# CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024

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### 1. Introduction

By registering for participation in the CEV European Silver League 2024, all the teams commit to following the CEV Competitions Regulations, Guidelines, and Official Communications. The latest version of the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations' is available here:

https://inside.cev.eu/media/lenn2kyq/leg\_cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations\_approved\_boa\_25-02-2023\_-final.pdf

All participants are required to be aware of the content of this document, in particular the specific provisions outlined in Chapters 20 and 26.

This and subsequent 'Official Communications' are available as a pdf file on the CEV website here:

https://inside.cev.eu/en/documents/volleyball-documents/

The eventual winners of the competition will get the right to compete in the 2025 edition of the European Golden League, where they will be replacing the lowest ranked team per gender from the 2024 edition.

For this competition, those working on it have the support of the 'Competitions Hotline' during the competition evenings and weekends on +352 621 25 34 44. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the CEV Volleyball Department (nationalteams@cev.eu).

# 2. Participants

The teams are eligible to participate following the below criteria:

- o National Teams not participating in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League 2024
- National Teams not participating in the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 according to their ranking position.

Best ranked teams registered for the CEV European Golden and Silver League plus the winners of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2023 (Men: Latvia; Women: Estonia) will play the 2024 edition of the Golden League.

For the avoidance of doubt, a team register for the CEV European League 2024 edition, the teams will be classified in the Golden and Silver League depending on their ranking position in the CEV European National Team Ranking (as of October 9, 2023, for men and September 25, 2023, for women, respectively).

### 3. Competition Format

Further to the feedback received from National Federations and according to a decision made by the CEV Board of Administration this past September 16 at their last plenary meeting in Rome, the competition format for the 2024 edition of the European League has been adjusted to follow the similar format as applied in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League.

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#### <u>League Phase</u>

The eventual competition format will depend on the confirmed number of participating teams. However, priority will be given to organise a cost-effective format, aiming to have minimum four matches per each team by hosting at least one match at home. Further information will be shared at the Organisational Meeting scheduled for December 13 at the CEV Headquarters in Luxembourg. For the time being, we can confirm that the following principles will be applied:

- The seeding of the participating teams is based on the CEV National Team Ranking as of October 9 and September 25 for men and women, respectively.
- The winners of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 will qualify for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2025.

### <u>Final Phase</u>

- A Final Four Tournament will only be considered with a minimum number of 8 registered teams.
- Final Four tournament 1 organiser + three best ranked teams after the end of the League Phase. If Organiser finishes among the top three at the end of the League Phase, the 4th ranked team will qualify to the Final Four tournament as well. If the Organiser of the Final Four is not among the top three, the team from the hosting National Federation will join the top three from the League Phase in the Final Four.
- The organisers of the Final Four are also required to compete in the League Phase.
- If there is no organiser of the Final Four or less than 8 teams registered, only a Final Match will be played in home & away format, with the second match at the venue of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ranked Team after the League Phase.
- The respective winners will qualify to the 2025 CEV European Golden League Men & Women.

### 4. Competition Calendar

The reserved periods in which the competition will take place are:

### League Phase (Men & Women)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tournament 17 19 May 2024
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament 24 26 May 2024
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tournament 31 May 2 June 2024
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tournament 7 9 June 2024 (if 8 teams registered)

#### Final Phase

- Final Four Women 15/16 June 2024 Country TBD
- Final Four Men 15/16 June 2024 Country TBD

If there is no organiser of the Final Four, the final matches will be scheduled on 14 & 16 June 2024.

National teams will not be able to call up any of their players prior to the Finals of the CEV Champions League Volley 2024 scheduled for 4-5/5/2024, provided that their players are involved with their respective club teams.

### 5. Registration for competition

The registration deadline for the CEV Volleyball European League 2024 Men & Women will be no later than

### Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 23:59 CET

The registration process will be done via the respective Registration Form 01 inside the CEV Database and in accordance with the CEV Regulatory Framework.

The printed and signed version of the 01 Form should be sent to the CEV office by registered letter.

### 6. Bidding for Final Four Organisation

The bidding process for the organisation of the Final Four Tournament for each gender is open for all participating federations. The bidding documents are circulated together with this Official Communication.

The deadline for receiving the bidding documents is

### Thursday, 30th November 2023 at 23:59 CET

# 7. Officials to be appointed for the League Round

Following a revision of the competition formula, CEV Officials will be appointed, and their expenses covered as follows:

### CEV Supervisors

The CEV is responsible for appointing the CEV Supervisor.

The CEV will book the travel ticket to the nominated persons and bear costs such as international travel costs, per diem and visa (if necessary and where applicable).

The organisers will bear the costs for local transportation, food, accommodation and other costs.

