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1. Introduction

By registering to the CEV European Golden League 2023, all the teams commit to following the CEV Competition Regulations, Guidelines, and Official Communications. The latest version of the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations' is available here:

https://webmedia.cev.eu/media/gliboebo/cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations_15-06-2022.pdf

All participants are required to be aware of the content of this document, in particular the specific provisions outlined in Chapters 20 and 25.

This and subsequent 'Official Communications' are available as a pdf file on the CEV website here:

<https://inside.cev.eu/en/documents/volleyball-documents/>

For this competition, those working on it have the support of the 'Competitions Hotline' during the competition evenings and weekends on: +352 621 25 34 44. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the CEV Volleyball Department (nationalteams@cev.eu).

2. Participants

Participants: 12 teams per gender according to the CEV European National Team Ranking (dated 12.09.2022 – Men and 16.10.2022 – Women respectively) and considering the below criteria:

- National Teams not participating in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League 2023
- Winners of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2022 are qualified:
 - Men: ROMANIA
 - Women: SWEDEN

3. Competition Format

League Phase

- Home and Away matches
- 3 Pools of 4 teams
- Each team will play 6 matches
- Pool composition according to serpentine system based on the CEV National Team Ranking (dated 12.09.2022 – Men and 16.10.2022 – Women respectively).
- Last ranked team of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023 will be relegated to the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2024.

Final Phase

- Final 4 tournament – 1 organiser + 3 pool winners. If organiser is among the pool winners, the best 2nd ranked team across all pools will qualify.
- The winner and runner-up will qualify to the 2023 FIVB Challenger Cup.
- The organisers of the Final Four are also required to compete in the League Phase.

4. Competition Calendar

The reserved periods in which the competition will take place are:

League Phase (Men & Women)

- 1st Leg 27/28 May 2023
- 2nd Leg 31 May 2023
- 3rd Leg 03/04 June 2023
- 4th Leg 10/11- June 2023
- 5th Leg 14 June 2023
- 6th Leg 17/18 June 2023

Final Phase

- Final Four Women 24/25 June 2023 – Country TBD
- Final Four Men 24/25 June 2023 – Country TBD

If there is no organiser of the Final Four, two options will be possible:

- Semi Finals and Finals will be played in Home & Away matches, or:
- Only Finals will be played in Home & Away matches

National teams will not be able to call up any of their players prior to the Finals of the CEV Champions League Volley 2023 scheduled for May 20/21, 2023, provided the fact that their players are involved with their respective club teams.

5. Registration for competition

The registration deadline for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 will be no later than

Wednesday, 30th November 2022 at 23:59 CET

The registration process will be done via the respective Registration Form 01 inside the CEV Database and in accordance with the CEV Regulatory Framework.

The printed and signed version of the 01 Form should be sent to the CEV office by registered letter.

Any team registering for participation in the Golden League but not making the cut among the 12 eventually participating in this competition as per the relevant European Ranking will automatically move to the European Silver League and contest that tournament instead.

The teams that finish last in the final standing of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023 will be relegated to the 2024 edition of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League.

6. Bidding for Final Four Organisation

The bidding process for the organisation of the Final Four Tournament for each gender is open to all participating National Federations. The relevant bidding documents can be found on the CEV Website.

Wednesday, 30th November 2022 at 23:59 CET

7. Officials to be Appointed for the League Round

CEV Supervisors

According to the general principles, the organising NF is responsible for appointing the CEV Supervisor. The NF's can appoint the local person from the confirmed list of CEV Supervisors for the European Cups 2023. The CEV Champions League Supervisors and CEV Cup Neutral Supervisors are preferred.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

1st Referee

The ERC will appoint a neutral 1st Referee for each match. The nomination will be made available on the CEV database and CEV website as well.

The CEV will book the travel ticket to the nominated persons and bear costs such as travel costs, per diem and visa cost (if necessary and where applicable).

