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1. Introduction

Following the CEV Board of Administration Meeting held in Paris (FRA) 07 November 2025, we are pleased to announce the launch of the registration process for the European League 2026 and 2027, which will serve as the qualification pathway to EuroVolley 2028.

By registering for participation in the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 and 2027, all the teams commit to following the CEV Competition Regulations, Guidelines, and Official Communications.

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

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

<https://inside.cev.eu/documents/volleyball-documents/>

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. Qualification pathway to EuroVolley 2028

The allocation slots for EuroVolley 2028 will be as follows:

- 4 slots – EuroVolley 2028 Organisers
- 4 slots – European League 2026
- 1 slot – Winner of EuroVolley 2026
- 4 slots – European League 2027
- Minimum 11 remaining slots – determined after the conclusion of the European League 2027 and the FIVB VNL 2027

In case a National Team is already qualified via another pathway, the following cascade rule applies:

Cascade Rules

Qualification Pathway	Cascade Rule
4 Hosts (EuroVolley 2028)	If a host nation has already qualified via another pathway, its host slot cascades to the European Ranking 2027.
4 slots from European League 2026	If a qualified team occupies a slot, it goes to the next best team not yet qualified from the European League 2026 final standings.
1 slot for EuroVolley 2026 Champion	If the champion is already qualified, the slot goes to the next best team not yet qualified from the EuroVolley 2026.
4 slots from European League 2027	If a qualified team occupies a slot, it goes to the next best team not yet qualified from the European League 2027 final standings.
Minimum 11 slots from European Ranking (end of European League/VNL 2027)	Allocated to the highest-ranked teams not yet qualified.

If a Final Six host is assigned:

- 1 organiser + five best ranked teams after the end of the League Phase. If Organiser after League Round is among the top five, the 6th ranked team will qualify to the Final Six tournament as well. If the organiser is not among the top six, the top five from the League Phase will join the host in the Final Six.
- The organisers of the Final Six are also required to compete in the League Phase.

If there is no organiser of the Final Six, the semi-finals (1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3) and finals will be played in home & away format, while the better ranked team will host the second match at home.

The **top four teams** at the end of the competition will qualify directly for **EuroVolley 2028**.

For the avoidance of doubt, 2 different scenarios regarding the host of the Final Six:

- **If the host of the Final Six is not among the top 6 teams of the League round:** The host of the Final Six must win the title to secure qualification to EuroVolley 2028. If the host does not win the title, the next best team from the European League final standing at the end of the Final Six will qualify.
- **If the host of the Final Six is among the top 6 teams of the League round:** The host may qualify to the Eurovolley 2028 depending on their standing at the end of the Final Six.

Cascade Rule may apply if a team is already qualified via another pathway, in that case, the slot cascades to the next best team not yet qualified at the end of the European League from the final standing.

For the teams qualified to the CEV EuroVolley 2028, the participation fee for the CEV EuroVolley 2028 will be 25.000€.

3. Participants

All National Federations are invited to register **except** the National Teams participating in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League 2026 and 2027.

By registering for the European League, the participating team commits to a binding two-year registration period, covering both the 2026 and 2027 editions of the Competition.

Should the team fail to register for the first edition but wish to participate in the second one, a registration fee will apply as determined in the Article 127.1§2.

Furthermore, if a team withdraws after registering within this two year binding period, sanctions will be imposed in accordance with Article 169.4 of the CEV Volleyball Regulations.

4. Competition Format

Provided that the number of registered teams allows to apply the competition format, the competition will be composed by a potential Preliminary Round, a League Phase and a Final Phase structured as follows:

Preliminary Round

- If the number of registered teams does not permit starting directly with the League Phase, a Preliminary Round will be held. This round will involve the lowest-ranked teams, based on their CEV National Team Ranking at the end of the National Team Season of the previous year, who will compete for qualification to the League Phase.
- A contribution applies in the Preliminary Round to support the organizer according to the article 127.6 §3 of the CEV Volleyball Competition Regulations.

League Phase

- Each team is hosting one of the three-day tournaments with two opponents
- Each team will travel for two tournaments played away from home.
- Each team will play six matches in total with just as many different opponents.
- All participating teams will be listed from 1 to the last according to the CEV National Team Ranking at the end of the National Team Season of the previous year.
- The number assigned to each team will determine who will host and participate in the respective tournaments.
- The hosting team will play their matches on the first and third day of the tournament.
- There will be one common table to define the final standing of the League Phase considering all teams and their respective matches played.
- Due to the specific competition formula, it will not be possible to modify the hosts, participants and dates defined for each tournament.

Final Phase

- Final Six tournament – 1 organiser + five best ranked teams after the end of the League Phase. If Organiser after League Round is among the top five, the 6th ranked team will qualify to the Final Six tournament as well. If the organiser is not among the top six, the top five from the League Phase will join the host in the Final Six.
- The organisers of the Final Six are also required to compete in the League Phase.
- If there is no organiser of the Final Six, the semi-finals (1 vs. 4, 2 vs. 3) and finals will be played in home & away format, while the better ranked team will host the second match at home.
- A contribution applies in the Final Six to support the organizer according to the article 127.6 §3 of the CEV Volleyball Competition Regulations.

