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# **EASTERN EUROPEAN VOLLEYBALL ZONAL ASSOCIATION 2016 EEVZA BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR FOR MEN & WOMEN**

## **OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. General Information**

In general EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour 2015 is based on the National Tours of EEVZA countries with Open format for other EEVZA Countries. EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events have to be homologated by CEV. EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour Final has at least the same organizational and technical level as a CEV Satellite except the granted total amount of the prize money. Concerned Event Regulations of Organizing country to be included to the EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour and must be approved by EEVZA.

#### **1.1. Organization Format**

EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour shall consist of the:

- EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events
- EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events recognized as a CEV Continental Tour Zonal event
- EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour FINAL recognized as a CEV Continental Tour Zonal event

EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour FINAL will be organized for men and women at the same time and venue.

Non EEVZA teams and players are not allowed to participate in EEVZA Tour events counted as CEV Continental Tour Zonal events, unless according to a special FIVB or CEV Communication.

National Federations has the rights to organize EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events as double or single gender events.

Official Communication for the upcoming season as well as the General Information about EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tours and Final will be available after CEV homologation of EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour.

## **1.2 EEVZA Tour as a part of CEV Continental Tour**

**1.2.1** To allocate points for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking from the EEVZA Tour the CEV gives the rights to EEVZA to be a part of the CEV Continental Tour **if specific conditions are fulfilled.**

### **Specific conditions for the Zonal Tour events are:**

For Zonal Association Tour Events:

- Maximum 1 event per National Federation and maximum 5 (no less than 2 of them must be played from September 15 till April 30) events per Zonal Association count as "Continental Tour" event for the FIVB World Ranking;
- Minimum 12 teams Main Draw;
- Minimum 3 National Federations must participate;
- Minimum duration of the event – 2 days;
- Total amount of the prize money per gender up to maximum EUR 5000,00 per gender.

Mandatory for all Continental Tour events:

- Usage of CEV/FIVB online registration system;
- Usage of the VIS competition software;
- Usage of the CEV logo on all print materials;
- Usage of FIVB homologated Beach Volleyball equipment;
- Enforced FIVB Rules of the Game;
- CEV license fee of 15.5 EUR per athlete once per season (includes insurance cover)
- Sending of a post event report to the CEV including the results directly after the event.

All events must be homologated by CEV/FIVB and players must be registered through the CEV/FIVB database.

All participants of the EEVZA Tour Final and EEVZA Tour events counting as CEV Continental Tour Zonal events must be registered as International players in the CEV/FIVB database and have CEV beach volleyball licenses; have to pay a CEV Entry and License Fee according 2015 CEV Beach volleyball Regulations.

**1.2.2 Beach volleyball Jury will fix maximum five (5) events per gender (including 1 event mentioned as EEVZA Tour Final) of EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour counting as CEV Continental Tour Zonal event before the beginning of the season. Those events are part of FIVB ranking system and all participants will receive FIVB World Ranking points.**

EEVZA will make a decision based on the follow criteria:

- Level of the conditions provided by the Organizer (prize money, board and lodging, number of the seats, entry fee)
- TV and marketing opportunities
- Experience of the Organizer
- Level of the sport and development programs in the countries.
- Other issues

## **1.3. Genders**

Single or double gender events are possible to organize.

## **1.4. Right of Participation of Players**

A player wishing to take part in the EEVZA sanctioned competition must possess the nationality of the country whose National team he/she intends to represent and must fully comply with the requirements laid down by the Sports Regulations of the CEV/FIVB.

### 1.5. Right of Participation of Teams

A team is composed of two players of the same nationality and same gender.

The right of participation shall become effective as soon as the teams' names appear on the Registration List established by EEVZA and Organizing Federation for each event. The Registration List is published on the [eevza.eu](http://eevza.eu) website. It is the ONLY National Federations' responsibility to inform their players accordingly.

### 1.6. Participation Limitations

There are neither team's limitations nor country quota for EEVZA players for the participation in EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events.

All EEVZA players having the CEV/FIVB license are allowed to participate. National Federation must register players in FIVB player's database (VIS) in order to get FIVB ranking points from the EEVZA Tour tournaments.

### 1.7. Registration of Teams and Players

The EEVZA is willing to accept the provisional enrolment of the athlete and upon the request of the Athlete through his/her National Federation offers the right to be tentatively admitted into the Beach Volleyball tournaments sanctioned by the EEVZA. The Athletes wishing to participate in EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour have to possess valid Health Certificate from EEVZA or CEV.

