

CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines

Snow Volleyball Specifications

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1. Introduction

This document aims at providing specific information relating to all CEV Snow Volleyball competitions for the 2022 season and the updated operational and competition protocols that need to be followed by those involved in the competition, namely:

- a. Event organisers, NFs and Local Organising Committee (LOC),
- b. CEV Officials and Match Officials,
- c. Participating athletes and accredited team delegation members,
- d. Service providers,
- e. Accredited media.

The document will not duplicate the generic requirements and recommendations presented in the [CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines](#) but complement it with the specific implementation for Snow Volleyball competitions and the measures and health protocols applied by the national and local authorities.

This is a dynamic document forming part of a tool for guidance. Throughout the pre-event, event and post-event phases, the following principles and concepts shall be applied and respected in the entire process to minimize the risks of spreading coronavirus:

- ✓ Communication and education shall always be implemented towards the target groups to ensure the best performance of the tasks and identify the associated risks.
- ✓ Accurate and regular health screening **including a printed result of the negative Covid-19 PCR test or a certificate of fully vaccination issued by the relevant competent authorities.**
- ✓ Social distancing protocols organised and mandated throughout the event facilities to optimise the safety and well-being of all groups.
- ✓ Additional hygiene and sanitary precautionary measures to be delivered and available prior to, during, and upon completion of each event.
- ✓ In applicable scenarios, limitation of the number of fans and essential individuals (such as staff and athletes' support personnel) to allow for adequate distancing, as well as facilitating testing (as and if needed) and entrance processing.
- ✓ Increased strict fragmentation and partitioning of all areas at event location to reduce the risk of groups of people forming inside the same area and potential virus transmission.
- ✓ Additional medical experts required at the Venue.

2. Event planning

The actions to be undertaken prior to the event are:

2.1 The organiser

- ✓ Organise events only when permitted by local or national authorities and by the CEV.



- ✓ In defining Venue and Venue Layout, organisers shall ensure that the Venues can comply with the general international, national and specific CEV competition recommendations in place during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ Appoint a Hygiene Officer and send to the CEV Office the relevant contact details of the appointed person. The Hygiene Officer shall be in continuous and close contact with the local/regional relevant authorities in order to monitor day by day the evolution of the pandemic situation and any changes to local legislation, regulation and any other guidance and measures applied locally and nationally to curb the spread of the disease and inform the CEV accordingly.
- ✓ Prepare a detailed review of the local measures and government regulations regarding COVID-19 which shall be included in the Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines and share them in coordination with the CEV to all involved parties (participating team delegations, CEV Officials and Match Officials, LOC, staff, accredited media, international and local service providers, etc.). The following minimum information shall be included in the Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines:
 - a. Travel restrictions adopted by/toward European countries that may affect the participation in a CEV Snow Volleyball competition,
 - b. Local rules and measures to be followed,
 - c. How athletes, team delegation members and Officials should interact with the host country healthcare system (e.g. hotline/helpline telephone number, medical teams and first-aid points, local health care system),
 - d. Protocol/Agreement of cooperation with local public sector with clear zones of responsibility for COVID-19 case management, including testing, isolation, medical care, transportation for all different groups of event participants.
- ✓ Confirm the collaboration of a state approved laboratory in case local testing needs to be performed, and ensure that the results will be provided within 24 hours at the very latest.
- ✓ In defining the access to the Venue ensure different entrance and control points for:
 - a. Team delegations and Officials,
 - b. Local Organising Committee members and staff,
 - c. Accredited media (if any).
- ✓ Ensure that the entrance/exit points to the Venue of accredited people shall be completely separated from the entrance/exit points for spectators (if any are allowed to attend) and make sure that the flows do not cross each other.
- ✓ Assess the overall number of event attendees (spectators, media, and suppliers) and prepare in collaboration with the relevant authorities an appropriate security plan and staffing/stewarding plan to accommodate and manage these attendees and inform the CEV accordingly.
- ✓ Prepare a proper plan and acquire the following supplies to help reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19:
 - a. Adequate number of personal protective equipment such as masks and gloves,
 - b. Hand sanitiser and alcohol rubs/gel tissues made available at all entrances and other areas throughout the event Venue,

