# CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023 / 2024

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## 1. Introduction

The **CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup** was introduced in 2022 in order to provide additional playing opportunities for European athletes and a platform that National Federations can use to facilitate their athletes' continuous development.

For the next two editions scheduled for 2023 and 2024, the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup will account for the European Olympic Qualification process for the one (1) spot per gender at stake to join the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Beach Volleyball competition – in line with the <u>Beach Volleyball Qualification System for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games document</u> produced by the IOC and FIVB.

Each NF will need to register to the competition for each participating gender through the registration form annexed to this Official Communication. The registration will need to be submitted to and confirmed by the CEV by January 10, 2023, at the very latest.

Each edition will consist of a preliminary phase and a Final. The registration for both the 2023 and 2024 editions is compulsory for National Federations to be in contention for Olympic qualification.

## 2. Competition Parameters

### 2.1. <u>Competition format</u>

The competition is played in a country vs country format where each National Federation participates with two teams. Men's and Women's competitions run separately from each other.

Each country vs country double header will be played in a "best-of-three" format.

In case of a tie after two matches, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and deciding match will be played as a Golden Set. In such case, the Head of Delegation of the country decides which athletes will play the Golden Match (Optional: this match can be played in any combination of the four players from the same National Federation).

Following the registration deadline, the CEV will conduct a Drawing of Lots for the 2023 edition preliminary rounds. Participating NFs will be drawn into pools considering their country ranking as of January 10, 2023.

#### 2.2. Right of Participation

An athlete wishing to take part in a CEV competition must possess the nationality of the country he/she intends to represent and must fully comply with the requirements laid down by the FIVB Sports Regulations. In addition to that, each athlete needs to have the following documentation completed/updated on their VIS profile:

- Submit the Players' Commitment & Health Certificate form as per the CEV instructions
- Have completed both the FIVB "Play Clean" anti-doping course as well as the FIVB elearning course on the Prevention of Competition Manipulation that can be found <a href="here">here</a>

Only athletes not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB are allowed to participate in the competition.



For the participation in the 2024 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final – Olympic Qualification Tournament, all athletes need to fulfil the eligibility criteria set in the <u>Beach Volleyball Qualification System for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games document.</u>

#### 2.3. Composition, Dates & Venues of the 2023 edition

The Preliminary Phase of the 2023 edition will be played in a tournament format.

The exact dates and competition format will be communicated following the registration deadline and the Preliminary Pools Drawing of Lots and taking into consideration the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour calendar.

The organisers of the Preliminary Phase tournaments will be defined among those National Federations drawn into the same pool through a candidature application process.

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 or should no National Federation apply, the organiser will be drawn by the CEV.

The 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final will be played with the participation of 8 National Federations per gender. These will consist of 7 NFs qualifying through the Preliminary Phase plus the National Federation of the host country.

The organiser of the Final will be confirmed through a Candidature Application Process and announced at a later stage.

The National Federations finishing the 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final in first, second, and third place will directly qualify for the 2024 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final – Olympic Qualification Tournament.

#### 2.4. Composition, Dates & Venues of the 2024 edition

The Preliminary Phase of the 2024 edition will be played in a tournament format as well.

The exact dates and competition format will be communicated following the Preliminary Pools Drawing of Lots and taking into consideration the programme of the Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour calendar.

The organisers of the Preliminary Phase tournaments will be defined among those National Federations drawn into the same pool through a candidature application process.

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 or should no National Federation come forward to do so, the organiser will be drawn by the CEV.

The 2024 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final - Olympic Qualification tournament will be played with the participation of 8 National Federations per gender as following:

- 3 NFs qualifying through the 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final
- 4 NFs qualifying through the 2024 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Preliminary Phase
- The hosting NF

The organiser of the Final will be confirmed through a Candidature Application Process and announced at a later stage.

