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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

Until 2024 all three (3) age categories, the U18, U20 and U22 European Championships followed the same competition format and were regarded as events designed to support the development of young and talented athletes.

In 2025, First-round Qualifiers were introduced for the U18 and U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships with such events organized and run by the respective Zonal Association.

Starting from the 2026 season, the U22 European Championships are restructured so that they can better fulfil their mission and role as a bridge between youth development initiatives and the professional senior level of the sport.

2. General Information

2.1. Date of the Final

The CEV U22 Beach Volleyball European Championships 2026 will take place between 10 to 13 of September 2026 at Parque Deportivo Puerta de Hierro, Madrid in Spain.

Should a Qualification Tournament need to be organised, this will be held in the same competition venue on the 09 of September 2026.

3. Updates for the 2026 edition

3.1. Composition of the Main Draw

The total number of participating teams in the Main Draw stands at 24 per gender.

Each National Federation, apart from the organising National Federation, receives one Main Draw spot if up to 23 NFs register for the event.

The organising National Federation of the Championships receives two (2) spots in the Main Draw plus one (1) additional spot for the Qualification tournament, if any such event is held (in total 3 spots).

The composition of the 24 teams in the Main Draw reads as follows:

- Two (2) spots for the organising National Federation
- Sixteen (16) spots through the respective [U22 CEV Country Ranking](#)
- Six (6) spots through the Qualification Tournament (if any) organised the day before the start of the Main Draw.

In case less than 23 National Federations register for participation in the competition, the remaining spots will be allocated as follows:

1. First available spot to the organising National Federation
2. Any additional spots through the [respective U22 CEV Country Ranking](#) to second teams of already registered National Federations.
3. Should there be any last-minute withdrawals / additional spots the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines in force will be applied.

3.2. Competition Format of the Main Draw

The Main Draw Tournament of each gender is played through a Preliminary Round of 8 pools consisting of 3 teams each (Single Round Robin) and a Final Phase with 16 teams playing in a Single Elimination format.

From the Preliminary Round, the 1st and 2nd ranked teams from each pool will be advancing to the 16-team Single Elimination Phase. The 3rd ranked teams of each pool will be playing one additional round of classification matches.

3.3. Composition of the Qualification Tournament

In case more than 23 National Federations register for the event, a Qualification Tournament consisting of the Federations not qualified directly to the Main Draw according to the [current CEV U22 Country Ranking](#) will take place the day before the start of the Main Draw at the same competition venue.

The Qualification Tournament will be solely organised for first teams of National Federations not qualified directly to the Main Draw and the third team of the organising National Federation.

Second teams of NFs already receiving a spot in the Main Draw will not be eligible to participate in the Qualification Tournament.

3.4. Competition Format of the Qualification Tournament

The Qualification Tournament competition format designed to qualify six teams to the Main Draw will be detailed in a subsequent Official Communication and is subject to the total number of participating teams.

3.5. Right of Participation of Athletes & Registration

Only players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB are allowed to participate.

Players wishing to participate shall be aged under 22 years on 31 of December of the year during which the respective Championships are held (for this season they must be born on 1st of January 2005 or after).

3.6. Right of Participation of NFs/Teams

The right of participation shall become effective as soon as the NF/teams' names appear on the Confirmed List established by CEV and circulated through the Official Communications document. It is the National Federations' responsibility to inform their athletes accordingly.

3.7. Registration of Teams and Players

The registration procedure for CEV Age Group Championships is divided into two phases, Spot Registration and Players' Registration.

- Spot registration - Deadline: 09 of July 2026 (-2 months) as per the procedure detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines
- Players Registration - Deadline: 10 of August 2025 (-30 days) as per the procedure detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines

In case of two or more registered teams National Federations need to specify the team order (1, 2, etc.) by email to beach@cev.eu by the Players Registration deadline (10 of August)).

3.8. Allocation of Teams to the Confirmed List

All National Federations entered in the Championships are distributed in the Confirmed List between the Main Draw, Qualification Tournament and Reserve list according to their [CEV U22 Country Ranking](#) after the spot registration deadline and taking into consideration the number of registered National Federations.

