

MEVZA (MIDDLE EUROPEAN VOLLEYBALL ZONAL ASSOCIATION) BEACH VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS 2018

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1. Aims and Purposes

To promote the development of beach volleyball in the Middle European (MEVZA) region.

To promote the cooperation between National Volleyball Federations in the region and the Zonal Association.

To organize professional beach volleyball tournaments in Middle Europe. To create an interesting product for sponsors with great visibility and marketing opportunities.

To help elevate organizers and promoters from national tour to European and World Tour level events.

To prepare teams for participation in European and World Tour Competitions.

2. Definitions

2.1. MEVZA Beach Volleyball Tournaments are Zonal events organized by one National Federation (NF) member, sanctioned by the MEVZA. CEV Continental Tour – Zonal Events also need to be approved by the CEV and/or FIVB.

2.2. MEVZA's General Assembly is the governing body.

2.3. Member National Federations (NF) are: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Slovenia and Israel.

3. Organization

3.1. Member National Federations are entitled to present to MEVZA applications to organize one or more Zonal Association Tournaments on a yearly basis. MEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events can be organized as single or double gender events being held outdoor or indoor depending on the season.

MEVZA National Federations are also entitled to apply to organize a MEVZA Beach Underage event (U16, U18 and U20) to be held on a yearly basis.

3.2. CEV Continental Tour – Zonal Events must be approved through the CEV BEACH VOLLEYBALL EVENT APPROVAL FORM (BV-A2)

3.3. A designated team or person entitled by the Executive Committee

(ExCom) will approve the events that fulfill the conditions established in this document, and send to CEV the necessary BV-A2 form and the relevant FIVB form “Zonal Tour/Events Homologation”.

3.4. As per FIVB/CEV regulations, 5 Zonal Association events (1 per National Federation) can be homologated and count for FIVB/CEV ranking points. Any additional events will be MEVZA Tournaments where no FIVB/CEV Ranking points can be awarded.

3.5. The application deadline for MEVZA events is February 28th of the same year. In the event less than five (5) applications are received, the application deadline for entry will automatically be extended.

In this case, the first five (5) proposals that fulfill the required conditions will be supported by the MEVZA as homologated Zonal events.

3.6. NF submission of applications must reach MEVZA 45 days prior to the start of the competition in order to ensure fulfillment of FIVB/CEV terms for the homologation of Continental Tour – Zonal Events.

3.7. In case of failure of the committed organization conditions, the responsible NF could be sanctioned by the MEVZA.

4. MEVZA events as part of CEV Continental Tour

4.1. The CEV gives the rights to MEVZA events to be a part of the CEV Continental Tour - Zonal Events and allocate points for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking if specific conditions are fulfilled.

These conditions are:

- Maximum of five (5) events count as homologated events for the FIVB World Ranking points in a calendar year.
- Maximum 1 event per gender organized by each National Federation;
- Minimum participation of teams from three (3) different MEVZA National Federations in the event.

4.2. These following Technical requirements (appendix: “2018 CEV Beach Volleyball Continental Tour – Zonal Event, Organising terms & conditions”) are mandatory for any event to be homologated by the FIVB/CEV as a Continental Tour - Zonal Event:

- Minimum twelve (12) teams allocated in the Main Draw;
- Usage of CEV/FIVB online registration system;
- Usage of the VIS competition software;
- Usage of the CEV logo on all print materials;

- Usage of FIVB homologated Beach Volleyball equipment;
- Enforced FIVB Rules of the Game;
- CEV license fee per player;
- Sending of a post event report to the CEV including the results directly after the event.
- Participating players must be registered in the CEV/FIVB database.

5. Competition system and rules of the game

5.1. The competition system is decided by the local organizer and can be either pool play with single elimination play off or of a double elimination format. Other competition formats, including qualification formats, could be approved by the MEVZA ExCom. Local organizers preferred competition system and number of teams is to be announced 30 days prior to start of the competition. If tournament is part of the homologated "Continental tour" the competition system is decided at the time of official application (-35 days).