### Neutral Referees

The ERC will appoint neutral Referees according to the finally defined format. The nominations will be visible inside the CEV database and on the CEV website as well.

The CEV will book the travel ticket to the nominated persons and bear costs such as international travel costs and visa (if necessary and where applicable).

The organisers will bear the costs for per diem, local transportation, food, accommodation and other costs.

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#### Local Referee

Depending on the competition format, the ERC will appoint a local Referee. The nomination will be visible inside the CEV database and on the CEV website as well.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

#### Challenge Referee

If the organiser will use the Challenge System, the ERC will appoint a Challenge Referee.

The CEV will book the travel ticket to the nominated persons and bear costs such as international travel costs, per diem and visa (if necessary and where applicable).

The organisers will bear the costs for local transportation, food, accommodation and other costs.

### 8. Financial Conditions

- Participation fee for each team is 15,000€
- Fee for Final Four organiser: 25,000€
- Prize money paid by CEV:
  - o League Round matches: 1,000€ per victory and 500€ per defeat
  - o In case Final Four tournament will be played:
    - 40,000€ for winner
    - 25,000€ for runner-up
    - 20,000€ for 3rd place
    - 15,000€ for 4th place
  - In case no Final Four will be organised and only a Final will be played in home & away format, no prize money for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams will be allocated. The prize money for the winners and runners-up will remain as indicated above.

# Enhancing the Competition – Bonus payment by CEV

In the mutual aim of all stakeholders to increase the level of the competition, TV coverage, the usage of a challenge system, a LED system and a high number of spectators are considered as crucial. Therefore, the CEV will award those participants using an approved Challenge system and LED system as well as those with a high number of spectators with a bonus as follows:

### TV Production

Production of matches hosted at home during the League Phase according to the required CEV standard defined in this Official Communication:

• 2,500€ per produced League Phase match

LED System Using of an approved LED System in all matches hosted at home: • 3,000€ 3

Challenge System

Using of an approved Challenge System in all matches hosted at home:

• 5,000€

### Spectators:

Average number of <u>all</u> matches <u>hosted</u> at home:

• ≥ 1,501 spectators: 10,000€

### **10. Technical Requirements**

The hosting National Federation shall fulfil the following technical requirements:

- Minimum competition hall for League Phase category 4
- Challenge system optional for League Round and Final Phase
- Referees head set mandatory for all phases
- Tablets are mandatory for all phases
- The LED system is optional for all phases, but recommended
- With the sole exception of the above conditions, the event will be organised and conducted according to the requirements and conditions defined in the CEV Regulatory Framework.

# 11. Official Ball

All matches during the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 will be played with the

### MIKASA Ball V200W

Each registered team will receive 20 MIKASA balls and the Final Four organisers will receive additionally 60 balls each.

# **12. Organisational Meeting**

Please note that the CEV European Silver League Organisational Meeting with the participating National Federations will be held at the CEV Headquarters in Luxembourg on

### Wednesday, 13th December 2023 at 11:00 CET.

We kindly ask representatives from all participating National Federations to attend this meeting. The participants that are prevented from travelling may join the meeting via video link. The link for the call will be shared in advance.

For those who will join meeting in person, the CEV will be able to arrange their accommodation (booking a room) at the Hotel Parc Plaza in Luxembourg City. The accommodation rate is exclusively to be borne by the respective National Federation. Any such requests shall be addressed to <u>nationalteams@cev.eu</u> until Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 23:59 to enable the CEV to confirm the number of reserved rooms with the hotel.

# **13. Marketing & Commercial Rights**

### **League Phase**

- a. 80% of visibility on and off-court advertising are granted to the Organisers of a tournament and/or match, except for the net advertising where a 100% belongs to CEV.
- b. All commercial rights' splits are taken into consideration in the official layouts made available on the CEV Cloud.
- c. The LED system is optional for all phases but recommended.
- d. Protected product categories by CEV:
- "Betting & Gambling" and "Sports equipment Volleyballs".
- e. All other categories are considered non-exclusive.

### Betting & gambling services sponsorship rights acquisition:

The CEV partner AMI, rightsholder of the "betting & gambling services" sponsorship rights worldwide, is offering the chance for participating National Federations to acquire some rights for a national betting partner for the upcoming CEV European Silver League 2024.