Registration for EEVZA Tour FINAL and for EEVZA Tour events counting as Continental Tour events have to be done using CEV/FIVB online registration system at the very latest **-10 days** before the start of any event in which a team wants to participate.

Athletes with pending sanctions from FIVB, CEV and/or EEVZA are not allowed to enter in EEVZA sanctioned events until the related fine is duly paid to those organizations.

The entry deadline for each event is stated on the Organizing federations and EEVZA websites.

Each National Federation and athlete will be responsible for checking the entry through EEVZA website with the tentative "Entry List" for each event.

The Tentative List is ongoing information available on the EEVZA website and up to **-7 days** can be amended by each participating National Federation.

All deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the start of first day of each Qualification Tournament.

In case of the Late Entry in a 10 days before the start of the competition Team (or the National Federation) has to pay a sanction fee as **Euro 50,00 as by CEV Regulation** to the Organizer before the Preliminary Inquiry at the latest. Teams who didn't pay are not allowed to play in the competition without of the special decision of EEVZA Beach volleyball Jury. I think we should also add that late entry team has to start from the QT.

The latest 2 days before the start of the tournament EEVZA Office will ask the concerning National federations to confirm the registered players' participation in the concerned event.

## 2. Competition Format

The EEVZA Tour events are composed by the following 2 phases:

- Qualification Tournament
- Main Draw Tournament

The Qualification tournament is obligatory for EEVZA Beach volleyball Tour FINAL.

Competition format has to be announced to EEVZA Office according to the CEV Terms and conditions for ZA, i.e. 30 days before the starting of each event. However it can be changed after the decision of EEVZA Jury, based on the number of registered teams and other cases not foreseen.

## 2.1. Allocation of Teams

All teams entered in an event are distributed between the Main Draw and the Qualification Tournament according to the Hosting country Event Regulations. General principles are based on the following preference: FIVB Entry Ranking points **10 days** before the start of competition.

An eventual tie shall be resolved by a drawing of lots but considering the criteria that the team from country not represented in MD shall be preferred. Final decision in this situation will be confirmed by EEVZA Beach Volleyball Jury.

## 2.2. Qualification tournament

The possible Qualification Phase will precede Main Draw tournament and will be played according to the format of Host country Event Regulations. However, it is strongly recommended to use single elimination format.

Depending on the Event Regulations there is possible to qualify 4 teams or 8 teams from qualification tournament to Main Draw tournament.

If no Qualification tournament is being played, the Main Draw will be filled according to the FIVB Entry Ranking points of teams.

## 2.3. Main draw tournament

The total number of teams participating in the Main Draw is 12 teams (A) 16 teams (B), 24 teams (C) or 32 teams (D) per gender according to the Host Country Events Regulations.

Main Draw is composed as follows:

- 8 (A), 12 (B), 16 (C), 24 (D) teams directly qualified including min. 3 (A), 3 (B), 4 (C) or 8 (D) teams from hosting country.
- Maximum number of Wild Cards for EEVZA teams granted by EEVZA Jury-is 2 (A), 3 (B), 3 (C) and 3 (D). In case of the special decision of FIVB/CEV these cards can be given also to the Non-EEVZA teams.
- 4 (A), 4 (B), 8 (C), 8 (D) teams will qualify from the Qualification Tournament for Main Draw.

There is no limitation for the additional Host country and foreign teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

The principles of Main draw teams can be seen in Table 1.

Table 1

<b>Main draw</b>	12 team	16 team	24 team	32 team
	HC / EEVZA	HC / EEVZA	HC / EEVZA	HC / EEVZA
Teams directly in MD	3 / 3	4 / 7	6 / 7	8 / 13
Max. per country directly in MD	3 / 2	4 + 1 WC / 3	6 / 4	8 / 5
Wild cards	2	3	3	3
From qualification	4	4	8	8

An eventual tie for FIVB ranking points shall be resolved by a drawing of lots but considering the criteria that the team from country not represented in MD shall be preferred. Final decision in this situation will be confirmed by EEVZA Beach Volleyball Jury.

### **2.3.1. Recommended competition formats:**

- 12 teams (A) – pool play (3 teams in 4 pools) followed by single elimination.
- 16 teams (B) – pool play followed by single elimination or double elimination.
- 24 teams (C) – pool play (4 teams in 6 pools) followed by single elimination or double elimination.
- 32 teams (D) – pool play (4 teams in 8 pools) followed by single elimination.

### **2.4. Seeding**

Seedings (Qualification and Main Draw) are based on FIVB Ranking points as of date of Technical Meeting.

In case of a tie a drawing of lots will decide.

National Federation points will break the tie between the teams from same National Federation.

