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1. Confirmed List

The list below features the National Federations registered for participation in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025.

MEN: 27 National Federations in total, listed in alphabetical order:

Austria - Belgium - Bulgaria - Croatia - Czechia - Denmark - Estonia - France - Germany - Greece - Hungary - Israel - Italy - Latvia - Lithuania - Luxembourg - Netherlands - Northern Ireland - Norway - Poland - Portugal - Romania - Serbia - Slovenia - Spain - Türkiye - Ukraine

<u>WOMEN</u>: 25 National Federations in total, listed in alphabetical order:

Belgium - Bulgaria - Croatia - Czechia - Denmark - Estonia - Finland - France - Germany - Greece - Hungary - Israel - Italy - Latvia - Lithuania - Netherlands - Norway - Poland - Portugal - Romania - Slovakia - Slovenia - Spain - Türkiye - Ukraine

2. Competition Parameter Updates

2.1. <u>Number of Preliminary Phase tournaments</u>

National Federations will be divided into seven (7) pools for the men's and seven (7) pools for the women's competition.

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

2.2. <u>Pool Composition</u>

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

MEN: five (5) pools of four (4) and two (2) pools of three (3) National Federations.

WOMEN: three (3) pools of four (4) and four (4) pools of three (3) National Federations.

2.3. <u>Drawing of Lots</u>

As it was defined in the Official Communication no. 2, the Hosting National Federation of the Final 2025, i.e. Portugal, will not be involved in the Drawing of Lots for the Preliminary Phase, since the host country is automatically qualified for the Finals.

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

- <u>Draw 1</u>: 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 G
- <u>Draw 2</u>: The top seven (7) ranked National Federations from the CEV Country Ranking as of the 3rd of March 2025 (registration deadline date) not in Draw 1, will be drawn in reverse order by following the serpentine system, i.e. 1st drawn National Federation goes to Pool G, 2nd drawn National Federation to Pool F, etc.
- <u>Draw 3</u>: The following seven (7) ranked National Federations from the CEV Country Ranking as of the 3rd of March 2025 will be drawn following the serpentine system, i.e. 1st drawn National Federation will go to Pool A, 2nd drawn National Federation to Pool B, etc.



- <u>Draw 4</u>: Remaining National Federations will be drawn to one (1) of the seven (7) pools

The date of the Drawing of Lots to define the pool composition will be confirmed at a later stage and following the completion of the Candidature Application process.

2.4. <u>Competition format</u>

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 2025, 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
- O 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 3.4 (Tie in a pool play competition method).

The winner of each Preliminary Phase tournament qualifies to the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 Finals. These will feature eight National Federations per gender – hosts Portugal plus the winners of the seven Preliminary Phase tournaments.

2.5. <u>Seeding within the pool</u>

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.

2.6. Order of matches

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

- <u>Match No. 1</u>: The teams with the smallest sum of the CEV Entry Ranking points on the day of the Preliminary Inquiry from each National Federation
- <u>Match No. 2</u>: 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 above in article 2.4 Competition format.

2.7. Order of the country vs country double header

The 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



- Pools of three (3) National Federations:

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

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

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

2.8. <u>Coaching Regulations</u>

The presence of a coach inside the field of play is allowed for all phases of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025, provided that the coach is duly accredited and fulfils all requirements laid down in the respective Coaching Regulations.

2.9. <u>Allocation of FIVB World Ranking Points</u>

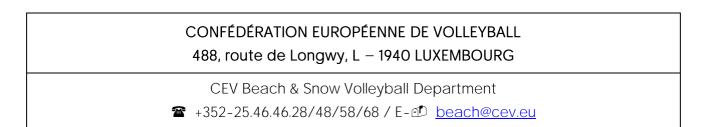
FIVB World Ranking Points will be allocated to the athletes participating in the Preliminary Phase as defined in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Operations Manual for Continental Zonal Tour events, as per the breakdown below.

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

3. Further Information

All clauses and conditions already provided in the Official Communication 1, 2 and 2a remain the same and still stand.