Through this sponsorship package, the National Federation will have the opportunity to align with betting & gambling rights at the national level, providing their sponsor significant visibility and branding during the home games. The rights available for acquisition and taken from the CEV contingent include the following:

In-venue	
LED TIME (seconds per one 360" rotation)	15"
Giant screen (if available)	20"/match
Backdrop positions	5
Fan zone/Fan parks (if any) - rights to be defined on a case-by- case basis	$\checkmark$
Print & digital	
Branding on tickets	$\checkmark$
Branding & advertising in match programme (if any)	$\checkmark$
Digital & Social media	
Activation on digital media channels, social media (branded posts of branded content/messaging)	up to 2 comms/month
Signed merchandise (to be defined case by case) Branding and marketing presence at launch events & press conferences to be defined on a case-by-case basis VIP tickets	✓ ✓ 5

For further information and to initiate discussions regarding a potential sponsorship deal, please feel free to reach out to Andrew Mulcahy, the dedicated marketing representative from AMI. He will be more than happy to guide you through the process and answer any questions you may have. Any sponsorship agreement would then be settled directly between the National Federation and AMI.

Contact Details: Advisers Media International Name: Andrew Mulcahy Email: <u>andrew@advisersmedia.com</u> phone: +44 1608 644 064

### Final Phase / Final Four

See Candidature application guideline.

### **14. Media Rights & Production**

The participating National Federations shall respect the following requirements which will apply to the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 – League Phase & Final Four.

### **League Phase**

#### Media Rights

In case of tournament format, the CEV is granting to each participating National Federation the nonexclusive domestic media rights in relation only to the Tournament being hosted & organised by such <u>National Federation in its territory</u>. This grant of rights is in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations - Section 7: Media Production.

We kindly inform that there is no media rights reciprocity allowed between the participating National <u>Federations</u> of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024. Should the National Federation wish to acquire its away matches (or outside the tournament it is hosting in its own territory), it should duly contact the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency (contacts provided below). For the avoidance of doubt, all other media rights not explicitly granted to the National Federation are retained by the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency.

- Ms Ottavia Perra, Associate Director Media Sales / <u>Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com</u>
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- Ms Deborah Termanini, Media Operations / <u>deborah.termanini@infrontsports.com</u>

#### **TV** Production obligation

The production of matches during the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 – League Phase is <u>optional.</u>

In case the appointed National Federations wish to produce the matches that they are hosting, they shall inform CEV and fulfil the minimum broadcasting requirements indicated below (standard D):

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 3 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery\*: via satellite only (Eutelsat 7B or 10A carrier)
- Graphics: integration of the official CEV TV graphics package (to be provided by the CEV)
- Contact details: NF to provide to the CEV contact details of their host broadcaster or local production company 2 weeks prior to the start of the competition.

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\*For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the responsibility of the appointed National Federation to provide to the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency <u>free-of-charge</u> a TV signal with DVB-S2 standard via an established European satellite such as Eutelsat 7B or Eutelsat 10A. A Eutelsat certified SNG HD fully redundant (1+1) capable of transmission DVB-S2 2 MPEG4/H.264 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 with BISS 1 Encryption.

The complete satellite parameters are provided in English to the CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency no later than seven (7) days before the start of the relevant match.

### Final Phase / Final Four

### Media Rights

In case a Final Four is organised, the CEV is granting to the National Federation appointed as Organiser of the Final Four the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to all the matches produced in its territory in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations - Section 7: Media Production.

In case of a Final Match in the home & away format, the CEV is granting to the organising National Federation the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation in exchange of the production of such match as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

We kindly inform that there <u>is no media rights reciprocity allowed between the participating National</u> <u>Federations</u> of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 Final Round. Should the National Federation wish to acquire its away matches, it should duly contact the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency (contacts provided below). For the avoidance of doubt, all other media rights not explicitly granted to the National Federation are retained by the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency.

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### TV Production obligation

All matches of the Final Four or in case of the Final in the home & away format shall be produced as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (standard C):

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 5 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery\*: via satellite only (Eutelsat 7B or 10A carrier)
- Graphics: official CEV TV graphics package (to be provided by the CEV prior to the tournament)
- Contact details: NF to provide to the CEV contact details of their host broadcaster or local production company 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

\*For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the responsibility of the appointed National Federation to provide to the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency <u>free-of-charge</u> a TV signal with DVB-S2 standard via an established European satellite such as Eutelsat 7B or Eutelsat 10A. A Eutelsat certified SNG HD fully redundant (1+1) capable of transmission DVB-S2 2 MPEG4/H.264 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 with BISS 1 Encryption.

The complete satellite parameters are provided in English to the CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency no later than seven (7) days before the start of the relevant match

### **15. Match Data Collection**

The participating National Federations shall fulfil the below requirements to ensure a professional match data collection and distribution when hosting any matches of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024:

- Compulsory use of the CEV Data and Statistics collection applications including but not limited to E-scoresheet and DataVolley software.
- The CEV Data and Statistics collection applications are provided by CEV's official technology partner Genius Sports.
- For the avoidance of any doubt, the CEV will provide to the participating National Federations the necessary access details & credentials (username and password) to the above-mentioned applications prior to the event.

