

**EASTERN EUROPEAN
VOLLEYBALL
ZONAL ASSOCIATION

(EEVZA)**

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§ 1.
GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION

§ 1.1

The Eastern European Volleyball Zonal Association (further: EEVZA) has been founded through common efforts and shall represent the Association of the National Volleyball Federations (NF) of the countries of Eastern Europe, at the moment:

Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine

According to the decision of EEVZA General Assembly 18th May 2013 Armenia and Georgia has adopted as official EEVZA member.

Members of the EEVZA will be only National Federations, which are affiliated to the CEV and FIVB. The exclusive purpose of the EEVZA shall be promotion and development of the Volleyball and Beach Volleyball in the above geographical area. EEVZA shall do all its power to contribute to the development of volleyball and beach-volley in all ages and categories, men and women, on the level of member Federations as well as on the level of the Association.

§ 1.2

EEVZA, as a sports organization will have an indefinite term. Its operations are governed by the Rules and Regulations of the International Volleyball Federation and European Volleyball Confederation. The statutes and activity of EEVZA shall be in full compliance with the FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, General Regulations and decisions; the FIVB Constitution prevails in the event of disagreement.

§ 1.3

However, depending on more particular goals, EEVZA shall enjoy administrative and managing independence and competence.

§ 1.4

It is expressly noted that the goals of EEVZA and the efforts to fulfil them shall in no case have any political content on, one hand, nor shall in any way oppose the administrative policy and activities of CEV and FIVB.

§ 1.5

The seat of the EEVZA will be the country of the elected President of EEVZA. The official Language of the EEVZA shall be English.

§ 1.6

EEVZA may request FIVB to suspend or even terminate participation of any Member Federation in EEVZA activities, based on particularly justified resolution of the General Assembly in the following cases:

- a) Upon a justified request of its Member Federation

- b) After a serious breach of the Statutes or Regulations on the part of the Member Federation, its legal representatives or its volleyball teams.

§ 1.7

In case a National Federation ceases to be a member of the CEV and FIVB by resignation or exclusion, its membership into the EEVZA is automatically withdrawn. A suspension of a member by FIVB will automatically lead to suspension of the membership in the EEVZA.

§ 1.8

In order to become a member of the EEVZA, the National Federation should submit a written request to the General Assembly of the EEVZA that will then decide on the full and unreserved acceptance of the Federation's status. Final approval must be made by the FIVB in writing.

§ 1.9

If a member wishes to withdraw from EEVZA, it has to notify the Executive Committee at least 12 weeks before the General Assembly.

§ 2.

PURPOSE AND OBJECTS OF THE EEVZA

In all its work and activities, EEVZA shall pursue the following purpose and objects:

§ 2.1

Cooperation with FIVB and CEV, with particular endeavour to properly implement international rules and decisions of both volleyball authorities in every sports event.

§ 2.2

Establishment of the Eastern European Zonal Association Championships for National Teams (all youth ages and categories on the National level and level of the EEVZA), which will be included in the official CEV and FIVB Competition Calendar. Any collision of dates of FIVB or CEV events and competitions shall be avoided.

§ 2.3

Establishment of the EEVZA Championships for club teams.

§ 2.4

Strengthening friendship and cooperation between its member Federations and countries on all levels – between administrations, officials, coaches, referees, players, etc.

§ 2.5

Organization of training camps and matches for preparation of National Teams

§ 2.6

Organization of seminars for coaches and referees.

§ 2.7

Preparation of specific regulations and by-laws for operation of National Teams.

§ 2.8

Create a centre of attention and interest to the State of private authorities and agencies of its Member States with a purpose to promote further volleyball sport as well as to find resources for achievement of the goals.

§ 2.9

All zonal activities need to be previously officially approved by the CEV.

§ 3.

INSTITUTIONAL BODIES

Institutional bodies of the EEVZA are as follow:

- a. General Assembly
- b. Executive Committee
- c. Secretariat

§ 4.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

§ 4.1

General Assembly is the decision-making body of the EEVZA. Being the supreme body, its decisions are binding to all Member Federations and have immediate effect, prevailing over any other decision of the respective bodies of the Member Federations. Nevertheless, its decisions shall never be in conflict with the decisions of the CEV and/or FIVB.

§ 4.2

General Assembly consists of representatives of the National Federations, members of the Association. Legal representatives of the Member Federations shall be considered acting

President, Vice-President or his substitute who must be a member of the National Federation Board members.

§ 4.3

Every Member Federation shall have one vote, and unanimous voting will make all decision.

§ 4.4

All voting shall be public except when the General Assembly decides otherwise.

§ 4.5

General Assembly will be convened every two years as an ordinary meeting and extraordinary at any time it is deemed necessary, upon initiative of the Executive Committee or majority of the Member Federations.

