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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

The portfolio of the Age Group Beach Volleyball European Championships consists of the following three (3) age categories, the CEV U18, U20 and U22 Beach Volleyball European Championships.

Until 2024, Age Group Beach Volleyball European Championships were standalone events, whereby all registered National Federations were eligible to participate starting the competition in the Main Draw or Qualification Tournament based on the respective Age Group's Country Ranking. No preliminary phases prior to the Finals were organised until 2024.

As announced via the Executive Summary of the key discussions and decisions taken by the CEV Board of Administration during their meeting held in Luxembourg on the 9th of February 2024, a series of First-round Qualifiers run by the CEV Zonal Associations will be introduced for the CEV U18 and U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships starting from the 2025 season. A Second-round Qualifier, previously known as Qualification Tournament, will continue to take place the day before the start of the Finals.

2. Updates for the 2025 edition

2.1. Competition format and composition of the Finals

The Main Draw of the Finals will be organised with 32 teams divided into 8 pools of 4 teams each, playing according to the single round robin format, followed by a 24-team single elimination bracket with additional rounds of classification matches to define the final standing of the competition.

The composition of the 32 teams in the Main Draw of the Finals reads as follows:

- A maximum of 2 spots for the Host Country, third team is allowed to participate in the Second-round Qualifier as per Article 2.4,
- A maximum of 12 spots allocated through the First-round Qualifiers, which will go to the top two (2) ranked National Federations in each of the six (6) Zonal Associations as per Article 2.2,
- A minimum of 10 spots through the respective CEV Country Ranking as per Article 2.3.
- 8 spots through the Second-round Qualifier organised the day before the start of the Finals as per Article 2.4,
- Any additional spots through the CEV Country Ranking to second teams of registered National Federations as per Article 2.5.

2.2. Introduction of First-round Qualifiers for the U18 and U20 categories

Starting from 2025, each Zonal Association will have the opportunity to organise their own First-round Qualifier in the respective age category. This event is open solely to National Federations belonging to that specific Zonal Association.

Zonal Associations may also consider organising the Zonal qualification event the year before, in that case the event category / age limit needs to be adjusted accordingly (i.e. U17 First-round Qualifier for the U18 European Championships Final scheduled for the following year).

Each qualifier will allocate two (2) direct spots to the Finals to the top two ranked National Federations, provided that a minimum of 40% of the National Federations belonging to the respective Zonal Association participated in the event.

Participation of the Host Country of the Finals in the First-round Qualifier is optional. In case the Host Country of the Finals is among the top two (2) ranked National Federations from such a First-round Qualifier, their spot will be reallocated to the next best ranked National Federation from the final standing of the same first-round qualifier.

In case a Zonal Association fails to organise a First-round Qualifier, the National Federations of the respective Zonal Association will not benefit from the allocation of spots through the CEV Country Ranking. In such case, the concerned National Federations can only secure their participation in the Finals via the Second-round Qualifier.

2.3. Allocation of spots through the CEV Country Ranking

After the conclusion of all First-round Qualifiers, minimum the top ten (10) not yet qualified National Federations from the respective CEV Country Ranking will secure a spot in the Finals as well as per article 2.1.

If a Zonal Association fails to organise a First-round Qualifier, an additional 2 spots to contest the Finals will be allocated via the CEV Country Ranking in the respective age category. The CEV Country Ranking in the respective age category is established as per the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and is published on the respective event page.

An eventual tie in the CEV Country Ranking shall first be resolved by the best result in the last year the competition was held (and eventually broken via the best result from two or three years prior) achieved by the National Federations concerned. If the tie remains, this will be broken by a drawing of lots between the concerned National Federations. If such a draw is needed and performed, the relevant National Federations will be invited to follow the procedure online.

2.4. Second-round Qualifier the day before the start of the Finals

For National Federations yet to secure a spot in the Finals, a Second-round Qualifier will be organised at the same venue one day before the start of the Finals.

From this qualifier, eight (8) National Federations will advance to the Main Draw.

A third team of the Host country of the Finals is allowed to participate in the Second-round Qualifier.

Second teams from the National Federations who already have a spot in the Main Draw are not allowed to participate in the Second-round Qualifier.

2.5. Allocation of second spot to registered National Federations to the Finals

In case less than 30 National Federations have registered to participate in the Finals, the CEV Country Ranking will be used to determine which second teams from National Federations already represented in the Finals (except for the Host Country) would complete the 32-team Main Draw.