The CEV reserves the right to adjust the competition format depending on the number of registered teams.

5. Competition Calendar

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

Preliminary Round:

- Tournament: 29-31 May 2026

League Phase

- 1st Tournament 05 - 07 June 2026
- 2nd Tournament 12 – 14 June 2026
- 3rd Tournament 19 - 21 June 2026

Final Phase

- Final Six 01-05 July 2026 – Country TBD

The CEV reserves the right to adjust the competition calendar depending on the number of registered teams.

6. Registration for competition

The registration deadline for the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 and 2027 Men & Women will be no later than:

Monday, 1st December 2025 at 10:00 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.

7. Bidding for Final Six Organisation

The bidding process for the organisation of the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 and 2027 Men & Women Final Tournament is open to all respective participating National Federations. The relevant bidding documents are circulated together with this Official Communication.

The respective bidding documents for the organisation of the Men's/Women's Final Six should be received by the CEV office no later than

Monday, 8th December 2025 at 10:00 CET

8. Officials to be Appointed for the League Round

According to the revised competition formula, the CEV Officials will be appointed and their expenses covered as follows.

All the CEV Officials (CEV Supervisors, CEV International Referees and CEV Challenge Referee) will arrive -1 day before the first match of the tournament. If the respective CEV Officials cannot arrive according to the above-mentioned rule, the Hosting National Federation will organise their arrival at -2 days.

CEV Supervisors

The CEV is responsible for appointing the CEV Supervisor.

The organisers 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), local transportation, food, accommodation and other costs.

2 Neutral Referees

The ERC will appoint two neutral Referees for each tournament. The nominations will be visible inside the CEV database and on the CEV website as well.

The organisers 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), local transportation, food, accommodation and other costs.

3rd Referee

The ERC will appoint a local 3rd Referee for each tournament. 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

The organisers 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), local transportation, food, accommodation and other costs.

9. Financial Conditions

By registering for the European League, the participating team commits to a binding two-year registration period, covering both the 2026 and 2027 editions of the Competition.

Under this condition, the financial conditions are set as follows :

- No Registration fee applies

For each edition the following fee will apply as follows:

- Participation fee: 200€/match
- Organisation fee: 1200€/tournament played at home

Should the team fail to register for the first edition but wish to participate in the second one, a registration fee will apply as follows:

- Registration fee : 20 000€

Furthermore, if a team withdraws after registering withing this two year binding period, sanctions will be imposed in accordance with Article 169.4 of the CEV Volleyball Regulations.

Final Six tournament:

- 100,000€ for winner
- 60,000€ for runner-up
- 40,000€ for 3rd place
- 25,000€ for 4th place

In case no Final Six will be organised and the semi-finals and finals are organised in the home & away format, no prize money for 3rd and 4th placed teams will be allocated. In this case, the prize money for the winners and runners-up will remain the same as indicated above.

We are pleased to share the link to the final six bidding application guidelines [here](#).

10. Technical Requirements

The hosting National Federation shall fulfil the following technical requirements:

- Minimum competition hall for all phases is category 2
- The Video Challenge system is mandatory for all phases (Financial support for NFs cat. 1: 5000€)
- Referees head set mandatory for all phases
- Tablets are mandatory for all phases
- Use of the LED system is mandatory for all phases
- With the sole exception of the above conditions, the event will be organised and run according to the requirements and conditions defined in the CEV Regulatory Framework.

11. Official Ball

All matches during the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 and 2027 Men & Women will be played with the

MIKASA Ball V200W

Each registered team will receive 20 MIKASA balls and the Final Six organisers will receive additionally 100 balls each.

12. Marketing & Commercial Rights

League Round:

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 Volleyball European League	
	NF/Organiser	CEV
LED system visibility split (percentage of a 360° loop)	60%	40%
Floor stickers	2 (for presenting Host City & competition title), 2 (for National commercial partners/suppliers)	2
Backdrop	60%	40%
Net	-	100%
Net post	-	100%
Referee stand	-	100%

- a. Use of LED system is mandatory during the Preliminary and League Round matches..
- b. The commercial rights' split is taken into consideration in the official layouts made available on the CEV cloud server

c. Protected product categories by CEV:

- Airlines,
- Banking,
- Betting and Gambling services*,
- Body and healthcare product,
- Courier services and logistics,
- Cryptocurrency & Digital Assets with the following areas covered:
 - Cryptocurrency exchanges (e.g., Binance, Coinbase)
 - Digital wallets and custodians (e.g., Ledger, Metamask)
 - Blockchain infrastructure providers (e.g., Polygon, Solana)
 - Token issuers (e.g., companies issuing utility, governance, or fan tokens)
 - NFT platforms and marketplaces (e.g., OpenSea, Rarible)
 - DeFi (Decentralized Finance) platforms and protocols
- Sports equipment – Volleyballs and sports flooring,
- Sportswear.

d. All other categories are considered non-exclusive.