To ensure a professional usage of the above-mentioned applications, it is the responsibility of each National Federation to provide the below minimum services, equipment, and resources free of charge when hosting the CEV Competition:

- Download <u>latest</u> software version <u>https://download.dataproject.com/cev</u>
- Necessary hardware to run adequately E-scoresheet application (such application is only available on Windows operating system).
- Necessary hardware to run Data Volley applications for statistics delivery.
- State-of-the art and high-speed internet connection as well as dedicated power supply.
- Testing of the application and connectivity one (1) week prior to the start of the competition in collaboration with CEV and its appointed official data provider.
- Experienced human resources to operate E-scoresheet and Statistics software:
  - One (1) E-scoresheet operator
  - o One (1) Statistics Software operator



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### 1. General Information

After closing the registration process, we are able to release this document in order to update all participants regarding:

- Teams registered for participation in the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 Men & Women
- Competition Format
- League Round Tournaments and Match Schedule for respective weekends
- Updates in terms of marketing and commercial rights
- Useful information regarding the competition official branding.

### 2. Participants

The confirmed list of participants for the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 Men reads as follows:

No.	<b>CEV Ranking</b>	<b>National Federation</b>	Remarks
1	29	AUT	
2	34	ISR	
3	36	FAR	
12	38	ISL	

The confirmed list of participants for the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 Women reads as follows:

No.	<b>CEV</b> Ranking	<b>National Federation</b>	Remarks
1	15	BIH	Lowest ranked 2023 CEV Golden League
2	22	POR	
3	23	MNE	
4	25	HUN	
5	27	FIN	
6	31	LAT	
7	32	GEO	
8	35	ISL	
9	36	LUX	
10	37	FAR	

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## 3. League Round Matches Schedule

	1st weekend	2nd weekend	3rd weekend	4th weekend
	17 – 19.05.2024	24 – 26.05.2024	31.05 - 02.06.2024	07 – 09.06.2024
	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3	Tournament 4
Organiser	ISL (4)	FAR (3)	ISR (2)	AUT (1)
Orananta	ISR (2)	AUT (1)	AUT (1)	ISR (2)
Opponents	FAR (3)	ISL (4)	ISL (4)	FAR (3)
Not playing	AUT (1)	ISR (2)	FAR (3)	ISL (4)
Match Day 1	FAR (3) vs ISL (4)	ISL (4) vs FAR (3)	ISL (4) vs ISR (2)	FAR (3) vs AUT (1)
Match Day 2	ISR (2) vs FAR (2)	AUT (1) vs ISL (4)	AUT (1) vs ISL (4)	ISR (2) vs FAR (3)
Match Day 3	ISL (4) vs ISR (2)	FAR (3) vs AUT (1)	ISR (2) vs AUT (1)	AUT (1) vs ISR (2)

The Men's League Round Tournaments and the respective matches are scheduled as follows:

The Women's League Rounds Tournaments and the respective matches are scheduled as follows:

	1st weekend 17 – 19.05.2024			
	Tournament 1	Tournament 1 Tournament 2 Tourna		
Organiser	ISL (8)	FIN (5)	MNE (3)	
Ossesste	HUN (4)	POR (2)	GEO (7)	
Opponents	LAT (6)	LUX (9)	FAR (10)	
Not playing		BIH (1)		
Match Day 1	LAT (6) vs ISL (8)	LUX (9) vs FIN (5)	FAR (10) vs MNE (3)	
Match Day 2	HUN (4) vs LAT (6)	POR (2) vs LUX (9)	GEO (7) vs FAR (10)	
Match Day 3	ISL (8) vs HUN (4)	FIN (5) vs POR (2)	MNE (3) vs GEO (7)	

	2nd weekend 24 – 26.05.2024			
	Tournament 4	Tournament 4 Tournament 5 Tourn		
Organiser	LUX (9)	LAT (6)	POR (2)	
<u>Our constants</u>	HUN (4)	BIH (1)	MNE (3)	
Opponents	FAR (10)	GEO (7)	ISL (8)	
Not playing		FIN (5)		
Match Day 1	FAR (10) vs LUX (9)	GEO (7) vs LAT (6)	ISL (8) vs POR (2)	
Match Day 2	HUN (4) vs LAT (6)	BIH (1) vs GEO (7)	MNE (3) vs ISL (8)	
Match Day 3	LUX (9) vs HUN (4)	LAT (6) vs BIH (1)	POR (2) vs MNE (3)	

