÜDINGEN
197	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SVK	VK Slovan BRATISLAVA
198	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SVK	VA Uniza ZILINA

Nr.	Competition	Rounds	Gender	NF	Club Name
199	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	SVK	VK Pirane BRUSNO
200	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	TUR	VakifBank ISTANBUL
201	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	TUR	Fenerbahçe Mediana ISTANBUL
202	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	TUR	Eczacıbaşı ISTANBUL
203	CEV Champions League Volley	4	W	TUR	ANKARA Zeren Spor Kulübü
204	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	TUR	Galatasaray ISTANBUL
205	CEV Volleyball Cup		W	TUR	THY ISTANBUL
206	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	UKR	SC BALTA
207	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		W	BVA	BVA Cup - Winner
208	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup		M	BVA	BVA Cup - Winner

2. CEV Champions League Volley – Wild Card Allocation

Further to the decision of the CEV Board of Administration of the 24 June 2025, the allocation of the Wild Card for the CEV Champions League Volley 2026 are as follows:

MEN:

- Halkbank ANKARA
- Asseco Resovia RZESZOW
- MONTPELLIER HSC VB

WOMEN:

- Igor Gorgonzola NOVARA
- ANKARA Zeren Spor Kulübü

3. CEV Champions League Volley – Gerflor

The CEV has officially partnered with Gerflor as the Official Flooring Partner for the CEV Champions League Volley Men and Women 2026.

As part of this agreement, all participating clubs will receive a floor sticker to be placed in accordance with the Official Court Layout, which will be shared in due course.

4. CEV Champions League Volley Competition System – Early Rounds

Further to the Official Communication N°1 art. 7, the CEV Champions League Volley Early Rounds 2026 will be played as follows:

WOMEN:

- With ten (10) teams registered for the CEV Champions League Volley Early Rounds Women, the matches will be played in a Home & Away format. The participating teams will start from either the 2nd or the 3rd Round depending on the ranking of their respective National Federation. The four (4) winning teams of the 3rd Round will qualify to the CEV Champions League Volley 4th Round.

The dates of the CEV Champions League Volley 2nd and 3rd Round Women are as follows:

- 2nd Round Women: 21-23.10.2025 & 28-30.10.2025
- 3rd Round Women: 04-06.11.2025 & 11-13.11.2025

The updated CEV European Cups 2026 calendar is available [here](#).

5. CEV Champions League Volley – Competition Path

The 20 teams participating in the 4th Round will be divided into four sub-groups (I-II-III-IV) of five teams each before the Drawing of Lots as per the table below, which reflects the latest CEV Champions League Ranking and the number of teams per National Federation.

CEV CHAMPIONS LEAGUE VOLLEY 2026 – MEN

2026 CEV Champions League 4th Round Cups for Drawing of Lots – Men

Cup I	Cup II	Cup III	Cup IV
ITA 1 TRENTINO Itas	ITA 3 Sir Sicoma Monini PERUGIA	BEL 1 Knack ROESELARE	Wild Card Halkbank ANKARA
ITA 2 Cucine Lube CIVITANOVA	POL 3 PGE Projekt WARSZAWA	BEL 2 Volley Haasrode LEUVEN	Wild Card Asseco Resovia RZESZOW

POL 1 Bogdanka LUK LUBLIN	GER 2 SVG LÜNEBURG	FRA 1 TOURS VB	Wild Card MONTPELLIER HSC VB
POL 2 Aluron CMC Warta ZAWIERCIE	TUR 1 Ziraat Bankkart ANKARA	CZE 1 VK Lvi PRAHA	Winner CL 3rd Round
GER 1 BERLIN Recycling Volleys	TUR 2 Galatasaray ISTANBUL	POR 1 Sporting CP LISBOA	Winner CL 3rd Round

Teams will be drawn across five pools (A-B-C-D-E) accordingly. Each pool will consist of four teams, each one playing three matches at home and three away. The home and away status of each team is determined as follows:

LEG 1	LEG 2	LEG 3	LEG 4	LEG 5	LEG 6
09-11.12.2025	06-08.01.2026	20-22.01.2026	27-29.01.2026	10-12.02.2026	18.02.2026
I – IV	III – I	II – I	I – III	IV – I	I – II
II – III	IV – II	IV – III	II – IV	III – II	III – IV

CEV CHAMPIONS LEAGUE VOLLEY 2026 – WOMEN

The same system of seeding and drawing is applied as for the Men's competition.
2026 CEV Champions League 4th Round Cups for Drawing of Lots – **Women**

Cup I	Cup II	Cup III	Cup IV
ITA 1 A. Carraro Prosecco DOC CONEGLIANO	ITA 3 Savino Del Bene SCANDICCI	GER 2 DRESDNER SC	Wild Card ANKARA Zeren Spor Kulübü
ITA 2 Numia Vero Volley MILANO	TUR 3 Eczacibasi ISTANBUL	FRA 1 LEVALLOIS PARIS Saint Cloud	Winner CL 3rd Round

TUR 1 VakifBank ISTANBUL	POL 2 ŁKS Commercecon ŁÓDŹ	SRB 1 OK Železničar LAJKOVAC	Winner CL 3rd Round
TUR 2 Fenerbahçe Medicana ISTANBUL	POL 3 Grot Budowlani ŁÓDŹ	ROU 1 CS Volei Alba BLAJ	Winner CL 3rd Round
POL 1 Developres RZESZÓW	GER 1 SSC Palmberg SCHWERIN	Wild Card Igor Gorgonzola NOVARA	Winner CL 3rd Round

- Igor Gorgonzola NOVARA and ANKARA Zeren Spor Kulübü are both wildcard recipients. Igor Gorgonzola NOVARA were placed into Cup 3 since their National Federation, Italy, currently tops the latest European Ranking for the CEV Champions League Volley Women, whereas Türkiye follows next in second place – which explains why ANKARA Zeren Spor Kulübü were placed into Cup 4.
- During the Drawing of Lots, the rule that two teams from the same country cannot be drawn into the same pool still applies, unless one of these two teams is a wildcard recipient.