5.2. The FIVB official Beach Volleyball rules are to be applied at all MEVZA events.

6. Participation of teams and players

6.1. Teams must consist of two players of the same nationality and gender.

6.2. Players must possess the nationality of the country he/she intends to play for and must comply with the requirements laid down by the Sports Regulations of the CEV/FIVB.

6.3. For participation in any homologated MEVZA event players must have a CEV license, have a valid CEV players commitment and Health Certificate, have completed the FIVB anti-doping program Play Clean and must be registered in FIVB player's database (VIS) by his/her National Federation.

6.4. There is no maximum number of team entries per country.

6.5. Right of participation of teams shall become effective as soon as the teams' names appear on the Registration List established by MEVZA and Organizing Federation for each event. The Registration List will be sent to the all National Federations with participating teams. It is the National Federations' responsibility to inform their players accordingly.

7. Registration of teams

7.1. Registration for MEVZA Tour event counting as Continental Tour – Zonal event have to be done using CEV/FIVB (BVIS) online registration system. For other MEVZA Tour events participating NFs must provide a list of teams wanting to participate prior to the registration deadline.

7.2. Organizing National Federation must send final list of participants (Registration List) 14 days before the start of the tournament to MEVZA and to National Federations concerned. The list must indicate the FIVB Individual Technical Ranking points and the position of players in it 15 days before the start of the event.

7.3. Entry deadline for each event will be stated in the organizing federation and MEVZA websites as well as in the tournament Bulletin and has to be available at least 15 days prior to the competition. Each National Federation and athlete will be responsible for checking the entry through the organizing federation and MEVZA website with the tentative “Entry List” for each event.

7.4. Deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the first day of the Tournament.

8. Allocation of teams

8.1. Teams will be entered into the tournament according to their FIVB Individual entry ranking 15 days before the start of the event given that national quotas have been taken into account.

8.2. Each member National Federation will be guaranteed an equal amount of Main Draw spots (for example, if each member 1 guaranteed spot, 7 member federations means 7 spots total)

8.3. Host Country has the right to (an) additional guaranteed spot(s). (for example, if other National Federations have 1 guaranteed spot, the Host can have 2 guaranteed spots)

8.4. Every format will have possibility of 2 Wild Cards. One of them is reserved for CEV to give to a team outside of the MEVZA zone.

8.5. Remaining spots can be allocated by CEV/FIVB entry ranking points and earned through the qualification.

8.6. For the last entry spot a country is awarded in any tournament the respective NF can determine what team to be entered, no matter what is the

entry point of this given team. This right must be communicated and exercised before the registration deadline.

8.7. If there are teams with zero (0) FIVB entry points from a country, teams will be entered according to the ranking submitted by their NF. If more than one country have teams with zero (0) points that can be entered into the competition, a drawing of lots will decide the order between these countries and teams will then be entered one by one from the ranking submitted from the different NFs taking turns according to the given country order.

8.8. If a team is not present for the preliminary inquiry/technical meeting (for qualification and/or main draw), nor have had their absence approved by the Technical Supervisor, the open spot will be granted to one of the two highest ranked team from the waiting list who have signed in at the technical meeting. The decision will be made by drawing of lots. If there are two (2) open spots, rank 1 will draw with rank two for the first spot, and then the loser will draw with rank three for the next spot.

9. Substitution and withdrawal of teams and players

9.1. No player or team can be substituted after the entry deadline has expired, except in case of injury or “force majeure” communicated by his/her National Federation before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event. The newly formed team must have enough entry points on their own to maintain their position in the tournament or they will be moved to the reserve list according to their ranking and the first team on the reserve list will be entered into the tournament.

9.2. Withdrawals of teams once the entry deadline has expired must be communicated to MEVZA and the organizing Federation before the start of the Technical meeting of the respective event.

9.3. Any team withdrawal after the registration deadline or a no show that is not due to a Force Majeure will lead to a fine of the amount of the entry fee for its withdrawal from the competition.

10. Seeding

Teams will be seeded according to their FIVB Individual Entry Ranking on the date of the preliminary inquiry/technical meeting.

