# CEV U20 Volleyball European Championship 2027

## Men and Women

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# 1. Introduction

The European Volleyball Confederation is pleased to open the registration procedure for the the 2027 edition of the CEV U20 Volleyball European Championship for both genders.

As per the decision of the CEV Board of Administrators taken in March 2026, two updates regarding the format of the CEV U20 Volleyball European Championship final phase and the CEV U20 Volleyball European League have been adopted, as further outlined in this Official Communication.

As with the previous editions, the Final Phase of the stated competions will be played with 16 teams.

The organisation of the respective Final Phase has been granted as follows:

- Men U20 – in Osijek (CRO) and Podgorica (MNE) on 17/07 – 25/07/2027
- Women U20 – Cagliari (ITA) and Cospicua (MLT) on 08-17/07/2027

This Championship will be managed and processed through the CEV database and therefore we ask all National Federations to apply the necessary accuracy while working with it.

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

The regulations in force are the newly updated 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations', these are available as an online PDF document here:

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Through the same above link you can also access the subsequent 'Official Communications' that are available as an online PDF document, as well as the last version of the 'CEV Organisation Guidelines for National Team Competitions'.

If you have any questions at any time please contact the CEV Volleyball Department.

For this competition, those working on it while matches are being played have the support of the 'Competitions Hotline': +352 621 25 34 44

# 2. Registration procedure and deadline

The registration for this edition will be done through the CEV Database by using the CEV form 01CH (Team Registration).

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

| Monday April 20th, 2026, at 23:59 CEST |
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After closing the form on-line, National Federations must click 'Print Form' and then sign the paper copy and send it by registered letter to the CEV Office.

This must also be sent with a postmark dated on or before the above-mentioned deadline for the registration to be valid.

On this form there are tick boxes to inform CEV if the respective National Federation intends to apply to organise one of the 2nd Round qualification tournaments and/or the CEV U20 Volleyball European League organisation. However, the definitive application forms and required procedure for applying to organise a tournament will be sent to all NFs after the registrations are confirmed.

Each National Federation not qualified to the final phase is required to confirm its participation for the CEV U20 Volleyball European League to the CEV in due time, upon request.

For any assistance on filling the registration form, please do not hesitate to contact the CEV Volleyball Department nationalteams@cev.eu.

# 3. Age limit

According to the Official Regulations, the CEV U20 Volleyball European Championship 2027 edition will only be open to:

Female and Male players who are:

| Born on 1st January 2008 or thereafter |
|---|

# 4. Competition format and dates

The 2027 competition will be structured and include a Qualification phase and a Final Phase. The Qualification phase includes a 1st and a 2nd Round as follows:

**1st Round Qualifiers (Zonal)**

The 1st Round Qualifiers will be organised in each of the six CEV Zonal Associations. Following the registration, CEV will inform each zone about the exact number of their member National Federations who have registered for participation.

Moreover, further to a decision made by the CEV Board of Administration, **a minimum of 40%** of the respective member National Federations have to register for participation in order for the zonal event to count as a 1st Round Qualifier for the European Championship. The host(s) of the Final Phase are not allowed to participate in the qualification process.

If one or more Zonal Associations fail to fulfil this requirement, depending on the total number of teams registered for participation in the championship, their teams might:
- have to join those from another zone to compete in the first stage of the qualification process
- join a qualifying round including teams from different zones put together.

Each Zonal Association shall organise their qualification stage according to the calendar set by CEV for **this round starting earliest 17th August 2026 and completing it by latest before 31st October 2026.**

In each tournament, the first placed team from the respective zone qualifies directly to the Final Phase.

**2nd Round Qualifiers**

The 2nd Round Qualifiers are organised with a maximum of 20 National Federations who competed but did not qualify from the 1st Round Qualifers to the Final Phase.

At this stage, the number of the granted vacancies per Zone (quotas) in the 2nd Round Qualifers depends on the total number of the registered teams. The team quota per Zone to qualify to 2nd Round is based on the percentage of overall European Ranking points per Zone calculated based on participating teams and will be comunicated in the next Official Communications.