#### 2.5. Prize money

For the 2023 edition, Prize Money shall be allocated to all National Federations participating in the Final according to their classification in this tournament as per the following breakdown:

Rank	Prize money (per NF)
1	24,000 €
2	16,000 €
3	12,000 €
4	8,000 €
5	5,000 € (x2)
7	2,500 € (x2)

No Prize Money will be allocated to the National Federations participating in the 2024 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final – Olympic Qualification Tournament

#### 2.6. Rules of the Game

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

**Exception:** The presence of a coach inside the field of play is allowed provided that this coach is duly accredited as per the relevant provisions and timeline.

The obligation and rights of coaches entering the field of play, as well as their uniform layout are detailed in the CEV Coaching Regulations document.

#### 2.7. Athletes' Uniforms & Accessories

For the Preliminary Phase of both the 2023 and 2024 editions, National Federations are responsible for providing their athletes with uniforms as per the layouts defined by the CEV in a subsequent Official Communication which will be circulated after the Drawing of Lots for the 2023 Preliminary Phase.

The organiser of both Finals – in 2023 as well as in 2024 – will be providing uniforms (tops only) to all participating teams.

#### 2.8. <u>Transportation & Accommodation</u>

All participating National Federations are responsible for their International Travel to the respective tournament.

For the entire 2023 and 2024 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup, the organiser of each respective tournament in both the Preliminary Phase and the Final will provide full-board accommodation to six delegation members from the evening prior to the 1st competition day until one day after their elimination from the tournament (noon) in twin rooms. For each delegation member, the participating National Federation will pay to the organiser a contribution fee of 100€ per day per person.

## 3. Financial Regulations

#### 3.1. <u>Participation Fee</u>

To participate to each edition of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup, the respective National Federation shall pay a participation fee of 200,- EUR per year per gender to the CEV upon receipt of the relevant invoice.

#### 3.2. License Fee

For each athlete participating in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup, the respective National Federation shall pay upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice a license fee per player per year, as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competition Regulations.

## 4. Further Information

All necessary information about the competition will be circulated to National Federations by using the Official Communications and the event's Practical Info documents.

Additional information concerning the competition and the registered teams will be published on the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup section of the CEV website.

## 5. Contact Addresses

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## 2023-2024 CEV BEACH VOLLEY NATIONS CUP



## **REGISTRATION FORM**



The 2023 and 2024 editions of the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup account for the European Continental Qualification process for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Beach Volleyball tournament, as detailed in the 2023 and 2024 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Official Communication document.

The National Volleyball Federation of herewith registers for the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023 and 2024 editions for the following gender:

MEN

WOMEN

Name:

Direct phone:

In doing so the National Federation acknowledges and commits to the fulfilment of all provisions defined in the 2023 and 2024 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Official Communication document.

Please also indicate the contact details of the person(s) that will be coordinating the participation of your teams to the competition for your Federation:

Email:		
Name of the Presiden	t / General Secretary (printed)	
Signature of the President	dent / General Secretary	Seal of the National Federation

This form must reach the CEV Office (beach@cev.eu) duly completed <u>no later than 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023</u>. Late registrations will not be considered.



# CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023 / 2024

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### Introduction

As per the information communicated in the <u>CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023/2024 Official Communication No1</u>, for the next two editions scheduled for 2023 and 2024, the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup will account for the European Olympic Qualification process for the one (1) spot per gender at stake to join the Paris 2024 Olympic Games Beach Volleyball competition.

Following the registration deadline, the following National Federations have been registered to participate in the competition

MEN (35 National Federations in total): AUSTRIA - BELGIUM - BULGARIA - CROATIA - CYPRUS - CZECHIA - DENMARK - ENGLAND - ESTONIA - FINLAND - FRANCE - GERMANY - GIBRALTAR - GREECE - HUNGARY - ISRAEL - ITALY - LATVIA - LITHUANIA - LUXEMBOURG - MOLDOVA - NETHERLANDS - NORTHERN IRELAND - NORWAY - POLAND - PORTUGAL - ROMANIA - SCOTLAND - SLOVAKIA - SLOVENIA - SPAIN - SWEDEN - SWITZERLAND - TÜRKIYE - UKRAINE