	3rd weekend 31.05 – 02.06.2024		
	Tournament 7	Tournament 8	Tournament 9
Organiser	GEO (7)	HUN (4)	BIH (1)
Orana a rata	ISL (8)	FIN (5)	POR (2)
Opponents	LUX (9)	LAT (6)	MNE (3)
Not playing		FAR (10)	
Match Day 1	LUX (9) vs GEO (7)	LAT (6) vs HUN (4)	MNE (3) vs BIH (1)
Match Day 2	ISL (8) vs LUX (9)	FIN (5) vs LAT (6)	POR (2) vs MNE (3)
Match Day 3	GEO (7) vs ISL (8)	HUN (4) vs FIN (5)	BIH (1) vs POR (2)

	4th weekend 07.06 – 09.06.2024
	Tournament 10
Organiser	FAR (10)
Oppoppets	ВІН (1)
Opponents	FIN (5)
Not playing	POR, MNE, HUN, LAT, GEO, ISL, LUX
Match Day 1	FIN (5) vs FAR (10)
Match Day 2	BIH (1) vs FIN (5)
Match Day 3	FAR (10) vs BIH (1)

# 4. Final Phase competition system

### **Final Phase Men**

Due to the limited number of participating teams, the Final Phase will be played with 1 (one) decisive match only. The match will be hosted by the highest ranked team after the end of the League Round and will feature the no. 1 and no. 2 teams according to the final standing of the League Round itself.

Final Match	Final	1 <sup>st</sup> Ranked Team – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ranked Tear	m Saturday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Final Phase Women

No semi-final matches will be played. Only the Final Home & Away Matches will be played between the no. 1 and no. 2 teams according to the final standing of the League Round.

Home Match	Final	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ranked Team – 1 <sup>st</sup> Ranked Team	Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Away Match	Final	1 <sup>st</sup> Ranked Team – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ranked Team	Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

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# 5. Administrative deadlines

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
Application for advertising on uniforms	April 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024	If applicable, all participating National Federations having advertisement on team uniforms are required to request the Certificate of Approval for advertising on uniforms.	The form can be found inside the CEV database "download area" and must be sent to: <u>marketing@cev.eu</u>
LED system application form (if used by Organiser for League Round or Final Phase)	April 19 <sup>th</sup> 2024 for League Round May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2024 for Final Phase	Organising National federations can apply for the use of LED system around the court.	The form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud: <u>https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20</u>
PLAYER LICENSES (minimum 14 players)	April 15 <sup>th</sup> 2024	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.
PLAYER LICENSES (remaining players)	May 29 <sup>th</sup> 2024	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 CEV Database under: Federation Area – Form List for each National Federations.
PLAYERS 'LONG LIST' CEV 05 Form	10 to 14 days before the respective tournament or matches	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 under: Federation Area – Form List. After it is approved, the CEV 05bis will be automatically created listing up to 14 players due to compete at the relevant tournament or match.
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.	

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Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
CEV 05bis Form	Before each team's Preliminary Inquiry	Before attending their PI, each team must complete and close the CEV 05bis form inside the CEV database. (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION)	

For further information about the meetings required onsite, please refer to the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the Volleyball Guidelines for National Team Competitions.

Meeting	When	Main items to be covered
GENERAL ORGANISATION MEETING	On the arrival day of the CEV Supervisor	<ul> <li>Introduction</li> <li>Information about the Competition Site(s)</li> <li>Time schedule for pre-competition days</li> <li>General Items</li> <li>Financial Matters</li> <li>Can be linked with the 'INITIAL COMPETITION HALL INSPECTION'</li> </ul>
TEAM PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES	On the arrival day of the teams	<ul> <li>Final team/player participation</li> <li>Accreditation Cards (<i>if applicable</i>)</li> <li>Team Uniforms</li> <li>Advertising on Team Uniforms Certificate</li> <li>Health Certificates (M-3 Forms)</li> <li>Anti-Doping Diplomas (FIVB Play Clean)</li> <li>FIVB Manipulaton Course (certificates)</li> <li>Team Medical Doctor/Team Physiotherapist accreditations</li> <li>Note: the Team Manager must have its National Federation's login credentials for the CEV database in order to "sign" the relevant forms.</li> </ul>

# 6. Challenge System

In case an organiser wishes to use the Challenge System for the League Round or the final phase, they must inform the CEV Office (<u>referee@cev.eu</u>) accordingly, no later than by **<u>Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.</u>** 

# 7. Marketing & Commercial Rights

Marketing and commercial rights are published in the Official communication n°1.

The use of the LED system boarding is optional for League Round and final matches.