The organisers will bear the costs for local transportation, accommodation and other costs.

2nd Referee

The ERC will appoint a local 2nd Referee for each match. The nomination will be visible on the CEV database and CEV website as well.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

Reserve Referee

The organising NF's is responsible for appointing the local Reserve Referee for each match. The proposed names should be added to the respective 08 Form and approved by the ERC.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

8. Financial Conditions

- Participation fee for single gender is 25,000 EUR, double gender: 45,000€ (same deduction of 5,000€ in case one team from the same National Federation plays in the "European Golden League" and one team in the "European Silver League")
- Fee for Final 4 organiser: 100,000€
- Prize money paid by CEV (in case of participation of 12 teams per gender)
 - League Round matches: 2,000€ per victory and 1,000€ per defeat
 - Final Four tournament:
 - 125,000€ for winner
 - 80,000€ for runner-up
 - 60,000€ for 3rd place
 - 40,000€ for 4th place
 - In case no Final Four will be organised and the Semi Finals & Finals are played in Home & Away matches:

- 125,000€ for winner
 - 80,000€ for runner-up
 - 2 x 25,000€ for 3rd place
- In case no Final Four will be organised and a Finals are played in Home & Away matches no prize money for 3rd place allocated:
 - 125,000€ for winner
 - 80,000€ for runner-up

9. Spectators attendance and the Final Prize Money paid by CEV

In order to increase the general spectators attendance, the Final Prize Money amount will be paid according to the below presented criteria, considering the average number of spectators for all matches organised by the respective National Federation per gender:

- i. ≥ 2501 spectators = 150% of total Prize Money
- ii. 2001 to 2500 spectators = 125% of total Prize Money
- iii. 1501 to 2000 spectators = 100% of total Prize Money
- iv. 1001 to 1500 spectators = 75% of total Prize Money
- v. ≤ 1000 spectators = 50% of total Prize Money

10. Technical Requirements & Match Technology

- Minimum competition hall for League phase category 3
- Challenge system optional for League Phase and mandatory for Final Four
- Referees head set mandatory for all phases
- Tablets are mandatory for all phases
- Use of LED system is optional during the League Round matches, but recommended and mandatory for the Final Four
- With the sole exception of the above conditions, the event will be organised and conducted according to the requirements and conditions of the CEV Regulatory Framework
- Host Organisers are obliged to run 2 CEV certified in-game data collection software, E-scoresheet & DataVolley.
- Host Organisers shall ensure a state-of-the art internet connectivity in the venue in order to relay the data in real time with no delay.
- Host Organisers should also appoint experienced officials/scorer that are gathering the official data for the event in order to ensure accurate and reliable data delivered in a timely manner.

11. Official Balls

All matches during the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023 will be played with the

MIKASA Ball V200W

Each registered team will receive 20 MIKASA balls and the Final Four organisers will receive additionally 60 balls each.

12. Calendar Conference

Please note that the Calendar Conference with the participating National Federations will be held at the CEV Headquarters in Luxembourg on

Tuesday, 13th December 2022 at 10:00 CET.

The participants that are prevented from travelling may join the meeting over video conference call. The link for the call will be shared in advance.

13. Marketing & Commercial Rights

League Phase

- a. 80% of visibility on and off-court advertising are granted to the Organisers of a tournament, except for the net band advertising where 100% of the visibility belongs to CEV.
- b. Use of LED system is optional during the League Round matches, but recommended.
- c. All commercial rights' split are taken into consideration in the official layouts made available on the CEV cloud server
- d. Protected product categories by CEV: "Betting & Gambling" and "Sports equipment – Volleyballs".
- e. All other categories are considered non-exclusive.

Final 4

See Candidature application guideline.

14. Media Rights & Production Obligation

The appointed National Federations shall respect the following requirements which apply to the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023 – League Round & Final Four.