LEG 1	LEG 2	LEG 3	LEG 4	LEG 5	LEG 6
25-27.11.2025	02-04.12.2025	06-08.01.2026	13-15.01.2026	27-29.01.2026	04.02.2026
I – IV	III – I	II – I	I – III	IV – I	I – II
II – III	IV – II	IV – III	II – IV	III – II	III – IV

Competition Path

- Two teams from the early rounds in the men's and four teams in the women's competition qualify to the 4th Round.
- The five pool winners from the 4th Round qualify directly to the Quarter – Finals.
- The five teams finishing second in their pool and the 3rd ranked team with the best result across all pools will compete in the Playoff Phase.
- The four remaining 3rd placed teams will move to the CEV Volleyball Cup Quarter – Finals.

Please find below the pairings for the knockout phase of the CEV Champions League Volley until the Final Four.

Play Off	4th Finals	FINAL 4		
1st ranked 3rd Team				
1st ranked 2nd Team			Loser Semi Final 1	
				Bronze Medalist
			Loser Semi Final 2	
	3rd ranked Pool Winner			
5th ranked 2nd Team				
2nd ranked 2nd Team				
	2nd ranked Pool Winner			
			CEV CL Winner	
	5th ranked Pool Winner			
	4th ranked Pool Winner			
4th ranked 2nd Team				
3rd ranked 2nd Team				
	1st ranked Pool Winner			

6. CEV Volleyball Cup – Competition Path

Please find the pairings for the matches in the Quarter Finals of the CEV Volleyball Cup.

CEV Volleyball Cup – Men & Women

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1. Commercial rights

Commercial rights – All rounds (except Final Four)

Advertising spaces	CEV Champions League Volley	
	Organiser	CEV
LED system visibility split (percentage of a 360° loop)	60%	40%
Floor stickers	2+2*	2
Net	-	100%
Net post	-	100%
Referee stand	-	100%

*Including two positions, one for the competition title and one for the host city (see court layout for further details on the positioning).

RESERVED PRODUCT CATEGORIES:

The CEV reserves the following product categories for all phases:

RESERVED PRODUCT CATEGORIES – CEV CHAMPIONS LEAGUE VOLLEY 2026:

1. Airlines
2. Banking
3. Courier services & logistics
4. Betting and Gambling services
5. Body & healthcare products
6. Mobile phone/technology communications
7. Sports Equipment – Volleyballs & flooring
8. Sportswear

N.B.: The above-mentioned reserved product categories will not be released by CEV. Hence, no sponsors listed above may be contracted by the participating teams for advertising on any space in the frame of the competition.

Exception: Despite the above-mentioned restriction, each team will be allowed to have one sponsor logo either on the official player jersey or on the shorts, except for sponsors belonging to the category of sports equipment (n°7 Sports equipment – volleyballs and flooring). **NO** competitive sponsor is allowed on the jersey or shorts in those categories.

2. CEV Partners

Men's competition		Women's competition	
Partner Name	Title	Partner Name	Title
Asseco	Official Partner	ZEREN Group	Naming Partner
Halkbank	Official Partner	Igor Gorgonzola	Official Partner
Nicollin	Official Partner		
Mikasa	Official Ball Supplier	Mikasa	Official Ball Supplier
Gerflor	Official Floor Supplier	Gerflor	Official Floor Supplier

Important: With the naming partner ZEREN Group, the women's competition title has been changed as follows:

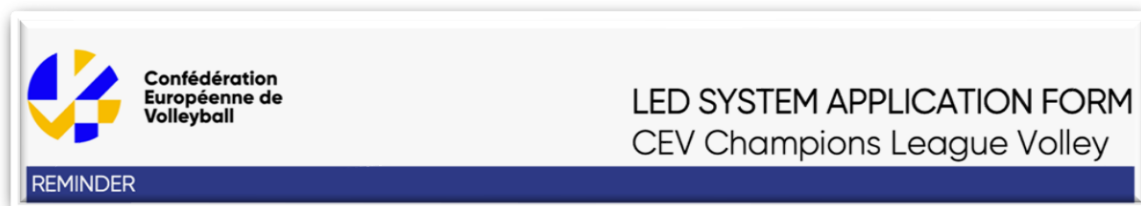
CEV ZEREN Group Champions League Volley 2026 – Women

The official competition logo to be used by all participants of the women's competition is the following:



3. Application for LED system

As a reminder, using the LED system is mandatory for ALL rounds of the competition.



All teams shall download the LED system application form from the CEV Cloud <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20> and submit it by email as instructed in the form or/and upload the completed and signed form to the appropriate club folder. In any case the club is obliged to notify the CEV by emailing graphics@cev.eu.

The fully compiled form must be sent electronically to CEV for approval:

- by **Monday 1st September 2025, at the latest**
- **Important:** CEV reserves the right to issue a financial sanction, in case the deadline is not respected, as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

The CEV commercial partner's files and footage will be made available on the CEV Cloud, based on the dimensions of the LED system of each club.

The official LED playlist will be provided by CEV and be made available in the Download area of the CEV Cloud.

4. Team Uniforms & Advertising

When ordering team uniforms, clubs must make sure they are produced according to the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules and the latest version of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

1. SPONSOR APPROVAL:

All sponsors shall be approved by CEV through the S-form.

Please clearly indicate in the S-form which of the sponsors appear on the uniform.

2. NON-APPROVED ADVERTISING

When taking part in the CEV Champions League Volley, a team member may not carry any advertising material other than the name of the sponsors which have been registered by his team in the S-form and which have been approved.

For the sake of clarity, permanent and temporary tattoos may not display any advertising material and shall be covered when in a competition.

All teams are requested to proceed as follows:

3. TEAM UNIFORM APPROVAL PROCEDURE:

Any approval of team uniforms shall only be valid if all sponsors are uploaded and approved in the S-form.