No teams can be added to the Qualification Tournament after the confirmed list is issued, except the teams follow late entry regulation of 1.7.

#### **2.4.1. Seeding of Host Country teams**

The highest ranked Host Country team(s) will be seeded in position N1 (format A) or N1 and N8 (format B, C, D). The rest of the Host country teams will be seeded according to their FIVB ranking points as of date of Technical Meeting.

In case of a tie a drawing of lots will decide.

National Federation points will break the tie between the teams from same National Federation.

#### **2.4.2. Seeding of foreign teams**

Foreign teams will be seeded according to their FIVB ranking points as of date of Technical Meeting.

In case of a tie a drawing of lots will decide.

National Federation points will break the tie between the teams from same National Federation.

### **2.5 Play-off**

In case the Main Draw tournament in Pool Play format will played the seeding for 16 teams` Single elimination phase will be according to the Appendix 3 (as per CEV Regulations).

### **2.6 Wild Cards**

EEVZA has the right to grant Wild Cards for the Main Draw **according the 2.3 for the 12,16,24 or 32 teams.**

Wild Cards can also be granted to extra EEVZA teams and players from another, non EEVZA countries (in case of FIVB and CEV approval).

National Federations may present their request for Wild Cards to the EEVZA Office at the latest ten (10) days before the beginning of the event.

The EEVZA Jury's final decision shall be communicated to the concerned National Federations and to the persons concerned at the very latest 7 (seven) days before the event.

For every unused Wild Card, the best ranked team from the Registration List will be admitted directly to the Main Draw.

Wild card granted teams will be seeded by ranking points. Draw procedure will be executed for wild card granted players if situation will be not clarified by ranking points (i.e. wild card granted teams have no FIVB ranking points from different countries).

The EEVZA U18 Champions claim the opportunity to apply to a wild card to any senior EEVZA event.

### 3. Miscellaneous

#### 3.1 Substitution of a Player

No player can be substituted after the Registration List has been published unless in case of injury or "force majeure" upon approval of his National Federation request.

Respective proof or documentation must be presented before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event.

In case of player substitution after the registration deadline, the team may be sanctioned EUR 30, if no medical certificate or documentation of "force majeure" is presented.

MD player can change partner once in a season and still keep its status in the MD, even if the team will not have enough Entry points.

#### 3.2. Withdrawal & Late Arrival

In case the withdrawal occurs after the registration deadline, the athletes/National Federations must respect the withdrawal procedure and regulations and send this information to EEVZA and to the Host Federation/Organizing Committee. Players, who do not arrive or arrive late for the Preliminary Inquiry and Technical Meeting and have not received the previous authorization of the Technical Supervisor or responsible Organizers representative, will be excluded from the event **and will be sanctioned with EUR 500** per team (MD) and EUR 250 (QT).

**If an athlete or team fails to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and to notify EEVZA or the Organizer in advance, that athlete's team is eliminated from the tournament and a fine is imposed on him/her unless EEVZA Jury accepts the reason as "Force majeure". The athlete has to provide the circumstances constituting the "force majeure". The fine will be addressed to the athlete via his/her National Federation and has to be paid to EEVZA Office account before the start of the following event in which a players want to enter. If no events are staged, the fine must be paid no later than thirty (30) days from the notification of the sanction. Failing to do so, the sanctioned players are not allowed to participate any tournaments under EEVZA umbrella.**

**CEV will also be informed about pending fines for teams and players, which may lead to sanctions of not being able to participate in other CEV events**

#### 3.3. Entry and License Fee

Entry fee for each EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour event is defined according to the Organizers' Event Regulations and should be paid to the Organizing Federation at the preliminary inquiry (or Promoter, in case such is announced by concerned

National federation). In case the entry fee is not paid before the start of the Technical meeting, the Organizers hold the rights to not allow the team to participate in the tournament.

No EEVZA license fee is determined for the EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour 2016 regular tournaments. All athletes, who take part in Tours, homologated by CEV as Zonal events must have CEV beach volleyball licenses. Concerned National Federations are responsible to control this procedure.

Homologated EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tours are part of FIVB ranking system. License Fee according to the CEV 2016 Regulation per player is applied. The payment procedure is according to the CEV Beach Volleyball regulations.

### 3.4. Prize Money

Total amount of the prize money for the Zonal events counting as a CEV Continental Tour cannot be more than Euro 5000 per gender. Prize money must be paid to the players according for the Organizing country Event Regulations. The distribution of the prize money to the athletes has to be done on site in cash if not stated differently.

