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EASTERN EUROPEAN VOLLEYBALL ZONAL ASSOCIATION

EEVZA BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR 2011 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS No. 1

1. General Information

In general EEVZA BV Tour 2011 is based on the National competition of EEVZA countries with Open format for other EEVZA Country teams.

Host country event regulation to be included to the EEVZA BV Tour and must be approved by EEVZA.

1.1. Competition Format

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

- Qualification Tournament
- Main Draw Tournament

Qualification Tournament is played according to the system of Host country Event Regulations (single elimination is recommended, a switch to the Double Elimination System or Pool play may be possible if the number of teams, time and infrastructure on site permit this option).

The Main Draw is played according the Host country Event Regulations (Pool Play with single elimination after is recommended).

1.2. Number of participating teams

The total number of teams participating in the Main Draw is 16 (A), 24 (B) or 32 (C) per gender.

The preceding Qualification Phase is according to the Host country Event Regulations.

Main Draw is composed as follows:

- 8 (A), 12 (B) or 20 (C) teams directly qualified

For the 16 teams per gender the Main Draw including min. 4 teams for the hosting country, maximum 4 Wild cards - 2 for the Host country and 2 for the EEVZA countries.

For the 24 teams per gender the Main Draw including min. 6 teams for the hosting country, maximum 4 Wild Cards (2 for the Host country and 2 for the EEVZA countries)

For the 32 teams per gender the Main Draw including min. 8 teams for the hosting country, maximum 4 Wild Cards (2 for the Host country and 2 for the EEVZA countries)

- 12 teams will qualify from the Qualification Tournament for Main Draw in case of 32 teams, 8 teams from the Qualification Tournament for Main Draw in case 24 teams and 4 teams for Main Draw in case of 16 teams.

1.3. Genders

Single gender events are possible.

1.4. Participation Limitations

There are no limitations for the participation in EEVZA tour events.

For all teams from the World Ranking and CEV Entry Ranking are allowed to participate.

1.5. 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 -> CEV Entry Ranking points -> National federation ranking ten (10) days before the starting of competition. There is no limitation for the teams' participations for any of EEVZA countries.

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.

1.6. Seeding

The teams will be seeded in the competition bracket according to the Host country Event Regulations which must be approved by EEVZA. In case of a tie, a drawing of lots will decide.

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.

The possible competition formats see below in Appendix 1.

1.7. Registration of Teams and Players

The National Federations are advised to send the list of participating teams to EEVZA and to the Local Organizer. The list should indicate the National Ranking of teams wish to participate in EEVZA Tour.

The EEVZA is willing to accept the provisional enrolment of the athlete and upon the request of the Athlete through his/her National Federation offer the right to be tentatively admitted into the Beach Volleyball tournaments sanctioned by the EEVZA (including the health certificate from the National Federation). Once the aforementioned condition is fulfilled by all parties concerned, the National Federation (exclusively) is required to comply with the following procedures in order to tentatively register its Beach Volleyball teams in all EEVZA sanctioned Competitions at the very latest 14 days before the start of any event in which a team wants to participate.

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

Athletes with pending sanctions from FIVB, CEV and 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 Host federations and EEVZA websites.

Each National Federation and athlete will be responsible for checking the entry through Internet by consulting the tentative "Entry List" for each event.

The Tentative List is ongoing information available on the EEVZA website and up to -10 days can be amended by each participating National Federations.

1.8. 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.

1.9. 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 authorization of the Technical Supervisor, will be excluded from the event.

1.10. Right of Participation of Teams

The right of participation shall become effective as soon as the teams' names appear on the Registration List established by EEVZA and Host Federation for each event. The Registration List is sent to the National Federations concerned. It is the National Federations' responsibility to inform their players accordingly.

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

1.11. 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 play for or represent the professional club (in case of other Nationality) and must fully comply with the requirements laid down by the Sports Regulations of the CEV/FIVB.

1.12. Entry Fee

Entry fee for each EEVZA BV Tour is according to the Host Event Regulations and should be paid to Host Federation.

1.13. License Fee

No license fee is determined on the season 2011.

1.14. Qualification and Main Draw

There is no team's limitations and country quota in EEVZA BV Tour.

Qualification Tournament

Competition format of the Qualification Tournaments based on the Host country Event Regulations and on the EEVZA recommendations. There is format A for four (4) teams to qualify and format B for eight (8) teams to qualify.

The general principal of the seeding qualification tournament is as follows – host country teams seed 1 – 2 (format A) or 1 – 4 (format B), foreign teams seed 3 – 4 (A) or 5 – 8 (B), host country teams seed 5 – 6 (A) or 9 – 12 (B), foreign teams seed 7 – 8 (A) or 13 – 16 (B), etc. See Appendix 2.

