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EEVZA U-18 BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 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 Championships consists of one tournament.
The Championships have to be organized for boys and girls on the same date 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 Championships 2010 will be held on the 05th to 09th August 2011.

Competitions venue: LATVIA
Day of arrival day: 18th June 2012
Competitions days: 19th – 21th June 2012
Day of departure: 22nd June 2012

ARTICLE 5. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION

A player wishing to take part, must possess the nationality of the country with whose National team he/she intends to play and must fully comply with the 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, 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, the National Federation must complete an Registration Form, duly signed and stamped by its National Federation. The entry deadline is stated on the Registration Form. The Registration Forms have to be sent by the National Federations concerned to the EEVZA Office and to Organizer either by mail (as scanned document) or by fax. In registering, all

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. **till 18th May 2012.**

Player Registration – Deadline -10 days before the starting of competition, i. **till 08th of June 2012** at 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 boys & two girls teams and one coach per each gender. In case National federation takes part with one boys and one girls team, that only one coach regards in official delegation.

Team managers, other coaches, doctors and physiotherapists are considered like an extra members of team and all their costs will be covered by respective NF. Substitution of the player is allowed in case of injury or "force majeure".

Respective proof/documentation 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 representative, local technical Supervisor and local referees for the Championship.

ARTICLE 9. ACCOMMODATION, LODGING, TRANSPORTATION, VISAS

The hotel of the teams shall be in walking distance from the venue. If it takes longer than 15 minutes to walk, a shuttle service must be provided, 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.

Participating delegations are responsible for their international travel costs and visa as well. Each team must organize its own return 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.

All delegations officially admitted to participate in this event 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 must 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. The Organizer must provide an adequate quantity of mineral water per person with every meal.

In case of necessity, covering of lodging, meals expenses of Technical Delegate, local referees is also responsibility of Organizer.

ARTICLE 10. MEETINGS

The teams taking part in the Championships mandatory have to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and Technical Meeting. Players, who do not arrive or arrive late for the Preliminary Inquiry and/or Technical meeting and have not received the authorization of the local Technical Supervisor, will be excluded from the event.

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

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, depending of the total amount of participants, officially registered by participating National federations.

ARTICLE 12. COMPETITION METHODS IN DIFFERENT ROUNDS/PHASES

The Championships consists of a Preliminary Round followed by Classification Matches to determine the places from 9th till 16th and Final Phase for the best eight teams for both genders. Each country can register to the Championships maximum two teams per gender. The number of participating teams in the Championships is sixteen per gender. In case some National Federations will not use their right to register two teams per gender the Organizing Federation has possibility to fill the roster.

In case no 16 teams per gender registered, Organizer with EEVZA Office takes final decision concerning competitions methods.

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.

ARTICLE 14. MATCH PROGRAM

The Match Program of each competition day is decided by the local Technical Supervisor (Organizer) 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 local Technical Supervisor has the authority to prolong the break in case of special circumstances.

Each team may not play more than four (4) matches per day during the Championship. The local 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 in case of special circumstances.

ARTICLE 15. CLASSIFICATION OF THE TEAMS

The teams are ranked as follows: first, second, third, fourth place, two fifths places, two seventh places, ninth place, tenth place, eleventh place, twelfths place, two thirteenth places, two fifteenth places. In case of less the 16 teams participate, classification will be defined accordingly.

ARTICLE 16. EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

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

The Organizer must arrange that in case of necessity courts are available for trainings to participants on the day before the start of the Competitions.

ARTICLE 17. TEAM UNIFORMS

The team members must wear the shirts and shorts in same style and same color. Each participating federation is responsible for the uniforms for their spots, shirts and shorts must be presented during the Technical Meeting.

ARTICLE 18. ENTRY/CONTRIBUTION FEE

Entry/Contribution fee will be the same, as fixed in 2012 EEVZA Competition Regulations, i.e. **this "contribution fee" amounts 40. - 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.

ARTICLE 19. REFEREES & OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES

Referees, officiating the Championship will be nominated by Organizing federation. Pocket money for the referees, nominated by Organizer will be covered by EEVZA (max. 12 persons x max 3 competition days x 50 EUR). Organizer depending of the registered teams has to inform EEVZA Office about amount of nominated referees and competitions days. EEVZA will ensure the Organizer with the support 1500 EUR.

ARTICLE 20. BALLS

For the Championships only the ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300. EEVZA will support the Organizer of EEVZA U-18 Championship with 10 Mikasa VLS 300 balls.

ARTICLE 21. 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 22. TRANSMISSION OF RESULTS & MARKETING

At least in the end of each day of the event the results have to be faxed and emailed to the EEVZA Office. 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.

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 in the first working day after the ending of the tournament at latest.

ARTICLE 23. FINES

UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR

Any player or member of a delegation committing offences likely to entail his disqualification, or behaving in an unsportsmanlike manner during an 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 24. DOPING CONTROL

Players refusing to undergo doping control are automatically disqualified. The team concerned will lose the match(es) to its opponent by 0-2 (0-21, 0-21). Players who are found positive at the drug test may be suspended by separate decision of EEVZA. Any Ranking points related to the event concerned are respectively not given and removed.

ARTICLE 25. 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 Delegate latest within 60 minutes after the end of the match.

After having heard the parties involved, the Technical Delegate shall return his DECISION within 6 hours 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 **340. - 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 26. PRIZE OF HONOUR

EEVZA CHAMPION

The team carrying off the title of EEVZA Champion shall receive a cup and diplomas from the organizing National Federation. Players having take part shall receive gold medals from the EEVZA.

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 from the EEVZA. Medals to Organizers will be delivered by EEVZA Office.

ARTICLE 24. CASES NOT FORESEEN

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