### 3.5. Balls

For EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events the ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300. EEVZA will provide Organizing National Federation with official balls. Amount of the balls will be defined additionally according to the amount of balls, supported and received from CEV in concerned season.

### 3.6. Rules of the Game

All matches shall be played according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules in their latest edition 2013-16.

### 3.7. Visa application procedure

Players, Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and National Federations are responsible to apply entry visas in a time, whenever needed. The Organizing National Federation should be contacted to send an invitation letter for the event.

## 4. Calendar

Name of event	Gender	Place	Dates
EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour "Russia Masters"	W/M	Moscow, Russia	2 - 5 June, 2016
EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour "Ukraine Masters"	M	Kharkiv, Ukraine	17-19 June, 2016
EEVZA U-18 Beach Volleyball Championship	W/M	Vilnius, Lithuania	22-24 July, 2016
EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour	W	Molodechno,	5-7 August, 2016

"Belarus Masters"		Belarus	
EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour "Georgia Masters"	W/M	Batumi, Georgia	15-17 September, 2016

#### 4.1. Nominations of Officials

EEVZA in coordination with the Organizing Federation has to nominate an International or National beach volley experienced Technical Supervisor (from EEVZA countries) and Assistant of Technical Supervisor(if any), Referee Delegate and local referees (preference for the IR, IRC or National referees with the beach volley experience).

EEVZA will nominate 2 neutral referees (IR or IRC, National) from EEVZA countries for the all tournaments and 3 neutral referees (IR or IRC) to the Final. All NF have to send to EEVZA office RD and referees till 17<sup>th</sup>, February, 2016 at the latest.

The list of the names of the candidates of the National TS, assistants of TS has proposed by EEVZA Beach volleyball Jury from CEV approved list and proposals, have received by National Federations. Proposals concerning TD have to be sent to EEVZA Office till 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

#### 5. General Information

**5.1.** All necessary information about the EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events will be circulated to the all National Federations through the Official Communications. Additional information about the competition will be found in the Practical information of concerned event (Prize money, Number of teams, etc.) and the registered teams will be posted in the Beach Volleyball section of the EEVZA website: [www.eevza.eu](http://www.eevza.eu). All of participants are responsible to check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

#### 6. Marketing and press regulations

**6.1.** EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour is based on the marketing principles of the Organizers' Events marketing regulations and Terms and conditions for 2016 CEV Beach volleyball Continental Tour – Zonal Events. For identification of mentioned competition as EEVZA Tour under CEV umbrella following items ensured by Organizing Federation are mandatory:

- 3 banner and 1 flag of CEV
- 1 banner of EEVZA on central court
- 1 EEVZA flag (recommended)
- Participating countries flags
- CEV and EEVZA logo in all printing and advertisement materials, press releases
- Press conference
- Backdrop is not mandatory, but it is recommended. In case backdrop is used, EEVZA logo is mandatory.
- Press release about the event has to be sent to EEVZA office at latest 3 days before the forthcoming event and immediately after last day of the competition.
- Min 10 photos in end of each competition day have to be sent to [media@eevza.eu](mailto:media@eevza.eu)

**6.2.** EEVZA Beach Volleyball Final is based on the basic marketing principles of the CEV Marketing regulations for the CEV Satellites, EEVZA and local Organizer Marketing rules.



In case of the founding of common EEVZA Beach volleyball Tour sponsors, all organizers should reserve additional value for those EEVZA sponsors and it is mandatory for Organizers to ensure concerned publicity accordingly.

For the EEVZA Final information about marketing, organizing etc. items will be announced additionally.

## **7. EEVZA Duties**

**7.1.** To nominate EEVZA beach volleyball coordinator for whole season, who should be a key person between responsible persons of beach volleyball in all of National Federations.

**7.2.** To nominate EEVZA beach volleyball Technical Supervisors.

**7.2.1** EEVZA Technical Supervisor has to monitor the fulfillment of FIVB, CEV and EEVZA regulations. Sending of a post event report to the EEVZA including and the results directly to CEV and EEVZA after the event is also duty of appointed Technical Supervisor. Detailed EEVZA Technical Supervisor duties are defined in EEVZA Beach volleyball Tours Technical Organization & Logistics. Article 4.

### **7.3. Referees**

EEVZA will appoint 2 neutral referees (3 neutral referees for the Final) from EEVZA countries.

