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2016 EEVZA U-18 BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1. JURIDICAL STRUCTURE

Each edition of the EEVZA U18 Beach Volleyball Championships (afterwards referred to as "Championships") will cover a period of one year. The EEVZA is entrusted to organize this competition.

ARTICLE 2. ORGANIZATION FORMAT

The Championship consists of one tournament.
The Championship has to be organized for boys and girls on the same dates and venue.

ARTICLE 3. COMPETITIONS CLAUSES

The Championships shall be organized and played under the current FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules.

ARTICLE 4. DATE AND VENUE

The U18 EEVZA Beach Volleyball Championship 2016 will be held on:

Competitions venue: Vilnius, Lithuania
Day of arrival: 21.07.2016
Competitions days: 22.-24.07.2016
Day of departure: 25.07.2016

**Competitions dates depend from amount of registered teams and could be shorter. Exact amount of competition days will be announced additionally.*

ARTICLE 5. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION

A player wishing to take part in the competitions, must possess the nationality of the country with whose National team he/she intends to play and must fully comply with the all requirements laid down by FIVB. Only players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB for the Championship concerned are allowed to participate.

Players wishing to participate in the competition, shall be aged under 18 years on 31 December of the year during which the respective Championship held.

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ARTICLE 6. REGISTRATION

To be admitted to participate in the competition, the National Federation must complete a Registration Form, duly signed and stamped by concerned National Federation.

The Registration deadline is stated on the Registration Form. The Registration Forms have to be sent by the concerned National Federations to the EEVZA Office and to the Organizer either by mail (as scanned document) or by fax. With registering, all the teams also commit themselves to participate in all matches of the event for which they registered.

The registration procedure is divided in two phases:

Spot registration – Deadline -1 month before the competition, i.e. **21.06.2016**.

Player Registration – Deadline -10 days before the starting of competition, i.e. **11.07.2016** at the latest.

ARTICLE 7. TEAM COMPOSITION

The team is composed of two players of the same nationality and same gender. Official delegation of each federation consists max from two men & two women teams and one coach per each team. In case National federation takes part with one men and one women team, that two coaches can be in the official delegation.

Other officials, i.e. team managers, assistant coaches, doctors and physiotherapists are considered as the extra members and all their costs will be covered by respective NF. Substitution of the player is allowed in case of injury before the tournament or "force majeure".

Respective proof/documentation, i.e. passports or official ID cards, issued by government bodies for players, official accreditations by IOC/FIVB/CEV for doctors, physiotherapists must be presented to the local organizer representative before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event.

ARTICLE 8. ORGANIZER & OFFICIALS

If the hosting National Federation is not the organizer of an event, taking place within its jurisdiction, it must necessarily consent in the organization of the event.

The Organizing National federation appoints an official Local representative, who fulfills duties of Technical Supervisor assistant and appoints local referees for the Championship as well.

EEVZA appoints Technical Supervisor.

ARTICLE 9. ACCOMMODATION, LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, VISAS

The hotel of the teams has to be in a walking distance from the competitions venue. If it takes longer than 15 minutes of walking, a shuttle bus service must be provided by Organizer, circulating accordingly.

Accommodation has to be arranged for the officially registered delegations and by the request of federations also for other members of federations. Local organizer one day before starting and one day ending of the competition will cover expenses of accommodation, lodging of official delegation (article 7. of these Regulations), for other members, federations will pay by themselves. Information about amount of extra persons has to be sent to Organizer **no later** than 15 days before the starting of the competition.

Federation of participating teams is responsible for their international travel and visa costs as well. Each team must organize its own travel to the official venue of arrival/departure indicated by the organizer of the event. The Organizer shall provide local transport from the official venue of arrival and departure to the hotel and back for the Officials, referees, players, coaches.

The travel schedules of all teams have to be organized in such a way that they are present at the Preliminary Inquiry and Technical Meeting.

All delegations officially admitted to participate in this event from Organizer shall receive in due time an invitation letter for visa purposes.

The above National Federation has to ensure that a visa shall be granted to their delegation to enter its territory and that they can participate in the Championship without any discrimination. The Organizer shall arrange the hotel/sport centers/hostels (good category) accommodation in double/triple rooms equipped with bathrooms and toilets and food for all players and official members of delegations for a period from the official arrival day until the official departure day.