*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.

*Exception: Participating teams may position one sponsor logo of the “betting & gambling” category either on the official player jersey or short. Approval will be given through the certificate for advertising on uniforms after providing the “Application for advertising on uniforms”.

Furthermore, the CEV would like to inform you that unless otherwise specified, the respective NF is the entity responsible for fulfilling the requirements of any National laws in force on publicity and advertising in their country as well as in the host country. In case of a clash with any National laws in force on publicity and advertising, the latter always prevail.

Final Phase / Final Six

See Candidature application guidelines available [here](#).

13. Media Rights & Production Obligation

The participating National Federations shall respect the below media and production requirements which will apply to the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 and 2027 Men & Women.

Preliminary Round and League Phase**Media Rights Granting**

The CEV is granting to each participating National Federation the non-exclusive domestic media rights only in relation to the 3 day-tournament being hosted & organised by such National Federation in its national territory. This is for a total of three (3) matches being organized & played.

This grant of right is in exchange of the production of the said matches as per the CEV broadcasting standards indicated in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations - Section 7: Media Production.

Media rights reciprocity (e.g. TV signal exchange) **is not permitted** between the participating National Federation teams of the CEV Volleyball European League.

Should a National Federation wish to acquire its away matches (a total number of 4 matches will be played outside the national territory), it shall 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 remain the exclusive property of the CEV and its Sport Media Agency.

CEV – Contacts

- Ms Xiaohan Wen, TV & Media Rights Coordinator / tv@cev.eu
- Mr. Christian Petrov, TV & Media Operation Assistant / tv@cev.eu

CEV Sport Media Agency – Contacts

- Ms Ottavia Perra, Associate Director Media Sales / Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com
- Ms Michela Cugnasca, Media Sales / michela.cugnasca@infrontsports.com
- Ms Deborah Termanini, Media Operations / deborah.termanini@infrontsports.com

TV Production Obligation

All matches of the CEV Volleyball European League shall be produced.

The production may be delegated to a third-party partner or host broadcaster appointed by the respective National Federation. The TV-01 form will be provided by the CEV to each participating National Federation prior to the start of the tournament. When appointed as Host of the 3-day tournament, the participating National Federation shall produce all matches of the said tournament as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (Standard C of the Volleyball Regulations):

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 5 HD cameras
- Match signal delivery*: via well-established European 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 minimum three (3) weeks prior to the start of the competition.

**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 free-of-charge 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 days before the start of the relevant tournament.

Final Phase / Final Six

Media Rights Granting

The CEV is granting to the Organiser of the Final Six the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to all the matches being organised and played in its national territory, in exchange of the production of such matches as per the broadcasting standards defined in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations - Section 7: Media Production.

In case of no Final Six, the semi-finals & final matches will be played in a “home & away” format. As a result, in exchange of the production of the match in its national territory, the CEV is granting each organising National Federation the non-exclusive domestic media rights as defined in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

Media rights reciprocity (e.g. TV signal exchange) **is not permitted** between the participating National Federation teams of the CEV Volleyball European League Final Six.

Should a National Federation (excluding the Organiser, who retains the above-mentioned rights) wish to acquire the non-exclusive domestic media rights of Final Six related matches for its territory, it shall 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 remain the exclusive property of the CEV and its Sport Media Agency.

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TV Production Obligation

The production may be delegated to a third-party partner or host broadcaster appointed by the respective National Federation. The TV-01 form will be provided by the CEV to each participating National Federation prior to the start of the tournament. The National Federations hosting the Final Six event (or hosting the semi-final and final matches in case of a home-and-away format) shall ensure the production of all matches in accordance with the minimum broadcasting requirements set out below (Standard B of the Volleyball Regulations):

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 6 HD cameras
- Match Signal delivery*: via well-established European 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 minimum three (3) weeks prior to the start of the competition.

**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 free-of-charge 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 Final Six (or the home/away matches).

14. Match Technology

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

- a. e-Scoresheet;
- b. e-Scoresheet Tablet;
- c. Data Volley 4;
- d. Video Sharing;
- e. Wireless headsets and microphones for referees;
- f. Challenge system.

Data Collection

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

The usage of the e-Scoresheet Tablet, Data Volley 4 and Video Sharing 4 software is mandatory. The software should be operated by following the respective CEV regulation and [user guidelines documentations](#):