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**Court layout commercial rights:** see the layout and carefully check all court layout conditions:

- Net Advertising: 100 % CEV (net band remains empty)
- Net Post Advertising: 100 % CEV (net post covers remain empty)
- Referee chair advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty (CEV approval required)
- Scorer table: NF
- Player benches advertising (backside): NF
- Floor-stickers: 4 positions for NF. In case only 2 are used, they must be symmetrical (2 positions have been ceded by CEV to NF: F1 and F6)
- Floor stickers F3 and F4 are mandatory and have to always be displayed together (5m x 1m)
- Static advertising around the court: see commercial court layout
- In case of LED System use: visibility split is 20% CEV, 80 % NF
  - → The LED playlist (after the LÉD system application is approved) has to be downloaded from CEV Cloud, completed and uploaded into the NF folder for CEV approval; please send an email to marketing@cev.eu to inform about the upload and to seek approval)

### **CEV protected product categories:**

- Betting & gambling\*
- Sports equipment: Volleyballs

\*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. Thus, gambling and betting services are prohibited, and the category will not be released by the CEV. The CEV partner is the ultimate betting rights holder on a global basis in relation to the CEV Competitions.

<u>Exception</u>: Participating teams may position <u>one</u> sponsor logo of the "betting & gambling" category on the official player jersey. Approval will be given through the certificate for advertising on uniforms.

Organisers that wish to acquire "betting & gambling" advertising rights shall contact the CEV partner AMI as stipulated in the Official Communication n°1.

### <u>Approval procedure for LED system playlist (only after the LED system application is approved):</u>

- List of all sponsors with brand name, product category, website, to be uploaded into the Organiser folder on the CEV cloud.
- > LED playlist duly filled in to be uploaded into the folder as well.
- Email to be sent to <u>marketing@cev.eu</u> to inform about the upload.
- > The files will be approved on the CEV Cloud directly.
- > In case any changes need to be made, organisers will be informed by email.
- ➢ NO FILES ARE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL.

### 8. Branding and Graphics

**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 managing. No logins or passwords are needed.

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

**Download**, which contains all necessary files / templates you need to use for the production of any possible material related to the competition: <u>https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown</u>

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**Upload,** where to place all files to be uploaded, checked, and approved by the CEV before producing. After uploading any files, the Graphics Department (<u>graphics@cev.eu</u>) has to be notified by a short e-mail. <u>Please note that the CEV Cloud does not notify us when files are uploaded.</u> The upload folder is structured by Organisers <u>https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl</u>

### Graphics whose production is mandatory:

- Court banners in case of static court layout
- Backdrop
- Poster (printed or electronic versions)
- Podiums (for final match)

If any additional graphics (social media, web promotions, billboards, etc.) are used, they must also be approved in the same way.

All graphics (banners, net, backdrop, poster, etc.) templates shall be downloaded from the CEV Cloud folder: <u>https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown</u> Branding guidelines published on the CEV Cloud must be followed by all organisers.

**The CEV institutional brand** can be downloaded from the CEV Cloud: https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbrandina.

### LED system information:

Use of the LED system boarding:

- League Phase matches optional
- Final match / matches optional

**The LED system application form** must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud <u>https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20</u>.

(We recommend reading all the requirements for the use of the LED system and all the information in the application very carefully).

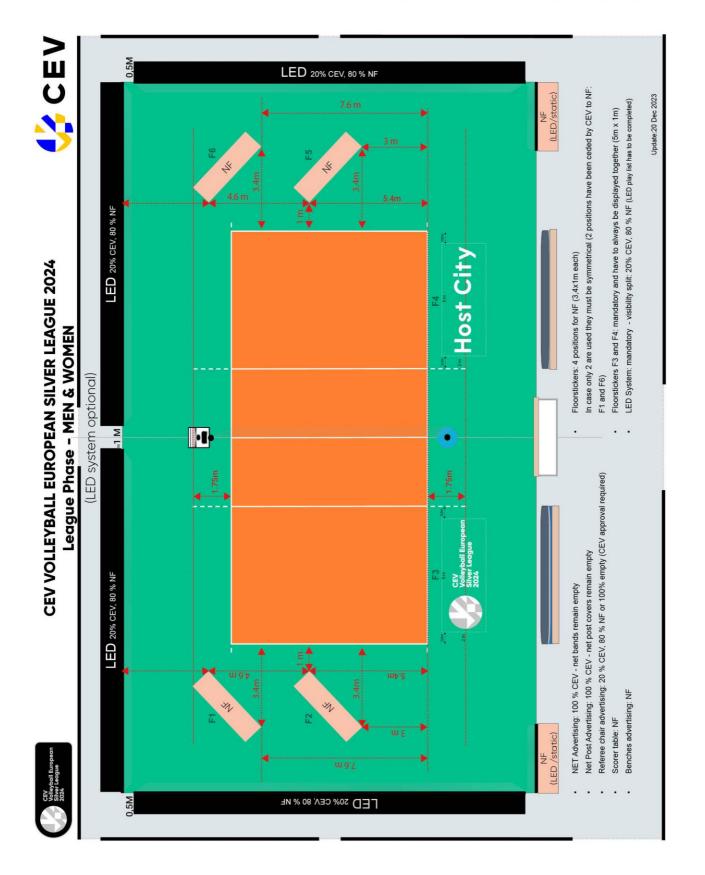
The fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud into your respective folder <u>https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl</u> by 19th April 2024. When uploaded, please send an email to <u>graphics@cev.eu</u> to inform us and request approval.

