

# **MIDDLE EUROPEAN LEAGUE 2020/21**

## **OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION #1**

### **PRELIMINARY REMARK**

The organization of the “Middle European League” (in succession: MEL) is entrusted to the Middle European Volleyball Zonal Association (in succession: MEVZA), Sebastianplatz 3, 1030 Vienna, Austria, phone: +420 725 964 880, e-mail: [iro@cvf.cz](mailto:iro@cvf.cz). All National Federations (in succession: NF) and its teams willing to participate in the MEL 2020/21 are obliged to follow the rules laid down in the “Middle European Cup Regulations”, edition to be published April 15, 2019 and the Official Communications of the MEL 2020/21.

### **1. TYPES OF COMPETITIONS**

Middle European League Women  
Middle European League Men

### **2. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF TEAMS**

The MEL is open for a maximum of 12 MEN teams and 12 WOMEN teams.  
The teams which are allowed to represent their NF in the MEL are:

- National Champion and/or the runner-up of the and/or the National Cup winner or other teams participating in a CEV Clubs competition (European Cup)
- Teams with an exceptional approval of CEV and MEVZA
- Teams with an exceptional participation from non-MEVZA countries (BIH)
- Only teams with no debts to MEVZA are allowed to participate in the MEL 2019/20

The regular participants of MEL are obliged to play in the European Cup Competitions in case they are qualified for.

Each NF willing to participate in the MEL is allowed to register two regular (2) teams in each competition. The MEVZA Executive Committee might accept a third and/or fourth team of a NF upon request.

### **3. INSCRIPTION OF TEAMS**

Procedure of the inscription:

- Each MEVZA Federation announces their participants to [iro@cvf.cz](mailto:iro@cvf.cz) providing MEVZA with the duly filled and signed form 2020/2021 MEVZA Club competition application
- Application form must be accompanied by the form 2020/2021 MEVZA Club competition Club identification duly filled and signed by the respective club

## 4. COMPETITION VENUES

The competition hall must fulfil the minimum requirements for CEV category 6:

- Height min. 7 m
- Minimum Competition Area 33 x 21 m
- Minimum Lightning Level 800 lux
- Minimum number of seats 700
- The playing court colours
- Court limitation with advertising boards
- Free Internet connection has to be provided to the opponent and for media, fixed or WiFi LAN with restricted access, minimum 1Mbit/s (up- and download) per requested connection guaranteed.

In case some minimum requirements are not fulfilled, exceptional approval might be issued to the clubs by the MEVZA Executive Committee, valid for one season.

This approval must be presented before the match by the request of the 1st referee.

## 5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

All payments have to be done free of any bank charges/fees to the given bank account and until the given deadline on the respective invoice sent by MEVZA, exceptionally the payment of the refereeing allowance.

- 5.3. General registration ("Step-in" fee) for MEL Men and Women € 2.500,00  
including the license for the Data Volley 2007 Media Version and/or the Data Volley 2007 professional MEC plug-in  
including referee travel allowances  
including the cost of reporting and marketing services and MEVZA administrative cost
- 5.4. Refereeing allowance € 100,00 per match per referee  
To be paid in cash to each referee before the first match of the respective tournament by the organising team
- 5.5. Refereeing travel costs  
The refereeing travel costs will be fixed for each referee by the Referees Director who will inform MEVZA about it. The travel costs will be paid to the referees' bank accounts within 2 working days following the respective match by MEL organization.
- 5.6. Match date change (to be paid by the causer)
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| Less than 30 days before the original match date | € 50,00  |
| Less than 15 days                                | € 250,00 |
| Less than 5 days                                 | € 500,00 |
- As foreseen in the regulations, article 3.4, all changes of match dates need the approval of the competition director. Free of charge are only necessary changes announced immediately (within 48 hours to MEVZA) after publication caused by changes of the match calendar in CEV or FIVB competitions or the release of players for national team activities for a period as foreseen in the FIVB Sport Regulations.

## 6. COMPETITION CALENDAR

The MEL competition calendar for the will be published after the confirmation of the participation in the European Cups.

## 7. OFFICIAL BALL

All matches during the 2020/21 MEL will be played with the MIKASA V200-W.

## 8. COMPETITION CALENDAR

Competition calendar depends of the number of participating teams:

League Round			
Leg	12 teams	10 teams	8 teams
	22 dates	18 dates	14 dates
<b>Leg 1</b>	11.-14.09.2020	25.-28.09.2020	09.-12.10.2020
<b>Leg 2</b>	18.-21.09.2020	02.05.10.2020	16.-19.10.2020
<b>Leg 3</b>	25.-28.09.2020	09.-12.10.2020	23.-26.10.2020
<b>Leg 4</b>	02.05.10.2020	16.-19.10.2020	30.10.-02.11.2020
<b>Leg 5</b>	09.-12.10.2020	23.-26.10.2020	06.-09.11.2020
<b>Leg 6</b>	16.-19.10.2020	30.10.-02.11.2020	13.-16.11.2020
<b>Leg 7</b>	23.-26.10.2020	06.-09.11.2020	20.-23.11.2020
<b>Leg 8</b>	30.10.-02.11.2020	13.-16.11.2020	27.-30.11.2020
<b>Leg 9</b>	06.-09.11.2020	20.-23.11.2020	04.-07.12.2020
<b>Leg 10</b>	13.-16.11.2020	27.-30.11.2020	17.-21.12.2020
<b>Leg 11</b>	20.-23.11.2020	04.-07.12.2020	08.-11.01.2021
<b>Leg 12</b>	27.-30.11.2020	17.-21.12.2020	15.-18.01.2021
<b>Leg 13</b>	04.-07.12.2020	08.-11.01.2021	22.-25.01.2021
<b>Leg 14</b>	17.-21.12.2020	15.-18.01.2021	29.01.-01.02.2021
<b>Leg 15</b>	08.-11.01.2021	22.-25.01.2021	---
<b>Leg 16</b>	15.-18.01.2021	29.01.-01.02.2021	---
<b>Leg 17</b>	22.-25.01.2021	05.-08.02.2021	---
<b>Leg 18</b>	29.01.-01.02.2021	12.-15.02.2021	---
<b>Leg 19</b>	05.-08.02.2021	---	---
<b>Leg 20</b>	12.-15.02.2021	---	---
<b>Leg 21</b>	19.-22.02.2021	---	---
<b>Leg 22</b>	26.-28.02.2021	---	---

Final Four			
	12 teams	10 teams	8 teams
<b>Final Four</b>	13.-14.03.2021	27.-28.02.2021	13.-14.02.2021

Home and Away			
	12 teams	10 teams	8 teams
<b>SF - Home</b>	05.03.2021	19.02.2021	05.02.2021
<b>SF - Away</b>	07.03.2021	21.02.2021	07.02.2021
<b>F - Home</b>	12.03.2021	26.02.2021	12.02.2021
<b>F - Away</b>	14.03.2021	28.02.2021	14.02.2021

## 9. VIDEO STREAMING

All matches will be streamed through the technology of company Genius Sports.