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EEVZA BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR 2012 OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. General Information

In general EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour 2012 is based on the National competitions of EEVZA countries with Open format for other EEVZA Countries teams. EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour is homologated by CEV. EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour Final has no less the same organizational and technical level as a CEV Satellite.

Concerned Event Regulations of Organizing country to be included to the EEVZA Beach Volleyball 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 format followed by single elimination is recommended.

The EEVZA Tour Final is composed by 1 phase.

The Main Draw is played in 24 teams per gender Pool Play format followed by single elimination (Appendix 3).

1.2. EEVZA Final

- All participants of the EEVZA Final must have the CEV beach volleyball licenses and have to pay a CEV Entry and License Fee according 2012 CEV Beach volleyball Regulations.
- Non EEVZA teams and players are allowed to participate in EEVZA Final.
- All teams will receive CEV and FIVB ranking points as for the CEV Satellite tournament.
- Official Communication and General Information about EEVZA Final will be available after CEV homologation of EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour.
- Competition format of the EEVZA Final will be defined according **Appendix 3**.

1.3. 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.

1.4. Genders

Single or double gender events are possible to organize.

1.5. Participation Limitations

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

All teams having the World Ranking and CEV Entry Ranking are allowed to participate.

1.6. 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 points **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. Final decision in this situation will be confirmed by EEVZA Beach Volleyball Jury.

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 offer 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.

Once the aforementioned conditions are fulfilled by all parties concerned, the National Federations have to send the list of participating teams to EEVZA Office and to the Local Organizer of each competition at the very latest **14 days** before the start of any event in which a team wants to participate.

Organizing National Federation has to send Final List of participants **10 days** before the start of the tournament to EEVZA Office. The list should indicate the FIVB Entry Ranking points -> CEV Entry Ranking points -> National Federation Ranking points of teams wishing to participate in EEVZA Tour.

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 **-10 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.

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.

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.

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 previous authorization of the Technical Supervisor or responsible Organizers representative, 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 Organizing Federation for each event. The Registration List is sent to the all National Federations concerned. It is the ONLY 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 and License Fee

Entry fee for each EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour event is according to the Organizers' Event Regulations and should be paid to the Organizing Federation.

No license fee is determined for the EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour 2012 regular tournaments. All athletes qualified to the EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour FINAL must have CEV beach volleyball licenses. Concerned National Federations are responsible to control this procedure.

EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour FINAL is part of CEV ranking system. Entry Fee 100 - EUROS per team and License Fee of 10 - EUROS per player is applied. The payment procedure is according to the CEV Beach Volleyball regulations.

1.13. Qualification and Main Draw

There are neither team's limitations nor country quota in EEVZA Beach Volleyball 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 host teams should be seeded from seed N1 to seed N2, EEVZA teams should be seeded from seed N3 to seed N4, next Host teams should be seeded from seed N 5 to seed N6, next EEVZA teams should be seeded from seed N 7 to seed N 8 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 for seed N1, N2, N5, N6, N9, and N10, 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. EEVZA teams should be seeded for the seed N 3, N4, N 7, N8, N11 and N 12. 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 for seed N1, N2, N5, N6, N9, N10, N13 and N14 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. EEVZA teams should be seeded for the seed N 3, N4, N 7, N8, N11, N12, N15 and N 16. There is no limitation for the foreign country teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

1.14. 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 players from another, non EEVZA countries.

The Organizing National Federations have the rights 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 14 (fourteen) days before the beginning of the event.

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

1.15. Prize Money breakdown Rank Prize Money

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.

1.16. 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 will be defined additionally.

1.17. Rules of the Game

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

1.18. 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.

1.19. Calendar

14-17 June (M) 2012	Lithuania
28 June-01 July (W)2012	Lithuania
05-08 July (W) 2012	Belarus
13 – 15 July (M/W)	Estonia
19-22 July (M)2012	Latvia
Final 23-26 August (M/W) 2012	Russia, Kaliningrad district, Zelenogradsk

1.20. Nominations of Officials

Each Organizing Federation has to 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 for the all tournaments and 3 neutral referees (IR or IRC) to the Final.

All NF have to send to EEVZA office the list of the names of the candidates of the TS, RD and referees till **15th May 2012**.

1.21. Further Information

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 (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 Organizing Federations' web-sites. All of participants are responsible to check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

1.22. Marketing and press regulations

1.22.1. EEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour has based on the marketing principles of the Organizers' Events marketing regulations. For identification of mentioned competition as EEVZA Tour under CEV umbrella following items ensured by Organizing Federation are mandatory:

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

1.22.2. 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.