- c. Bins for waste for all disposable items (tissues, food trash, plastic bottles, etc.),
 - d. Towels and water bottles for individual usage during the matches,
 - e. Any other needed supplies.
- ✓ Ensure the availability of disinfection materials and the provision of personal protection equipment for all athletes, team delegations, Officials, LOC, staff, accredited media, international and local service providers, etc.
 - ✓ Identify a room for temporary isolation in case a person shows suspicious symptoms during the competition.
 - ✓ Select carefully the Official Hotel(s), ensuring that these fully respect the CEV Regulatory Framework including the CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines and National authorities' hygiene protocols. For events not providing accommodation for athletes and team delegations, identify and share these hotel(s) through the Official Communication/Practical Information document.
 - ✓ Ensure that dedicated lounges/areas are planned for use only by people holding an official accreditation for the competition.
 - ✓ For local transportation, work out a transportation plan and disinfection procedures and inform the CEV accordingly.
 - ✓ Ensure a permanent clean and waste service in the Venue for all venue-supporting facilities (disinfection and cleaning in the courts to be performed by the court staff).
 - ✓ Ensure the availability and presence of a professional company for access control to the Venue and update them on the hygiene protocols in place.
 - ✓ Update the CEV and the appointed CEV Supervisor on the above actions.

2.2 The athletes, team delegation members and Officials

- ✓ Carefully study the CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines, the CEV Hygiene Guidelines – Snow Volleyball Specifications, the Event Specific Hygiene Guideline, the Event Waiver, the Official Communication/Practical Information document and local government regulations in regard to travel restrictions or other requirements set by national and local authorities.
- ✓ Undertake a COVID-19 PCR test to ensure that no athletes, team delegation members, or Officials are infected with the virus, with the results to be presented during the Preliminary Inquiries for athletes, team delegation members, and by Referees during the Refereeing Clinic. The certificates shall be issued by authorised health laboratories no earlier than three days before arrival. An SMS message is not considered as a valid printed certificate. The presentation of the negative test certificate is a mandatory pre-condition for taking part in the competition.
- ✓ Athletes, team delegation members and Officials who are fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus and hold a vaccination certificate issued by the relevant competent authorities are allowed to participate in a CEV Snow Volleyball competition without requiring a previously mentioned COVID-19 PCR test result. The organiser is responsible to communicate the entry requirements imposed by the respective national authorities for travelling purposes. Furthermore, the organisers

must inform the CEV and the participating National Federations through the respective Official Communication/Practical Information document if the host country requests the provision of a negative COVID-19 test as a pre-condition to be able to participate in any sports events

- ✓ Cancel travelling in case the person shows any of the following symptoms:
 - Dry cough
 - Tiredness
 - Fever
- ✓ Other symptoms include: aches and pains, nasal congestion, runny nose, sore throat, loss of smell, diarrhoea, general discomfort
- ✓ Follow all hygiene precaution measures prior the event (wearing face masks, regular hand washing, social distancing)

3. Before the Competition – Upon arrival

The actions to be undertaken before the competition – upon arrival are:

3.1 The Supervisor and CEV Officials

- ✓ Supervisor to have upon arrival a coordination meeting with the Local Organising Committee to receive the latest update over the COVID-19 situation in the host country and to review the measures planned in regard to local transportation, accommodation and Venue operations with the key members of the LOC, including:
 - The Tournament Director
 - The NF Delegate(s)
 - The Operational director
 - The Hygiene Officer
 - Representative of the Medical team
- ✓ Supervisor / CEV Medical Delegate (if present) to set up a meeting with the Hygiene Officer to review all hygiene issues both at the Venue and the Official Hotel(s).
- ✓ Supervisor to ensure that the accommodation and transportation principles as shared in the CEV Hygiene Guidelines are applied.
- ✓ Supervisor / CEV Medical Delegate (if present) to visit to the competition Venue to review the correct implementation of the Hygiene Guidelines.
- ✓ Supervisor / CEV Medical Delegate (if present) to review all disinfection spots entering and inside the Venue and ensure the necessary stock of supplies for both personal protection and disinfection materials are available.
- ✓ Supervisor / CEV Medical Delegate (if present) to set up a meeting with the local doctor, physiotherapist and health care staff to check the equipment and disinfection methods used in the medical areas.
- ✓ Supervisor / CEV Medical Delegate (if present) to have a meeting with the Local Media Officer to follow the implementation of the agreed process for a proposal for the conduct of any media initiatives ensuring social distancing and/or the availability of partition glass to coordinate the media operations and working areas, review the