In case there are no local or foreign teams to seed the rest teams will fill the qualification.

No teams can be added to the Qualification Tournament after the confirmed list is issued.

16 team Main Draw:

The Host Country may enter a maximum of four (4) teams directly to the Main Draw. Those teams shall have the highest ranking points by the general principals of National federation ranking points. The teams should be seeded from seed N1 to seed N4 with the any competition format of the Host event regulation (pool play or double elimination). There is no limitation for the additional Host country teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

EEVZA countries may enter a maximum of four (4) teams (maximum two (2) per country) directly to the Main Draw according by the general principal of FIVB ENTRY ranking points -> CEV Entry Ranking points -> National federation ranking. There is no limitation for the foreign country teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

24 team Main Draw:

The Host Country may enter a maximum of six (6) teams directly to the Main Draw. Those teams shall have the highest ranking points by the general principals of National federation ranking points. Those six (6) teams should be seeded from seed N1 to seed N6 with the any competition format of the Host event regulation (pool play of double elimination). There is no limitation for the additional Host country teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

EEVZA countries may enter a maximum of six (6) teams (maximum three (3) per country) directly to the Main Draw according by the general principal of FIVB ENTRY ranking points -> CEV Entry Ranking points -> National federation ranking. There is no limitation for the foreign country teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

32 team Main Draw:

The Host Country may enter a maximum of eight (8) teams directly to the Main Draw. Those teams shall have the highest ranking points by the general principals of National federation ranking points. Those eight (8) teams should be seeded from seed N1 to seed N8 with the any competition format of the Host event regulation (pool play of double elimination). There is no limitation for the additional Host country teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

EEVZA countries may enter a maximum of eight (8) teams (maximum four (4) per country) directly to the Main Draw according by the general principal of FIVB ENTRY ranking points -> CEV Entry Ranking points -> National federation ranking. There is no limitation for the foreign country teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

1.15. Wild Cards

EEVZA has the right to grant up to two (2) Wild Cards for the Main Draw.

Wild Cards can also be granted to extra EEVZA and extra continental players.

The Host National Federations has the right to grant up to two (2) Wild Cards for the Main Draw.

National Federations may present their request for Wild Cards to the EEVZA Office at the latest fourteen (14) days before the beginning of the event.

The EEVZA's final decision shall be communicated to the National Federations and to the persons concerned at the very latest ten (10) days before the event.

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

1.16. Prize Money breakdown

Prize money must be paid to the players according for the Host country Event Regulations. The distribution of the prize money to the athletes has to be done on site in cash.

1.17. Make and type of balls

For EEVZA BV Tour events the ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300.

1.18. Rules of the Game

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

1.19. Visa application procedure

Players, Officials, Team Managers, Coaches and National Federations are requested to apply early enough for visas, whenever needed. The hosting National Federation should be contacted to receive an invitation letter for the event.

1.20. Calendar

05 – 09	May 2011	Russia	Anapa
15 – 19	June 2011	Ukraine	Illichevsk
02 – 03	July 2011	Estonia	Parnu
27 – 31	July 2011	Russia	Zelinograd
11 – 15	August 2011	Latvia	Jurmala
08– 11	September 2011	Russia	Anapa FINAL

1.21. Nominations of Officials

Each Host Federation should nominate an International or National beach volley experienced Technical Supervisor, Referee Delegate and local referees (preference for the IR, IRC or National referees with the beach volley experience) to approve by EEVZA.

EEVZA will nominate 2 neutral referees (IR or IRC, National) from EEVZA countries.

All NF should send to EEVZA list for the candidatures of the TS, RD and list of referees.

1.22. Further Information

All necessary information about the EEVZA BV tour events will be circulated to the National Federations using the Official Communications.

Nevertheless more detailed information can be found in the Host Country, which must be posted on the EEVZA website and Host Federation (organizers) web-site no later than in 60 days before the start of competition.

Additional information about the competition (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 and on the Host federations(organizers) web-sites. Please check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

1.23. Marketing and press regulations

EEVZA BV Tour is based on the marketing principles of the Host Events marketing regulations. For identification of EEVZA are mandatory follow items:

- 2 banners of EEVZA,
- 1 EEVZA flag,
- Participating countries flags,
- EEVZA logo in all printing and advertisement materials, press releases,
- Press conference,

In case of the founding EEVZA BV Tour logo sponsors, all organizers should reserve additional value for those EEVZA sponsors.