- e-Scoresheet is the only official software, operated by one (1) Scorer who officially records the match progress, results, participants, events, protests, and sanctions of such match.
- e-Scoresheet Tablet is the part of the e-Scoresheet software operated by a team bench official and match referees to manage match line-ups, substitutions, timeouts, video challenges, and to follow player positions.
- Data Volley 4 is the only official software, operated by one (1) Statistician who officially records players and team's statistics of each match. The statistics of each match are collected by a designated Statistician of the Organiser (or home team) for CEV purposes.
- Video Sharing is a software operated by a designated Statistician to upload and download match video recordings and statistics collected by Data Volley 4.
- The necessary login credentials (including username and password) for the above software are available to the Organiser on [the CEV Database](#) before the start of the competition.
- The Organiser must provide free-of-charge the following facilities and resources during the CEV Competition to operate the e-Scoresheet, e-Scoresheet Tablet, Data Volley 4 and Video Sharing according to the respective regulations.
 - Hardware including laptops or tablets that meets the software minimum technical requirements:
 - [e-Scoresheet requirements](#).
 - [e-Scoresheet Tablet requirements](#).
 - [Data Volley 4 requirements](#).
 - [Video Sharing requirements](#).
 - Download and installation of the latest version of the software's.
 - High-speed and stable internet connection is required for e-Scoresheet and Data Volley 4 via LAN Ethernet cable, with a minimum speed of 10 Mb/s for both upload and download, along with the necessary power supply:
 - e-Scoresheet: must not have any connection interruptions, and data latency must be less than 1 second
 - Data Volley 4: cannot have any connection interruptions.
 - Execute [e-Scoresheet](#) and [Data Volley 4](#) match tests in the Competition Hall one (1) day before the start of the CEV Competition match.

- Appointment of an experienced [Scorer](#) and [Statistician](#) during the CEV Competition match to operate the software and collect data and statistics according to the respective regulations.
- Finalize e-Scoresheet match within 5 minutes after the end of a match and print Scoresheet according to the Official Volleyball rules and CEV Guidelines.
- Upload Data Volley 4 statistics and video files to Video Sharing within 1 hour after the end of a match.
- Prohibition of any illegal or non-authorized collection, archiving and distribution of match related data and statistics during all CEV Competition matches

Video Challenge system

- A referee decision may be challenged in a CEV competition via the use of a video evidence system. The system must be set and used according to the relevant [CEV Volleyball Competition Regulations – Art. 95.5.](#)

Wireless headset:

- The wireless communication system for referees is mandatory for all phases. The system must be set and used according to the relevant [CEV Volleyball Competition Regulations – Art. 95.4.](#)

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

CEV – Mr. Donatas Averkinas, Sport Data Coordinator

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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:

- The teams registered for participation in the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 Men & Women respectively
- The Competition Format
- The Preliminary Round (for Women only)
- The League Phase Tournaments and Match Schedule for the 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 League 2026 Men reads as follows:

No.	CEV Ranking	National Federation
1	9	FIN
2	10	CZE
3	11	NED
4	12	ROU
5	15	GRE
6	16	POR
7	17	ISR
8	18	SUI
9	19	EST
10	20	SVK
11	21	ESP
12	22	CRO
13	23	DEN
14	24	SWE
15	25	LAT
16	26	MKD
17	27	HUN
18	28	AUT
19	30	MNE
20	32	NOR
21	33	LUX
22	35	KOS
23	38	AZE
24	39	ISL
25	40	GEO
26	n.p	BIH*
27	n.p	ALB*

*Since the National Federations of Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina do not have any ranking points resulting from participation in previous CEV senior national team competitions, a draw was organised in the CEV Headquarters in Luxembourg with the online attendance of the respective representatives to 'break the tie' and define their position in the above list.

The confirmed list of participants for the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 Women reads as follows:

No.	CEV Ranking	National Federation
1	11	ROU
2	12	SWE
3	13	SLO
4	14	ESP
5	16	HUN
6	17	SVK
7	18	GRE
8	19	SUI
9	20	FIN
10	21	CRO
11	22	AUT
12	23	POR
13	24	BIH
14	25	MNE
15	27	AZE
16	29	LAT
17	30	ISR
18	32	EST
19	33	GEO
20	35	KOS
21	36	MKD
22	37	ISL
23	38	DEN
24	39	LUX
25	n.p	ALB
26	n.p	LTU

3. Preliminary Round (Women)

As stated in the previous Official Communication No.1, since the number of registered teams to the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 Women does not permit starting directly with the League Phase, a Preliminary Round will be held between the lowest 4 (four) ranked registered teams, namely **DEN, LUX, ALB** and **LTU** (based on their CEV National Team Ranking at the end of the National Team season of the previous year).

The Preliminary Round will be held as a single tournament with 4 (four) teams playing in three days. The winners and runners-up of the Preliminary Round will qualify to the League Phase of the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 Women. The winner of the Preliminary Round will be positioned in the League Phase match schedules in position 23, and the runner-up will be taking position 24, respectively.

The above-mentioned four participants – DEN, LUX, ALB and LTU – are invited to submit their bids in order to define who will host the Women's Preliminary Round.

Please note that a contribution fee will be applied in the Preliminary Round to support the organiser according to Article 127.6 §3 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

If you are interested in hosting this tournament, please provide (nationalteams@cev.eu) your bidding application until:

Monday, January 19 2026, at 12:00 CET

The Women's Preliminary Round will be held in the following dates:

Dates: 29–31 May 2026

Venue: TBD

Please note that in case there are more than 1 National Federation applying to host the Preliminary Round, the Organiser will be appointed by a drawing of lots as per CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations Art. 16.2.2 §2.b.i. Also in case no National Federation applies for the tournament organisation, a drawing of lots will be held as per CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations Art. 16.2.2 §2.c.