The CEV U22 Country Ranking is established as per the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and is published on the respective event page. The procedure to follow for breaking any eventual tie is detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations & Guidelines.

The CEV U22 Country Ranking is also considered for the distribution of second teams for the NFs that have registered additional spots/teams.

3.9. Seeding of Teams

Seeding of the teams within the Main Draw, Qualification Tournament and Reserve List will be based on the sum of the athletes' CEV Entry Ranking points on the day of the Technical Meeting and as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

To support the event promotion, the team of the Hosting National Federation with the highest CEV Entry ranking points will be seeded in Seed 1 in both genders.

3.10. Allocation of points

A National Federation shall be allocated the Country Ranking points according to its best team's classification in the Championships.

A player shall be allocated the respective FIVB ranking points according to their position in the final standing of the competition. The ranking points (per player) for the Championships are listed in the table below.

Rank	U22 Country Ranking Points	CEV / FIVB Ranking Points
1	40	128
2	39	115
3	38	105
4	37	90
5	36	80
9	32	60
17	24	35
25	16	20
Next rank	8	12
Next rank	4	6

3.11. Allocation of Prize Money

Prize money shall be allocated to all participating teams of the Main Draw according to their classification in the competition as per the following breakdown:

Rank	Prize Money per team
1	1,000 €
2	600 €
3	400 €
4	300 €

5	225 €
9	150 €
17	100 €
21	50 €

3.12. Make and type of balls

The ball to be used is the MIKASA BV550C.

3.13. Rules of the Game

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

Exceptions – Coaching: The presence of a coach inside the field of play is allowed in all CEV Age Group Beach Volleyball European Championships. A detailed document describing the obligations and rights of coaches entering the Field of Play will be made available in due time on the CEV website.

4. Financial Regulations

4.1. Entry Fee

For the participation of each team in the Championships, the respective National Federation shall pay an entry fee of 100, – EUR per team to the CEV upon the receipt of the relevant invoice at the end of the 2026 season.

Teams made up of athletes who already participated in a CEV competition of the current season but did not enter a CEV competition of the current season together, count as a new team.

4.2. Contribution Fee

A contribution fee is a fee paid by each Main Draw or Qualification Tournament team delegation to the Organiser to support expenses associated with their accommodation and local transportation.

A daily contribution fee of 130, – EUR per delegation member per night shall be paid for each Main Draw team by the respective National Federation to the Organiser from the official day of arrival until the day after of their elimination from the competition.

Delegations are considered two (2) players and optionally up to one (1) team manager/coach per team.

The same daily contribution fee shall be paid for two (2) days for any teams participating in the Qualification Tournament if such occurs (Qualification 2 x 130 = 260, – EUR).

For teams qualifying to the Main Draw via the Qualification Tournament, the respective National Federation shall pay an additional contribution of 130, – EUR per delegation member per night until the day after their elimination from the competition. This shall be paid on site on the first day of the Main Draw or wired by the respective National Federation and proof of payment has to be provided to the CEV Supervisor.

The respective National Federation shall pay the contribution fee 7 days before the start of the event to the bank account of the Organiser, as per the information communicated together with the Practical Info document. If the Organiser will not receive the fees in time, the CEV Supervisor has the right to exclude the concerned teams from the event.

4.3. License Fee

For each athlete participating in any CEV Beach Volleyball competitions in 2026, the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receiving the relevant CEV invoice, a once-off license fee amounting to 50,- EUR per player.

5. Uniforms and accessories

The Organiser will not provide uniforms to the participating teams.

As a result, the participating National Federations shall provide their athletes with minimum 2 sets of uniforms in different colours according to the layout specified in Annex 1 and may exploit them commercially, excluding alcohol (spirits), tobacco & pornography products.

National Federations/athletes are also responsible to bring their own shorts/bikini bottoms as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations. Athletes may use gear and accessories as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

For the coaches entering the Field of Play, the uniform requirements will be defined in the CEV Coaching Regulations document, which will be made available on the CEV website in due time.

For any questions regarding uniforms layout, please email beach@cev.eu.

Please note that in case of non-conformity, the relevant provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations will be applied.

6. Further information

Necessary information about the Championships will be circulated to the National Federations using the Official Communications and the event's Practical Info document.