2. EEVZA obligations

2.1. To nominate EEVZA beach volleyball coordinator.

2.2. Referees

EEVZA will appoint 2 neutral referees from EEVZA countries and will pay for their:

- International transportation;
- Per Diem 50 Euro (only on competition days)
- Lodging and meals, with limitation no more then 50 EUR per day per person;
- visa costs (if necessary)

2.3. Administration

To approve for every tournament:

- Competition format
- Local Technical Supervisor
- Local Referee Delegate
- List of local referees

2.4. To publish all information of all tournaments

3. Contact Address

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

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24 teams per gender

Women					
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
1. HC Team №1	1 HC Team. №2	1. HC Team №3	1. HC Team №4	1. HC Team №5	1. HC Team №6
2. EEVZA №12	2. EEVZA №11	2. EEVZA №10	2. EEVZA №9	2. EEVZA №8	2. EEVZA №7
HC WC № 13	EEVZA WC № 14	HC WC № 15-24	EEVZA WC № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24
QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24

Men					
Pool G	Pool H	Pool I	Pool J	Pool K	Pool L
1. HC Team №1	1 HC Team. №2	1. HC Team №3	1. HC Team №4	1. HC Team №5	1. HC Team №6
2. EEVZA №12	2. EEVZA №11	2. EEVZA №10	2. EEVZA №9	2. EEVZA №8	2. EEVZA №7
HC WC № 13	EEVZA WC № 14	HC WC № 15-24	EEVZA WC № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24
QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24	QT № 15-24

1 HC and 1 EEVZA WC positions N13 and N14, 2nd HC WC and 2 nd EEVZA WC according to the ranking

*- WC teams seeded by general principle: FIVB -> CEV -> National ranking points - >Draw and allocated throw all participating teams.

32 teams per gender

Women							
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
1. HC Team №1	1 HC Team. №2	1. HC Team №3	1. HC Team №4	1. HC Team №5	1. HC Team №6	1. HC Team №7	1. HC Team №8
2. EEVZA №16	2. EEVZA №15	2. EEVZA №14	2. EEVZA №13	2. EEVZA №12	2. EEVZA №11	2. EEVZA №10	2. EEVZA №9
HC WC № 17	EEVZA WC № 18	HC WC № 19-32	EEVZA WC № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32
QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32

Men							
Pool I	Pool J	Pool K	Pool L	Pool M	Pool O	Pool P	Pool Q
1. HC Team №1	1 HC Team. №2	1. HC Team №3	1. HC Team №4	1. HC Team №5	1. HC Team №6	1. HC Team №7	1. HC Team №8
2. EEVZA №16	2. EEVZA №15	2. EEVZA №14	2. EEVZA №13	2. EEVZA №12	2. EEVZA №11	2. EEVZA №10	2. EEVZA №9
HC WC № 17	EEVZA WC № 18	HC WC № 19-32	EEVZA WC № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32	QT № 19-32
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1 HC and 1 EEVZA WC positions N17 and N18, 2nd HC WC and 2nd EEVZA WC according to the ranking

*- WC teams seeded by general principle: FIVB -> CEV -> National ranking points - >Draw and allocated throw all participating teams.

Pool Composition 16 teams per gender

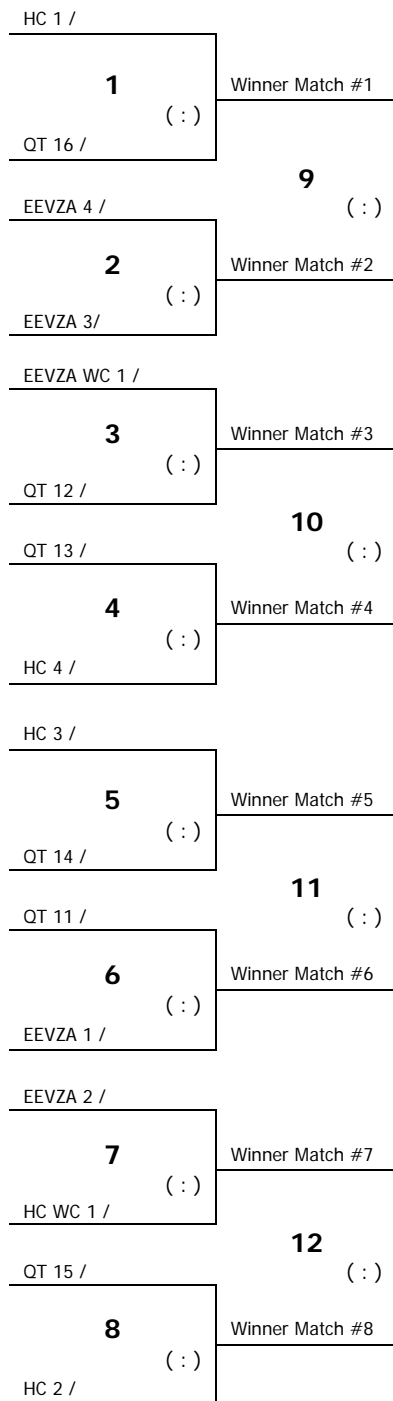
WOMEN			
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1. HC team № 1	1. HC team № 2	1. HC team № 3	1. HC team № 4
2. EEVZA team№8	2. EEVZA team №7	2. EEVZA № 6	2. EEVZA № 5
3. HC WC №9	3. EEVZA WC №10	3. HC WC №11-16	3. EEVZA WC №11-16
4. QT №11-16	4. QT №11-16	4. QT №11-16	4. QT №11-16