After approval of the sponsors through the S-form, teams are required to upload the layout in colour of their two sets of uniforms, shirts and shorts, with a front side and back side view into their club folder created on the CEV Cloud.

The CEV must be notified of the upload by sending a short email to graphics@cev.eu.

N.B.: The uniform may be pre-approved separately in case the production of the latter is launched before the activation of the S-form in the [CEV database](#), however, the club is fully responsible for the fact that all sponsors will later be listed and agreed in the S-form.

4. MANUFACTURER LOGO

The logo of the manufacturer is authorised on the team uniform, including jersey, shirt, shorts, jacket and socks, so long as it does not exceed 30 cm² or 6 cm x 5 cm on each item.

5. COMPETITION LOGO BADGE:

The CEV Champions League Volley 2026 logo must be on the team jersey as from the first match, namely on the right sleeve for jerseys with sleeves or on the upper right chest for jerseys without sleeves (see layout hereafter).

Teams shall download the new competition logo from the CEV Cloud and integrate the competition logo during the production of the jerseys.

Note that there is a logo badge for the men's competition and one for the women's competition with the Official Naming partner "ZEREN Group" included.

Competition logo badge for the Men's competition:



The dimensions of the competition logo badge are as follows: 70 x 79 mm (width x height). Each team is responsible for integrating the competition logo badge on the jersey.

Competition logo badge for Men's Champions League winners:

All winners from previous Men's Champions League editions have the right to use the competition logo badge with stars (examples from previous editions below), which indicate how many times the respective team has won the Men's CEV Champions League Volley. The layouts can be downloaded from the CEV Cloud.



The colours of uniforms required for each match will be communicated by the CEV via the 09 forms in the [CEV Database](#).

Competition logo badge layout for the Women's competition:



The dimensions of the competition logo badge are as follows: 70 x 79 mm (width x height). Each team is responsible for integrating the competition logo badge on the jersey.

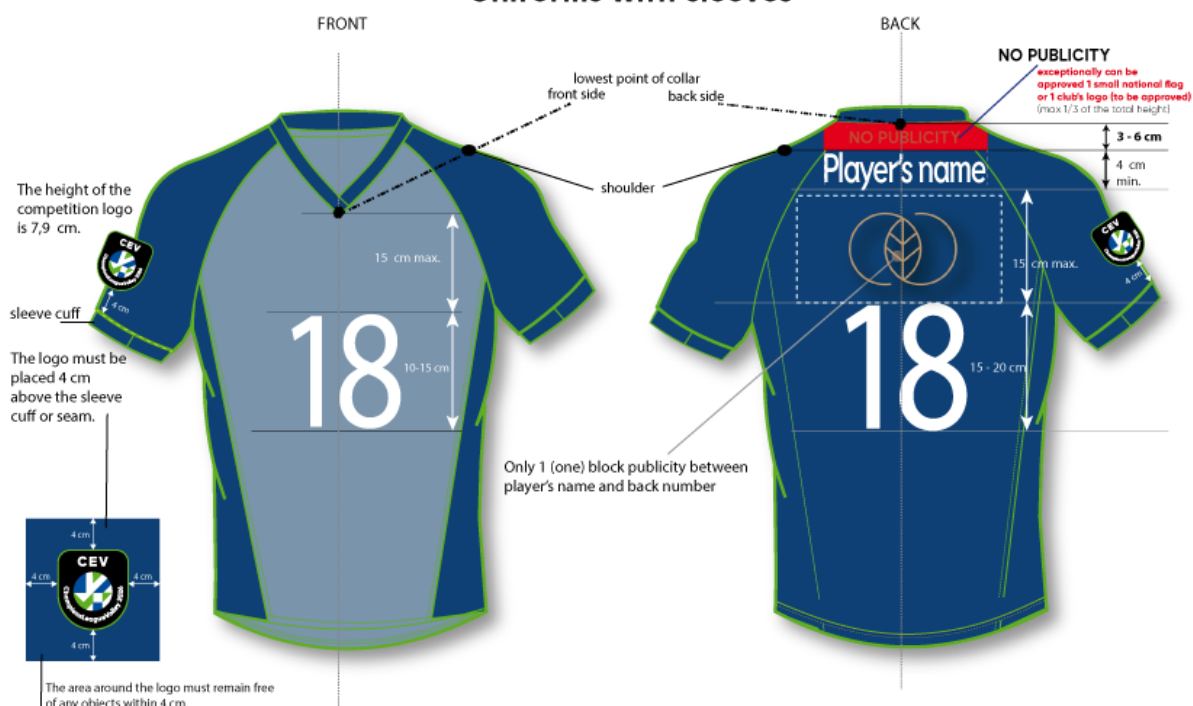
Competition logo badge for Women's Champions League winners:

All winners from previous Women's Champions League editions have the right to use the competition logo badge with stars (examples from previous editions below), which indicate how many times the respective team has won the Women's CEV Champions League Volley. The layouts can be downloaded from the CEV Cloud.



5. Uniform layout – Men's Competition

Uniforms with sleeves



Positioning of the manufacturer's logo (20 cm² max) is free except for the restricted area on the back and inside or as a part of the player's number.

Uniforms without sleeves



Positioning of the manufacturer's logo (20 cm² max) is free except for the restricted area on the back and inside or as a part of the player's number.

Shorts



6. Uniform layout - Women's Competition



Positioning of the manufacturer's logo (20 cm² max) is free except for the restricted area on the back and inside or as a part of the player's number.