WOMEN (31 National Federations in total): AUSTRIA - BELGIUM - BULGARIA - CROATIA - CYPRUS - CZECHIA - DENMARK - ENGLAND - ESTONIA - FINLAND - FRANCE - GERMANY - GREECE - HUNGARY - ISRAEL - ITALY - LATVIA - LITHUANIA - NETHERLANDS - NORTHERN IRELAND - NORWAY - POLAND - PORTUGAL - ROMANIA - SCOTLAND - SLOVAKIA - SLOVENIA - SPAIN - SWITZERLAND - TÜRKIYE - UKRAINE

## 2023 Preliminary Phase

## 1.1. Pools Composition

The preliminary Phase of 2023 will be played in 7 pools per gender.

Each Pool will consist of minimum 4 and maximum 5 National Federations, based on the result of the Drawing of Lots that is scheduled for Monday 13 February 2023 at the CEV Head Office.

The Drawing of Lots will follow the following principles:

- The top 7 National Federations registered to the competition as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be placed as Pool leaders in descending order (Pools A to G)
- The next 7 National Federations registered to the competition (ranked 8 to 14) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be placed in Pools A to G in reverse order (NF ranked 8<sup>th</sup> in pool G, NF ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in Pool F, etc.)
- The next 7 National Federations registered to the competition (ranked 15 to 21) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be drawn in Pools A to G (NF drawn 15<sup>th</sup> in pool A, NF drawn 16<sup>th</sup> in Pool B, etc.)
- The next 7 National Federations registered to the competition (ranked 22 to 28) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be drawn in Pools A to G in reverse order (NF drawn 22<sup>nd</sup> in pool G, NF drawn 23<sup>rd</sup> in Pool F, etc.)
- For the Men Competition: the last group of National Federations registered (ranked 29 to 35) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10 will be drawn in Pools A to G (NF drawn 29<sup>th</sup> in pool A, NF drawn 30<sup>th</sup> in Pool B, etc.).
- For the Women Competition: the last group of National Federations registered (ranked 29 to 31) as per the CEV Country Ranking of January 10<sup>th</sup> will be drawn in Pools A to G (both NF and pool drawn).

#### 1.2. <u>Competition Calendar</u>

The pools will be played in one of the following calendar weeks, based on the candidature applications that will be received for the event hosting, in line with the 2023 Beach Volley Nations Cup Preliminary Phase Candidature Application document.

Week 19: May 8 to 14Week 20: May 15 to 21Week 21: May 22 to 28

Week 23: June 5 to 11

#### 1.3. <u>Seeding within each pool</u>

The countries will be seeded in each Pool according to the sum of the CEV Entry Ranking points of their respective players on the day of the Preliminary Inquiry of each pool. In case of a tie, a drawing of lots will decide the seeding.

"Team 1" from each participating National Federation is defined the one with the highest sum of Entry Ranking points on the day amongst the 2 teams attending the Preliminary Inquiry.

#### 1.4. <u>Competition format</u>

The competition format follows a country vs country format and is detailed in Official Communication No1.

Pools of 5 NFs will be played with the following Double Elimination format:

- Match No1: NF seeded #5 vs NF seeded #4
- Match No2: NF seeded #3 vs NF seeded #2
- Match No3: NF seeded #1 vs Winner Match No1
- Match No 4: Loser Match No1 vs Loser Match No2
- Match No 5: Winner Match No2 vs Loser Match No3
- Match No 6: Winner Match No3 vs <del>Loser Winner Match No4</del>
- Match No 7 Final: Winner Match No 5 vs Winner Match No 6

Pools of 4NFs will be played with the following Double Elimination format:

- Match No1: NF seeded #1 vs NF seeded #4
- Match No2: NF seeded #3 vs NF seeded #2
- Match No3: Winner Match No1 vs Loser Match No2
- Match No 4: Loser Match No1 vs Winner Match No2
- Match No 5 Final: Winner Match No3 vs Winner Match No4

In case of any last moment withdrawal or injury leading to a Pool of 3 NFs this Pool will be played with the standard single round robin format.

