

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

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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1. Teams Registered

The teams listed here below have registered for participation in the CEV U22 Women / U22 Men Volleyball European Championship 2026.

STATUS OF TEAMS	#	U22 MEN		#	U22 WOMEN	
Level where the team will start the Championship		Country/ NF	↓ CEV U22 European Ranking position 15/07/2024		Country/ NF	↓ CEV U21/U22 European Ranking position 11/07/2024
① The organiser is directly qualified for the Final Phase	1	POR	6 + ORG.	1	NED	NP + ORG.
② Teams starting competition in the Qualification Phase (as per CEV U21/U22W and U22M European Ranking list July 2024)	2	FRA	1	2	ITA	1
	3	ITA	1	3	SRB	2
	4	POL	3	4	TUR	3
	5	NED	4	5	POL	4
	6	TUR	5	6	UKR	5
	7	SRB	7	7	CZE	6
	8	BUL	11	8	POR	7
	9	UKR	11	9	DEN	7
	10	DEN	13	10	LAT	9
	11	LAT	13	11	ISR	11
	12	CZE	17	12	SVK	12
	13	ESP	18	13	ESP	13
	14	ISR	19	14	BUL	13
	15	LUX	23	15	IRL	16
	16	IRL	23	16	LUX	16
	17	CRO	NP	17	CRO	NP
	18	ENG	NP	18	ENG	NP
	19	GEO	NP	19	NOR	NP
	20	GER	NP			
	21	NOR	NP			

2. Final Round organisers and dates

The respective Final Round Tournament Organisers and competition dates are confirmed as follows, after the communication no. 1 was released:

CEV U22 Volleyball European Championship 2026 | Men: Albufeira (POR) 29/06-04/07/2026
 CEV U22 Volleyball European Championship 2026 | Women: The Hague (NED) 07-12/07/2026

Further information will follow in due course.

3. Qualification Phase format and dates

The 2026 competition will be structured as follows:

Teams are allocated according to the latest CEV European Ranking in the respective age category (as of July 2024) and the serpentine system. The organisers of the qualification tournaments are seeded as head of their pool. The teams having no ranking position previously were drawn into the respective pools, same was applied if teams are sharing the same Ranking position with no other possibility to break the tie.

The qualification dates are as announced through the Official Communication no. 1, so qualifiers will be played as follows:

Phase	Dates
Qualifiers Women	03-06/07/2025
Qualifiers Men	10-13/07/2025

Qualification phase

The Qualification Phase will be played using the single round robin tournament format (i.e. 1 tournament "one against each other"), with 7 (seven) teams qualifying from the Qualification Round to the Final Round where they will join the respective organiser.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- Each Qualification tournament will be played with minimum 3 [three] and maximum 4 [four] teams (*).
- In the U22 men's competition, based on the number of registered teams, 5 Pools will be organised (all pools with 4 teams). (*)
- In the U22 women's competition, based on the number of registered teams, 5 pools will be organised (3 pools with 4 teams and 2 pools with 3 teams). (*)
- When 4 [four] teams are in a Qualification Pool, teams will play 1 [one] tournament (3 competition days with 2 matches per day = single round robin). (*)
- When 3 [three] teams are in a Qualification Pool, teams will play 1 [one] tournament (3 competition days with 1 match per day = single round robin). (*)
- In each pool, the first placed team qualifies to the Final round and the remaining places will be filled by the next best ranked team(s) across all pools, i.e. the two best second placed teams will progress to the Final Round as well.

(*) To define the best second-ranked teams across all pools when pools feature a different number of teams, the CEV will discard the results of the matches played with the lowest placed team in the pools of four to compare the performance of all runners-up based on the same number of matches.

4. Final Round format and dates

The 2026 competition Finals will be structured as follows:

The Final Round will be organised with eight teams. The team of the host country is directly qualified to the Finals and will be joined by the best 7 teams coming from the qualifications. In the men's and women's U22 competition, the five pool winners and the two second-placed teams with the best result across all pools will progress from the qualifiers to the Final Round.

