

MIDDLE EUROPEAN LEAGUE 2020/21

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION #2

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. 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 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 **€ 1.500,00**
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 is attached to this Official Communication.

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

Final Four			
	12 teams	10 teams	8 teams
Final Four	13.-14.03.2021	27.-28.02.2021	13.-14.02.2021

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

9. VIDEO STREAMING

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

10. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

The MEL instruction for the player's registration are attached to this Official Communication.

11. PRESS INSTRUCTIONS

This article will be announced shortly due the DataProject Competition Manager.

12. E-SCORESHEET, TABLETS E-SCORESHEET, DATA VOLLEY STATISTIC

Use of the E-Scoresheet, Tablets E-Scoresheet and Data Volley Statistic is compulsory. Application user guidelines are attached to this Official Communication.

13. REFEREE INSTRUCTIONS

According the Art. 6.1.1 of the MEVZA League Regulations: "Matches have to be conducted by solely neutral referees. They are nominated by MEVZA Refereeing commission (Refereeing director)."

According the Art 7.2 of the MEVZA League Regulations: "The organising club needs to provide lodging and full board for the nominated referees, if they need to stay on the venue for more than 1 day." This request had to be sent in time – at least 10 days before the match.

14. HYGIENE GUIDLINES

As a prevention of the coronavirus pandemic situation all the teams must strictly respect the Hygiene Regulations set up by the respective governmental institutions of the respective organizing countries. Any possible amendments will be published accordingly.