COMPETITION FORMAT:
- The 2nd Round Qualifiers will be played using the single round robin tournaments format (i.e. one tournament "one against each other").
- Each 2nd Round Qualifier will be played with minimum three and maximum four teams.
- The teams in each 2nd Round Qualifier will play one tournament over three competition days:
  - Tournament with 3 teams: each team will play 2 competition days
  - Tournament with 4 teams: each team will play 3 competition days

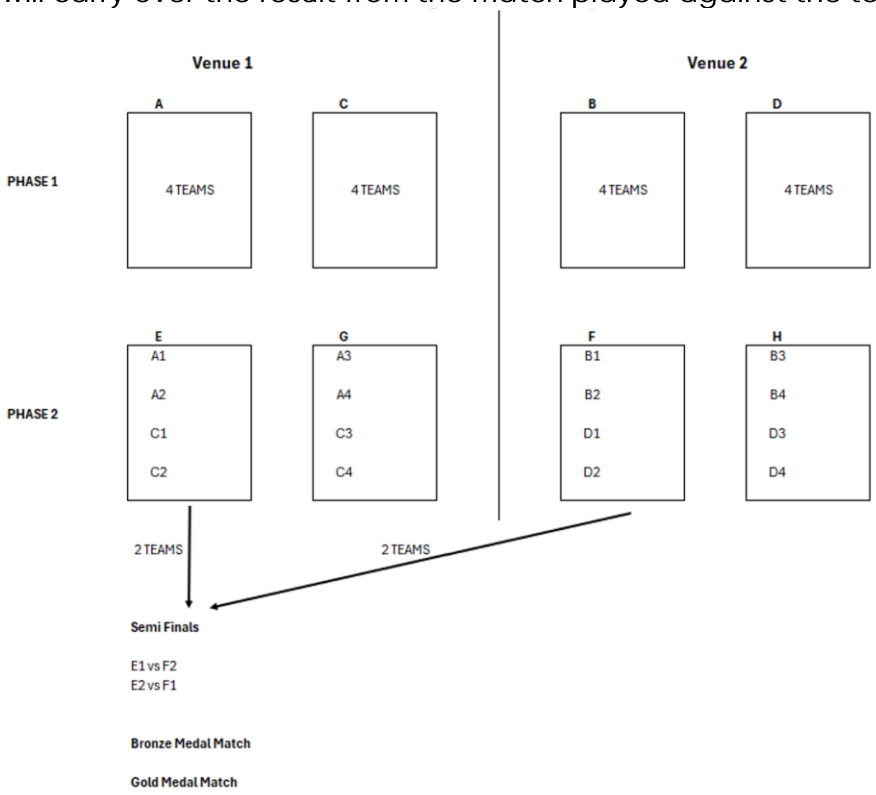
- Each of the National Federations involved has the right to apply for the organisation of the tournament.
- Should more than one National Federation apply for the organisation, the organisers will be drawn by the CEV. Or should no National Federation apply for the organisation, the organiser will be drawn by the CEV.
- In each pool, the first best placed team qualifies to the Final Phase. In case of a vacancy in the Final Phase, the next best placed team(s) across all pools not qualifed yet will qualify to the Final Phase.

**QUALIFICATION DATES**

| Round | European Championships |
|---|---|
| 1st Round Qualifiers (organised by Zones) | Between 17th August and 31st October 2026 |
| 2nd Round Qualifiers | 14th – 17th January 2027 Men<br>21st – 24th January 2027 Women |

**FINAL PHASE NEW FORMAT**

The Final Round will maintain a format with 16 participating teams, divided into 4 pools of 4 teams after a Drawing of Lots. This Final Round will include a two-phase pool stage, followed by a final phase featuring the semi-finals (1–4) and the Bronze and Gold Medal matches. In Phase 2, each team will carry over the result from the match played against the team from their own pool.




# 5. 1st Round Qualifiers - Format and dates

Following the receipt of the confirmed list of registered teams, each Zonal Association must confirm to CEV their competition structure and dates by 26th June 2026 regarding the 1st Round Qualifiers.

# 6. 2nd Round Qualifiers

Following the completion of the 1st Round Qualifiers, CEV will confirm the teams qualified to the 2nd Round. Those 2nd Round pools will be defined by the Serpentine System, once the 2nd Round organisers are known and seeded as head of those 2nd Round pools.

# 7. 2nd Round Qualifiers - Organiser application

Forms to apply to organise the 2nd Round qualifiers will be sent to all participating teams in due time. The deadline to apply for the organisation of such tournaments will be shared through those same forms.

# 8. CEV U20 Volleyball European League

1. Period

The preferred competition period shall be determined in accordance with **Article 13.2 §2** of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.
The proposed dates would run in parallel with the Final Phase of the respective category. However, a certain degree of flexibility should be maintained to allow alignment with the needs of the eventual organiser.

2. Competition Format

The proposed tournament format foresees the participation of **eight (8) teams**, following a structure similar to the current U22 Finals:

- Two pools of four teams each
- Semi-finals
- Bronze medal match
- Gold medal match

Should the number of registered teams be lower, the tournament may still be organised provided that at least **six (6) teams** participate.

3. Eligibility Criteria

- Participation in the CEV U20 Volleyball European League is **not mandatory**.
- Eligible teams shall consist of the organiser + **first seven (7) non-qualified teams following the 2nd qualification round**.
- Should a team allocated a place in the CEV U20 Volleyball European League decline participation, the slot shall be reallocated to the next best-ranked team after the 2nd Round.
- If the slot is eventually allocated to a team eliminated in the 1st qualification round, priority shall be given based on the **CEV European Ranking** of the respective category, as results from zonal rounds are not comparable.