§ 4.6

General Assembly shall discuss and subsequently make decisions related to the following issues:

- a. Modification and improvement of the Statutes
- b. Creation and/or dissolve any of the Commissions of the EEVZA for a specified period. Every Member Federation is entitled to nominate one candidate for each of the Commissions of the EEVZA
- c. Election of the members of the Executive Committee and other Commissions of the EEVZA in ordinary General Assembly. Every Member Federation is entitled to nominate one candidate for the Executive Committee
- d. Approval of the administrative and financial reports for the past two years and the budget for the two years follow.
- e. Decision on any other matter presented by any of the Member Federations
- f. All other matters related to the objectives mentioned above (administrative, institutional, organizational matters, sports events, etc.)

§ 4.7

Agenda of each General Assembly shall imperatively include:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the preceding General Assembly
- b. Report of the work and activities of the EEVZA in the previous period
- c. Financial report related to the balance sheet and budget
- d. Election of the Executive Committee members
- e. Sport events program and development of volleyball sports in the Eastern European Countries

§ 5.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

§ 5.1

Executive Committee consists of three (3) members – President and two (2) Vice-Presidents (one of them in the function of the treasurer, responsible for the financial matters). Its duty is to provide administrative support for the purposes of the Association. The Executive Committee is elected by General Assembly for four years. The elected President of the EEVZA proposes performance duties of the Secretariat of the Association, for the term of function.

§ 5.2

Executive Committee shall meet whenever necessary (min. once a year) , upon notification of the President and take care of any given matter not subject to the General Assembly.

§ 5.3

In case of emergency, Executive Committee may also decide on matters from the authority of the General Assembly, this initiative has to be approved by the next General Assembly.

§ 5.4

Executive Committee convenes the General Assembly and is in charge of its proceedings.

§ 6.
OTHER COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS

EEVZA has permanent Commissions and can create additional Commissions or Working Groups, in charge of pursuing particular aims of the EEVZA. Each Commission consists of a President and two (2) members elected by the General Assembly.

The Financial Commission prepares the budget, checks financial report of each Commission and submits its report to the Secretariat, which submits it for approval to the General Assembly Meeting.

The Sports Organizing Commission is in charge of the Eastern European Championships. It submits plan of events for approval to the General Assembly and is responsible for their realization. It also organizes other various activities, such as meetings, seminars, veteran activities, etc., in order to fulfil the objectives of the EEVZA.

The Refereeing Commission is engaged in training and upgrading referees of EEVZA, their appointment of EEVZA Championship and all other related matters.

The Beach Volleyball Commission has a duty to organize and promote EEVZA Beach Volleyball Championship.

The Marketing Commission is engaged in finding sponsors, TV programs for promotion and creation of income in favour of EEVZA. It is also in charge of creating the image of the EEVZA Championship Events.

§ 7.
SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat of the Association is the body providing official, administrative and other services to the EEVZA and is performed by the related administrative staff.

All documents coming from the Secretariat of the Association must be signed by the President or one Vice-President.

§ 8.
SPORTS EVENT

§ 8.1

Eastern European Zonal Association Championships will be entrusted to the organizing countries by the decision of the General Assembly.

§ 8.2

All events in the previous article will take place according to the rules and regulations of FIVB and CEV.

§ 8.3

Due care will be taken as to not hold any Eastern European Zonal Association Championships at the same time as any event of the FIVB or CEV.

§ 8.4

EEVZA Secretariat shall notify the CEV of the official calendar of EEVZA events in order to have it incorporated in the European events calendar.

§ 9.
FINANCIAL MATTERS

§ 9.1

EEVZA Board will submit biennial to the General Assembly audited profit and a loss statements and balance sheets for each fiscal year for approval.

§ 9.2

Financial resources of EEVZA and all kind of its income shall come from:

- a. Annual membership fee of the affiliated National Volleyball Federations, the sum will be fixed by the General Assembly
- b. Competition Events
- c. Inscription fees for participation of Member Federations' Teams in the Eastern Europe Championships, the sum will be fixed by the General Assembly.
- d. Income from sponsorships, sponsors and TV rights.
- e. Any additional donations or financial support from Member Federations, countries of FIVB and/or CEV.
- f. Any other income.

§ 9.3

The accounting period lasts two years and begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of the following year. EEVZA Secretariat is in charge of financial management of the EEVZA. The Financial Commission in preparation and auditing of the balance sheet for the last accounting period will assist him. Financial statement including Profit and loss statement, Balance Sheet , etc., has to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval.

§ 9.4

At the Meeting, after an introduction of the Executive Committee, General Assembly will determine the amount of the annual membership fee and the inscription fees for the Eastern European Zonal Association Championships.

§10.

FINAL PROVISIONS

§ 10.1

The EEVZA logo of the on printed material shows initials of the EEVZA.

§ 10.2

The same logo appears on the flag and the stamp. Any future sponsor or supporter of the activities and objectives of the Association will also be shown on any official document or instrument concerning EEVZA.

§ 10.3

The present Statutes in English language, constituted of ten (10) articles, present the valid Statutes of the EEVZA, presented by the Foundation Meeting in Riga (AZE, BLR, EST, LAT, LIT, POL, RUS and UKR) on 20th August 2005.

§10.4

All 8 founding Federations, members of EEVZA, have expressed their accord with the present Statutes in their Letter of Agreement, signed by the President and the Secretary General of the Federation (Annex 1).

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(Proxy Letter included)