League Round

Media Rights

The CEV is granting to the organising National Federations the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to their home matches only in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

We kindly inform the National Federations that there is no media rights reciprocity allowed in the European Golden League 2023. All media rights in relation to the National Federations away matches are exclusively retained by the CEV Sport Media Agency. To acquire such rights, you can contact the CEV Sport Media Agency (details below):

- Mrs. Ottavia Perra, Associate Director Media Sales / Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com
- Mrs. Deborah Termanini Media Operations / deborah.termanini@infrontsports.com

TV Production obligation

All matches of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023 – League Round shall be produced.

The appointed National Federations shall produce their home matches as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (standard C). It is here agreed that the production of the matches can be delegated to a third party partner appointed by the National Federation (host broadcaster, TV production company).

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 5 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery*: via satellite only (Eutelsat 7B or 10A carrier)
- Graphics: official CEV TV graphics package (to be provided by the CEV)
- Contact details: NF to provide to the CEV contact details of their host broadcaster or local production company 2 weeks prior to the start of the League Phase.

**For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the responsibility of the appointed National Federation to provide to the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency free-of-charge a TV signal with DVB-S2 standard via an established European satellite such as Eutelsat 7B or Eutelsat 10A. A Eutelsat certified SNG HD fully redundant (1+1) capable of transmission DVB-S2 2 MPEG4/H.264 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 with BISS 1 Encryption.*

The complete satellite parameters are provided in English to the CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency no later than 7 days before the start of the relevant match.

Final Round

Media Rights

The CEV is granting to the National Federation appointed as Organiser of the Final Four the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to all the matches produced in its territory in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

There is no media rights reciprocity allowed between organising National Federations of the European Golden League 2023. All media rights in relation to the National Federations away matches are exclusively retained by the CEV Sport Media Agency. To acquire such rights, you can contact:

- Mrs. Ottavia Perra, Associate Director Media Sales / Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com
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Production obligation

The appointed organising National Federations for the Final Four shall produce all matches as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (standard B). It is here also agreed that the production of the matches can be delegated to a third party partner appointed by the National Federation (host broadcaster, TV production company).

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 6 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery*: via satellite only (Eutelsat 7B or 10a carrier)
- Graphics: official CEV TV graphics package (to be provided by the CEV)
- Contact details: NF to provide to the CEV contact details of their host broadcaster or local production company 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

**For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the responsibility of the appointed National Federation to provide to the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency free-of-charge a TV signal with DVB-S2 standard via an established European satellite such as Eutelsat 7B or Eutelsat 10A. A Eutelsat certified SNG HD fully redundant (1+1) capable of transmission DVB-S2 2 MPEG4/H.264 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 with BISS 1 Encryption.*

The complete satellite parameters are provided in English to the CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency no later than seven (7) days before the start of the Final Four.

15. Match Technology & Data

The appointed National Federations shall fulfil the below requirements to ensure a professional data collection process during the event:

- Compulsory use of the CEV data and statistics collection applications for each match of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023 including but not limited to E-scoresheet and DataVolley software to ensure a professional collection and distribution of data and statistics.
- For the avoidance of any doubt, the CEV will provide to the National Federations the necessary credentials (incl. username and password) to access the data and statistics collection applications prior to the event.

To ensure a professional usage of the above mentioned applications, it is the responsibility of each National Federation to provide the below services, equipment and resources free of charge to CEV for all matches of the CEV Competition:

- Download latest software version – <https://download.dataproject.com/cev>
- Necessary hardware to run adequately E-scoresheet application (such application is only available on Windows operating system).
- Necessary hardware to run DataVolley applications for statistics delivery.
- State-of-the art & high speed internet connection as well as dedicated power supply.
- Testing of the application and connectivity one (1) week prior to the competition in collaboration with CEV and its appointed official data provider.
- Experienced human resources to operate E-scoresheet and Statistics software
 - One (1) E-scoresheet operator
 - One (1) Statistics Software operator



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1. Pool composition

The CEV Volleyball European Golden League Men 2023 pools read as follows:

