

CEV BEACH VOLLEY EUROPEAN CUP 2026

COACHING REGULATIONS



The introductions of Coaching in the CEV Beach Volley European Cup follows the principles and procedures applied in the competition since its introduction in 2023 and is in line with the [FIVB Coaches Code of Conduct](#) document.

a. accreditation

The Coach will be recognised as such provided that they are accredited through the CEV [BV-05](#) form within the timeline indicated in the event's Practical Info document. Accreditation of Coaches shall be uploaded to the CEV Cloud as per indicated in the event's Practical Info document.

By registering, the coach acknowledges and confirms the [FIVB Coaches Code of Conduct](#)

An active athlete who participates in the same tournament cannot be accredited as a coach to the same/other club of either participating genders.

The coach will receive a respective accreditation from the organiser during the Preliminary Inquiry which they need to attend with the club affiliated to.

A club can also choose no coach accompanying the team in the playing area.

b. Access to playing area

Coaches are allowed on the playing area to provide support for the athletes. The Coach may enter the playing area with the players, and they may remain for the duration of the match.

c. Number of coaches per team

A Club may register up to two Coaches. However, only one team Coach will be permitted into the playing area beginning with the warmup until the final whistle.

d. Number of teams per coach

A Coach may be registered for more than one team – but must stay with one team for the duration of the match (i.e. from warm up until the final whistle).

e. Uniform

The Coach must wear a uniform which is different from the team (e.g. polo/track suit top/ windbreaker), showing the Club name on the chest and/or the back. Shorts and training suit pants are allowed, but not jeans.

Sponsors logos on coaches' uniforms are allowed only on the sleeves or the back of the uniform but not in the front part. The manufacturer logo is not considered as sponsor logo.

Sneakers are recommended while sandals, flip-flops and barefoot are acceptable.

Should the coach not adhere to the dress code, the Referee will make a remark on the score sheet and the Supervisor will revoke/cancel the coach's accreditation until the regulation is complied with.

f. Prior to the match

The coach confirmed at the Preliminary Inquiry may only enter the playing area if they present valid accreditation to the referee team.

Prior to the match the Coach is required to sign the scoresheet (Teams box) to confirm their position, thereby making them subject to the authority of the Officiating team.. In addition, the Coach must leave their accreditation on the score table until the match is completed. For this competition, the Coach is included under the terms "team" and "team member". Should the Coach refuse to comply with this regulation or have no accreditation, they will be requested to leave the playing area and can have no further involvement in the match.

The coach may participate in his team's warm-up only until the end of official warm-up.

g. Position of coach during play

The Coach sits at the designated Team seating areas net to their team (Appendix 1) and must remain seated during the play and during intervals between rallies, except when switching courts, during set intervals and while instructing players during regular game interruptions, i.e.: time outs and technical time outs, plus exceptional game interruptions, i.e.: medical Timeout, Recovery Interruption, Protest protocols, Prolonged interruption.

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During court switches, the Coach switches with the team and always sits at the same side of their team during play.

The Coach must remain on the Team seating areas/team bench until the handshake of Players and Referees is over, and Players have left the court to the Team seating areas/team bench. Only from this moment, the Coach is allowed to move outside of Team seating areas/team bench.

h. Interaction with players

The Coach is NOT allowed to stand during play. If either Referee needs to remind the Coach of this rule, the Coach will be sanctioned according to the appropriate misconduct regulations, just like the Players.

The Coach can freely give instructions during Time-outs, Technical Timeouts, Set intervals, intervals between completed rallies and during exceptional game interruptions. The Coach may also give instructions during court switches (while walking) however, the match shall not be delayed by this.

Existing rules concerning coaching players from outside the playing area still apply. Team member and/or coach that is not registered with the team in the playing area, found providing coaching instructions outside the playing area (including the stand), shall be removed his/her accreditation from the said tournament. If offense repeated, suspension will be applied.

i. Interaction with Referees

Same as Volleyball Rules of the Games, when the ball is out of the play, only the team captain is authorized to speak with the referee.

j. Requesting time-out

The Coach (as well as the team captain) may request a time out by showing the official hand signal and requesting "time out" when the ball is out of play and before the 1st Referee's whistle for service. Their official point of contact is the second Referee in this instance. Any request made after or at the moment of the first Referee whistles for service, or after a team, has exhausted its timeouts in that set, will be considered an improper request. Should the resumption of play be delayed by this, the team will be sanctioned for DELAY.

k. Requesting substitution

The Coach (as well as the team captain) may request a substitution by showing the official hand signal and requesting "substitution" when the ball is out of play and before the first Referee whistles for service. Their official point of contact is the second Referee. Any request made after or at the moment of the first Referee whistles for service, or after a team, has exhausted its substitutions, will be considered an improper request. Should the resumption of play be delayed by this, the team will be sanctioned for DELAY.

Each club is entitled to 1 substitution per match (an athlete may leave the game and re-enter only once, and only to same athlete), out of the 2 potential substitutes registered in the scoresheet.

