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The CEV Queen & King of the Court European Finals is a newly introduced initiative run together by the CEV and Sportworx, in line with the recommendations of the CEV Beach Volleyball Think Tank to embrace new and contemporary formats in the CEV Beach Volleyball events portfolio and provide additional competition opportunities to European athletes and National Federations.

The game has substantial differences with the regular 2 vs 2 Beach Volleyball, as multiple teams are active simultaneously playing under time rules in an elimination race.

COVID - 19 Statement

The overall situation regarding Covid-19 in the Netherlands has improved significantly with the local authorities and lawmakers having lifted many of the preventative measures adopted to curb the spread of the virus, thus currently no control of vaccination or recovery status is planned for the CEV Queen & King of the Court European Finals.

For the currently valid entry regulations to the Netherlands, please refer to the latest info available on the website of the Government of the Netherlands: https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/checklist-entry

Hygiene protocols

Following a recommendation of the CEV Medical Commission, in countries where there are no restrictions in place to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus, the organisers and all relevant stakeholders do not have to follow the provisions of the latest CEV Hygiene Guidelines – Beach Volleyball Specifications.

Nevertheless, to ensure a safe event for all persons involved, the following recommendations and guidelines to every accredited participant of the event are in place:

- Hygiene measures should be always observed. These include frequent and thorough hand-washing and coughing and sneezing into the crook of the arm or into a paper handkerchief.
- When a minimum distance of 1.50m cannot be maintained in closed areas, the use of a medical mouth mask is recommended. The same principle is also recommended for local and international transportation.
- Persons with a confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection will not be allowed access to the venue, will be required to go into isolation and will take over all medical & accommodation expenses while in the Netherlands.

<u>Invitation letter (if applicable)</u>

In order to receive an invitation letter for entering the Netherlands, please send a request to the following email address: sophie@sportworx.nl

Event Title	CEV Queen & King of the Court European Finals
VENUE	Jaarbeursplein, Utrecht
DATE	September 6 th to 11 st , 2022



PROMOTER/LOCAL ORGANISER	Sportworx Herculesplein 15 - 3584 AA Utrecht Website: www.sportworx.nl			
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE & DOCUMENTS	Registration deadline is set for Monday, August 8th through the CEV/FIVB VIS online registration platform. All athletes need to have duly uploaded / completed in the VIS the following documents: - Completed and signed BV - Player's Commitment & BVB/10 Health Certificate - Recent certificate confirming completion of the FIVB anti - doping Education & Certification program 'Play Clean' - Certificate of completing the FIVB E-learning Course on the Prevention of Competition Manipulation In addition, all Federations are requested to confirm the upload of their participating athletes' recent photos to the VIS as per the guidelines shared by the CEV Beach Volleyball department. Late entries from the Hosting NF will be allowed if needed to ensure a full roster of the Qualification Tournament which is essential in this competition format			



ELIGIBILITY	Detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the CEV Queen & King of the Court 2022 Official Communications document
NUMBER OF TEAMS	20 participating teams in the Main Draw for both men and women as follows:
	- 15 teams, including min. 3 host country teams, through the CEV Entry Ranking and considering county quota conditions
	 15 teams in the Qualification Tournament, including 1 host country team, through the CEV Entry Ranking and considering county quota conditions
	 Up to 3 Main Draw and 3 Qualification Tournament Wild Cards. National Federations may present their request for Wild Cards to the CEV Office at the latest by the registration deadline day using the <u>CEV BV-02 Wild Card</u> application form.
	In case less than three Wild Cards are awarded, the remaining spot(s) will be allocated to the next eligible team through the CEV Entry Ranking.
COUNTRY QUOTA	Host NF: Max. 4 teams per gender in the Main Draw All other NF's: Max. 3 teams per gender in the Main Draw
	Country quota limitations may by voided in case teams registered for the event or present in the Preliminary Inquiry are not complete.
ADMISSION & SEEDING	Admission and seeding according to CEV Entry Ranking as of <u>Monday, August 8th 2022.</u> Entry lists are annexed to this document.
	The pools for qualification will be announced after the respective preliminary inquiry. Pools for the first stage of main draw will be fixed on Monday 29 th of August and any changes in entry lists after that will not affect the pools as per following rules:
	 In case there is a player change, if the team remains in the Main Draw, the position in the pool will be maintained.
	 In case the team moves down to the Qualification / Reserve List, the next team on the Qualification Tournament (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw in the vacant position in the pool.
	 In case a team withdraws, the next team on the Qualification Tournament (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw Qualification in the vacant position in the pool.
	The top seeded team of the hosting National Federation will be seeded as Number 1 in both genders. Teams from the same National Federation cannot be placed in the same pools for the Group stage and will be moved to the next eligible spot.
	Teams qualifying from the Qualification tournament will take the last 5 spots of the Main Draw according to their CEV Entry Ranking as of Monday, August 8 th and will be seeded with the same principle of avoiding same NFs teams
	The above is not applicable for any Host Country teams coming from the Qualification Tournament since there are already 4 teams in the Main