3. General Information

3.1. Registration to the U18/U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships & Age limit

Spot Registration is performed through the Volleyball Information System (VIS) by 1st of December 2024.

For the U18 competition, players wishing to participate shall be aged under 18 years on 31st of December of the year during which the respective Finals is held (for the 2025 edition, players must be born on 1st of January 2008 or after).

For the U20 event, players wishing to participate shall be aged under 20 years on 31st of December of the year during which the respective Finals is held (for the 2025 edition, players must be born on 1st of January 2006 or after).

3.2. First-round Qualifiers event organising terms and conditions

The standard organising terms and conditions will be circulated by CEV to all Zonal Associations.

3.3. Allocation of points

A National Federation shall be allocated the Country Ranking points according to its best team's result.

- First-round Qualifiers:

For the National Federations participating only in the First-round Qualifiers, only CEV Country Ranking Points will be allocated and no FIVB Ranking Points. Those National Federations will receive two (2) CEV Country Ranking Points.

- Finals

Players shall be allocated FIVB ranking points according to their position in the final standing of the competition. The ranking points (per player) for the Finals are listed in the table below.

Rank	CEV Country Ranking Points	FIVB Ranking Points (per player)
1	40	128
2	39	115
3	38	105
4	37	90
5	36	80
9	32	60
17	24	35
25	16	20
33	8	12
37	4	6

3.4. Rules of the Game

All matches shall be played according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules in their latest edition.

Exceptions: Following the respective FIVB guidelines, the presence of a coach inside the field of play is allowed in all CEV Age Group Beach Volleyball European Championships. A detailed document describing the obligations and rights of coaches entering the Field of Play is available on the CEV website.

4. Financial Regulations

4.1. Fee to participate in the first-round qualifiers

The respective Zonal Association may apply additional fees and/or contribution to participate in the First-round Qualifiers.

4.2. CEV Entry Fee

For the participation of each team in the championships, whether it is the First-round Qualifiers or the Finals, the respective National Federation shall pay a one-time entry fee of 100, - EUR per team to the CEV upon receipt of the invoice at the end of the competition.

Teams made up of players that already participated in a competition of the current season but did not enter a competition of the current season together, count as a new team. Therefore, a separate entry fee shall be paid.

4.3. Contribution Fee for the Finals

This will be in line with the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

4.4. CEV License Fee

For each player participating in any CEV Beach Volleyball competition in 2025, whether it is the First-round Qualifiers or the Finals, the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice, a license fee amounting to 50, - EUR per player.

5. Further information

Necessary information for all stages of the Championships will be circulated to the National Federations from Zonal Associations for First-round Qualifiers and from CEV using the Official Communications and the event's Practical Info document for the Second-round Qualifiers and the Finals.

More details can be found in the [CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations](#), and in the [CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines](#), both available on the [CEV website](#).

6. Contact Addresses

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General Information

1.1. Date and Venue of the Final

As it was communicated in circular email on 19 December 2024 the CEV U20Beach Volleyball European Championships 2025 will take place in Madrid, Spain from 21 to 24 of August 2025.

Should a Second-round Qualifier need to be organised, this will be held in the same competition venue on 20 of August 2025.

1.2. Uniforms and accessories for the Final

The Organiser will not provide uniforms to the participating teams.

As a result, the participating National Federations shall provide their athletes with minimum 2 sets of uniforms in different colours according to the layout specified in Annex and may exploit them commercially (excluding the following product categories: alcohol (spirits), tobacco & pornography).

National Federations/athletes are responsible to bring their own shorts/bikini bottoms as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Competition Regulations and the Appendix below. Athletes may use gear and accessories as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

To their coaches entering the Field of Play, as per the CEV Coaching Regulations document, available on the CEV website.

For any questions regarding uniforms layout please address to graphiccs@cev.eu with beach@cev.eu in copy.

Please note that in case of non-conformity of the uniforms the provisions of the Regulations will be applied

First-round Qualifiers update

1.3. List of homologated First-round Qualifiers

Below is the list of the homologated U20 First-round Qualifiers on the Zonal Associations level in alphabetical order:

- Balkan Volleyball Association (BVA)

Location: Marathon, GRE

Date: 11 – 12 July

- Eastern European Volleyball Zonal Association (EEVZA)

Location: Vilnius, LTU

Date: 27 – 29 June

- Middle European Volleyball Zonal Association (MEVZA)

Location: Portorož, SLO

Date: 4 – 5 July

- North European Volleyball Zonal Association (NEVZA)

Location: Bridlington, ENG

Date: 1 – 3 July

- Western European Volleyball Zonal Association (WEVZA)

Location: Lorca, ESP

Date: 4 – 6 July

- Small Countries Association (SCA)

SCA will not organize a First-round Qualifier for the U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships 2025

Further event specific details about the First-round Qualifiers shall be provided by the respective Zonal Association.