2. EEVZA Duties

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

2.2. Referees

EEVZA will appoint 2 neutral referees (3 neutral referees for the Final) from EEVZA countries and will cover for them:

- International transportation costs;
- Per Diem 50 Euro (only per competition days);
- Lodging and meals, with limitation no more than 50 EUR per day per person from the official day of arrival and till 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 nominated referees;
- Visa costs (if necessary)

2.3. Administration

To approve for all tournaments:

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

2.4. To publish all information of all tournaments in EEVZA website.

3. Organizers' Duties

3.1. To appoint NF Responsible, who is in a direct contact with EEVZA Office concerning all organizing matters of the tournament;

3.2. To appoint all local referees and other staff and cover all their expenses according the Organizers Event Regulations;

3.3. For Neutral Referees, appointed by EEVZA in case of necessity, to cover difference of all expenses, mentioned in p.2.2. of these Communications.

3.4. To send for approval to EEVZA Office Practical info, 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.

3.5. To fulfill all Marketing regulations of EEVZA Tours.

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

3.7. To send results to EEVZA Office in the end of the each competition day at latest and Final ranking after the last competition day, but no later then first working day after the tournament.

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

4. Contact Addresses and Responsibly

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

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4.1. EEVZA Beach Volleyball Jury

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EEVZA Recommendations for the competition format and seeding

Main Draw 24 teams

Women					
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
HC Team №1	HC Team №2	EEVZA №1	EEVZA №2	HC Team №3	HC Team №4
EEVZA №6	EEVZA №5	HC Team №5	HC Team №6	EEVZA №4	EEVZA №3
HC Team №7	HC Team №8	EEVZA №7	EEVZA №8	QT 17-24	QT 17-24
WC EEVZA	WC EEVZA	WC HC	WC HC	QT 17-24	QT 17-24

Men					
Pool G	Pool H	Pool I	Pool J	Pool K	Pool L
HC Team №1	HC Team №2	EEVZA №1	EEVZA №2	HC Team №3	HC Team №4
EEVZA №6	EEVZA №5	HC Team №5	HC Team №6	EEVZA №4	EEVZA №3
HC Team №7	HC Team №8	EEVZA №7	EEVZA №8	QT № 17-24	QT № 17-24
WC EEVZA	WC EEVZA	WC HC	WC HC	QT № 17-24	QT № 17-24

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

Main draw 32 teams

Women							
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
HC Team №1	HC Team №2	EEVZA №1	EEVZA №2	HC Team №3	HC Team №4	EEVZA №3	EEVZA №4
EEVZA №8	EEVZA №7	HC Team №8	HC Team №7	EEVZA №6	EEVZA №5	HC Team №5	HC Team №6
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
HC Team №1	HC Team №2	EEVZA №1	EEVZA №2	HC Team №3	HC Team №4	EEVZA №3	EEVZA №4
EEVZA №8	EEVZA №7	HC Team №8	HC Team №7	EEVZA №6	EEVZA №5	HC Team №5	HC Team №6
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

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.

Main draw 16 teams

WOMEN			
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
HC Team №1	HC Team №2	EEVZA №1	EEVZA №2
EEVZA №4	EEVZA №3	HC Team №4	HC Team №3
HC WC №9	EEVZA WC №10	HC WC №11-16	EEVZA WC №11-16
QT №11-16	QT №11-16	QT №11-16	QT №11-16