4. League Round Matches Schedule

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

1st weekend 05 – 07.06.2026									
	Tourn-1	Tourn-2	Tourn-3	Tourn-4	Tourn-5	Tourn-6	Tourn-7	Tourn-8	Tourn-9
Organiser	AUT	HUN	MKD	LAT	SWE	DEN	CRO	ESP	SVK
Opponents	MNE	NOR	LUX	KOS	AZE	ISL	GEO	BIH	ALB
	FIN	CZE	NED	ROU	GRE	POR	ISR	SUI	EST
Match Day 1	FIN vs AUT	CZE vs HUN	NED vs MKD	ROU vs LAT	GRE vs SWE	POR vs DEN	ISR vs CRO	SUI vs ESP	EST vs SVK
Match Day 2	MNE vs FIN	NOR vs CZE	LUX vs NED	KOS vs ROU	AZE vs GRE	ISL vs POR	GEO vs ISR	BIH vs SUI	ALB vs EST
Match Day 3	AUT vs MNE	HUN vs NOR	MKD vs LUX	LAT vs KOS	SWE vs AZE	DEN vs ISL	CRO vs GEO	ESP vs BIH	SVK vs ALB

2nd weekend 12 – 14.06.2026									
	Tourn-10	Tourn-11	Tourn-12	Tourn-13	Tourn-14	Tourn-15	Tourn-16	Tourn-17	Tourn-18
Organiser	FIN	CZE	NED	ROU	GRE	POR	ISR*	SUI	EST
Opponents	CRO	DEN	SVK	ESP	MKD	LAT	SWE	HUN	AUT
	ALB	BIH	GEO	AZE	ISL	MNE	NOR	LUX	KOS
Match Day 1	ALB vs FIN	BIH vs CZE	GEO vs NED	AZE vs ROU	ISL vs GRE	MNE vs POR	NOR vs ISR	LUX vs SUI	KOS vs EST
Match Day 2	CRO vs ALB	DEN vs BIH	SVK vs GEO	ESP vs AZE	MKD vs ISL	LAT vs MNE	SWE vs NOR	HUN vs LUX	AUT vs KOS
Match Day 3	FIN vs CRO	CZE vs DEN	NED vs SVK	ROU vs ESP	GRE vs MKD	POR vs LAT	ISR vs SWE	SUI vs HUN	EST vs AUT

3rd weekend 19 – 21.06.2026									
	Tourn-19	Tourn-20	Tourn-21	Tourn-22	Tourn-23	Tourn-24	Tourn-25	Tourn-26	Tourn-27
Organiser	ISL	GEO	BIH	ALB	LUX	AZE	KOS	NOR	MNE
Opponents	FIN	CZE	NED	ROU	GRE	POR	ISR	SUI	EST
	SVK	ESP	CRO	DEN	AUT	HUN	MKD	LAT	SWE
Match Day 1	SVK vs ISL	ESP vs GEO	CRO vs BIH	DEN vs ALB	AUT vs LUX	HUN vs AZE	MKD vs KOS	LAT vs NOR	SWE vs MNE
Match Day 2	FIN vs SVK	CZE vs ESP	NED vs CRO	ROU vs DEN	GRE vs AUT	POR vs HUN	ISR vs MKD	SUI vs LAT	EST vs SWE
Match Day 3	ISL vs FIN	GEO vs CZE	BIH vs NED	ALB vs ROU	LUX vs GRE	AZE vs POR	KOS vs ISR	NOR vs SUI	MNE vs EST

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

1st weekend 05 – 07.06.2026								
	Tourn-1	Tourn-2	Tourn-3	Tourn-4	Tourn-5	Tourn-6	Tourn-7	Tourn-8
Organiser	LAT	AZE	MNE	BIH	POR	AUT	CRO	FIN
Opponents	ISR	EST	GEO	KOS	MKD	ISL	PR W*	PR RU**
	ROU	SWE	SLO	ESP	HUN	SVK	GRE	SUI
Match Day 1	ROU vs LAT	SWE vs AZE	SLO vs MNE	ESP vs BIH	HUN vs POR	SVK vs AUT	GRE vs CRO	SUI vs FIN
Match Day 2	ISR vs ROU	EST vs SWE	GEO vs SLO	KOS vs ESP	MKD vs HUN	ISL vs SVK	PR W* vs GRE	PR RU** vs SUI
Match Day 3	LAT vs ISR	AZE vs EST	MNE vs GEO	BIH vs KOS	POR vs MKD	AUT vs ISL	CRO vs PR W*	FIN vs PR RU**