### Approval procedure for any branding material:

- > If not already done so for the LED system, the list of all sponsors with brand name, product category, website, to be uploaded into the Organiser folder on the CEV Cloud.
- Branding files /graphics to be uploaded into the folder as well.
- Email to be sent to graphics@cev.eu to notify CEV of the upload.
- > The files will be approved on the CEV Cloud directly.
- > In case any changes need to be made, organisers will be informed by email.
- ➢ NO FILES ARE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL.

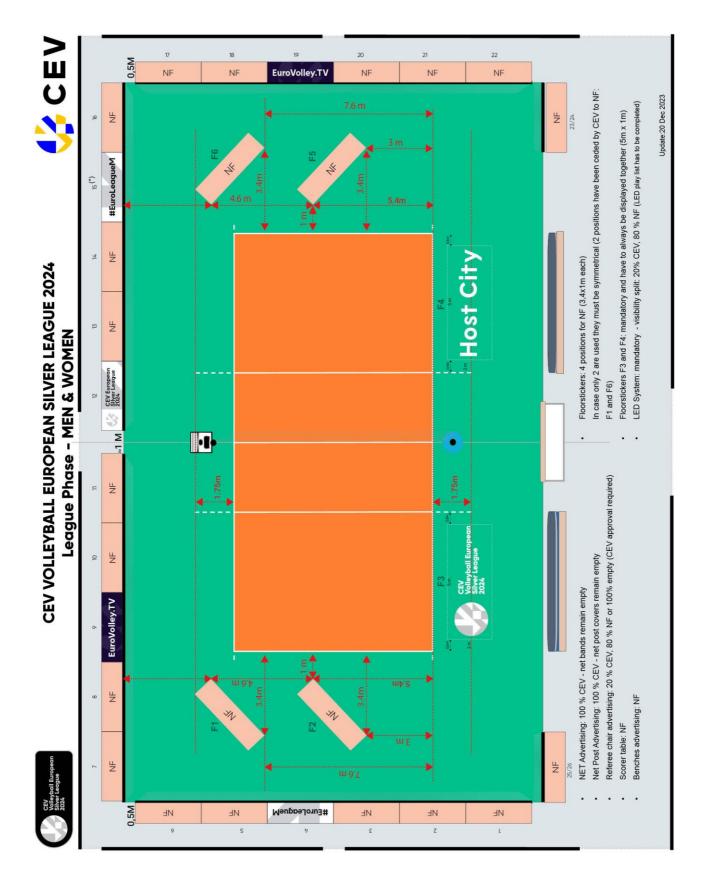
### <u>CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 – League Phases LED system structure:</u>

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### CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024 – League Phases static panels structure:

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## Introduction

We would like to share with all participating National Federations some important information and updates. In this document you can find all of the key info relating to the upcoming CEV European Volleyball Silver League 2024 Men & Women.

This and any subsequent 'Official Communications' are available as a PDF file on the CEV website here: <u>https://inside.cev.eu/documents/volleyball-documents/</u>

### Match Calendar & Team Arrivals

The match calendar for all tournaments has been updated according to the respective CEV 07 Forms provided by the organising National Federations.

We would like to remind all participating teams that the official arrival day is minus one (-1) before the first match scheduled for each respective team. It means that any team playing their first match on a Friday will be arriving on Thursday and the team playing their first match on Saturday is due to arrive on Friday. If any team would like to arrive earlier (-2 days before their first match), this team will have to cover all related costs (accommodation, meals, and any other) for this additional day.

At this stage, there are still 2 (two) National Federations that have not provided their confirmed match schedule:

- Israel due to the current political situation in the country, the National Federation will have to decide by March 15, 2024, where their 'home tournament' will be held, whether in Israel or in a neutral country. Further updates will be provided by March 31, 2024, at the very latest.
- 2. Bosnia & Herzegovina due to internal problems, the CEV has agreed to postpone a final decision until 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2024. Nevertheless, we have been officially informed that the arrival airport is Sarajevo International Airport (SJJ). The official venue for the tournament will be confirmed after the previously mentioned deadline.

