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## 2014 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 Championships consists of one tournament.  
The Championships have 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 Championships 2014 will be held on the 07<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

Competitions venue: Vilnius, Lithuania  
Day of arrival day: 07 August 2014  
Competitions days: 08.,09.,10 August 2014  
Day of departure: 11 August 2014

*\*Competitions period depends 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. **till 07 July 2014.**

Player Registration – Deadline -10 days before the starting of competition, i.e. **till 28 July 2014** 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 men & two women teams and one coach per each team. In case National federation takes part with one boys and one girls 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 representative, local Technical Supervisor assistant and local referees for the Championship.

EEVZA appoints Neutral 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 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 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 (Technical delegate, referees) are nominated 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. 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, approved by 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 Office together with the Neutral 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.

## ARTICLE 14. MATCH PROGRAM

The Match Program of each competition day is confirmed by the Neutral Technical Supervisor and announced in the Daily Bulletin. If necessary, modifications to the Match Program may only be decided by the Neutral 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 Neutral 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 Neutral 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.

15.2.2. Coaches' area - 2 reserved seats behind the court for coaches of the participating team.

## ARTICLE 16. 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 17. ENTRY/CONTRIBUTION FEE

Entry/Contribution fee will be the same, as fixed in 2014 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 extra persons per day is 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.

## ARTICLE 18. REFEREES & OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES

Referees, officiating the Championship will be nominated by the Organizing federation. Pocket money for the referees, nominated by Organizer will be covered by EEVZA (depending of amount of matches, but no more than 12 persons x max 3 competition days x 75 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 financial support 2000 EUR. Financial support will be transferred to Organizers' Bank account after the competition, when the all relevant documents will be received (results, rankings, Neutral Supervisors report, etc.) at EEVZA Office. EEVZA will transfer to organizer reimbursement for Neutral EEVZA Supervisor 75 EUR per day. Organizer has to cover board and lodging costs for the Neutral EEVZA Supervisor.

## ARTICLE 19. 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 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**

At least in the end of each day of the event the results have to be faxed or 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 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 in the first working day after the ending of the tournament at 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. 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 24. 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 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 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.

Participating in Awarding ceremony is mandatory.

## **ARTICLE 26. 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.