Pool Composition – Men

No.	Ranking	Country
1	9	TUR
2	10	UKR
3	12	FIN
4	13	CZE
5	14	BEL
6	15	POR
7	16	ROU
8	17	CRO
9	22	SVK
10	24	EST
11	25	MKD
12	26	DEN

Pool A

TUR

POR

ROU

DEN

Pool B

UKR

BEL

CRO

MKD

Pool C

FIN

CZE

SVK

EST



As for the women's competition, the pool composition reads as follows:

Pool Composition – Women

No.	Ranking	Country
1	7	BEL
2	10	CZE
3	11	FRA
4	13	UKR
5	15	SVK
6	16	BIH
7	17	SWE
8	21	ROU
9	22	HUN

Pool A

BEL

BIH

SWE

Pool B

CZE

SVK


ROU

Pool C

FRA

UKR

HUN



2. Competition Format

League Phase

Remaining as it has been announced in the Official Communication No.1

Final Phase

Men's competition

The Final Four Tournament will be played in Zadar (CRO).

Women's competition

Due to the lack of an organiser for the Final Four Tournament, the Final Phase will feature semi-finals and finals played as home and away matches.

3. Competition Calendar & Match calendar

League Phase (Men & Women)

- 1st Leg 27/28 May 2023
- 2nd Leg 31 May 2023
- 3rd Leg 03/04 June 2023
- 4th Leg 10/11- June 2023
- 5th Leg 14 June 2023
- 6th Leg 17/18 June 2023

Final Phase – Men

- Final Four Tournament 24/25 June 2023 – Zadar (CRO)

You can find the match programme inside the CEV database as well as on the CEV website under the following link:

<https://www.cev.eu/national-team/european-league/2023/european-golden-league/men/>

Final Phase – Women

- Semi Final Home Matches 24/25 June 2023 (weekend)
- Semi Final Away Matches 28 June (Wednesday)
- Final Home Match 06 July 2023 (Thursday)
- Final Away Match 09 July (Sunday)

You can find the match programme inside the CEV database as well as on the CEV website under the following link:

<https://www.cev.eu/national-team/european-league/2023/european-golden-league/women/>

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
PLAYER LICENSES (minimum 14 players)	April 17 th 2023	All participating National Federations are required to register all potential players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
PLAYER LICENSES (remaining players)	May 15 th 2023	All participating National Federations are required to register all potential players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the CEV Database under: Federation Area – Form List for each National Federations. The maximum player's number is 26 per gender.
PLAYERS 'LONG LIST' CEV 05 Form	10 to 14 days before the respective match	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the CEV 05 Form ('TEAM REGISTRATION').	The CEV 05 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database under: Federation Area – Form List. It is limited to a maximum of 26 players, out of which 14 will eventually participate in the respective match. After it is approved, the CEV 05bis will be automatically created.
COMPETITION HANDBOOK	On the arrival of the Teams and CEV Officials at the Competition Site	Organisers are obliged to issue a Competition Handbook. The Competition Handbook can only be released after it has been approved by the appointed CEV Supervisor.	
CEV 05bis Form	Before each team's Preliminary Inquiry	Before attending their PI, each team must complete and close the CEV 05bis form inside the CEV database. (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION)	

For all of the information about the meetings required onsite, see the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the Volleyball Guidelines for National Team Competitions.