7. Branding material

The following material shall be downloaded from CEV Cloud:

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

1. Champions League Volley brand guidelines
2. Competition Logos
3. Uniform specimen and logo badges
4. Poster layouts
5. Digital banners for social media
6. Mixed Zone Backdrop layout
7. Flash interview backdrop (in case interviews are made directly on the court)
8. Accreditation badges – participants must use the official layout of the badges available via the CEV accreditation system
9. Court layouts
10. Champions League anthem
11. Club logos, if needed for print & digital material
12. LED system playlist
13. Footage of CEV partners for the LED systems

Production is compulsory for:

- Mixed zone backdrop
- Flash interview backdrop (in case interviews are made directly on the court)
- Floor stickers (including competition title & host city)
- Official poster
- Digital banners for social media
- Tickets
- Accreditation badges
- Uniform badges
- LED system playlist to be compiled and uploaded on the CEV Cloud for approval, after confirmation of the LED application form

Any other promotional material with CEV identification markers shall be uploaded for approval.

Please note that we do not provide any ticket and brochure / official program layouts. However, all the relevant information and logos must be included in the design layout produced by the clubs, namely the CEV logo, competition title and logo, and any CEV Official partner's logo. The production of an official brochure / official program is not mandatory.

Branding material may differ for the men's and women's competition. In case there are two options, the right one must be chosen.

All graphics will be available on the CEV Cloud. All Organisers can review the basic Brand Guidelines and download and use the official competition logo and graphic assets in various formats, as needed.

The CEV institutional brand can be found on the CEV website:

<https://inside.cev.eu/brand/> or downloaded directly from the CEV Cloud:
<https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

CEV Cloud is an optimised file-sharing and storage solution. All clubs have direct access to all resources via a web service interface. The CEV Cloud allows users to drag and drop files.

No logins or passwords are needed.

Special links navigate you to the CEV Club Competitions storage with 2 main folders:

Download, which contains all necessary files/templates you need to use to produce any possible material <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/clubscompdwn>

and

Upload, for all files to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before production. The upload folder is structured by club name <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/clubscompupl>

Note:

After uploading any files, the Graphics Department graphics@cev.eu must be notified by a short e-mail. (All files to be approved must be uploaded to the cloud. Any e-mail attachments will not be taken into consideration).

Note that, the CEV Cloud doesn't inform us automatically of the uploading of new files. That's why it is important to notify us via a short e-mail (without any attachments).

It is strongly recommended to share the files well in advance of production so that possible adjustments and recommendations can be made, bearing in mind that a certain reaction time must be considered.

N.B.: All branding material and layouts will be made available by CEV on the Cloud by the 10th of August 2025.

Approval deadlines: All material to be sent for approval before 15th of September 2025.

8. Court Layouts

According to the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and Champions League Brand Guidelines, all clubs participating in the CEV Champions League Volley 2026 are requested to respect the court layout as per the conditions displayed hereafter.

All **floor stickers** must be produced with an identical approach and style. Identical style means, if possible, a similar background for floor stickers F1 and F6 (recommended are transparent or darker backgrounds).

In the women's competition, each club shall produce the Zeren Group floor sticker. The cost of this sticker will be covered by the CEV.

Floor stickers F3 (competition title) and F4 (Host city) are mandatory and must always be presented with a transparent background. The Host City must be promoted in writing (full name) and in white colour (no city logo).

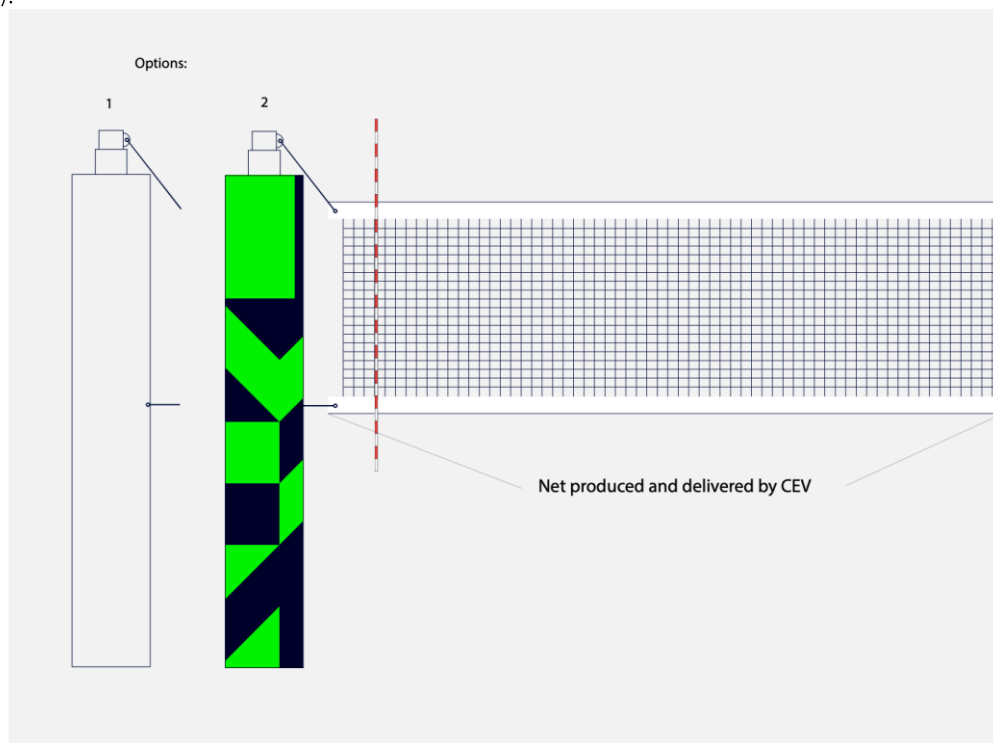
Net post paddings can be provided with or without a cover banner by using the brand pattern design available as a template in the CEV Cloud (for more details see the visual available further down in this document).

Stadium Graphics Net Post Paddings

Net Post Padding 100% CEV

Options:

- 1/ safety padding without cover and any adverts
- 2/ safety padding with cover in brand pattern design without adverts



BRANDED NETS FOR CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

CEV will produce one branded net for each participating team which will be shipped to the clubs.