	Draw, that will be seeded according to their CEV Entry Ranking as of Monday, August 8 th .
	In case of a withdrawal of a Main Draw team or a replacement where the team doesn't have enough points to remain in the Main Draw, a Lucky loser process will be applied between the 2 teams ranked 2 nd after the Qualification Tournament Play off phase
WITHDRAWAL- ATHLETE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE	Before the registration deadline a NationalFederation may substitute an athlete from a team or withdraw a team from the competition through the VIS, without any consequences.
	After the Pools seeding, a National Federation may substitute only one athlete per team from the competition in case of injury/medical reason or "force majeure" through the CEV BV-03 form; respective proof or documentation must be presented to the CEV.
	In case of such substitution, the new team's CEV Entry Ranking points as of Monday, 8 th of August are taken into consideration for the new team's entry. The new team is then placed into the Main Draw, Qualification or Reserve List according to the principle detailed in the Admission & Seeding section of this document
PRELIMINARY INQUIRY	Qualification Tournament: Monday 5 th September 19:00-21:00 @ the venue (Jaarbeursplein)
	Main Draw: Tuesday 6 th September Women 18:00-19:00 / Men 19:00-20:00 @ the venue (Jaarbeursplein)
	Players and Delegation members are required to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and present their passports, uniforms / accessories. Only people accredited through the respective CEV forms will be acknowledged as delegation members (see Accreditation section of the document).
	In case an athlete/team cannot attend the Preliminary Inquiry for reasons of Force Majeure, a late arrival request must be addressed to the CEV Supervisor Tomislav Smuc (smuc@cev.eu) with copy to beach@cev.eu . Without a late arrival authorisation the team/athlete will be removed from the competition.



COMPETITION FORMAT

Queen & King of the Court is a beach volleyball variant where the court is divided into a winner's side and a challenger side. Points can only be scored on the winner's side under the following rules:

Teams

- Each team consists of two players.
- Each match will be played by multiple teams with a minimum of three (3) teams.
- Starting from the Quarter Finals, all points scored in all rounds by teams in the previous phase (excluding lucky loser rounds) are used to create the points ranking. This ranking is then used for pool composition.
- Before the start of the game, there will be a draw to decide which team has
 the benefit of starting on the winner's side (a.k.a Queen's/King's side). This
 draw will take place right before the start of the match. Every team picks a
 playing card. The team that picks the 'Queen' or 'King' will start on the
 Queen's/King's side and the service order is established by the order of the
 playing cards (from highest to lowest) picked by each team.
- For play-off rounds, there will be no draw. Players will be starting the game according to their position in points ranking.
- When a player gets injured during the match, they can be treated next to the court, but the game will continue.