2nd weekend 12 – 14.06.2026								
	Tourn-9	Tourn-10	Tourn-11	Tourn-12	Tourn-13	Tourn-14	Tourn-15	Tourn-16
Organiser	ROU	SWE	SLO	ESP	HUN	SVK	GRE	SUI
Opponents	MNE	BIH	LAT	AZE	CRO	FIN	POR	AUT
	PR RU**	PR W*	ISL	MKD	EST	ISR	KOS	GEO
Match Day 1	PR RU** vs ROU	PR W* vs SWE	ISL vs SLO	MKD vs ESP	EST vs HUN	ISR vs SVK	KOS vs GRE	GEO vs SUI
Match Day 2	MNE vs PR RU**	BIH vs PR W*	LAT vs ISL	AZE vs MKD	CRO vs EST	FIN vs ISR	POR vs KOS	AUT vs GEO
Match Day 3	ROU vs MNE	SWE vs BIH	SLO vs LAT	ESP vs AZE	HUN vs CRO	SVK vs FIN	GRE vs POR	SUI vs AUT

3rd weekend 19 – 21.06.2026								
	Tourn-17	Tourn-18	Tourn-19	Tourn-20	Tourn-21	Tourn-22	Tourn-23	Tourn-24
Organiser	PR W*	PR RU**	MKD	ISL	KOS	GEO	EST	ISR*
Opponents	ROU	SWE	SLO	ESP	HUN	SVK	GRE	SUI
	POR	AUT	CRO	FIN	MNE	BIH	LAT	AZE
Match Day 1	POR vs PR W*	AUT vs PR RU**	CRO vs MKD	FIN vs ISL	MNE vs KOS	BIH vs GEO	LAT vs EST	AZE vs ISR
Match Day 2	ROU vs POR	SWE vs AUT	SLO vs CRO	ESP vs FIN	HUN vs MNE	SVK vs BIH	GRE vs LAT	SUI vs AZE
Match Day 3	PR W* vs ROU	PR RU** vs SWE	MKD vs SLO	ISL vs ESP	KOS vs HUN	GEO vs SVK	EST vs GRE	ISR vs SUI

***ISR** – Please note that under the current circumstances and as per the decision taken by the CEV Executive Committee during their meeting held on December 5, 2025, the men and women's national teams of Israel are not able to play their home matches in their country. Therefore, as things currently stand and unless otherwise specified, the Tournament 16 (for Men) and Tournament 24 (for Women) will be played on a neutral ground. The venue will be announced **no later than by Monday, 2nd March 2026.**

*PR W = Preliminary Round Winner (Position 23)

**PR RU = Preliminary Round Runner-Up (Position 24)

5. Administrative deadlines

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
Organisational Chart (02-form)	January 19th, 2026	National Federations are obliged to complete and close the 02 Form inside the CEV Database.	The form can be found in the CEV Database under "Forms".
Match schedules submission (07-form)	February 16 th , 2026	Each team must insert the schedule for the respective weekends that they will host.	The form can be found in the CEV database under "Forms"
Application for advertising on uniforms	April 2 nd , 2026	If applicable, all participating National Federations having advertisement on team uniforms are required to request the Certificate of Approval	The form can be found inside the CEV database "download area" and must be sent to: marketing@cev.eu
S-form	April 3 rd , 2026 for League Round	Compilation of partner list.	The form can be found in the CEV database under "Forms" (updates are possible as needed upon request)
LED system application form (mandatory)	April 3 rd , 2026 for League Round ----- (2) months before the start of the Final 6	Organising National Federations must send in their LED system application form to graphics@cev.eu	The form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud: LED system application form
LED system playlist	May 4 th , 2026	Organising National Federations must upload the LED system playlist into their folder on the CEV cloud and inform marketing@cev.eu	The LED playlist must be downloaded from the "download area" on the CEV cloud.
PLAYER LICENSES (minimum 14 players)	April 27 th , 2026	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 participating NFs can add an unlimited number of players and after the given deadline, the insertion of additional	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
		licenses will not be possible.	
PLAYERS 'LONG LIST' CEV 09 Form	10 to 14 days before the respective tournament	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the CEV 09 Form ('TEAM REGISTRATION').	For each leg and each match, the CEV 09 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database under: Federation Area – Form List. After it is approved, the CEV 09bis will be automatically created listing up to 14 players confirmed for the respective 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.	
CEV 09bis Form	Before each team's Preliminary Inquiry	Before attending their PI, each team must complete and close the CEV 09bis form inside the CEV database. (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION)	

6. Marketing & Commercial rights

Marketing and commercial rights were shared through the Official communication n°1.