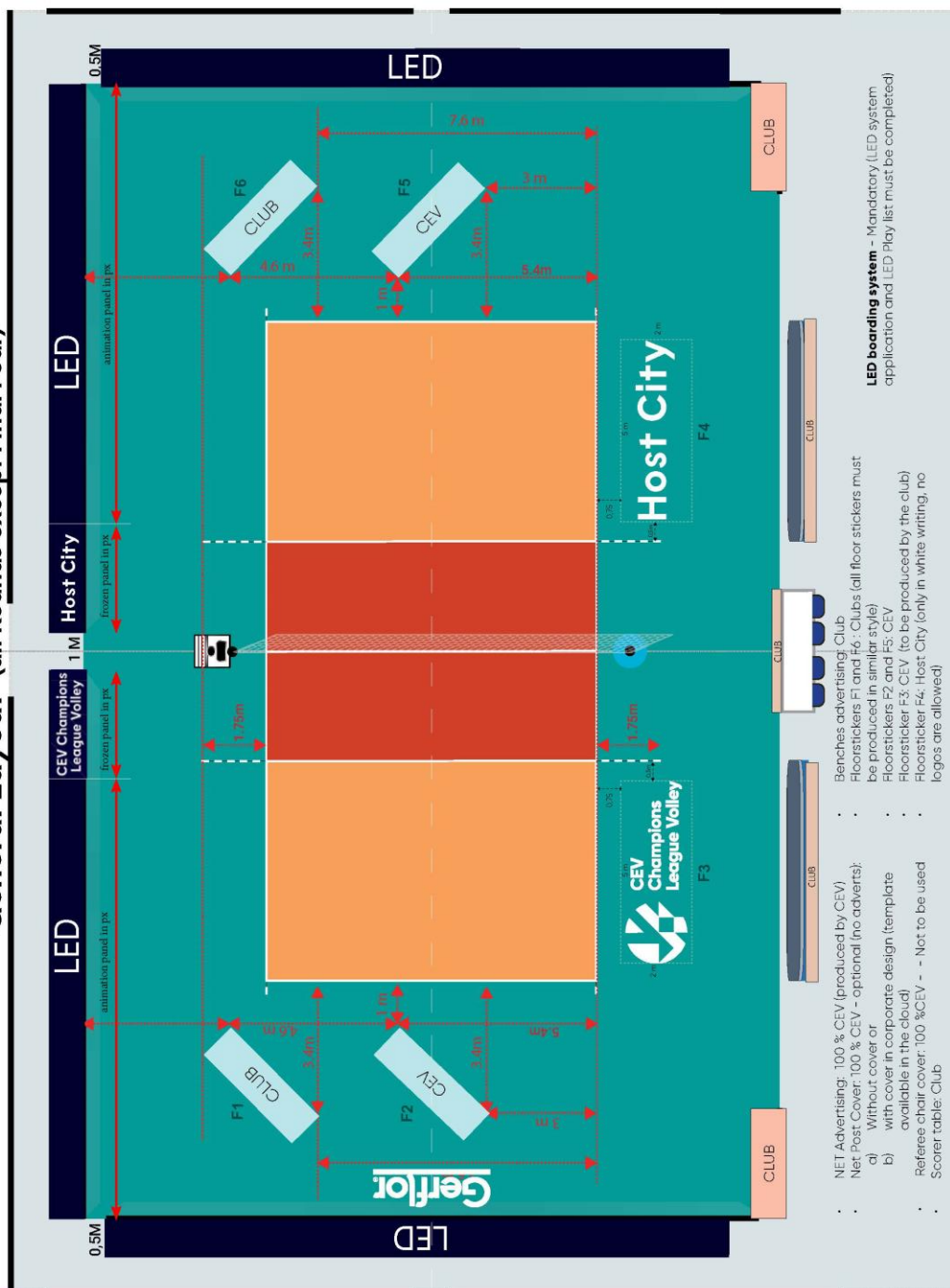
Please take care of verifying and/or updating the shipment address of your club in the [CEV database](#) by 29th August at the latest.

CEV cannot be held responsible for wrong shipments due to the provision of incorrect or obsolete addresses.

GERFLOR FLOOR STICKER

The CEV official floor supplier GERFLOR will produce and ship their floor stickers to each participating team.

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General Layout (all Rounds except Final Four)



Note: Floor sticker's dimension: 3.4 m x 1 m (F1,F2,F5,F6); 5 m x 2 m (F3, F4)