media accreditation process and ensure that the CEV Hygiene Guidelines are communicated with proper signage.

- ✓ Supervisor / CEV Medical Delegate (if present) to have a meeting with the official photographer(s) to discuss the access and movement at the Venue. Maximum of 2 official photographers to be allowed in the Field of Play; all other accredited photographers to work from specified locations outside the Field of Play.
- ✓ Supervisor / Referee Delegate (if present) to check the room for Refereeing Clinic that should be big enough to respect the social distancing between Referees
- ✓ Supervisor / Referee Delegate (if present) to check that the CEV provided balls are ready and apply the disinfection for all balls used both for training and competition. Training balls need to be disinfected after every training.
- ✓ Supervisor / Referee Delegate (if present) to check that that the Referees area in the Venue is separated from auxiliary staff.
- ✓ Supervisor to have a coordination meeting with representatives of the appointed security access control company and Clean & Waste teams.
- ✓ Supervisor to confirm a time and day by when the Venue will be completely disinfected and considered clean. Only accredited people shall have access to the Venue after this point.
- ✓ Supervisor to set up and announce a Preliminary Inquiry process by National Federations/teams to avoid mass gathering.
- ✓ Supervisor to inform the team representatives during the Preliminary Inquiry to ensure that all participating team delegations are aware of the amended Match protocol.
- ✓ Supervisor to collect all athletes and team delegation members signed Event Waiver and a copy of the negative Covid-19 PCR test, **or a certificate of fully vaccination issued by the relevant competent authorities** during the Preliminary Inquiry.
- ✓ Supervisor to communicate the amended Match protocol to all Referees and collect the signed Event Waiver and a copy of the negative Covid-19 PCR test, **or a certificate of fully vaccination issued by the relevant competent authorities** from the Referees before the Refereeing Clinic.

3.2 The organisers

- ✓ Ensure that all members of the local organising team and service providers are fully aware and comply with the CEV Hygiene Guidelines and use personal protection equipment.
- ✓ Support the CEV officials in all actions to prepare the Venue for training and competition.
- ✓ Ensure that the accommodation and transportation principles as shared in the CEV Hygiene Guidelines are applied from the arrival of the participating teams/delegations.
- ✓ Ensure that reserve personal protection equipment and disinfection materials are always available.

- ✓ Collect all Local Organising Committee, staff, volunteers, accredited media, etc. signed Event Waiver and provide it to the Supervisor.
- ✓ Ensure that court staff and ball retrievers/snow levellers are aware of the Hygiene Guidelines and amended Match protocol.
- ✓ Local media officer to present a proposal for the conduct of any media initiatives ensuring social distancing, personal protection equipment and/or partition glass.

3.3 The athletes, team delegation members and Officials

- ✓ Carefully review the updates (if any) of the CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines, the CEV Hygiene Guidelines – Snow Volleyball Specifications, the Event Specific Hygiene Guideline, the Event Waiver, the Official Communication/Practical Information document and local government regulations in regard to travel restrictions or other requirements set by the national and local authorities.
- ✓ Provide a copy of the negative Covid-19 PCR test result, **or a certificate of fully vaccination issued by the relevant competent authorities** together with a signed Event Waiver during the Preliminary Inquiries for athletes and team delegation members, and before the Refereeing Clinic for all Referees and the Referee manager to the Supervisor.
- ✓ Use the maximum personal attention and as much as possible, and isolate for the period between the COVID-19 PCR test **(if needed)** and before travelling to the competition.
- ✓ Follow all hygiene precaution measures prior/during travel (wearing facemasks, regular hand washing, and social distancing).
- ✓ Use personal protection equipment for all international and local transportation.

