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1. Introduction

The European Volleyball Confederation is pleased to open the registration procedure for the fourth edition of the CEV U17 Volleyball European Championship for both genders, going in line with the FIVB and CEV Board of Administration decisions to align the remaining age-groups.

The Final Phase of the stated competitions will be played with the 16 teams.

The organisation of the respective Final Phase have been granted as follows:

- Men U17 – in Podgorica (MNE) on 19-30/07/2023
- Women U17 – in Békéscsaba (HUN) and Vrnjačka Banja (SRB) on 11-22/07/2023

This Championship will be managed and processed through the CEV database and therefore we ask all National Federations to apply the necessary accuracy while working with it.

It remains the sole responsibility of the NFs to respect all Communications, CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, Guidelines, and institutional decisions to guarantee the delivery of correct, accurate and complete data at any time that these are required.

2. Registration procedure and deadline

The registration for this edition will be done through the CEV Database by using the CEV form 01CH (Team Registration).

The registration deadline for closing and sending the above-mentioned form is:

Friday October 14, 2022 at 23:59 CET

After closing the form on-line, National Federations must click 'Print Form' and then sign the paper copy and send it by registered letter to the CEV Office.

This must also be sent with a postmark dated on or before the above-mentioned deadline for the registration to be valid.

On this form there are tick boxes to inform CEV if the respective National Federation intends to apply to organise one of the 2nd Round qualification tournaments. However, the definitive application forms and required procedure for applying to organise a tournament will be sent to all NFs after the registrations are confirmed.

For any assistance on filling the registration form, please do not hesitate to contact CEV Volleyball Department nationalteams@cev.eu.

3. Age limit

According to the Official Regulations, the CEV U17 Volleyball European Championship 2023 edition will only be open to:

Female and respectively Male players that are:

Born on 1st January 2007 or thereafter

4. Competition format and dates

The 2023 competition will be structured and include Final phase and Qualification phase, the latter is covering the 1st and 2nd Round Qualifiers as follows:

1st Round Qualifiers (Zonal)

The 1st Round Qualifiers will be organised in each of the six CEV Zonal Associations. Following the registration, CEV will inform each about the exact number of National Federations from their respective zone who have registered for participation.

Moreover, further to a decision made by the CEV Board of Administration, a minimum of 40% of the respective National Federations have to register for participation in order for the zonal event to count as a 1st Round Qualifiers for the European Championship. The host(s) of the Final Phase are not allowed to participate in the qualification process.

If one or more Zonal Associations fail to fulfil this requirement, depending on the total number of teams registered for participation in the championship, their teams might:

- have to join those from another zone to compete in the first stage of the qualification process
- join a qualifying round including teams from different zones put together as per the results of a Drawing of Lots

Each Zonal Association shall organise their qualification stage according to the calendar set by CEV for this round **before 31st January 2023**.

In each tournament, the first placed team qualifies directly to the Final Phase..

2nd Round Qualifiers

The 2nd Round Qualifiers are organised with a maximum of 20 National Federations who competed but did not qualify from the 1st Round Qualifiers to the Final Phase.

The number of the granted vacancies per Zone (quotas) in the 2nd Round Qualifiers depends on the total number of the registered teams. The team quota per Zone to qualify to 2nd Round is based on the percentage of overall European Ranking points per Zone calculated based on participating teams and will be communicated in the next Official Communications.

COMPETITION FORMAT:

- The 2nd Round Qualifiers will be played using the single round robin tournaments format (i.e. one tournament "one against each other").
- Each 2nd Round Qualifiers will be played with minimum three and maximum four teams.
- The teams in each 2nd Round Qualifiers will play one tournament over three competitions days:
 - Tournament with 3 teams: each team will play 2 competition days
 - Tournament with 4 teams: each team will play 3 competition days
- Each of the National Federations involved has the right to apply for the organisation of the tournament.
- Should more than one National Federation apply for the organisation, the organisers will be drawn by the CEV. Or should no National Federation apply for the organisation, the organiser will be drawn by the CEV.
- In each pool, the first best placed team qualifies to the Final Phase. In case of a vacancy in the Final Phase, the next best placed team across all pools not qualified yet, qualifies to the Final Phase.

QUALIFICATION DATES

Round	European Championships
1 st Round Qualifiers (organised by Zones)	Before 31 st January 2023
2 nd Round Qualifiers	20 th – 23 rd April 2023

5. 1st Round Qualifiers - format and dates

Following the receipt of the confirmed list of registered teams, each Zonal Association must confirm to CEV their competition structure and dates by Monday 24th October 2022 regarding the 1st Round Qualifiers.

6. 1st Round Qualifiers - CEV financial support

CEV will continue to support the 1st Round participating teams as during the previous editions, with such CEV contribution standing at 1,000 EUR per participant to host country and 3,000 EUR to each travelling team. This contribution will be paid only upon finalisation of the mentioned round, not in advance.