Optional single rooms for coaches if possible to be arranged by the organizer. Accommodation shall meet overall standards of hygiene and tidiness.

The Organizer must provide a breakfast, lunch and dinner per day per official members of delegation. The Organizer must provide an adequate quantity of mineral water per person during the every meal.

In case local officials, nominated to officiate competitions are from different places, covering of lodging, meals expenses of mentioned persons are also responsibility of Organizer.

ARTICLE 10. MEETINGS

Teams taking part in the Championship, mandatory have to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and Technical Meeting (optional, if organized). Players, who do not arrive or arrive late for the Preliminary Inquiry and have not received the authorization of the nominated Technical Supervisor, will be excluded from the event.

During the Preliminary Inquiry players' uniforms and Health Certificate for Beach Volleyball players have to be presented.

ARTICLE 11. COMPETITIONS SYSTEM

Competitions system during the Championship mostly has to follow to the official CEV/FIVB competitions, but finally will be defined by Organizer together with EEVZA Office, approved by EEVZA Jury and Technical Supervisor, depending of the total amount of participants, officially registered by the National federations.

ARTICLE 12. COMPETITION METHODS IN DIFFERENT ROUNDS/PHASES, CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

The Championship competitions method and final classification will be decided by EEVZA beach volleyball Jury together with the nominated Technical Supervisor and Hosting federation, depending of the total amount of registered teams. Each country can register to the Championships maximum two teams per gender. In case some National Federations will not use their rights to register two teams per gender, the Organizing Federation has possibility to fill the roster with the additional local teams.

ARTICLE 13. ALLOCATION OF TEAMS & DRAWING OF LOTS

Once all the participating teams are known and have confirmed their presence, during the Technical Meeting the teams will be seeded in the competition bracket according to the results of the drawing of lots. Principles of seeding of teams are a subject of decision of EEVZA Jury and to be clarified before the tournament.

ARTICLE 14. MATCH PROGRAM

The Match Program of each competition day is confirmed by the nominated Technical Supervisor and announced in the Daily Bulletin. If necessary, modifications to the Match Program may only be decided by the Technical Supervisor at any time. Modifications must be communicated to the teams concerned immediately. In any case there must be no less than three minutes for the team's warm-up on the official courts before the beginning of each match.

In case no warm-up courts are available during the event, teams are allocated a warm-up time of 10 minutes on the assigned court.

The minimum break time between two matches played consecutively by the same team must be at least thirty (30) minutes. The Technical Supervisor has the authority to prolong the break in case of special circumstances.

During the Championship each team may not play more than four (4) matches per day. In case of special circumstances Technical Supervisor has the authority to request from the players to play more than four (4) times in one day in order to recover from any interruptions.

ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

15.1. The equipment and the facilities have to be arranged according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules.

The Organizer, in case of official request, sent by participating National federation at least 10 days before, must arrange courts available for trainings to participants on the day before the start of the Competitions.

15.2. Facilities.

15.2.1. Athlete's area - direct access to the court.

ARTICLE 16. TEAM UNIFORMS

The team members must wear the shirts and shorts in same style and same color. National federations are responsible for the **delivering of uniforms for their teams, also the shorts are under responsibility of participants**, they must be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry.

ARTICLE 17. ENTRY/CONTRIBUTION FEE

Entry/Contribution fee will be the same, as fixed in 2016 EEVZA Competition Regulations, i.e. **this "contribution fee" amounts 45,00 EURO x number of competition days per person**). This amount must be paid upon the arrival of the delegation and must be settled even if the duration of the stay is shorter. The arrival and the departure days both are counting as 1 [ONE] full day. In case National federations are registering more than two teams, they are not obliged to pay above mentioned contribution fee, but responsible for all the expenses of these teams, including accommodation and meals. For other in a set deadline (article 6.) registered persons (i.e. assistant coaches, physiotherapists, doctors) is determined same price (45,00 EUR) as per Official delegation.

In case any extra persons are requested by participating National Federations, it's determined by Organizer and has to be announced in Practical info, but this payment can't to exceed more than 100 EUR per person per day. It's recommended for NF/Organizer to reduce price for extra persons more similar as Official delegation.