**7.4.** EEVZA will cover following expenses of EEVZA Officials:

- International transportation costs;
- For Neutral referees, nominated by EEVZA Per Diem 75 Euro (only per competitions day);
- For Technical Supervisor, TS assistant (in case appointed), Per Diem 75 EUR, for whole staying days;
- Will support lodging and meals, with limitation no more than 50 EUR per day per person from the official day of arrival and until the official day of departure; in case of shorter staying it will be covered to only days of staying; in case of longer staying – it is responsibility of officials; in case expenses of lodging and meals are higher, this is responsibility of organizer to cover remaining part of mentioned expenses
- Visa costs (if necessary)

### **7.5. Administration**

To approve for all tournaments:

- Competition format
- Local Referee Delegate, proposed by Organizer
- List of local referees, proposed by Organizer, that has been done through official CEV form BV-LR.

**7.6.** To coordinate and publish all information of all tournaments on EEVZA website.

**7.7.** To collect all official documents (Registration forms, Health certificates), sent by concerned National federations to EEVZA Office, resend it to Organizers and to inform National federations about any missing documentation.

## **9. Organizers' Duties**

**9.1.** To appoint NF Responsible, who in all the period is in a direct contact with EEVZA Office concerning all organizing matters of the tournaments;

**9.1.1.** To appoint a person responsible for the BVIS competition software to integrate the competition system, results of the games and ranking to the FIVB and CEV website and database.

**9.2.** To appoint all the local referees, other staff and cover all their expenses according to the Organizers Event Regulations;

**9.3.** For EEVZA Technical Supervisor, TS assistant (if any) and Neutral Referees, appointed by EEVZA in case of necessity, to cover difference of all expenses, mentioned in p.2.4 of these Communications **and also to pay all taxes according to the National Law of concerned country.**

**9.4.** To send through EEVZA Office for approval all necessary documentation for CEV(CEV Form BV-A2, Letter of support from city, regional, national authorities, city, venue map) at least 45 days before the Tournament.

**9.5.** To send for approval to EEVZA Office the Practical information, including of the competitions format, names of Local Technical Supervisor, Referee Delegate, local referees, after approval of EEVZA Office, to send it to all National Federations at least 30 days before the Tournament.

**9.6.** To organize EEVZA Tournaments according to the Regulations, mentioned in Official Communications.

**9.7.** To check in the EEVZA website List of the registered players, to receive from EEVZA Office List of players with information about received Health certificates. To inform EEVZA Supervisor about the players without Health certificates.

**9.8.** To fulfill all Marketing regulations of EEVZA Tours and 2016 CEV Beach Volleyball Continental Tour – Zonal events Organizing Terms & Conditions.

**9.9.** To send to EEVZA Office Press kit 3 days before the starting of the tournament at latest.

**9.10.** To send results to CEV and EEVZA Offices in the end of the each competition day at latest and Final ranking after the last competition day, but no later than first working day after the tournament.

**9.11.** To send minimum 10 high resolution pictures from the each competition day to EEVZA as well as a daily press release.

**9.12.** To hire local press officer to write press releases from each competition day. Press officer has to send the press releases to CEV and EEVZA offices.

**9.13.** Live internet streaming of the games for Central court has to be ensured.

## **10. National Federations Duties**

**10.1** To appoint beach volleyball representative, who will be in close contact with EEVZA Office.

**10.2.** To send the official standing “-10 days” of participating players in National ranking to the Organizer.

**10.3.** To inform EEVZA and local Organizers about all substitutions, injuries and withdraws if any.

**10.4.** For EEVZA Tours as Continental to register players through the BVIS software as International Beach volleyball players and to control that players have a CEV season license.

**10.5.** To send to EEVZA office duly completed and signed Health certificate (EEVZA M-4) of each player, wishing to take part in EEVZA Tours, or inform EEVZA office about CEV Players agreement certificates of players.

**10.6.** In case of withdrawal of players to send duly completed and signed official withdrawal form (EEVZA BVB-03) with all required information. In case relevant official withdrawal form will not be received in a set deadline, players will be sanctioned accordingly.

**10.7.** The latest 2 days before the start of the tournament EEVZA Office will ask the concerning National federation to confirm the registrated players' participation in the concerned event.

## **11. Contact Addresses and Responsibly**

The EEVZA address for all communications, related to Beach Volleyball is:

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### **11.1. Jury of EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tours**

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Inara Brokane (Latvia)

Marius Vasiliauskas (Lithuania)

Ilya Volodarskiy (Russia)

### **11.2. Addresses and names of the persons responsible for beach volleyball in the National Federations of EEVZA (tbd)**

**Azerbaijan:**

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**Belarus:**

**Estonia:**

**Georgia:**

**Latvia:**

**Lithuania:**

**Poland:**

**Russia:**

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**TBD additionally after information receiving from National federations**

Table of fines and sanctions  
to be added