The winner of each pool qualifies to the 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final together with the Organiser.

In case the Organiser of the Final is one of the 7 qualified National Federations or a spot to the Final becomes available due to a late withdrawal, this will be allocated to the next best ranked National Federation in the respective pool.

#### 1.5. Competition Schedule

In the "best-of-three" format the sequence of matches will be as following:

- Match No. 1: The teams with the smallest sum of entry ranking points from each NF
- Match No. 2: The teams with the highest sum of entry ranking points from each NF
- Match No. 3: "Golden SET" in case of a tie in matches won and lost, a Golden SET to 15 points without a cap will be played right after the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> match.

The Head of Delegation of each NF, as identified during the Preliminary Inquiry, confirms in writing to the CEV Supervisor which athletes will play the Golden SET (Optional: this can be a mix of the two teams).

#### 1.6. Right of Participation & Registration

There are no limitations for the participation in the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023.

The conditions for the right of participation are detailed in Official Communication No1.

#### 1.7. <u>Players' Registration</u>

Following the Drawing of Lots, the CEV will create the 7 pools in the VIS. The participating NFs need to register 2 teams per gender through the CEV/FIVB Online Registration System by the -30 days registration deadline.

#### 1.8. <u>Substitution of a Player</u>

Before the registration deadline, a National Federation may substitute any player from either teams through the VIS, without any consequences.

After the Registration deadline, a National Federation may substitute any player from either teams in case of injury/medical reason or "force majeure" through the CEV BV-03 form; respective proof or documentation must be presented to the CEV.

#### 1.9. <u>Prize Money</u>

No Prize Money is allocated to the 2023 Beach Volley Nations Cup Preliminary Phase.

National Federations qualifying to the Final will receive the Prize Money made available for the 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Final.

#### 1.10. Rules of the Game

As per the information announced in Official Communication No1.

### 1.11. <u>Athletes' Uniforms & Accessories</u>

As per the information announced in Official Communication No1, National Federations are responsible for providing their athletes with uniforms for the Preliminary Phase and may use their own sponsors as per the annexed layout.

Each participating National Federation has to provide two different and contrasting colours per team.

In case of non-conformity and not using the uniforms during the matches, official warm-up and awarding ceremony, sanctions will be applied according to the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations



#### 1.12. <u>Allocation of points</u>

World Ranking points will be allocated to the participants of the CEV Beach Volleyball Nations Cup Preliminary Rounds according to the FIVB Sport Operations Manual World Ranking allocation table (Continental Olympic Qualification Preliminary Phase).

## Financial Regulations

#### 1.13. <u>Transportation & Accommodation</u>

All participating National Federations are responsible for their International Travel to the respective tournament.

For the 2023 CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup Preliminary Phase, the organiser of each respective pool will provide full-board accommodation to six delegation members from the evening prior to the 1st competition day until one day after their elimination from the tournament (noon) in twin rooms.

For each delegation member, the participating National Federation will pay to the organiser a contribution fee of 100€ per day per person.

#### 1.14. <u>Participation & License Fees</u>

A participation and License fee will be applied to all National Federations as per the information announced in Official Communication No1.

## Further Information

All necessary information about the Preliminary Phase pools will be circulated to National Federations by using the event's Practical Info documents.

Additional information concerning the competition and the registered teams will be published on the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup section of the CEV website.

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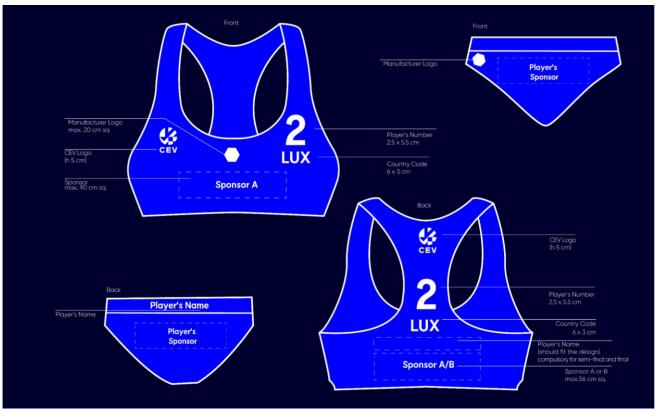
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# ANNEX: Players' Uniforms Layout







# CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023 / 2024

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## 2023 Preliminary Phase

#### 1.1. Allocation of pools, dates & locations

The final allocation of pools, based on the Drawing of Lots of Monday 13/02 and the organisers draw conducted on 13/03 is the following:

#### **MEN**

- Pool A Lillesand (NOR) 6-8 of June: Norway, Estonia, England, Slovakia and Bulgaria
- Pool B Netanya (ISR) 26-27 of May: Netherlands, Latvia, Israel, Scotland and Romania
- Pool C Heraklion (GRE) 25-27 of May: Italy, Ukraine, Denmark, Greece and Gibraltar
- Pool D Vantaa (FIN) 26-27 or 27-28 of May (final dates tbc): Poland, Sweden, Finland,
  Belgium and Cyprus
- Pool E Madrid (ESP) 15–16 of May: Austria, Spain, Lithuania, Slovenia and Croatia
- Pool F Gstaad (SUI) 12-13 or 13-14 of May (final dates tbc): Germany, Switzerland,
  Türkiye, Moldova and Luxembourg
- Pool G Budapest (HUN) 10-11 of June: France, Czechia, Portugal, Hungary and Northern Ireland

#### **WOMEN**

- Pool A Lillesand (NOR) 6-8 of June: Norway: Germany, Norway, Denmark and Türkiye
- Pool B- Bratislava (SVK) 27–28 of May: Switzerland, Ukraine, Lithuania, Slovakia and Romania
- Pool C Apeldoorn (NED) 17–18 of May: Netherlands, Slovenia, Estonia, Cyprus and Northern Ireland
- Pool D Budapest (HUN) 10-11 of June: Italy, Austria, England, Hungary and Croatia
- Pool E Heraklion (GRE) 25-27 of May: Spain, France, Portugal and Greece
- Pool F Avr (SCO) 20-21 of May: Czechia, Poland, Belgium and Scotland
- Pool G Netanya (ISR) 26-27 of May: Latvia, Finland, Israel and Bulgaria

#### 1.2. <u>Tournament Information</u>

The tournament specific information will be shared to the National Federations through the Practical Info, including the links to the CEV Cloud where accreditation requests and Travel Schedule forms need to be uploaded.

The Practical Info will also detail the procedure for wiring the daily contribution fee to the organising National Federations as per the information announced in the in the <u>CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup</u> 2023/2024 Official Communication No1 and 2a.

#### 1.3. <u>Competition Parameters</u>

All competition parameters including the tournaments seeding, competition format and schedule, Rules of the Game and allocation of world ranking points will be applied as per the information announced in the in the <u>CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2023/2024 Official Communication No1 and 2a.</u>

The ball to be used is the MIKASA BV550C.

#### 1.4. <u>Players registration</u>

All tournaments are available for registration in the FIVB VIS – Volleyball Information System <a href="https://www.fivb.org/vis/">https://www.fivb.org/vis/</a>

Participating National Federations are responsible to register 2 teams per gender through by the registration deadline which is -30 days before the start of the respective pool.

#### 1.5. <u>Substitution of Player's/Teams</u>

Player's/Teams can be substituted after the issuing of the Confirmed Lists and up to the Preliminary Inquiry through the respective CEV BV-03 form that needs to be presented to the CEV and the CEV Supervisor before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry.

## Further Information

Additional information concerning the competition will be published on the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup section of the CEV website.

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# ANNEX: Players' Uniforms Layout

National Federations are responsible for providing their athletes and official delegation members with uniforms.

The below layouts are indicative of the positions and sizes for printouts and sponsors, actual shape and materials to be used are detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines, together with all details over the Athletes' gear and accessories.