Only one substitution per match can be requested, with no substitution allowed in an eventual Golden Set. An athlete who has participated as a substitute in the ^{first} match of the double header cannot participate as a substitute in the second match. No substitute is allowed in case a Club is participating in the competition with only four athletes.

A designated area for the substitutes, will be placed next to the playing athletes' time out area. Substitutes need to remain within that area, which will be monitored by the second referee.

l. Behaviour during medical time-out

In the event of a player injury, the coach may enter the field after the authorization from the 1st Referee. During medical assistance, if any of the athletes return to the court to warm up, only players may warm up in the field of play.

m. Force majeure

The Coach must be with their team right from the start of the match and must remain for the duration of the match unless there is a case of force majeure – illness, injury, toilet. In this instance, the accreditation remains on the score table and the coach is accompanied to medical assistance/ toilet by the Refereeing Coach/Manager, CEV Supervisor or reserve referee (whichever is applicable or most appropriate).

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n. Delay

The Coach cannot delay the game by any means. Also Teams/Clubs will be sanctioned for delay when team members (players) are judged to be attempting to delay the game in order to get assistance from the Coach in violation to this specific regulation.

o. Misconduct and its sanctions

The coach is subject to all sanctions outlined in the Official FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules of the Games

Minor Misconduct

Minor misconduct offences are not subject to sanctions. It is the first Referee's duty to prevent the teams (including the Coach) from approaching the sanctioning level.

There are two stages to this:

-Stage 1 is done verbally through the team captain.

-Stage 2 involves showing a yellow card as official warning to the team. This is done by issuing the warning to the offending team member or to the team through the game captain. Since the Coach is to be regarded as a team member, this apply to them. The team captain would be requested to inform the Coach of their offence. The first Referee would then show the yellow card to the Coach, who is expected to stand, and raise a hand to acknowledge the warning.

This warning is not a sanction but an indication that the sanctioning level for the match has been reached. It has no immediate consequences, but it is recorded on the scoresheet. In the case of the warning being applied to the team because of the Coach's behaviour, this is recorded in the remarks box, listing team, set, coach and score, using the following shorthand: A 2/C/12-9, for example.

Misconduct leading to sanctions

Incorrect conduct by a team member (remember: including the Coach) towards officials, opponents, team-mates or spectators is classified in three categories according to the seriousness of the offence.

- Rude conduct: action contrary to good manners or moral principles,
- Offensive conduct: defamatory or insulting words or gestures or any action expressing contempt.
- Aggression: actual physical attack or aggressive or threatening behaviour.

Sanction scale

According to the judgment of the first Referee and depending on the seriousness of the offence, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the scoresheet are Penalty, Expulsion or Disqualification.

- Penalty

For rude conduct or for a single repetition of rude conduct in the same set by the same team member. On each of the first two occasions, the team is sanctioned with a point and service to the opponents. A third rude conduct by a team member in the same set is sanctioned by expulsion. Rude conduct sanctions may, however, be given to the same team member in subsequent sets.

- Expulsion

The first offensive conduct by a team member is sanctioned by expulsion with no other consequences. The third rude conduct in the same set, by the same team member is sanctioned by expulsion with no other consequences. (see "expulsion" above).

The player who is sanctioned with expulsion must be substituted immediately through a legal substitution. If this is not possible the team has the right to do an exceptional substitution. If this is not possible, the team is declared INCOMPLETE.

An expelled coach loses their right to intervene in the set and must leave the playing area until the next set. In this case, the coach must leave their accreditation on the score table.

- Disqualification

The first physical attack or implied or threatened aggression is sanctioned by disqualification. The team member must be substituted immediately through a legal substitution. If this is not possible the team has the right to do an exceptional substitution. If this is not possible, the team is declared INCOMPLETE.

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A disqualified coach must leave the playing area and loses their right to intervene in the match. Misconduct is sanctioned as shown in the sanction scale. The second offensive conduct in the same match by the same team member is sanctioned by disqualification with no other consequences.

In case any of the above sanctions are applied the team member will be also financially sanctioned according to the Provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations (Section 9: Breach of the Regulations)

Application of misconduct sanctions

Expulsion or disqualification due to offensive conduct or aggression does not require a previous sanction.

Misconduct before and in between sets

Any misconduct occurring before or between sets is sanctioned according to the rules above and sanctions apply in the following set.

Misconduct outside the match

Any misconduct occurring outside the match that violates the FIVB Coaches Code of Conduct and FIVB Regulations including the Disciplinary Regulations, is subject to sanction as per the disciplinary regulations in place.

Summary of misconduct and cards used

Warning: Stage 1: no sanction – Verbal warning through the team captain
 Stage 2: no sanction – symbol Yellow card to the individual team member
 Penalty: sanction – symbol Red card
 Expulsion: sanction – symbol Red+ Yellow cards jointly
 Disqualification: sanction – symbol Red + Yellow card separately.

APPENDIX 1

