

CEV U22 Volleyball European Championship 2026

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1. Introduction

The European Volleyball Confederation is pleased to open the registration for the 3rd edition of the CEV U22 Women / U22 Men Volleyball European Championships, with qualifiers due to take place in 2025 and the Final Phase to follow in the summer of 2026.

The Final Phase scheduled for 2026 will be taking place as follows (exact dates will be shared in due time):

- Women – between 06 and 12/07/2026 (TBC) in The Netherlands
- Men – between 29/06 and 12/07/2026 (TBC) organiser pending (TBD)

The Final Phase will feature eight teams in each gender – as it was played since the first edition of the latter championships organised in 2022.

The format of the respective qualifiers depends on the total number of registered teams. A maximum of four teams will be playing in the same qualifying pool, with the number of pools to be confirmed after the end of the registration process depending on the total number of registered teams.

The latest ranking for the U22 Men and U22 Women age groups will be taken into account to define the pool composition in the qualifiers.

It remains the sole responsibility of the NFs to respect all Communications, Regulations, Guidelines, and any other institutional decisions to guarantee the delivery of correct, accurate and complete data at any time that these are required.

This Competition will be organised according to the latest version of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations:

<https://inside.cev.eu/documents/volleyball-documents/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CEV Volleyball Department. A 'Volleyball Hotline' is available under this number +352 621 25 34 44 should you need any assistance when matches are played at the weekend or in the evening.

2. Age Limit

Based on the relevant CEV Board of Administration decision, the CEV U22 Volleyball European Championships 2026 (Women/Men) will be open to:

Female and Male players (U22):

Born on 1st January 2005 or thereafter

Please note that athletes of National Federations from Categories 4 & 5 can only participate in two age-group competitions (including senior) per year.

3. Registration procedure and deadline

The registration for this edition will be done through the CEV Database using the following form:

01CH (Team Registration)

The registration deadline for closing and sending the above-mentioned form is set for:

Monday, December 02, 2024 - at 23:59 CET
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After closing the form on-line, National Federations must click 'Print Form' and then sign and stamp the paper copy and send it by post to the CEV Office.

On this form, there are tick boxes to inform CEV if the respective National Federation intends to apply to organise one of the qualification tournaments (though a separate application form needs to be sent to CEV).

For any assistance you may need while completing the registration form, please do not hesitate to contact the CEV Volleyball Department at nationalteams@cev.eu.

4. The Competition Window

As previously mentioned in this very same document, the format and number of teams involved in the qualification process depends on the total number of registered teams.

The teams representing the host countries of the Final Phase – the Netherlands for U22 Women and for the still pending organiser of the U22 Men – are automatically qualified for the Final Phase of the competition. This means that seven spots will be at stake in the summer of 2025 to qualify for the final stage of the championship.

Phase		Dates
Qualification Phase	WOMEN	03 – 06 July 2025
Final Phase		06 – 12 July 2026 (TBC)
Qualification Phase	MEN	10 – 13 July 2025
Final Phase		29/06 – 12/07/2026 (TBD)

5. Application to organise Qualification tournament

Any National Federation wishing to apply to organise a Qualification tournament must complete and return the relevant paper form (listed below) **at the latest on December 20, 2024**, by email to nationalteams@cev.eu.

CH-02b-U22 (Application for Organising U22 Qualification Tournament)



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