Game

- The game will be played on a regular beach volleyball court. On each side
 of the court, there is a set of gold and black boundary lines. The gold lines
 refer to the King's side of the court and the black lines refer to the
 challenger's side of the court.
- The Queen's/King's side is the only side of the court where a team can score points.
- The challenger's side is the side where teams can challenge the 'Queens' or 'Kings'. When teams win the point on this side, they earn a spot on the Queen's/King's side where they replace the team that was on that side during the previous rally and the team that was replaced goes back to serve, while respecting the service order.
- Each rally starts with a serve from a team on the challenger's side.
- The team that is serving can decide which player of the team is serving.
 There is no specific order and limitation on how many times one player can serve.
- If the team on the Queen's/King's side wins the rally, they earn one (1) point and they will remain on the Queen's/King's side.
- If the team on the challenger's side wins the rally, they earn the spot on the Queen's/King's side.



- If the team on the Queen's/King's side loses the rally, they will leave the Queens'/King's side and go back to the challenger's side. At the challenger's side they wait their turn to play.
- If the team on the challenger's side loses the rally, they will leave the court and stay at the challenger's side. At the challenger's side they wait their turn to serve again.
- There will be a maximum of eight (8) seconds in between the end of a rally and the beginning of a new rally.
- When a rally starts, the game will be played according to the regular beach volleyball rules.
- Teams cannot take a time-out during a round.

Points

- If a team on the challenger's side makes a serving mistake, there will be no points awarded to the team on the Queens's/King's side. Exception is every three (3) service mistakes in a row are one (1) point. When three (3) service errors are reached or a new team enters the Queens's/King's side, the service mistakes will go to zero (0) and the count starts again.
- In the last (1) minute of a round, every service mistake is one (1) point awarded to the team on the Queens's/King's side.
- After each round that is played, the team with the least number of points scored in that round will be eliminated.
- When there are two teams with the same lowest number of points at the end of the round, the team with the longest stay on the Queens's/King's side will advance to the next round. If the longest stay is equal as well, the team that had the longest stay first will advance to the next round.
- The following round in one (1) match will start according to the result of the previous round. The team with the most points will start the next round on the Queen's/King's side, the team with the second highest number of points will be the first challenging team, the team with the third highest number of points will be the second team to serve from the challenger's side, and so on.

Golden Ball reward

- When in a phase the top 3 of each group advances to the next round the teams can earn a golden ball in their match. They can use this golden ball in the next phase only. For example: During the group stage, teams can earn a 'golden ball' to use in the semi-final.
- This 'golden ball' will be earned by the winner of round number three (3). This means when there are three (3) teams remaining, they are battling for a prize to use further in the tournament.
- The 'golden ball' can be used as a wash. This means when a team is on the Queen's/King's side and loses the rally, they can use the 'golden ball' to re-play the rally. This also means the rally will be played against the



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	same team on the challenger's side. The 'golden ball' can only be used once.
	The 'golden ball' can only be earned in the Group Stage or the Quarter Finals Time per game
	 One match with 5 teams has 3 rounds
	Each round will be played in fifteen (15) minutes.
	 After 10 minutes in each round there will be a time-out of 1 minute. The time out starts, and the clock pauses when the rally that started after 10 minutes has ended.
	The final round will be played until fifteen (15) points or in fifteen (15) minutes.
	 There will be a buzzer (sound) at the end of each round. When the buzzer goes it means the round is over but the rally currently in play still counts. Qualification format
	 For Phase One, 15 teams are divided into 3 pools following the same pattern and rules as for the main draw pools.
	 Winners of the first phase pools advance to the main draw.
	 Teams who finished on 5th places play a playoff of 15 minutes for 1 spot in the second phase.
	 The 2 pools in the Phase Two are composed as per points ranking from
	first phase.
OOM ADETITION I	 Winners of each pool are advancing to main draw.
COMPETITION CALLENDAR	For Women and Men: Phase One and Phase two (qualification): Tuesday, September 6 th and Wednesday, September 7th Group Stage matches: Wednesday, September 7 th and Thursday, September 8 th Quarterfinals Friday, September 9 th Semifinals: Saturday, September 10 th Finals: Sunday, September 11 th
TRAINING	Training courts will be available on site from Sunday the 4 th of September. We will provide courts for 5 teams at a time, so you'll be able to practice the King of the Court concept.
	Please coordinate among yourselves and note that the training sessions should mainly take place in King of the Court mode and that at least three teams per session are needed. Reservations can be made through this link;
	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UyYSvPliJL6lKzAhl1HqN5Ya1iKvuMA EuMPK_s5jNT8/edit?usp=sharing
	For the transport from the venue to the training location we have a cooperation with GO Sharing. All players who downloaded the app beforehand will have an account and can make use of the bikes.
	Address to the side courts; Eendrachtlaan 80, 3526 LB Utrecht