The Final Round will be played with two pools of four teams each (single round robin), the two best placed teams from each pool will continue to the semifinals and all remaining teams will leave the tournament. On the final day, the bronze and gold medal matches will take place.

The competition requires six competition days (that includes 1 rest day between the end of the pool phase and the semifinals). The teams arrival is as usual -2 days before the first competition day and departure is either the day after the end of the pool phase or after the medal matches if a team has qualified to the semis and medal matches. Maximum stay period is 9 days (including arrival and departure days).

Phase/Gender	Competition period
Final Round Women	07 – 12/07/2026 The Hague (NED)
Final Round Men	29/06 – 04/07/2026 Albufeira (POR)

5. Qualifiers U22 Women: Pools, CEV Officials, venues and dates

The Qualification Round venues and dates are hereby confirmed, the CEV Referee Coaches will be appointed, the referees will be also set directly to the pools by the ERC and all information will be made available inside the CEV database.

U22 WOMEN	Pool A	Pool B
Organiser:	ITALY	LATVIA
Competition Date:	04-06/07/2025	04-06/07/2025
Competition City:	Costa Volpino	Daugavpils
Competition Hall:	Pala CBL	Daugavpils Olympic Center
City of Airport:	Bergamo	Riga
CEV Supervisor:	Sonja MORO	Mikhail FRISHMAN
CEV Referee Coach:	TBD by ERC	TBD by ERC
Teams (*):	ITALY (ITA) CZECHIA (CZE) PORTUGAL (POR)	LATVIA (LAT) UKRAINE (UKR) DENMARK (DEN)
Referees:	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database

U22 WOMEN	Pool C	Pool D
Organiser:	SLOVAKIA	SPAIN
Competition Date:	03-05/07/2025	04-06/07/2025
Competition City:	Puchov	Pinto (Madrid)
Competition Hall:	STC Arena	Polideportivo Municipal Principes de Asturias
City of Airport:	Vienna (AUT) or Bratislava (SVK)	Madrid
CEV Supervisor:	Tim KAABER	Gilles GAUPP
CEV Referee Coach:	TBD by ERC	TBD by ERC
Teams:	SLOVAKIA (SVK) POLAND (POL) ISRAEL (ISR) ENGLAND (ENG)	SPAIN (ESP) TÜRKIYE (TUR) IRELAND (IRL) NORWAY (NOR)
Referees:	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database

U22 WOMEN	Pool E
Organiser:	BULGARIA
Competition Date:	04-06/07/2025
Competition City:	Sofia
Competition Hall:	Hristo Botev
City of Airport:	Sofia
CEV Supervisor:	Meral TASPINAR
CEV Referee Coach:	TBD by ERC
Teams:	BULGARIA (BUL) SERBIA (SRB) LUXEMBOURG (LUX) CROATIA (CRO)
Referees:	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database

6. Qualifiers U22 Men: Pools, CEV Officials, venues and dates

The Qualification Round venues and dates are hereby confirmed (some still TBC), the CEV Referee Coaches will be appointed, the referees will be also set directly to the pools by the ERC and all information will be made available inside the CEV database.

U22 MEN	Pool A	Pool B
Organiser:	ITALY	TÜRKIYE
Competition Date:	11-13/07/2025	11-13/07/2025
Competition City:	Cisterna di Latina	Ankara
Competition Hall:	Palazzetto dello Sport	TVF Ziraat Bankkart Volleyball Hall
City of Airport:	Roma	Ankara
CEV Supervisor:	Kornel NAGY	Agnieszka MAJKOWSKA
CEV Referee Coach:	TBD by ERC	TBD by ERC

Teams (*):	ITALY (ITA) UKRAINE (UKR) DENMARK (DEN) ENGLAND (ENG)	TÜRKIYE (TUR) SERBIA (SRB) CZECHIA (CZE) GERMANY (GER)
Referees:	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database