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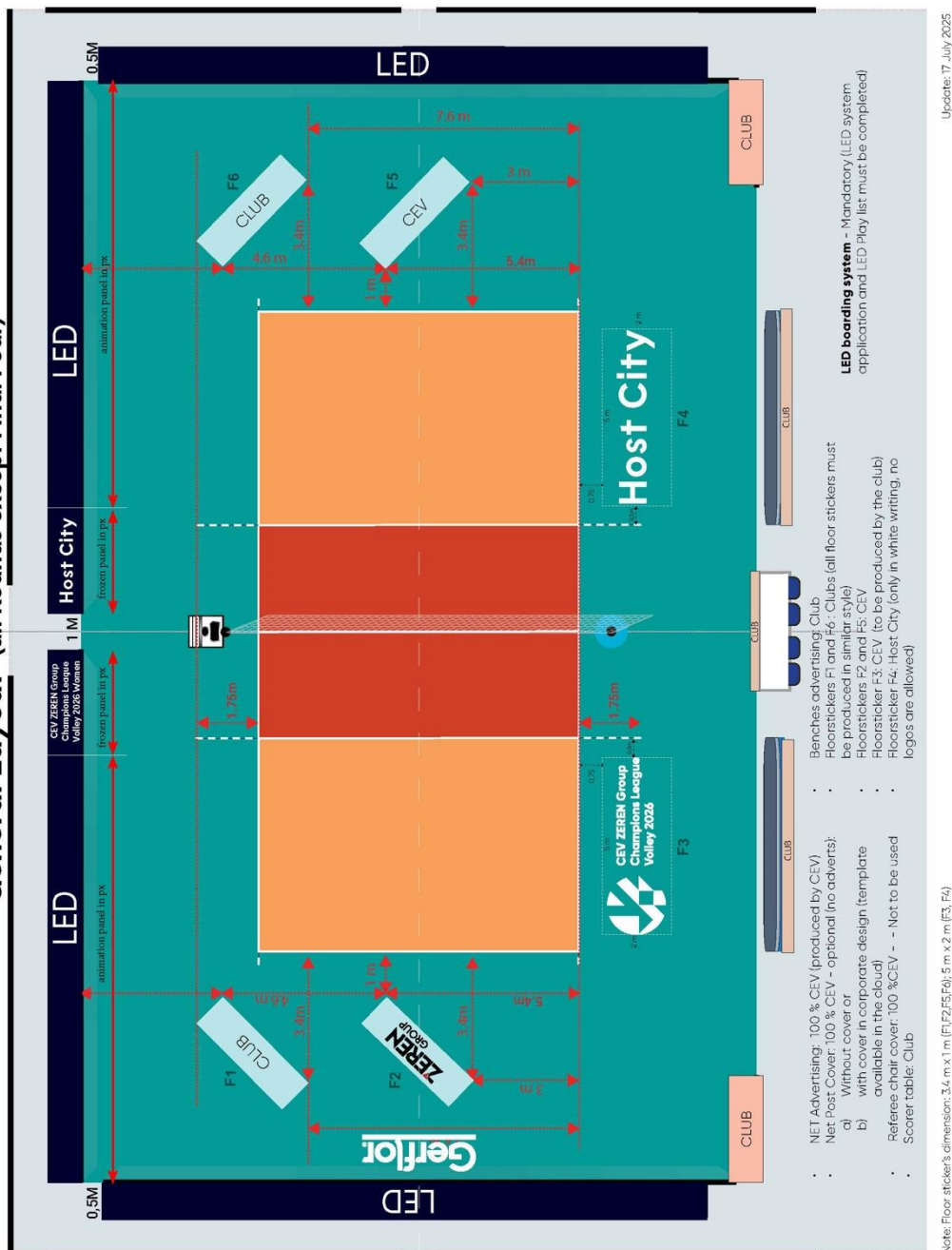
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For all technical details and measurements see the official court layout

Women's Court layout – CEV ZEREN Group Champions League Volley 2026 Women (except Final Four)



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CEV ZEREN Group Champions League Volley 2026 Women General Layout (all Rounds except Final Four)



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9. Media Activities

For the upcoming CEV Champions League Volley, the following media activities will be implemented at the Round 4 stage & onwards of the competition:

- Team/bus Arrival (recorded)
- Pre-match interviews in English (recorded)
- Locker rooms scenes (recorded)
- Coin-toss (recorded)
- Post-match/flash interviews in English (live)

The participating clubs are requested to support on-site the appointed host broadcaster to perform the above-mentioned activities in a professional and timely manner including access to the team locker rooms, selection of players/coaches for the aforementioned activities and availability of the media officer to perform the different interviews in English.

10. Match Protocol & MVP

We would like to inform that the official match protocol is available on the CEV website under the following link:

[CEV Official Pre-Match Protocol & Post-Match Protocol CEV Champions League Volley](#)

We would like to remind that it is mandatory to award the MVP (Most Valuable Player) at the end of each match of the CEV Champions League Volley, the MVP of the match shall be awarded according to the above-mentioned match protocol and inserted accordingly in the e-Scoresheet. **The hosting club shall produce a trophy to award the MVP.**

11. FIVB Education Programmes

With reference to the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations Article 83 §4:

The Team manager shall present to the relevant CEV Official the following elements:

a. For each Team delegation member:

- i. The FIVB Anti-Doping education programme certificate,*
- ii. The FIVB Competition Manipulation Course certificate,*
- iii. The accreditation card.*

In this regard, the FIVB has notified us that the VIS platform is ready to produce the relevant certificates. For those officials that do not have access to the VIS platform, the respective Federation of Origin shall proceed with their registration so that they can login and complete the above-mentioned online courses. We also would like to remind all teams that the provision of such certificates is mandatory to be eligible to take part in all CEV competitions, including the CEV Champions League Volley 2026.

Additionally, we would like to inform you that the FIVB Anti-Doping education programme and FIVB Competition Manipulation Course certificates can be uploaded in the CEV Database for each player in pdf format via the respective 04 form.

Regarding the players' eligibility for the European Cups 2026, as the current certificates are valid by the beginning of the competition, at this stage, it is not necessary to complete the courses again. Further information on this and regarding any additional requirements or obligations will follow in due course.

For further information and to retrieve the link to each course/programme, please check the below URL:

<https://www.fivb.com/inside-fivb/education/e-learning/>

12. CEV Accreditation System

It is mandatory to use the CEV Accreditation System for all CEV Volleyball European Cups matches.

You can access the accreditation system via [this link](#) or via the Club Area of the [CEV Database](#).

The clubs that already used the Accreditation System in previous seasons may continue using their old login. The clubs that are accessing the Accreditation System for the first time shall confirm the account upon logging in.

In case a club does not remember their credentials, you may create a new one by clicking on "Forgot your password? Please click here to reset password"

Furthermore, there is a Badge Manager for the printing of the Badges for your home matches. Each club is responsible for printing the badges for their players and team officials for the entire season (excluding Final Four). In addition, badges can be printed on the dashboard by downloading each badge separately.

The guidelines on how to navigate through the software are available within the documents area in the accreditation system.

The layout of the accreditation badges must be strictly respected.

13. CEV Service Operator Management

Please be reminded that every club has unique login credentials to run e-Scoresheet, Data Volley 4 and Video Sharing applications included in the [CEV Database](#) Club Area. The login credentials shall be shared with the appointed match operators. Each club is responsible for changing the login credentials if and where needed.

