

CEV Beach Volley European Cup 2023

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1. Introduction

The **CEV Beach Volley European Cup** is a newly introduced CEV initiative, which aims to expand the existing portfolio of Beach Volleyball events by adding Beach Volleyball Clubs to the European Beach Volleyball ecosystem and growing the sport by establishing additional partnerships and synergies through a new competition scheme.

With this product, the CEV wishes to support the establishment and development of Beach Volleyball club competitions both at the national level as well as on the international stage, doing so in close collaboration with the respective National Federations.

Qualification to the CEV Beach Volleyball Clubs competition will be linked to the delivery of National competitions homologated by the CEV, as per the timelines detailed in Article 2 of this document. For the 2023 edition, the qualification can consist of multiple or standalone events.

Men's and Women's competitions will run separately from each other.

2. Timelines

Each National Federation with an already existing or planned National Clubs competition scheme is due to define and communicate to the CEV the respective information and the competition process in their territory (number of clubs, single event, multiple rounds, etc.) by **March 31, 2023**.

The qualification process needs to be concluded by **August 31, 2023, at the latest**.

Any qualified clubs need to be registered by the respective National Federation via the CEV database by **September 1, 2023**, while the registration of the participating athletes is due by **September 15, 2023**.

3. 2023 Competition Parameters

3.1. Competition format

The 2023 edition of the Beach Volley Clubs Competition will be a standalone event whose delivery is planned for the autumn of 2023, following completion of the national qualification and registration process as detailed in this document.

The competition is played in a Club vs Club format where each Beach Volleyball Club participates with 2 teams and a delegation of minimum 4 and maximum 6 athletes, plus minimum 1 coach and a Head of Delegation. Men's and Women's competitions run separately from each other.

The exact dates and format will be communicated at a later stage taking into consideration the number of homologated National events.

The organiser of the Final will be confirmed through a Candidature Application Process and announced at a later stage.

Each of the National Federations registering Clubs to the competition has the right to apply for the organisation of the event. Should more than one National Federation apply for the organisation or should no National Federation apply, the organiser will be drawn by the CEV.

Following the registration deadline, the CEV will conduct a Drawing of Lots. Participating Clubs will be drawn into pools considering their country ranking as of **August 31, 2023**.

3.2. Right of Participation

Any athletes wishing to take part in the CEV Beach Volley Clubs competition must fully comply with the following requirements:

- Confirm in writing their commitment to representing the respective Club, document to be provided by CEV to registered National Federations and Clubs
- Be duly registered in the Volleyball Information System (VIS) and meet the FIVB/CEV eligibility criteria
- Provide a letter of support from the National Federation of origin in case the athlete is registered by a different National Federation to the one the Club is representing, document to be provided by CEV to registered National Federations and Clubs
- Submit the Players' Commitment & Health Certificate form as per the CEV instructions
- Have completed both the FIVB "Play Clean" anti-doping course as well as the FIVB e-learning course on the Prevention of Competition Manipulation

Only athletes not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB are allowed to participate in the competition.

Each athlete may represent only one (1) Club per season.

3.3. Prize money

A Prize Money of 10,000 EUR will be allocated per gender, breakdown to be provided in a subsequent Official Communication.

3.4. Rules of the Game

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

Exception 1: The presence of a coach inside the field of play is allowed provided that this coach is duly accredited as per the relevant provisions and timeline.

The obligations and rights of coaches entering the field of play as well as their uniform layout are detailed in the CEV Coaching Regulations document.

Exception 2: Each Club retains the opportunity for 1 substitution during each match for medical or tactical reasons.

3.5. Athletes' Uniforms & Accessories

Each participating Club is responsible for providing all delegations members with uniforms, including the athletes' tops/jerseys as per the layouts defined by the CEV in a subsequent Official Communication.

Marketing exploitation of the uniforms remains with the Club and any rules to this extent will be detailed in a subsequent Official Communication as well.

3.6. Transportation & Accommodation

All participating Clubs are responsible for their International Travel and accommodation expenses.

4. Financial Regulations

4.1. Participation Fee

To participate in the CEV Beach Volley Clubs Competition, the respective Club shall pay a participation fee of 200,- EUR to the CEV through their respective National Federation.

4.2. License Fee

For each athlete participating in the CEV Beach Volley Clubs Competition, the respective Club shall pay upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice a license fee, as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competition Regulations.

5. Further Information

All necessary information about the competition will be circulated to National Federations by using the Official Communications and the event's Practical Info documents.

Additional information concerning the competition and the registered teams will be published on the CEV Beach Volley Clubs competition section of the CEV website.

6. Contact Addresses

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