4. Contact Addresses





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1. General Information Update

Since the previously confirmed organiser of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 Final announced they would no longer be able to deliver the event and has withdrawn from the organisation altogether, the CEV reached out to other potential organisers, eventually coming to an agreement with the National Federation of Portugal for the delivery of this high-profile competition.

According to the Candidature Application Guidelines devised for the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 Final, the organiser has the right to choose if they would like to host the Final with the participation of eight (8) or twelve (12) National Federations.

The newly appointed organiser went for the option whereby the Final will be taking place with the participation of eight (8) National Federations in each gender.

2. Competition-Parameter Updates

2.1. <u>Competition format</u>

As result of the updated number of teams participating in the Final, the Preliminary Phase will be played with the participation of all registered National Federations, apart from the National Federation due to host the Final.

2.2. <u>Registration deadline</u>

Due to the changes in the above-mentioned conditions, the registration deadline is now extended until March 3, 2025.

2.3. Preliminary Phase 2025

The Preliminary Phase of the 2025 edition will be played in a tournament format with all registered National Federations divided into pools.

The number of pools will be confirmed after the registration deadline based on the overall number of registered National Federations. The number of National Federations per pool as well as the competition format will be communicated following the registration deadline and the Preliminary Phase Drawing of Lots.

The application deadline to host a Preliminary Phase event is now extended until March 7, 2025.

The Candidature Application Guidelines are available on the CEV website <u>here</u> under the Beach Volleyball sub-section of that page.

2.4. Final 2025

The CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2025 will be played with eight (8) National Federations per gender.

The Final will be held in Espinho, Portugal, between 17 – 20 of July 2025.

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



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

Further information will be provided through a subsequent Official Communication.

2.5. Allocation of FIVB World Ranking points

Following the coordination with the FIVB, World Ranking points will be allocated to the athletes participating in the competition.

The Preliminary Phase events will allocate the amount of the Continental Zonal Tour, while the Final the amount of the Continental Tour Open ranking points to the athletes as defined in the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Operations Manual.

2.6. Allocation of spot for 2025 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships

Following the coordination with the FIVB, for the winning National Federation of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2025 a spot will be allocated for the 2025 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships in Adelaide, Australia, as long as the respective National Federation / team fulfils the requirements set by FIVB. Further information will be shared in subsequent Official Communications.

3. Further Information

All clauses and conditions already provided in the Official Communication 1, beside the updates mentioned in this document, remain the same and still stand.

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According to the Candidature Application Guidelines devised for the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 Final, the organiser has the right to choose if they would like to host the Final with the participation of eight (8) or twelve (12) National Federations.

The newly appointed organiser went for the option whereby the Final will be taking place with the participation of eight (8) National Federations in each gender.

2. Competition-Parameter Updates

2.1. <u>Competition format</u>

As result of the updated number of teams participating in the Final, the Preliminary Phase will be played with the participation of all registered National Federations, apart from the National Federation due to host the Final.

2.2. <u>Registration deadline</u>

Due to the changes in the above-mentioned conditions, the registration deadline is now extended until March 3, 2025.

2.3. <u>Preliminary Phase 2025</u>

The Preliminary Phase of the 2025 edition will be played in a tournament format with all registered National Federations divided into pools.

The number of pools will be confirmed after the registration deadline based on the overall number of registered National Federations. The number of National Federations per pool as well as the competition format will be communicated following the registration deadline and the Preliminary Phase Drawing of Lots.

The application deadline to host a Preliminary Phase event is now extended until March 7, 2025.

The Candidature Application Guidelines are available on the CEV website here under the Beach Volleyball sub-section of that page.

2.4. Final 2025

The CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2025 will be played with eight (8) National Federations per gender.

The Final will be held in Espinho, Portugal, between 17 – 20 of July 2025.

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



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

Further information will be provided through a subsequent Official Communication.

2.5. <u>Allocation of FIVB World Ranking points</u>

Following a coordination with the FIVB, World Ranking points will be allocated to the athletes participating in the competition. The allocation of these points per competition phase will be detailed in a subsequent Official Communication.

Further Information

All clauses and conditions already provided in the Official Communication 1, beside the updates mentioned in this document, remain the same and still stand.