4. During the Competition

The actions to be undertaken during the competition are:

4.1 The Supervisor and CEV Officials

- ✓ Monitor and support the implementation of all agreed and applied hygiene measures.

4.2 The organisers

The organiser shall ensure the implementation of the following procedures, under the overseeing and instructions of the Hygiene Officer:

- ✓ Ensure the implementation of a strict access control system in order to avoid interactions between different target groups.
- ✓ Ensure that all the people when entering the competition Venue are wearing masks.
- ✓ Ensure that all Local Organising Committee, staff, volunteers, accredited media, etc at the Venue are wearing masks and respect any other established prevention measures all the time.



- ✓ Ensure that athletes and team delegation members are wearing masks, when not in training or involved in a match and respect any other established prevention measures.
- ✓ Ensure a sufficient number of spare personal protection equipment (masks, gloves, Hand sanitiser and alcohol rubs/gel, etc.) are available and can be provided in case of need.
- ✓ Ensure the presence of all necessary personnel for the access monitoring at the Venue and especially the athletes and referees areas.
- ✓ Ensure that a secured and protected area is available on the stands for athletes and delegation members to watch the matches separated from spectators.
- ✓ Catering should be provided individually, no buffet type.

4.3 The media

- ✓ Local Media Officer to closely monitor the media operations and the implementation of the approved plan.
- ✓ Local Media Officer to follow the implementation of the agreed process for a proposal for the conduct of any media initiatives ensuring social distancing and/or the availability of partition glass.
- ✓ Official photographer is only allowed in the Field of Play when wearing a mask and shall respect the minimum social distancing.
- ✓ In case of TV/Streaming production, the involved crew need to be aware of all the hygiene measures in place and use personal protection equipment throughout their entire stay at the Venue, always respect social distancing and their positions on the stand shall be clearly marked from the public and a distance of 2 m should be respected.

4.4 The athletes, team delegation members and Officials

- ✓ Wear the protective mask and respect any other established prevention measures at any time during the competition.
- ✓ Ensure that they use personal protection equipment for all local transportation if not on foot (in some countries using personal protection equipment is also required in open spaces) and while at the Venue.
- ✓ Avoid gathering, crowding and stay within the areas of the Official Hotel(s) and the Venue following social distancing principles.
- ✓ Disinfect hands and personal equipment when entering the Venue, before and after each match/training.
- ✓ Do not share personal equipment or gear.
- ✓ Follow the amended match protocol provisions.

5. The awarding ceremony

- ✓ The ceremony shall complement the feeling of a secure event. Participating VIPs/Dignitaries and stewardesses have to use personal protection equipment (mask and gloves).
- ✓ Ceremony to take place in a position of the Field of Play that media and photographers can have a direct view on.
- ✓ A detailed proposal to be presented by the organiser to the CEV/Supervisor for approval.

6. Positive COVID-19 test

- ✓ Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 shall be immediately isolated.
- ✓ In case of a positive test result, additional PCR test shall be performed and the cost of the test shall be covered by the delegation the person belongs to, while for the CEV Officials and Referees, the costs shall be covered by the organiser.
- ✓ When tested positive for COVID-19, but recording a CT standing at 30 or above, that person is no longer at risk of infecting others. Therefore, any such person is not subject to quarantine or other isolation preventative measures and eligible to join a CEV competition as well, while ensuring full compliance with the CEV Competition Hygiene Guidelines and the relevant Snow Volleyball specifications at all times. The cycle threshold (CT) indicates how much virus an infected person harbours and how likely this person is to spread the virus to others.
- ✓ After a previous positive test anyone who perform a negative COVID-19 PCR test are eligible to rejoin the CEV competition.