7. 2nd Round Qualifiers - Drawing of Lots

Following the completion of the 1st Round Qualifiers, CEV will confirm the teams qualified to the 2nd Round. Those 2nd Round pools will be defined by the Serpentine System, once the 2nd Round organisers are known and seeded as head of those 2nd Round pools.

8. 2nd Round Qualifiers - organiser application

Forms to apply to organise 2nd Round tournaments will be sent to all participating teams in due time before 31st January 2023.

9. FIVB World Championships

The FIVB aims for the first time to launch the FIVB World Championship for the concerned competition. The FIVB Working Group evaluates the age group, calendar, and Continental quotas for this event. Once the FIVB confirms the evaluation and proposal from the FIVB Working Group, we will inform you accordingly.



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1. Teams Registered

The teams listed below have been registered (by 14/10/2022) for participation in the CEV U17 Volleyball European Championship 2023 (Men/Women).

STATUS OF TEAMS REGISTERED	U17 MEN			U17 WOMEN		
	Level where the team will start the Championship	Country/NF	↓ CEV European Ranking List as per 19/08/2022 Position/Total points (Zone)	Country/NF	↓ CEV European Ranking List as per 19/08/2022 Position/Total points (Zone)	
① The organisers are directly qualified to the Final Round	1	MNE	32/54 (BVA) + ORG.	1	HUN	12/144 (MEVZA) + ORG.
				2	SRB	4/182 (BVA) + ORG.
② Teams starting competition from the 1 st Round	2	POL	1/192 (EEVZA)	3	ITA	1/196 (WEVZA)
	3	BUL	2/190 (BVA)	4	TUR	3/194 (BVA)
	4	ITA	3/186 (WEVZA)	5	CRO	5/168 (MEVZA)
	5	CZE	5/178 (MEVZA)	6	BEL	6/162 (WEVZA)
	6	TUR	6/172 (BVA)	7	ROU	7/160 (BVA)
	7	SLO	7/158 (MEVZA)	8	BUL	8/154 (BVA)
	8	FRA	7/158 /WEVZA)	9	SLO	9/152 (MEVZA)
	9	SRB	9/148 (BVA)	10	NED	10/150 (WEVZA)
	10	BEL	10/144 (WEVZA)	11	POL	11/148 (EEVZA)
	11	LAT	12/140 (EEVZA)	12	GER	12/144 (WEVZA)
	12	FIN	12/140 (NEVZA)	13	SVK	14/142 (MEVZA)
	13	POR	14/138 (WEVZA)	14	FRA	14/142 (WEVZA)
	14	AUT	15/136 (MEVZA)	15	CZE	16/138 (MEVZA)
	15	ROU	16/134 (BVA)	16	FIN	17/134 (NEVZA)
	16	UKR	17/114 (EEVZA)	17	AUT	18/114 (MEVZA)
	17	ISR	18/112 (MEVZA)	18	EST	20/112 (EEVZA)
	18	NED	18/112 (WEVZA)	19	UKR	20/112 (EEVZA)
	19	EST	20/110 (EEVZA)	20	LTU	22/88 (EEVZA)
	20	SVK	21/90 (MEVZA)	21	POR	22/88 (WEVZA)
	21	ESP	22/88 (WEVZA)	22	LAT	22/88 (EEVZA)
	22	CRO	22/88 (MEVZA)	23	ISR	25/68 (MEVZA)
	23	GER	22/88 (WEVZA)	24	GEO	26/64 (EEVZA)
	24	HUN	22/88 (MEVZA)	25	GRE	27/58 (BVA)
	25	GEO	26/86 (EEVZA)	26	ESP	28/56 (WEVZA)
	26	GRE	27/80 (BVA)	27	CYP	29/54 (MEVZA)
	27	CYP	36/32 (MEVZA)	28	MNE	33/34 (BVA)
	28	ENG	37/0 (NEVZA)	29	ENG	37/0 (NEVZA)
	29	AZE	Np./0 (EEVZA)	30	KOS	Np./0 (BVA)
				31	MDA	Np./0 (BVA)

2. 2nd Round Vacancies

The 2nd Round is organised with participation of maximum 20 National Federations, whose teams have not managed to progress to the Final Round via the 1st Round qualifiers run by the respective Zonal Associations. Please note that no qualifiers are organised by NEVZA and therefore no teams from this zone will advance directly to the Final Round.

The registered NEVZA teams – England and Finland – will start their journey in the competition in the qualifiers run by other Zones – more specifically their U17 men’s teams will both contest the BVA qualifier, whereas Finland’s women will join the MEVZA qualifier and England compete in the WEVZA event. Regardless of their performance in the 1st Round qualifiers, the relevant zones will keep their quotas in the 2nd Round as explained here below. Therefore, the performance of the teams representing England and Finland will not count towards the final standing of the zonal qualifiers that they will be contesting. However, to define which one of the two teams will be taking the NEVZA vacancy in the second round, their results in the 1st Round qualifiers will be compared and the one with the best will progress to the 2nd Round.