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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.

The second edition completed in June of 2024 and contested over 2023 and 2024 counted as the European Olympic Qualification event to allocate one (1) quota per gender for the Beach Volleyball competition of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The 2025 edition will consist of two Phases, all played in 2025. First the Preliminary Phase, where the registered National Federations, beside the hosting Nation Federation of the Final and the top three (3) ranked National Federations of the CEV Country Ranking on the Monday after the registration deadline, will be divided into pools and the Final, with eight (8) National Federations qualifying from the Preliminary Phase, the top three (3) ranked National Federations of the CEV Country Ranking on the Monday after the registration deadline, and the hosting National Federation will compete for the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 title.

2. Competition Parameters

2.1. <u>Competition format</u>

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 each other.

During the Preliminary Phase 2025, the participating National Federations will be divided into pools. The exact number of National Federations allocated per pool and the competition format will be based on the number of registered National Federations.

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

2.2. Right of Participation

Athletes wishing to take part in a CEV 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 the CEV Athlete's Commitment, the FIVB Health Certificate form to their respective profile in the VIS
- Have completed both the FIVB Play Clean as well as the Prevention of Competition Manipulation courses, that can be found <u>here</u>

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

2.3. <u>Registration procedure and deadline</u>

National Federations wishing to participate in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025 need to register their teams through the Volleyball Information System (VIS) no later than <u>31 of January</u>



<u>2025</u>, by registering a spot, as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines. The spot registration is the same procedure in place for the Age Group Beach Volleyball European Championships.

Just like in the previous years, the Men's and Women's competitions runs separately, that means National Federations can decide if they wish to participate with one or with both genders.

2.4. <u>Preliminary Phase 2025</u>

The Preliminary Phase of the 2025 edition will be played in a tournament format with all registered National Federations, beside the hosting Nation Federation of the Final and the top three (3) ranked National Federations of the CEV Country Ranking on the Monday after the registration deadline.

The competition format will be communicated 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 the for organisation than the eventual number of preliminary pools, the necessary additional organiser(s) will be drawn by CEV.

2.5. Final 2025

The CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2025 will be played with twelve (12) National Federations per gender.

The Final will be held in Klagenfurt, Austria, between 24 – 27 of July 2025.

The breakdown of the twelve (12) National Federations is as follows:

- Hosting National Federation
- Top three (3) ranked National Federations of the CEV Country Ranking on the Monday after the registration deadline
- Eight (8) National Federations qualifying from the Preliminary Phase

2.6. <u>Allocation of FIVB World Ranking Points</u>

CEV is liaising with FIVB to confirm the allocation of Word Ranking points to the competition, in line with the provision of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Operations Manual.

2.7. <u>Allocation of Prize Money for the Final 2025</u>

A total amount of 100.000, - EUR (one hundred thousand Euros) Prize Money will be allocated for the Final, including both genders.

The breakdown of the Prize Money will be communicated in a subsequent Official Communication.

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

2.8. Athletes' 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 and may exploit the sponsor positions as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations and the Appendix below (excluding the following product categories: alcohol (spirits), tobacco & pornography).

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 are defined in the CEV Coaching Regulations document, which will be available on the CEV website in due time.

The organiser of the Final will be providing uniforms (tops only) to all participating teams.

2.9. <u>Allocation of spot for 2025 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships</u>

CEV is liaising with FIVB to confirm, that a spot for the the winning National Federation of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final 2025 a spot for the 2025 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships in Adelaide, Australia will be allocated, as long as the respective National Federation / team fulfils all the requirements set by FIVB.

3. Financial Regulations

3.1. <u>Participation Fee</u>

To participate in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025, 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. <u>License Fee</u>

For each athlete participating in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2025, 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 Competition Regulations.

3.3. <u>Contribution fee for the Preliminary Phase 2025</u>

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 100, - EUR (one hundred Euros) per delegation member (maximum of 6 persons) per day.

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 (coach, head of delegation, physiotherapist, thereby accounting for a maximum six (6) persons) 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.

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6. ANNEX: Players' Uniforms Layout