Please follow the steps outlined here below on how to manage the CEV Service Operator Management tool:

Step 1:

Login to the [CEV Database](#) with your club **administrative** credentials.

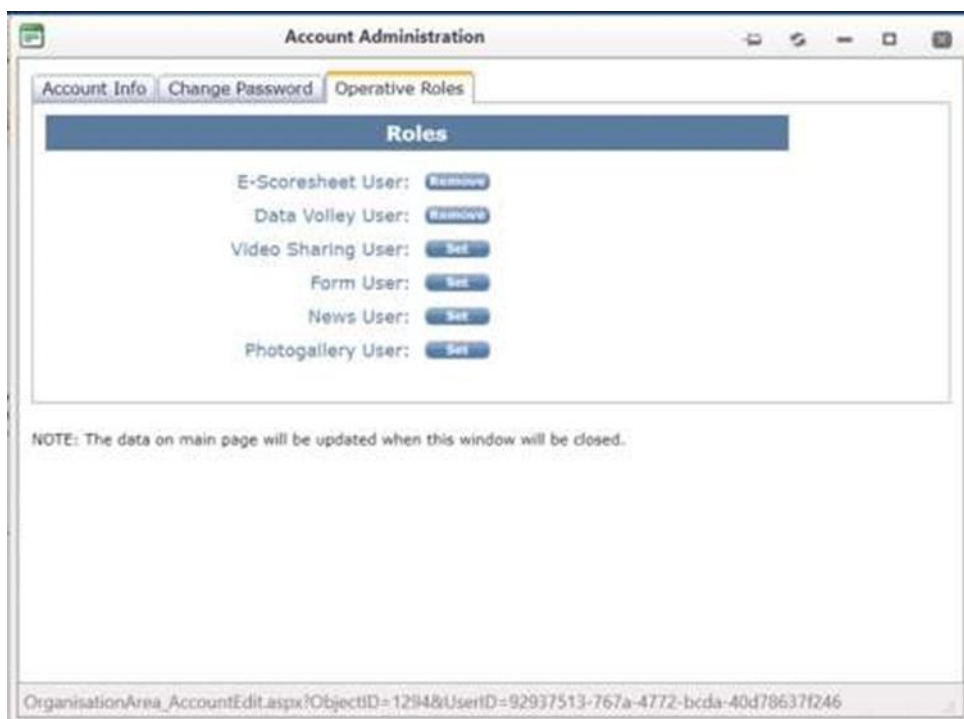
Step 2:

Under the Contact List tab of the Club Area, scroll down to the CEV Service Operator Management (Statistics):



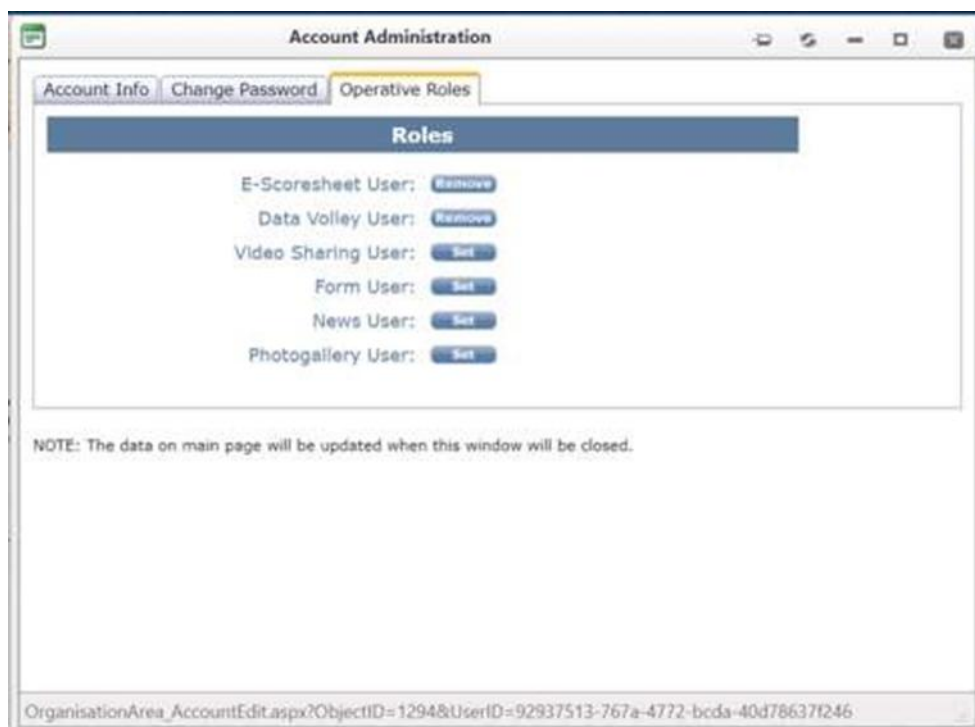
Step 3:

To activate the accounts, click on "edit," and under "Operative Roles," please click "set" next to the Video Sharing User, Data Volley 4 User, and e-Scoresheet User if this is yet to be done:



Step 4:

To see the login credentials or to change them, please click on the "Change Password" tab:



Step 5

Share the credentials with the appointed match operators.

As already announced in Official Communication no. 1 (see Art. 17), all participating clubs shall duly perform the necessary checks and testing of the e-Scoresheet and Data Volley 4 applications at least one day before their respective home matches. This is to ensure a professional and smooth data collection during the competition. If the tests are not performed, the Match Supervisor, Organising Director, and Application Managers will receive email notifications.

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1. CEV ZEREN Group Champions League Volley – Women Floor sticker production

As part of the CEV's partnership obligations with ZEREN Group, each club participating in the women's competition has to arrange the production of a **re-usable floor sticker** featuring the Naming Rights Partner, ZEREN Group.

The layout of the floor sticker (3.40 x 1 m on position F2) is available in the CEV Cloud download area [here](#)

This is what the floor sticker looks like:



- **Reimbursement:** The production costs will be reimbursed for up to **EUR 250** per club for the re-usable sticker.
- **How to claim the reimbursement:**

Please submit invoices directly to marketing@cev.eu.