11. Technical supervisors, officials, referees and personnel for continental tour – zonal events

11.1. The organizing Federation will fulfill the following obligations:

- propose the nomination of the Technical Supervisor for the event, this should be a person of sufficient experience in beach volleyball competitions. The Technical Supervisor will also assume the role of the Referee Manager and will be in direct contact with MEVZA concerning organizing matters of the competition.
- submit assigned referees through BV-LR form to CEV with copy to MEVZA. For each 2 competition courts, there should be 3 referees assigned.
- assign a VIS manager for the competition software
- nominate all the personnel needed to run a successful event.

11.2. The Technical Supervisor has to monitor the fulfillment of FIVB, CEV and MEVZA regulations and send the post event report including the results to the CEV and MEVZA directly after the event. All the requirements must be fulfilled in order that FIVB World Ranking points are allocated to participating players. He/she must also have sufficient experience and be fluent in English.

11.3. The organizing Federation will also fulfill the following obligations:

- To appoint a person for the VIS competition software to integrate the competition system, results of the games and ranking to the FIVB and CEV web-site and database.
- To appoint all local referees, other staff and cover all their expenses.
- To send for approval Practical info to MEVZA, including the competition format, names of Local Technical Supervisor/Referee Manager, local referees. After MEVZA's approval, send it to all National Federations at least 21 days before the Tournament.
- To fulfill all marketing regulations of MEVZA Beach Tour.
- To send results to CEV and publish on the MEVZA website at the end of each competition day and final results after the last competition day.
- To post high resolution pictures from each competition day on the MEVZA website as well as a daily summary.
- To make a competition Facebook event where appropriate information such as participating teams, schedule and results can be found by players, referees and others.

- To send to CEV the Post Event report with remarks on the competition conditions, sample or any promotional productions prepared for the event and photos of the venue showing the CEV marketing kit.

12. Competition commitments

- 12.1. Organizer must provide the competition venue and training court(s). The training court(s) must be available at least 1 day prior to start of competition.
- 12.2. Organizer is responsible for hosting the preliminary inquiry (and technical meeting if there is one). Appointed Technical Supervisor leads the meetings.
- 12.3. Preliminary Inquiry/Technical Meeting is to be held on the evening prior to the first competition day or in the morning of the first day of competition.
- 12.4. Matches should generally start between 08.00 h and 20.00 h. When proper lighting is available, matches can also start earlier or later.
- 12.5. Organizer must give approved match schedule to all participating teams no later than 60 minutes after the end of the technical meeting.
- 12.6. All MEVZA events will be played with the FIVB homologated ball, currently the MIKASA VLS 300 ball. Organizers provide balls for competition.
- 12.7. Minimum of 3000 and maximum 4000 Euro prize money per gender.

13. Participating Federation duties

- Upon request, create and submit a list of ranking of its own teams with zero (0) FIVB Entry points.
- Inform MEVZA and local organizers about all substitutions, injuries and withdrawals.
- Register players as International Beach volleyball players and control that players have all the necessary documents (CEV BV-01) and forms to participate in FIVB/CEV homologated events.

14. Responsibility of participating teams

14.1. All participating teams must pay an entry fee to the local organizer. The tournament fee can be a maximum of 80 euro per team per competition. The organizer will announce the exact amount and deadline through the general information.

14.2. Participating teams pay for their own national and international travel expenses.

14.3. In case the local organizer provides uniforms, the teams are obligated to use them.

If uniform tops are not provided, each participating team must bring their own sport uniforms with clearly visible numbers. It is strongly recommended that each team should have two sets of uniforms with different colors.

14.4. Top three (3) teams per category have mandatory attendance at the award ceremony at the end of the finals.

15. Marketing and press regulations.

For homologated MEVZA tournaments, the following is mandatory for the Organizing Federation:

- 3 CEV panels on each court
- 2 MEVZA banners on each court
- 1 CEV flag
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- Participating countries flags.
- Competition banner outside venue
- CEV and MEVZA logo and marks in all printing and advertisement materials as well as press releases.

16. Cases not foreseen

CEV rules and regulations are of subsidiary application for any issue not covered in these regulations and CEV official forms are to be used for communication if no applicable MEVZA form exists.