7. After the Competition

- ✓ All the individuals who develop symptoms after the competition should isolate themselves, seek medical assistance, and inform the CEV, the Organiser and the relevant public health authorities about their potential exposure, both in the country where the competition was held and upon returning to the country of residence in order to activate the relevant procedures of contact tracing.

8. Match protocol

8.1 Protocol and guidelines before the match

- ✓ Ball boys to enter the Field of Play wearing mask and gloves. Mask can be removed as soon as they take their position (in some countries using personal protection equipment is also required in open spaces). Ball boys to respect social distancing throughout the warm up and the match.
- ✓ Number of ball boys to be confirmed in collaboration with Referee Delegate (if present) /Supervisor.



- ✓ Snow levellers spot to be placed minimum 2 meters from team's area in a spot to be confirmed by Supervisor.
- ✓ Scorer(s) to enter the court separately from the Referee(s) and shall always use their personal protection equipment.
- ✓ Athletes to wait in a designated holding area near the Field of Play to enter after the court is prepared and disinfected by the court staff.
- ✓ Designate and mark a small holding area outside each court where athletes can wait while the court is being cleaned and disinfected.
- ✓ Arrange the disinfection of the teams' area, scorer's table and referee chair before each match in order to start the Match Protocol. Balls to be changed after every single match
- ✓ Ensure to have additional back up balls in the Field of Play. In case a ball lands out of the Field of play and is touched by spectators or other people, this ball needs to be removed and replaced.
- ✓ Athletes shall go around opposite side of the net during side switch (counter clockwise) and not under the net.
- ✓ Athletes shall avoid handshaking or other exchange of hand gestures prior, during and after the match with opponents, Referee(s) and scorer(s).

| Time (min) | Action |
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| - | Previous match finishes, scorer(s) and athletes exit court area separately. Referee(s) to complete post-match formalities and exit court area. |
| -8 | As soon as court is prepared by the snow levellers, athletes may enter the court after receiving such instructions from the Referee(s). Athletes from this time must be in official match uniforms. Athletes warm up and other preparations on the court, Match Officials check match equipment, score sheet, conditions, team's area, etc. |
| -5 | Coin toss taken in front of scorer's table (respect social distancing from the scorer). (Note: If local conditions allow the coin toss time can be moved forward to allow extra warm up time) |
| -4 | Beginning of official warm up period. |



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| -1 | <p>End of official warm up period, athletes to leave the court area to their respective team's area.</p> <p>First Referee to the referee's chair, second Referee (if any) to position standing in front of the scorer's table, all other officials take their positions.</p> <p>Athletes enter the court from their team's area to the short sideline of their side of playing court (for the centre court individual athletes' announcement).</p> <p>After last player's entry to the field of play, the first Referee whistles to invite all players to enter the court - no hand shake under the net.</p> |
| 0 | Start of the match |
| End of match | <p>After the match, the athletes return to the team's area and wait for the Referee to bring them the scoresheet. The scoresheet to be signed by the captains. All athletes gather their belongings, then teams to exit the court so that it can be prepared for the next match.</p> <p>Scorer(s) exit after handing the scoresheet over to the Referee(s) to collect the signatures from both captains.</p> <p>Referee(s) to complete post-match formalities and leave the court area last.</p> |

8.2 Protocol and guidelines for the next match

- ✓ Athletes, referee(s) and scorer(s) from the previous match are leaving the court. In case some of them are appointed for the next match, they should stay behind the scorer's table.
- ✓ Remove all used bottles any other loose items from the team's area.
- ✓ Referee(s) from previous match shall ensure the athletes have left the court before they do.
- ✓ Ensure that all required items (team's area, scorer's table, referee chair) are disinfected before the next match.
- ✓ Referee(s) of the next match shall stay at the entrance of the court to ensure the court is ready before they let the athletes of the next match in.
- ✓ Entrance of scorer(s) are behind the panels outside the court.
- ✓ Change the balls after each match. Bring the 5 balls back at the ball checker, for disinfection, and to make them available for the next match.

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