Each invoice must clearly state the following information:

- Club name and address
- "Floor Sticker production – Naming Rights Partner"
- Bank details: IBAN account number + BIC/SWIFT CODE
- Cost (up to EUR 250)

Kindly ensure the production is completed in a timely manner and that the sticker is in place for the first home match.

2. Player Eligibility – Registration of Players in a CEV Competition

Clubs are reminded that all players' licenses must be inserted in the relevant CEV Form-04 that is available in the CEV Database. **The number of licenses remains unlimited until the deadline set for the provision of this form.**

If you wish to add any more licenses after the deadline of the 04 form, please make sure you familiarise yourselves with the limitations outlined in the provisions of Article 33.1 Registration Criteria of the [CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations](#) following the latest update and its release on 27th May 2025.

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1. Important information on “betting & gambling” sponsorships in The Netherlands

Further to a letter from the Dutch gambling authorities forwarded to CEV by the Dutch Volleyball federation (see attached letter), we would like to inform all teams participating in the CEV European Cups about the ban on advertising for online betting published by the Dutch Authority.

Please find hereafter all necessary information:

- **Total Ban on Sports Sponsorship.**
 - Effective 1 July 2025, all forms of sports sponsorship by online gambling providers will be strictly prohibited in the Netherlands. This means that, from now on, there is a total ban on advertising for online gambling providers through sports for both licensed and unlicensed operators.
- **What does this mean in practice?**
 - All sports events hosted in the Netherlands must ensure no visible references gambling sponsorship is present at the venue and during the event, regardless of whether the team comes from the Netherlands or from abroad.
 - Athletes, clubs, and federations are prohibited from displaying or mentioning names, logos, or other distinguishing signs of betting & gambling operators.
 - Prohibited material examples: sponsored clothing, banners, boards, or digital logos. This includes competition uniforms, training gear and sports equipment, event materials (e.g. banners, backdrops, digital displays, advertising boards...), printed or digital promotional materials distributed during the event and any other visible branding.
 - The ban applies equally to Dutch and foreign teams participating in events in the Netherlands.
 - Organisers, clubs and federations are responsible for ensuring compliance (appropriate measures must be taken to cover or remove logos before matches).
 - For the visiting teams:
If your team is sponsored by an online gambling provider (licensed or unlicensed), you must ensure that NO visible references to such sponsorship appear on your uniforms or other materials during your participation in events held in the Netherlands. This includes pre-match appearances, warm-ups, and post-match activities.
- **Risks:**
 - Any visible gambling branding at sports events in the Netherlands constitutes a violation of Dutch law.
 - Failure to comply with the sponsorship ban may result in penalties or sanctions from the Dutch Gambling Authority (the Kansspelautoriteit). This applies to all parties involved, including organisers, clubs, Federations, and participating teams.
- **Recommendation:**

- Federations and event organisers must thoroughly check all participating teams (domestic & international) for any existing gambling sponsorship promotional arrangements with gambling operators.
- Ensure clear communication of rules to foreign teams prior to events. This includes informing them of their obligation to **remove or cover** all gambling-related branding before participating in events held in the Netherlands.
- Avoid all visual or verbal references to gambling operators within Dutch territory.

In the Netherlands, **Dutch law prevails** and applies fully to all sports events held on Dutch territory, regardless of the origin of the participants or their sponsorships.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Dutch Gambling Authority via handhaving@kansspelautoriteit.nl.

2. Important information on “betting & gambling” sponsorships in general

Finally and most importantly, on the occasion of the above-mentioned ban on advertising for online betting published by the Dutch Authority, the CEV would like to inform you that unless otherwise specified, the respective NF/Club is the entity responsible for fulfilling the requirements of any National laws in force on publicity and advertising in their country as well as in the host country. In case of a clash with any National laws in force on publicity and advertising, the latter always prevail.

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1. MVP AWARD GUIDELINES

These guidelines have been designed to notify all clubs participating in the CEV Champions League Volley in order to achieve a standardised look and feel of the MVP awarding – which is a mandatory requirement in all stages of the competition.

1. Award Production Guidelines

1.1. Design and Format

- **Form:** The MVP award may take the form of:
 - A small trophy or plaque
- **Size and Materials:**
 - Use durable materials such as acrylic or glass
 - Size: up to 25 cm in height
- **Design Elements:**
 - Must include:
 - The competition logo (either men's or women's)
 - The competition name and date:
For men: CEV Champions League Volley 2026 Men or
For women: CEV ZEREN Group Champions League Volley 2026 Women
 - The words "Most Valuable Player" or "MVP"
 - Match information for example: Olympiacos PIRAEUS vs. TRENTINO Itas
 - The award cannot be sponsored, no sponsor logos on it are permitted.

Example of award layouts: (in the next page)



1.2. Consistency & approval:

- Maintain a standardised design throughout the season for uniformity.
- Upload the final design/layout into your club folder on the CEV Cloud and send an email to graphics@cev.eu, marketing@cev.eu to request approval.

2. MVP Award Presentation Protocol

2.1. Timing

- The MVP presentation takes place immediately after the game in front of the official backdrop.

2.2. Presenter

- The MVP is presented by a representative of choice by the club and the CEV Supervisor.

2.3. Presentation Procedure

- The MVP is awarded according to the Champions League Match protocol available on the CEV website (link: [CEV Official Pre-Match Protocol & Post-Match Protocol CEV Champions League Volley](#))
- For Media: Capture a photo (e.g. for social media, club website, or club newsletter, etc.) and upload it to the respective match folder on the CEV Photo Gallery System.

2. COMPRESSION PADS

As a reminder, as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations (see Art. 34.4), compression pads cannot display any advertising, except for the technical sponsor. The size of the logo of the technical sponsor cannot exceed 6 cm².