U22 MEN	Pool C	Pool D
Organiser:	BULGARIA	LATVIA
Competition Date:	11-13/07/2025	10-12/07/2025
Competition City:	Samokov	Daugavpils
Competition Hall:	Arena Samelyon	Daugavpils Olympic Center
City of Airport:	Sofa	Riga
CEV Supervisor:	Valérie DELOUTRE	Juan ALONSO FERNANDEZ
CEV Referee Coach:	TBD by ERC	TBD by ERC
Teams:	BULGARIA (BUL) THE NETHERLANDS (NED) SPAIN (ESP) NORWAY (NOR)	LATVIA (LAT) POLAND (POL) ISRAEL (ISR) CROATIA (CRO)
Referees:	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database

U22 MEN	Pool E
Organiser:	GEORGIA
Competition Date:	11-13/07/2025
Competition City:	Tbilisi
Competition Hall:	New Sports Palace
City of Airport:	Tbilisi
CEV Supervisor:	Anka IVANOVIC
CEV Referee Coach:	TBD by ERC
Teams:	GEORGIA (GEO) FRANCE (FRA) LUXEMBOURG (LUX) IRELAND (IRL)
Referees:	To be nominated by the ERC visible inside the Database

7. Qualifiers: Administrative deadlines

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
CEV 07 FORM	May 02 nd 2025	Organising National Federations are obliged to complete and send the paper CH-07-T Form to CEV for approval.	The CH-07-T Form is available inside the CEV Database under 'Federation Area – Downloads', for the organising National Federations only.

CEV 02 FORM	May 02 nd 2025	Organising National Federations are obliged to complete and close the 02 Form inside the CEV Database. (Organisational Chart)	The CEV 02 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
1st COMPETITION BULLETIN	May 26 th 2025	Organising National Federations are obliged to issue Competition Bulletin No. 1.	The Bulletin can be released after it has been approved by the appointed CEV Supervisor.
Application for advertising on uniforms	May 30 th 2025	If applicable, all participating National Federations having advertisement on team uniforms are required to request the Certificate of Approval for advertising on uniforms.	Important: The <u>new</u> form can be found inside the Download Area of the CEV database and must be sent to: marketing@cev.eu according to the set deadline.
LED system application form	May 30 th 2025	Organising National federations can apply for the use of the LED system around the court, <u>provided that the deadline for submitting the form is respected.</u>	The form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud: https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20
PLAYER LICENSES (minimum 10 players)	Women: June 02 nd 2025 Men: June 09 th 2025	All participating National Federations are required to register any additional players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
PLAYER LICENSES (remaining players)	Women: June 11 th 2025 Men: June 17 th 2025	All participating National Federations are required to register all potential players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
TRAVEL TICKETS	Women: June 11 th 2025 Men: June 17 th 2025	Organisers must ensure that the travel ticket(s) and/or the information as to when and where the tickets can be collected <u>are with the CEV Supervisor, Referee Coach and Referees.</u>	

PLAYERS 'LONG LIST'	Women: June 18 th 2025 Men: June 25 th 2025 (14 days before)	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the CEV 05 Form ('TEAM REGISTRATION').	The CEV 05 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database. It is limited to a maximum of 24 players, out of which maximum 14 will eventually participate in the tournament. After it is approved, the CEV 05bis will be automatically created.
COMPETITION HANDBOOK	On the arrival of the Teams and CEV Officials at the Competition Site	Organisers are obliged to issue a Competition Handbook. The Competition Handbook can only be released after it has been approved by the appointed CEV Supervisor.	
CEV 05bis FORM	Before each team's Preliminary Inquiry (PI)	Before attending their PI, each team must complete and close the CEV 05bis form inside the CEV database. (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION)	

AFTER THE COMPETITION			
FINAL COMPETITION BULLETIN	Immediately after the last match has finished (within 24 hours)	Organisers are obliged to issue a Final Competition Bulletin.	This must include all results (using the Data Volley Statistics sheets for each match) and the final standing (using a CEV website print screen).

For all the information about the meetings required onsite, see the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations in their latest version.