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

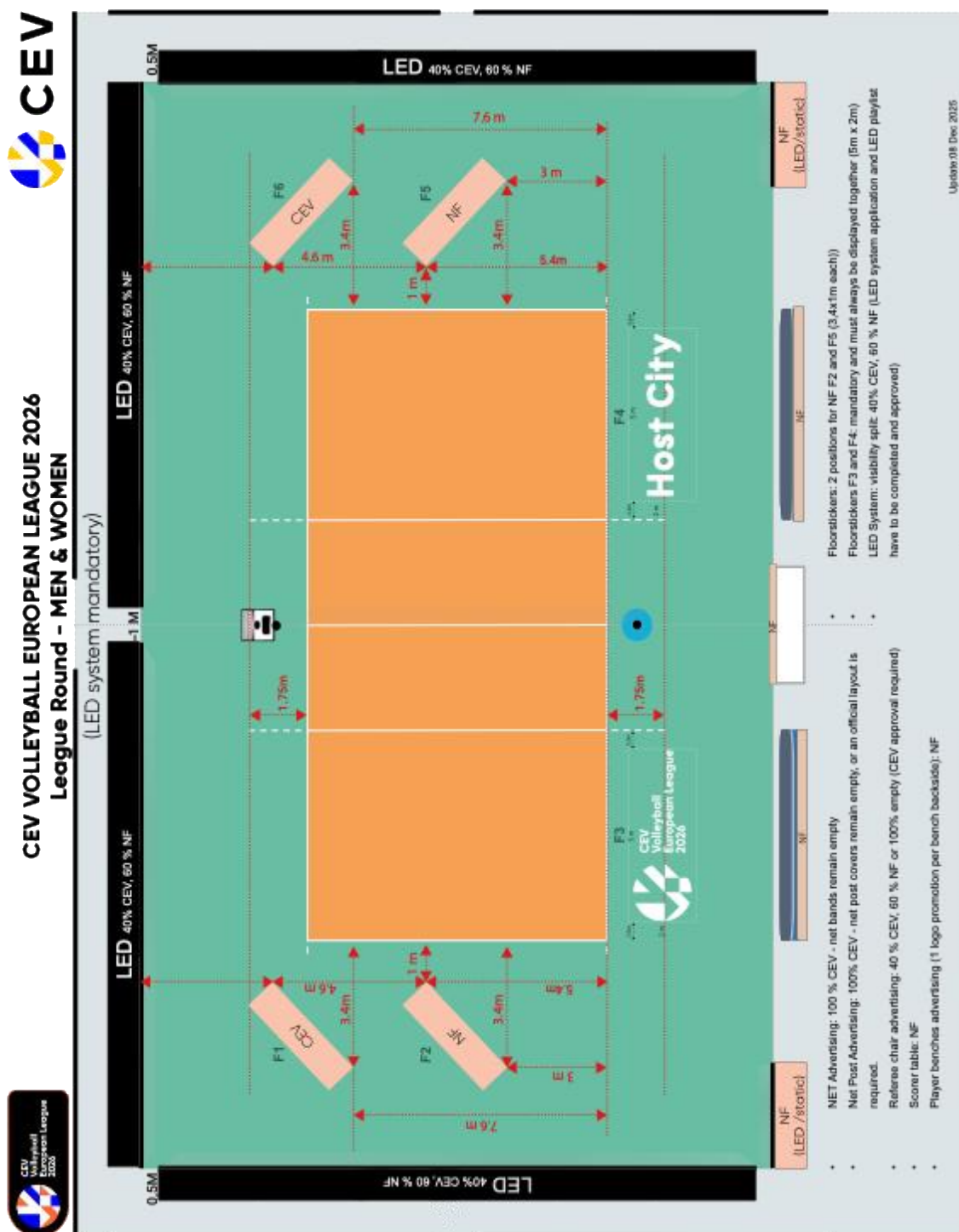
Approval procedure for LED system playlist (only after the LED system application is approved):

- S-form to be compiled in the CEV database with all sponsors/partners displayed in the frame of the competition (including brand name, product category, website, brand logo), within the set deadline.
- After approval of the S-form and LED application form, the LED playlist has to be downloaded from the CEV Cloud, duly filled in with only approved sponsors and to be uploaded into the NF folder on the Cloud for approval. Email to be sent to marketing@cev.eu to notify CEV of the upload, within the set deadlines.
- Choose between LED playlist of 10-second slots or 15-second slots. Only **one** playlist shall be provided. Multiple loops with different sponsors are not permitted.

- Pre-match rundown shall be strictly respected for display on the LEDs.
- 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.

7. Court layout

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For all technical details and measurements see the official court layout



- NET Advertising: 100 % CEV – net bands remain empty
- Net Post Advertising: 100% CEV – net post covers remain empty, or an official layout is required.
- Referee chair advertising: 40 % CEV, 60 % NF or 100% empty (CEV approval required)
- Scorer table: NF
- Player benches advertising (1 logo promotion per bench backside): NF
- Floorstickers: 2 positions for NF F2 and F5 (3.4m x 1m each)
- Floorstickers F3 and F4: mandatory and must always be displayed together (5m x 2m)
- LED System: visibility split: 40% CEV, 60 % NF (LED system application and LED playlist have to be completed and approved).

8. Branding & 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 management. **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: use the link <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>, then select the folder “European League 2026”.

and

Upload, where all files must be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV well in time before producing.