The winners of the zonal qualifiers organised by BVA, EEVZA, MEVZA, and WEVZA will all claim a spot in the Final Round of the competition.

In the 2nd Round, National Federations are allocated to pools comprising of four teams. The five 2nd Round pool winners and five runners-up will all progress to the Final Round. In the men’s U17 competition, the third-placed team with the best result across all pools will qualify to the Final Round as well. For the first time in history, the Final Round of an age-group European Championship will feature 16 teams in an effort to provide additional opportunities for young players to compete at the highest level on the European stage.

The number of vacancies per Zonal Association in the 2nd Round qualifiers reflects each Zone’s contribution (%) to the total number of registered teams and their cumulative ranking points. Therefore, the vacancies per Zonal Association are as follows:

	BVA	EEVZA	MEVZA	NEVZA	WEVZA	
U17M	4	4	5	1	5	19*
U17W	4	4	6	1	5	20

*Theoretically, as per the above criteria, BVA should have five vacancies in the men’s second round – but as their 1st Round zonal qualifier features five teams and the winner will qualify directly to the Final Round, only four teams remain – and these will all continue their journey in the competition in the 2nd Round. The vacancy not taken by BVA will eventually go to the team not yet qualified for the 2nd Round with the highest position in the U17 Men’s European Ranking across all zones. This will be defined after completion of all 1st Round qualifiers.

3. (1st and 2nd Round): Media Rights & Streaming Production

Should the Organiser wish to produce and live stream matches of the CEV Competition, please reach out to tv@cev.eu & digital@cev.eu to receive further information on media rights granting and broadcasting / streaming requirements.

4. 2nd Round: Commercial rights

In accordance with the rights already granted to the National federations ([Chapter 18 of the VBCR](#)), the table hereafter shows the split of Advertising rights for the Advertising spaces in the competition hall between the CEV and the organising National federation (NF).

Advertising rights	CEV U17 Volleyball European Championship – Men & Women	
	NF	CEV
N° of Static Banners	21 (incl. positions 23-26)	5
LED system visibility split (percentage of a 360° loop)	75%	25%
Floor stickers	No floor stickers permitted	
Net	Upper & lower net bands to remain blank	
Net post & Referee stand	no advertising	
Scorer table	100%	-
Player benches backside	100%	-

RESERVED PRODUCT CATEGORIES:

The CEV reserves the following product categories:

1. Airlines
2. Banking
3. Betting and Gambling services*
4. Body & Healthcare products
5. Courier services & logistics
6. Sports Equipment - Volleyballs and flooring
7. Sportswear

The CEV may release one or more of the above-mentioned categories, upon written request of the National federation.

In any case, the categories n°3 & n°6, will not be released. Advertisement of "betting & gambling" partners, whether direct or indirect, is not permitted in the frame of the competition.

*For the avoidance of doubt, although the gambling and betting services sector and/or category is reserved for the CEV, the Organiser may exploit based on prior agreement of CEV, the category for the National lottery, provided that their sports betting and/or gambling operations are in no way presented under the same brand as their National lottery operations. Thus, betting and gambling services are prohibited and the category will not be released by CEV.

5. 2nd Round - Branding

All graphics (Banner, Net, backdrop, poster, etc.) will be published and shall be downloaded from the CEV Cloud folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>.

CEV institutional brand can be found on the CEV website:

<https://inside.cev.eu/brand/> or download directly the CEV institutional kit from the CEV Cloud: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

CEV online Competition storage is an optimized file sharing and storage solution. All Organisers have direct access to all resources via a web service interface. The CEV Cloud supports Drag and Drop file managing.

No logins or passwords are needed.

Special links navigate you to the CEV online Competition storage with 2 main folders:

Download, which contains all necessary files / templates you need to use for producing of any possible material <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>. Download folder is structured by Competitions.

and

Upload, where all files to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before producing.

Upload folder is structured by Competitions and Organisers:

<https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>.

➔ After uploading any files, the graphics department (graphics@cev.eu) has to be announced by short e-mail. Note that, the cloud doesn't inform us automatically on uploading!

Production of the promotional banners

Organising National federations are required to produce the following banners according to the layouts provided hereafter and made available on the CEV Cloud folder:

- Position nr. 4: EuroVolley 2023-Women promotion
- Position nr. 9: #EuroVolleyU17
- Position nr. 12: Competition title banner
- Position nr. 15: Eurovolley.tv
- Position nr. 19: EuroVolley 2023-Men promotion

LED system information: In case any organising national federation wants to use LED system boarding, the LED system application form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud [here](#) (select the LED system application folder).

Fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud to your respective folder

<https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> by **20th March 2023**.

Court layout: see annex 1



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