ARTICLE 18. REFEREES & OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES

Referees, officiating the Championship will be nominated by the Organizing federation. Pocket money for the local referees (1st & 2nd Referees only), nominated by Organizer will be supported by EEVZA (depending of amount of matches and nominated persons, but no more than 12 persons x max 3 competition days x 75 EUR). Organizer depending of the registered teams and **approved** competition format has to inform EEVZA Office about **concrete** amount of nominated **local** referees (**i.e. filling the duties of the 1st and 2nd referee ONLY**) and competitions days at the latest 3 days before the starting of the competition.

EEVZA will ensure the Organizer with the financial support 2000 EUR. Financial support will be transferred to Organizers' Bank account after the end of competition, when the all relevant documents will be received (results, rankings, nominated Supervisors report, press clippings, photos, etc.) at the EEVZA Office.

ARTICLE 19. BALLS

For the Championships the only ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300. After receiving balls from the CEV, EEVZA will support the Organizer of EEVZA U-18 Championship with 15 Mikasa VLS 300 balls.

ARTICLE 20. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

In competition & technical matters the following documents could be used additionally:

FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules

FIVB Sports Regulations

FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook

CEV General Regulations

CEV Code of Discipline

CEV Beach Volleyball Handbook

ARTICLE 21. TRANSMISSION OF RESULTS, PRESS & MARKETING

Results have to be sent to EEVZA Office in each two hrs by e-meil in a specially prepared file, which will be prepared by EEVZA Office and sent to Organizer. The transmission must include the match number, the teams, the score, the starting time, the duration. Daily bulletin has to be prepared and delivered to all participating delegations in the end of each competitions day.

EEVZA advertising banner have to be prepared and must be installed on the central court. Photos with high resolution of the tournament (at least 10) have to be forwarded to EEVZA Office at the end of each day at the latest.

ARTICLE 22. FINES

UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR

Any player or member of a delegation committing offences likely to entail his disqualification, or behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner during a Championship event, shall be liable to sanctions in accordance with art. 5.2.2. of CEV Code of Discipline.

Cases of Referee's and/or equipment abuses (i.e.: shouting, pointing at Referees, kicking the ball, pulling the net, aggression, etc.) are subject to sanctions established in the FIVB administrative and Financial Regulations and may lead to the disqualification of the player/team.

ARTICLE 23. PROTESTS

LODGING & ARBITRATION OF PROTESTS

Any complaint lodged, as well as any decision returned by the competent authority, shall be mandatory written in English language.

PROTESTS and CLAIMS raised against the conduct of a match, or against the participation of one or more player(s) of a team, shall be recorded on the scoresheet.

The team manager shall notify the written CONFIRMATION of this protest to the Technical Supervisor latest within 60 minutes after the end of the match.

After having heard the parties involved, the Technical Supervisor shall return his DECISION within 1 hour after the end of the day's last match. This decision shall be notified in writing to the team managers concerned.

GUARANTEE DEPOSIT

Any protest or claim shall mandatory be accompanied by a deposit of **100. - EURO** in cash, or the equivalent in local currency. This deposit shall be refunded immediately if the protest is recognized to be well - founded.

ARTICLE 25. PRIZE OF HONOUR

EEVZA CHAMPION

The team carrying off the title of EEVZA U-18 Champion shall receive a cup and diplomas from the organizing National Federation. Players shall also receive gold medals. The EEVZA U18 Champions claim the opportunity to apply to a wild card to any senior EEVZA event. Concerned Wild card request to be sent to EEVZA Office and to Organizer in a set deadline

TEAMS CLASSIFIED 2nd & 3rd

Players classified second and third shall receive cup and diploma from the organizing National Federation and respectively silver and bronze medals.

Medals to Organizers will be delivered by EEVZA. Diplomas have been issued by Organizer according to the layout of EEVZA.

Participating in Awarding ceremony is mandatory and players have to be dressed in concerned competition uniforms.

Individual prizes (if any) have to be prepared and given to participants by Organizer.

ARTICLE 26. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not provided for by the current regulations shall be settled by the EEVZA Beach volleyball Jury. Before and during the event the Technical Supervisor shall be empowered to take immediate action whenever necessary.

Sanctions list (if any) will be added.