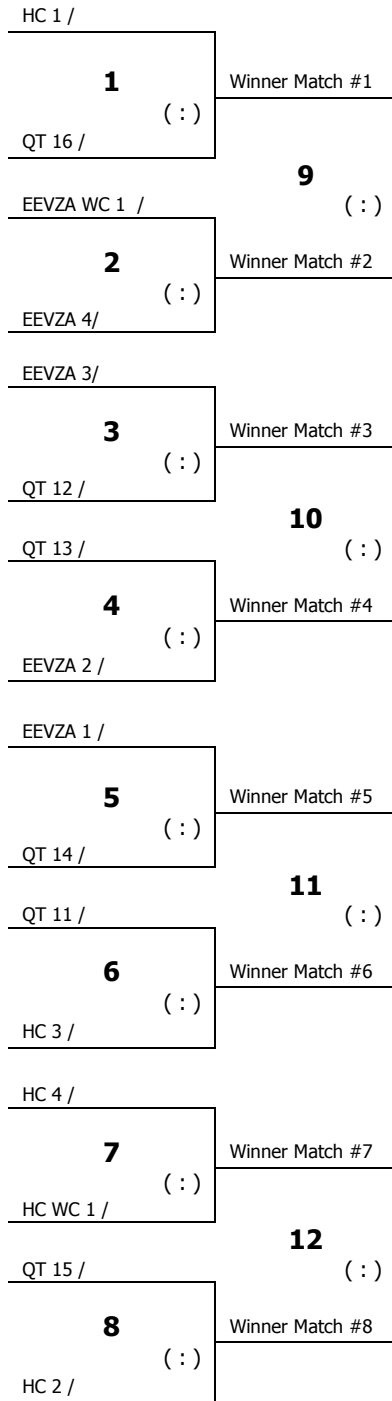
MEN			
Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
HC Team №1	HC Team №2	EEVZA №1	EEVZA №2
EEVZA №4	EEVZA №3	HC Team №4	HC Team №3
HC WC №9	EEVZA WC №10	HC WC №11-16	EEVZA WC №11-16
QT №11-16	QT №11-16	QT №11-16	QT №11-16

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

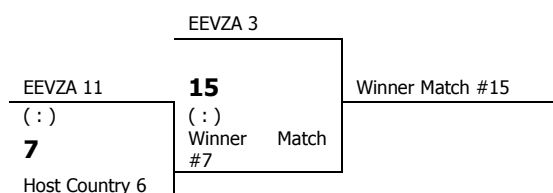
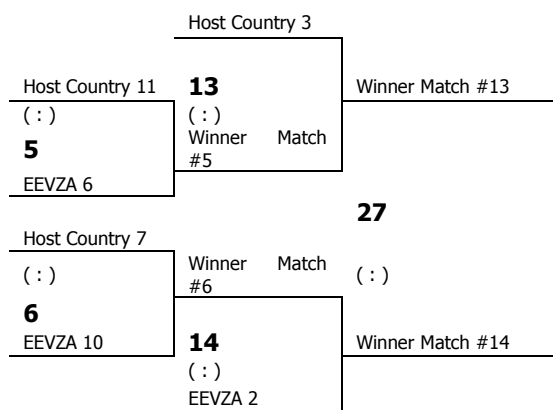
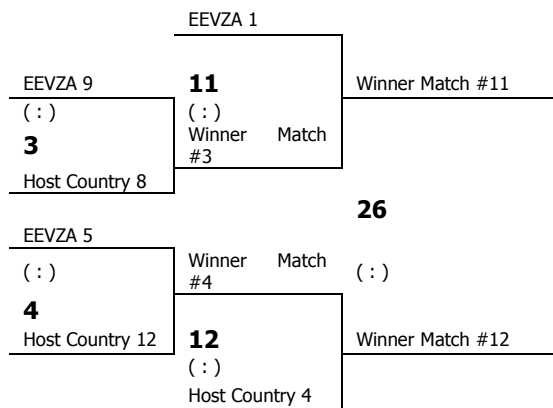
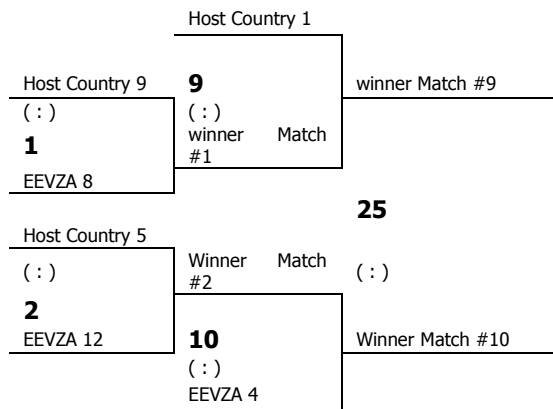
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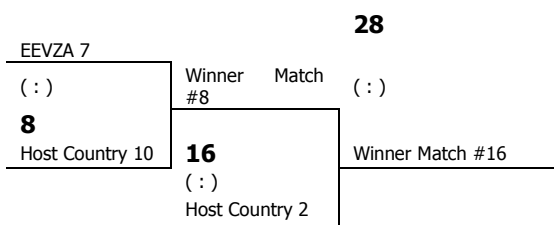
Main Draw

16 teams DOUBLE ELIMINATION



**Possible competition format and seeding
Qualification Tournament
24 team's single elimination**





**Qualification
Tournament
16 teams
single
elimination**