Further information

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

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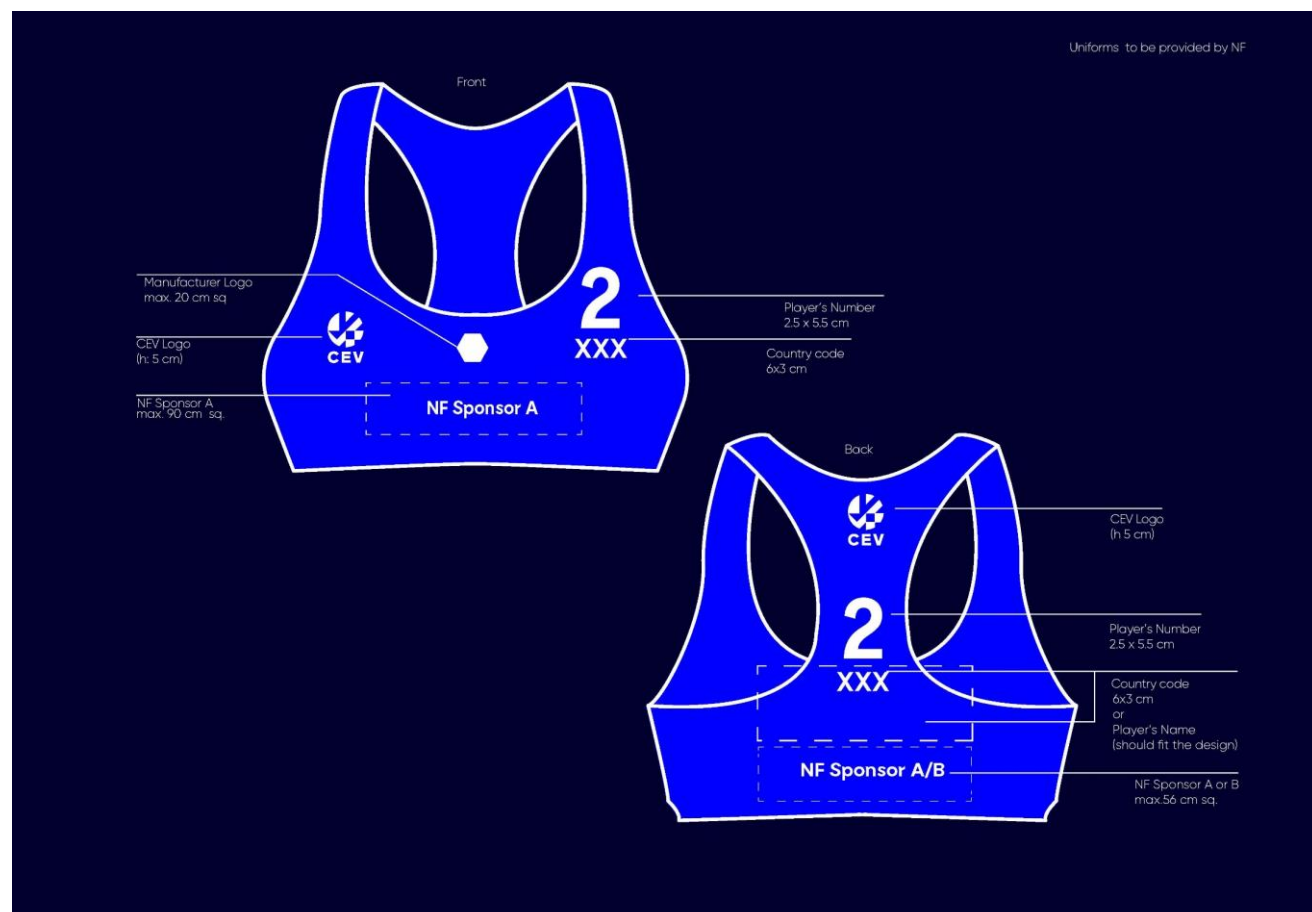
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