MEN			
Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
1. HC team № 1	1. HC team № 2	1. HC team № 3	1. HC team № 4
2. EEVZA team№8	2. EEVZA team №7	2. EEVZA № 6	2. EEVZA № 5
3. HC WC №9	3. EEVZA WC №10	3. HC WC №11-16	3. EEVZA WC №11-16
4. QT №11-16	4. QT №11-16	4. QT №11-16	4. QT №11-16

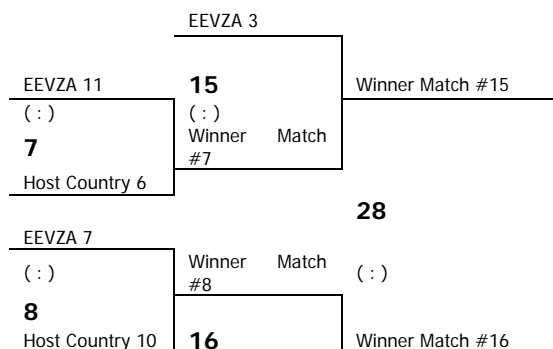
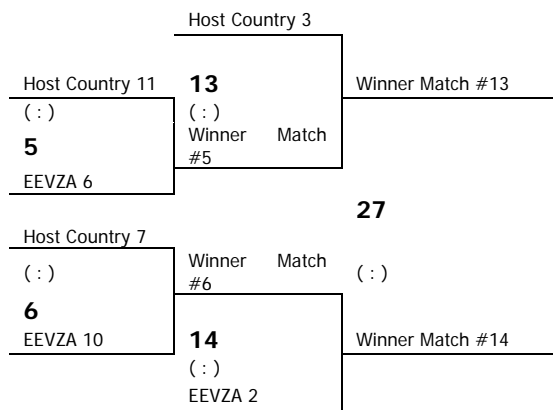
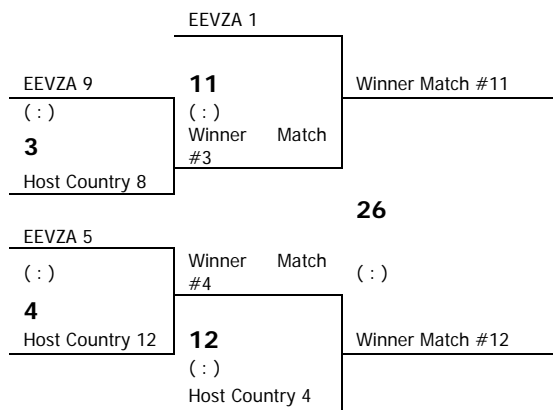
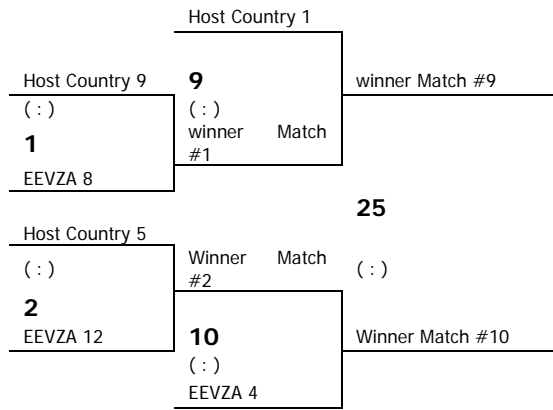
1 HC and 1 EEVZA WC positions N9 and N10, 2nd HC WC and 2nd EEVZA WC

- * - WC teams seeded by general principle: FIVB -> CEV -> National ranking -> Draw and allocated throw all participating teams.

**Main Draw
16 teams DOUBLE ELIMINATION**



Qualification Tournament 24 team's single elimination



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Host Country 2

**Qualification
Tournament
16 teams
single
elimination**