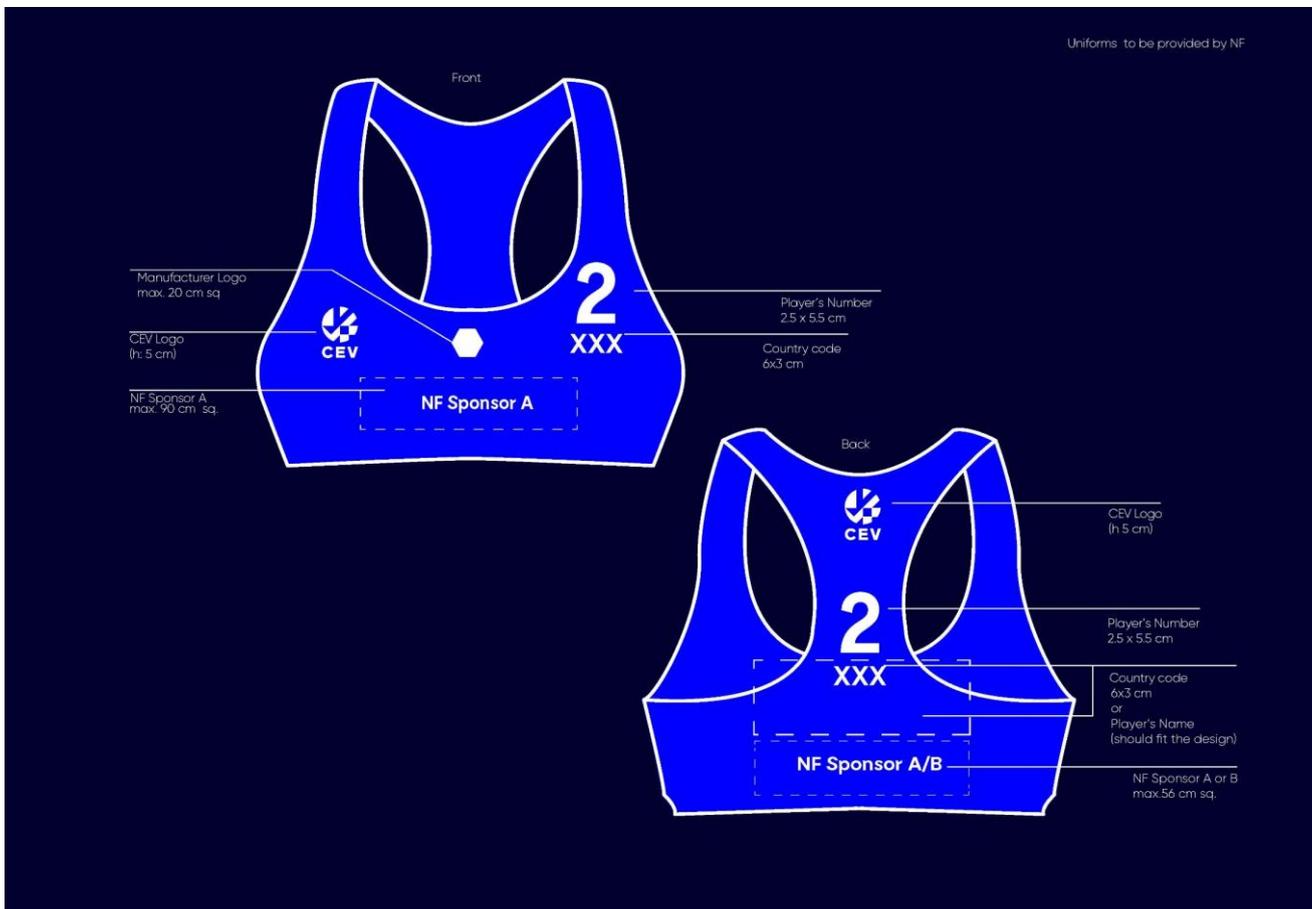
More details can be found in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations, and in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines, available on the [CEV website](#).

Additional information concerning the competition and the registered teams will be published under the respective competition page of the CEV website. Please check regularly for news, updates, and team lists.

7. Contact Addresses

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ANNEX 1 – Athlete Uniform Layout





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