4. Hosting and Application Procedure

- Each National Federation not qualified to the final phase is required to confirm its participation for the CEV U20 Volleyball European League with its respective Zonal Association, which will then forward the relevant information to the CEV.
- The application process for hosting the event shall follow this timeline:
    - Hosting applications open immediately after completion of the **1st qualification round** for those not progressing to the 2nd Round.
    - Application deadline set prior to the start of the **2nd qualification round**.
- Although this timeline may place teams eliminated in the 2nd round at a disadvantage, they would still be allowed to submit hosting applications in advance.
- In the absence of valid hosting applications from 1st round participants not qualified to the 2nd Round, the bidding process shall remain open until completion of the 2nd qualification round.

5. Ranking Points Allocation

Ranking points shall be awarded according to the final competition standings in the following order of priority:

1. Final Phase
2. CEV U20 Volleyball European League
3. 2nd Round Qualifiers
4. 1st Round (Zonal qualifiers)

For more details see Article 172.2.1 §2 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

# 9. FIVB U21 World Championships 2028

The FIVB will inform all NFs accordingly regarding the calendar and Continental quotas for this event.

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# 1. Teams Registered

The teams listed below have been registered (by 20/04/2026) for participating in the CEV U20 Volleyball European Championship 2027 (Men/Women).

| STATUS OF TEAMS REGISTERED | | U20 WOMEN | | | U20 MEN | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Level where the team will start the Championship | | Country/ NF | ↓ CEV European Ranking List as per 19/08/2024 Position/Total points (Zone) | | Country/ NF | ↓ CEV European Ranking List as per 09/09/2024 Position/Total points (Zone) |
| ① The organisers are directly qualified to the Final Round | 1 | ITA | 1/198 (WEVZA) + ORG. | 1 | CRO | 19/110 (MEVZA) + ORG. |
| | 2 | MLT | NP./0 (SCA) + ORG. | 2 | MNE | 26/88 (BVA) + ORG. |
| ② Teams starting competition from the 1st Round | 3 | TUR | 2/192 (BVA) | 3 | RUS* | 1*/200 (EEVZA) |
| | 4 | POL | 3/190 (EEVZA) | 4 | BUL | 1/194 (BVA) |
| | 5 | SRB | 4/186 (BVA) | 5 | FRA | 2/192 (WEVZA) |
| | 6 | BLR* | 4*/182 (EEVZA) | 6 | ITA | 2/192 (WEVZA) |
| | 7 | CRO | 5/176 (MEVZA) | 7 | POL | 4/184 (EEVZA) |
| | 8 | NED | 6/172 (WEVZA) | 8 | CZE | 5/182 (MEVZA) |
| | 9 | FIN | 7/168 (NEVZA) | 9 | BLR* | 5*/180 (EEVZA) |
| | 10 | SLO | 8/164 (MEVZA) | 10 | SLO | 6/172 (MEVZA) |
| | 11 | ESP | 9/142 (WEVZA) | 11 | FIN | 7/168 (NEVZA) |
| | 12 | ROU | 11/138 (BVA) | 12 | SRB | 8/166 (BVA) |
| | 13 | RUS* | 9*/130 (EEVZA) | 13 | TUR | 11/144 (BVA) |
| | 14 | CZE | 13/124 (MEVZA) | 14 | ISR | 12/142 (MEVZA) |
| | 15 | BUL | 14/122 (BVA) | 15 | POR | 13/140 (WEVZA) |
| | 16 | AUT | 15/112 (MEVZA) | 16 | SVK | 14/134 (MEVZA) |
| | 17 | UKR | 16/110 (EEVZA) | 17 | ESP | 15/132 (WEVZA) |
| | 18 | SVK | 16/110 (MEVZA) | 18 | UKR | 16/128 (EEVZA) |
| | 19 | EST | 16/110 (EEVZA) | 19 | GER | 17/114 (WEVZA) |
| | 20 | SWE | 20/106 (NEVZA) | 20 | NED | 17/114 (WEVZA) |
| | 21 | SUI | 21/100 (WEVZA) | 21 | LAT | 19/110 (EEVZA) |
| | 22 | GER | 22/88 (WEVZA) | 22 | NOR | 19/110 (NEVZA) |
| | 23 | HUN | 22/88 (MEVZA) | 23 | DEN | 22/108 (NEVZA) |
| | 24 | NOR | 24/86 (NEVZA) | 24 | AUT | 24/106 (MEVZA) |
| | 25 | FRA | 26/78 (WEVZA) | 25 | EST | 25/90 (EEVZA) |
| | 26 | MKD | 26/78 (BVA) | 26 | SUI | 26/88 (WEVZA) |
| | 27 | POR | 28/74 (WEVZA) | 27 | SWE | 28/86 (NEVZA) |
| | 28 | IRL | 29/70 (SCA) | 28 | SCO | 29/70 (SCA) |
| | 29 | DEN | 30/60 (NEVZA) | 29 | HUN | 30/58 (MEVZA) |
| | 30 | LAT | 31/58 (EEVZA) | 30 | IRL | 32/30 (SCA) |
| | 31 | ISR | 33/52 (MEVZA) | 31 | NIR | 33/28 (SCA) |
| | 32 | BIH | 34/32 (BVA) | 32 | ENG | 37/24 (NEVZA) |
| | 33 | ISL | 36/26 (SCA) | 33 | ISL | 38/22 (SCA) |
| | 34 | AZE | 37/24 (EEVZA) | 34 | LUX | 39/20 (SCA) |
| | 35 | ENG | 37/24 (NEVZA) | 35 | GEO | 40/0 (EEVZA) |
| | 36 | FAR | 39/22 (SCA) | 36 | ARM | NP./0 (EEVZA) |
| | 37 | GEO | 41/0 (EEVZA) | 37 | CYP | NP./0 (MEVZA) |
| | 38 | ARM | NP./0 (EEVZA) | 38 | MKD | NP./0 (BVA) |
| | 39 | CYP | NP./0 (MEVZA) | | | |
| | 40 | MON | NP./0 (SCA) | | | |
| | 41 | NIR | NP./0 (SCA) | | | |
| | 42 | SCO | NP./0 (SCA) | | | |
| | 43 | SMR | NP./0 (SCA) | | | |