After uploading your graphics layouts, the Graphics Department (graphics@cev.eu) must be notified via a short e-mail. **No automatic notification is sent to the CEV Office when files are uploaded.** The upload folder is structured by organisers: use the link <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>, then select the folder “European League 2026”. The files must be uploaded to the folder of the relevant national federation.

Graphics whose production is mandatory:

- Backdrop
- Poster (printed or electronic versions)
- Podiums (for Final Six)

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

All graphics (banners, net, backdrop, poster, etc.) shall be downloaded from the CEV Cloud <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>

The Branding guidelines published on the CEV Cloud must be followed by all organisers.

The CEV institutional brand can also be downloaded from the CEV Cloud: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

LED system information:

Using of LED system boarding:

- League Phase matches – mandatory
- Final Six – mandatory

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

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

A fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud into your respective folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> by 3rd April 2026 (see above-defined deadlines). When uploaded, please send an email to graphics@cev.eu to inform us and request approval.

Approval procedure for any branding material:

- After approval of the sponsors in the S-form, branding files /graphics are to be uploaded into the NF folder on the CEV Cloud.
- Email to be sent to graphics@cev.eu to inform us 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.

Reminder:

After uploading files, the Graphics Department graphics@cev.eu / marketing@cev.eu must be notified by a short e-mail. (All files to be approved must be uploaded to the Cloud. Any email attachments will not be taken into consideration.

Please note that the CEV Cloud does not automatically notify us when new files are uploaded. Therefore, it is important to inform us via an email (without any attachments) when you have uploaded new files.

We strongly recommend sharing the files well in advance of production to allow time for any necessary adjustments and recommendations. Please keep in mind that we require a certain amount of time to respond.

N.B.: All branding material and layouts will be made available by CEV on the Cloud before March 20, 2026.



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1. Update – Final Round

Referring to the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 Official Communication No. 1, in which those who are willing to host the Final Six were invited to join a bidding process, we would like to inform you that no application has been received for either gender. Consequently, the Final Round will be played in a home & away format, with the better ranked team as per the final standing of the League Round hosting the second match at home.

Please find below the adapted schedule of the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 Final Round:

Semi-Finals

The top four teams according to the final standing of the League Round will qualify to the semi-finals which will be played between 1 vs 4, and 2 vs 3.

Semi-Final Home Match: 27 or 28 June 2026

Semi-Final Away Match: 1 July 2026

Finals

Final Home Match: 8 July 2026

Final Away Match: 11 or 12 July 2026

Since there will not be a Final Six tournament, there will not be a bronze medal match played and the losers of the semi-finals will be ranked third and fourth based on their results from the semi-finals.

As mentioned in the Official Communication No. 1 (see Art. 9, Financial Conditions) and since there is no Final Six organiser, there will not be a prize money allocation for the 3rd and 4th placed teams. The prize money for the winner and the runner-up will remain the same:

Winner: 100,000 €

Runner-up: 60,000 €

The technical requirements for the Final Round will be the same as in the League Round. Please refer to Section 10: Technical Requirements of the Official Communication No. 1.

2. Update – Preliminary Round (Women)

Referring to the CEV Volleyball European League 2026 Official Communication No. 2, after reviewing the applications received, it has been decided to award the organisation of this event to the National Federation of Denmark based on their ability to fulfil all of the relevant requirements.

Participants: DEN (Host), ALB, LTU, LUX

City: Odense (DEN)

Venue: Arena Fyn ODENSE

The Women's Preliminary Round matches will be played on 29-31 May 2026. The detailed competition schedule will be announced in due time.

The winner of the Preliminary Round will be positioned in the League Phase match schedules in position 23, and the runner-up will be taking position 24, respectively. The winner of the Preliminary Round will join Tournaments 7, 10 and 17 (which they are due to host), whereas the runner-up from the Preliminary Round complete Tournaments 8, 9 and 18 (which they are due to host).

3. FIVB Educational Certificates

- Validity extension

Following the recent update the FIVB has provided, we would like to inform you that since the ongoing content of both the Play Clean and Prevention of Competition Manipulation courses has remained unchanged, the validity of both certificates will be automatically extended **until 31 December 2026**.

Players and officials should download their updated certificates from the FIVB E-Learning Platform by logging in and checking their profile. Subsequently, NFs should upload the new certificates with an expiry date set as December 31, 2026 to the relevant player license inside the CEV 04 form. Please note that for any players with a valid license for the CEV European Cups 2026, such certificates will be imported automatically via the CEV database when filing the application for a license to compete in the European League.

- "Safeguarding" course

Furthermore, please be informed that, as of 1st January 2026, the **Safeguarding course** has become mandatory for all participants and officials involved in CEV competitions, in addition to the existing Play Clean and Prevention of Competition Manipulation courses.

Currently, it is possible to upload only the Play Clean and Prevention of Competition Manipulation certificates to the individual player licenses in the CEV 04 Form. Therefore, please present the Safeguarding certificates to the Supervisor either in paper or digital form during the Preliminary Inquiries of your matches.

We would like to remind once again that the provision of such certificates is mandatory to be eligible to take part in all CEV competitions.



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