Meeting	When	1. Main items to be covered
GENERAL ORGANISATION MEETING	On the arrival day of the CEV Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Information about the Competition Site(s) • Time schedule for pre-competition days • General Items • Financial Matters • Can be linked with the 'INITIAL COMPETITION HALL INSPECTION'
TEAM PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES	On the arrival day of the teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final team/player participation • Accreditation Cards (<i>provided by the organiser</i>) • Team Uniforms • Advertising on Team Uniforms Certificate (<i>if applicable</i>) • Health Certificates (M-3 Forms) • Anti-Doping Diplomas (FIVB Play Clean) • FIVB Manipulation Course (certificates) valid until 31/12/2025 (the 2024 certificate is extended till that date, but must be downloaded from the system with new extended date)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Medical Doctor/Team Physiotherapist accreditations • Financial matters (e.g. Contribution Fee 100,- EUR per person per day) <p><i>Note: the Team Manager must have its National Federation's login credentials for the CEV database in order to "sign" the relevant forms.</i></p>
FINAL COMPETITION HALL INSPECTION	At the latest, 3 hours before the first match	All technical items as laid out in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and CEV Organisation Guidelines for National Team Competitions.

8. Qualifiers: Commercial rights

In accordance with the rights already granted to the National federations ([Chapter 18 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations](#)), the table hereafter shows the split of Advertising rights for the Advertising spaces in the competition hall between the CEV and the organising National federation (NF).

Advertising spaces	CEV U22 Women / U22 Men Volleyball European Championship 2026 – qualifiers	
	NF	CEV
N° of Static Banners	17 (plus positions 23-26)	5
If used, LED system, visibility split (percentage of a 360° loop)	75%	25%
Floor stickers	2 (for presenting Host City & competition title), 2 (for commercial partners)	2
Net	-	100%
Net post	-	100%
Referee stand	-	100%

RESERVED PRODUCT CATEGORIES:

The CEV reserves the following product categories:

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

Advertisement of "betting & gambling" partners, whether direct or indirect, is not allowed in the frame of the competition.

*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.

9. Qualifiers: Branding

To guarantee a Europe-wide consistent corporate identity and image of the competition, all graphics and templates will be made available on the CEV Cloud by the end of March 2025.

All graphics (Banner, Net, backdrop, poster, etc.) will be published and must be downloaded from the CEV Cloud <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>.

The CEV institutional brand is to be found on the CEV website: <https://inside.cev.eu/brand/> or downloaded directly from the CEV Cloud: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

The CEV Cloud is an optimised file-sharing and storage solution. All Organisers have direct access to all resources via a web service interface. The CEV Cloud supports drag-and-drop file management.

No logins or passwords are needed.

Special links navigate you to the CEV Cloud with two main folders:

Download, which contains all necessary files/templates you need to produce any possible material <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>. The download folder is structured by Competitions.

and

Upload, where all files are to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before production.

The upload folder is structured by Competitions and Organisers: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>.

➔ After uploading any files, the Graphics Department (graphics@cev.eu) has to be notified by e-mail. Note that, the CEV Cloud does not notify us following the upload of any files.

Production of the promotional banners

Organising National Federations are required to produce the following banners according to the layouts provided and made available on the CEV Cloud:

- Position nr. 4: EuroVolley 2026 Women promotion
- Position nr. 9: #EuroVolleyU22M or #EuroVolleyU22W
- Position nr. 12: Competition title banner
- Position nr. 15: Eurovolley.tv
- Position nr. 19: EuroVolley 2026 Men promotion

LED system information:

In case any organising National Federation wants to use the LED system boarding, the LED system application form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud [here](#) (select the LED system application form).

Fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud to your respective folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> by May 30th, 2025.

10. Qualifiers: Media rights & Production obligation

In case the appointed National Federations wish to produce and stream matches of the CEV Competition, the National Federation shall contact the CEV at tv@cev.eu to receive approval and further information about broadcasting standards to be fulfilled.

Court layout



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- NET Advertising: to remain blank
- Net Post Advertising: to remain blank
- Referee chair advertising: to remain blank
- Scorer table: NF
- Benches advertising: NF

- Banner's dimension : 3x1 m
- Floorstickers: CEV (F1, F5); NF (F2, F5)
- In case the LED system will be used the visibility split will be 25 % CEV and 75 % NF.

- ^{*)} Note: Position 9 - banner with correct respective denomination to be used. Host City and Competition logo floor stickers have to always be displayed together.

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