*Since RUS and BLR rankings have been frozen since their latest participation in this age group, their ranking points have been taken from the respective CEV European National Team Ranking in this same age category as of 01.12.2020 (at that time, the women's competition was open to U19 players).

# 2. Vacancies 2nd Round

The 2nd Round is organised with participation of maximum 20 National Federations, whose teams have not managed to progress to the Final Round via the 1st Round qualifiers run by the respective Zonal Associations.

The winners of the zonal qualifiers organized by BVA, EEVZA, MEVZA, NEVZA, WEVZA and SCA will all claim a spot in the Final Round of the competition.

In the 2nd Round, National Federations are allocated to pools comprising of four teams. **The five 2nd Round pool winners and two or three* runners-up will all progress to the Final Round in the respective U20 women's and U20 men's competition. The allocation of the number of teams qualified from 2nd Round to the Final Round will be defined after completion of the 1st Round qualifiers.**

The number of vacancies per Zonal Association in the 2nd Round qualifiers reflects each Zone's contribution (%) to the total number of registered teams and their cumulative ranking points. Therefore, the vacancies per Zonal Association are as follows:

| | BVA | EEVZA | MEVZA | NEVZA | WEVZA | SCA | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U20 Women | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 20 |
| U20 Men | 5*) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 20 |

*Following the decision of the CEV Board of Administration on 16 May 2026, RUS and BLR entry and ranking points are moved to another zone than the EEVZA, and the quota calculations have been adjusted accordingly.

If either Russia or Belarus wins the BVA tournament, both the winner and the best BVA team will qualify directly for the Final Phase, resulting in two direct qualifiers from the zone instead of one. Consequently, the total number of teams qualifying from the First Round increases from six to seven.

To maintain the overall competition structure, the number of teams advancing from the Second Round is therefore reduced from eight to seven, while the number of available spots within the Second Round itself (20 teams) remains unchanged. As a result, in the Final Round, the two organisers and up to seven teams from the First Round will be joined by the five Second Round pool winners and the two or three best runners-up.

*) Theoretically, as per the above criteria, BVA should have 5 vacancies in the men's second round, as their 1st Round zonal qualifier features 6 teams (as one of their member Federations is hosting the Final Round). If both RUS or BLR and another BVA team qualify directly to the Final Round, only four teams remain – and these will all continue their journey in the competition in the 2nd Round.

Therefore, the vacancy not taken by BVA will eventually go to the team not yet qualified for the 2nd Round with the highest position in the U20 Men's European Ranking across all zones. This will be defined after completion of all 1st Round zonal qualifiers.

# 3. 1st Round Qualifiers - Format and dates

Each Zonal Association must confirm to CEV their competition structure and dates by 26th June 2026 regarding the 1st Round Qualifiers.

# 4. Media Rights & Streaming Production (1st Round)

Should the Organizer wish to produce and live stream matches of the CEV Competition, please reach out to tv@cev.eu and digital@cev.eu to receive further information on media rights granting and broadcasting / streaming requirements.

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