Meeting	When	Main items to be covered
GENERAL ORGANISATION MEETING	On the arrival day of the CEV Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Information about the Competition Site(s) • Time schedule for pre-competition days • General Items • Financial Matters

Meeting	When	Main items to be covered
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be linked with the 'INITIAL COMPETITION HALL INSPECTION'
TEAM PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES	On the arrival day of the teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final team/player participation • Accreditation Cards (<i>if applicable</i>) • Team Uniforms • Advertising on Team Uniforms Certificate • Health Certificates (M-3 Forms) • Anti-Doping Diplomas (FIVB Play Clean) • FIVB Manipulation Course (certificates) • Team Medical Doctor/Team Physiotherapist accreditations <p><i>Note: the Team Manager must have its National Federation's login credentials for the CEV database in order to "sign" the relevant forms.</i></p>

6. CEV European League Men & Women – Prize Money updated

As for the men's competition, with 12 registered teams and a Final Four tournament confirmed, the Prize Money will be paid as follow:

- 125,000€ for the winners
- 80,000€ for the runner-up
- 60,000€ for 3rd place
- 40,000€ for 4th place

As for the women's competition, with only nine teams registered and the semis and finals played as home and away matches, following the information shared during the Calendar Conference held in Luxembourg, the Prize Money will be paid as follow:

- 100,000€ for the winners
- 70,000€ for the runner-up
- 2 x 20,000€ for 3rd place

7. Marketing & Commercial Rights

Marketing and commercial rights were shared through the Official communication n°1.

The use of the LED system boarding is optional for league phase matches.

Court layout commercial rights: see the layout and check carefully all court layout conditions:

- NET Advertising: 100 % CEV – net bands remain empty
- Net Post Advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty
- Referee chair advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty
- Scorer table: NF
- Player benches advertising (backside): NF

- Floor-stickers: 4 positions for NF (2 positions have been ceded by CEV to NF: F1 and F6)
- Floor stickers F7 and F8: optional but have to always be displayed together (5m x 1m)
- Static advertising around the court: see commercial court layout
- In case of LED System use: visibility split is 20% CEV, 80 % NF
 - The LED playlist has to be downloaded from CEV cloud, completed and uploaded into the NF folder for CEV approval, please send an email to marketing@cev.eu to inform about the upload and to seek approval)

CEV protected product categories:

- Betting & gambling*
- Sports equipment: Volleyballs

*For the avoidance of doubt, although the “Betting & gambling services” sector and/or category is reserved by the CEV, the Organiser may exploit, based on prior agreement of the CEV, the category for the “National lottery”, provided that their sports betting operations are in no way presented under the same brand as their National lottery operations. Thus, gambling and betting services are prohibited and the category will not be released by the CEV. The CEV partner is the ultimate betting rights holder on a global basis in relation to the CEV Competitions.

Exception: Participating teams may position one sponsor logo of the “betting & gambling” category on the official player jersey. Approval will be given through the certificate for advertising on uniforms.

8. Branding and Graphics

CEV online Competition storage is an optimised 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 take you directly to the CEV online Competition storage with two main folders:

Download, which contains all necessary files / templates you need to use for production of any possible material **related to the competition** <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>

and

Upload, where all files have to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before producing. After uploading any files, the graphics department (graphics@cev.eu) has to be notified by a short e-mail. Note that the cloud doesn't inform us automatically on uploading! The upload folder is structured by organisers <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>

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

Branding guidelines published on the CEV cloud must be followed by all organisers.

CEV institutional brand can be downloaded from the CEV Cloud: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

LED system information:

Using of LED system boarding:

- League Phase matches – optional
- Final Four – mandatory
- Semi-Final and Final matches – mandatory

The LED system application form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20>

A fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud into your respective folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> by 30th April 2023. When uploaded, please send an email to graphics@cev.eu to inform us and request approval.

CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2023 – League Phases static panels structure:



- NET Advertising: 100 % CEV - net bands remain empty
- Net Post Advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty
- Referee chair advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty
- Scorer table: NF
- Benches advertising: NF

- Floorstickers F1 and F6: ceded to NF
- Floorstickers F3 and F4: optional but have to always be displayed together (5m x 1m)

Note:
 Banner's dimension: 3 m x 1 m. Floor sticker's dimension: 3.4 m x 1 m
 (*) Position 15: correct hashing has to be used -#EuroLeagueM for men and #EuroLeagueW for women.

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