# 3. Accommodation of the Visiting Teams during the League Round

Since the competition is being played in a tournament format, rules related to accommodation and meals of the visiting teams have been adjusted accordingly – and they will follow the same principles applied for all other CEV National Team competitions played as tournaments. This means that the Organiser of each respective tournament is bearing the accommodation and meal costs for the visiting teams during their stay according to the CEV Official Regulations.

# CEV Forms 04 / 08 / 09

The respective CEV Forms 04 / 08 / 09 will be created inside the CEV database and will be made accessible in due time:

### CEV Form 04

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The 04 Forms will be created by mid-March with the deadline scheduled for <u>15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 at 23:59</u> <u>CEST</u>.

As the number of players on this form is unlimited, we kindly remind all participating National Federations to register their players as soon as possible so that the CEV can process the licenses in due time. The final deadline to add any additional players is <u>Wednesday</u>, 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 at 23:59 CEST.

In this case, the respective National Federation should contact the Volleyball Department to ask for the approval of this license.

### CEV Form 08

For each tournament there will be only one CEV Form 08. This form will be created, filled in and closed by the CEV Office no later than 14 days before the first match of the respective tournament.

The hosting National Federations are required to send no later than 21 days before their home tournament the name of the proposed and confirmed by the ERC 3<sup>rd</sup> International Referee (the local one).

If the hosting National Federation will use an approved Challenge System, the nominated CEV Challenge Referee contact details will be inserted into General Team Communications section of this same form.

### CEV Form 09

For all matches, each team will have one respective form to complete, which has to be closed according to the deadline indicated inside this form.

# 5. Arrival of the CEV Supervisors and the CEV International Referees

### <u>League Round</u>

All the CEV Officials (CEV Supervisors & CEV International Referees) will arrive -1 day before the first day of the tournament. If the respective CEV Official cannot arrive according to this rule, the CEV will organise his/her arrival at -2 days.

### <u>Final Phase</u>

As the Final Phase will not be played in a tournament format, the CEV Officials (CEV Supervisors & CEV International Referees) arrival will be organised by the CEV Office as follows:

• For the match without Awarding Ceremony (Women's competition) –1 day before the match

• For the match with Awarding Ceremony (Men & Women) -2 days for the CEV Supervisor and -1 day for all remaining CEV Officials.

# 6. Match Technology & Data Collection

For each match, the following match technology is provided and used by the participating National Federations for the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024:

- a. The CEV E-scoresheet,
- b. The CEV Statistics (only Data Volley 4),
- c. Video Sharing,
- d. ES Referee & Bench applications.

The applications are provided by CEV's official technology partner Genius Sports. The applications download and user guidelines documentation link is the following: <a href="https://download.dataproject.com/cev">https://download.dataproject.com/cev</a>.

Please find here below more information related to the usage of the CEV E-scoresheet, CEV Statistics and Video Sharing applications as indicated in the official Volleyball Competition Regulations:

- The E-scoresheet of a match is the only document which officially records the progress, results, participants, events, protests, and sanctions of such match. Statistics of each match are collected by designated match officials of the Organiser for CEV purposes.
- CEV is providing the necessary log-in credentials (including username & password) for the Escoresheet, CEV Statistics and Video Sharing applications to the Organiser prior to the start of the CEV Competition.
- The Scorer shall complete the E-scoresheet and its printed version according to the Official Volleyball Rules and the Genius Sports application user guidelines.
- The Statistician shall complete the statistics file according to the Genius Sports application user guidelines.
- The Statistician shall upload the statistics and video files to Video Sharing according to the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the Genius Sports application user guidelines.
- The Organiser shall provide free-of-charge the following facilities and resources during the CEV Competition to operate the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics in a professional manner:
  - Adequate hardware including laptop or tablet that is running the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications.
  - Ensure download and installation of the latest version of the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications.
  - Ensure stable and high-speed internet connectivity and necessary power supply to ensure a professional data collection and distribution to CEV and CEV Commercial partners.
  - Perform testing of the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications in the Competition Hall one (1) day before the start of each tournament.
  - Ensure appointment of dedicated and experienced e-scorer as well as statisticians during the competition to collect data and statistics.
  - For the CEV Statistics and CEV E-scoresheet, live match statistics shall be delivered throughout the match during the CEV Competition by connecting to the CEV Database, making use of the credentials provided by the CEV.

• The Organiser shall prohibit any illegal or non-authorised collection, archiving and distribution of match-related data and statistics during the live matches of the competition.

For further information on match technology or data matters, the following contact details shall be used:

CEV – Mr Donatas Averkinas, Sport Data Coordinator

• <u>digital@cev.eu</u>

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