PHYSIOTHERAPIST A		e from Monday the 5th th of September.	
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C.	session (Friday, Saturday and S	Sunday) participating to these stages athletes can	
	buy single tickets with 50% discount (to a maximum of 2 tickets per player). To make use of these tickets, please send an email to <u>tickets@sportworx.nl</u> with the		
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PRIZE MONEY	Rank	Prize money (per team)	
(PER TEAM)	1	€17.500, -	
	2	€17.500, - €12.500, -	
	3	€12.300, - €10.000, -	
	4	€8.000, -	
	5	€6.000, -	
	6	€4.750, -	
	7	€4.730, -	
	8	€4.250, -	
	9	€4.230, - €3.750, - (x2)	
	11	€3.730, - (X2) €2.900, -	
	12	€2.750, -	
	13	€2.250, - (x3)	
	16	€2.230, - (x3) €1.650, -	
	17	€1.600, -	
	18	€1.300, -	
	19	€1.250, -	
	20	€1.230, - €1.200, -	
	Longest stay	€1.200, -	
	Qualification (phase	62.000, -	
	one & phase two)	€360, - per team	
UNIFORMS	<u>Uniforms</u> : The organiser will be providing uniforms to all participating teams and CEV officials.		
	Athletes are responsible to bri	ing their own shorts/bikini bottoms as per the olleyball Competitions Regulations &	
	Athletes may use gear and ac Volleyball Guidelines.	ccessories as defined in the CEV Beach	



OFFICIAL BALL	MIKASA VLS-300
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT	Players and Delegation members are requested to apply early enough for their visas, whenever needed, LOC can be contacted for an invitation letter if needed as indicated on Page 1 of this document. Players and Delegation members are responsible for their own
	international and domestic airfare and for any further expenses such as visa or airport taxes.
LOCAL TRANSPORT	Players and Delegation members are responsible for their own international and local transportation. Local transportation to the city of Utrecht can be easily arranged at Schiphol Airport. Take the intercity (the blue/yellow train) to Utrecht Central Station which takes less than 30 minutes.
	Other airports which can be used are Rotterdam/The Hague Airport (75 minutes to Utrecht) and Eindhoven Airport (105 minutes to Utrecht).
	Please take into consideration longer waiting times and queues at the airports, because of issues currently experienced at many international hubs, including Schiphol Airport.
BOARD AND LODGING	Considering that Prize Money will be awarded to all participating teams including those in Qualification Tournament and to allow more flexibility for all involved, no accommodation is provided to the participating teams. Athletes are free to arrange their own accommodation as they see fit while the organizers provide a number of options (see below) to choose from in terms of standards and cost
	The more expensive hotels are located in the center of Utrecht, walking distance to the venue:
	- NH Utrecht: https://www.nhhotels.nl/hotel/nhutrecht?utm_campaign=localgmb&utm_mediu m=organic_search&utm_source=google_gmb&utm_term=langtest_
	- Inntel Hotels Utrecht Centre: https://www.inntelhotelsutrechtcentre.nl/?utm_source=GMB&utm_medium=orga_
	nic - Crowne Plaza: https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/utrecht/utcur/hoteldetail?cm mmc=YextLocalCPNLUTCUR
	- <u>Park Plaza</u> (use code DCR20); https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/booking/room-display?checkInDate=2022-09-06&checkOutDate=2022-09-11&adults%5B%5D=1&children%5B%5D=0&searchType=pac&promotionCode=DCR20&voucher=&brandFirst=pph&hotelCode=NLPPUTCPPU
	Hotels accessible by public transport (bus, tram or train): - Ibis hotel (Official crew hotel): https://all.accor.com/hotel/0880/index.nl.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps
	 Van der Valk Utrecht: https://www.vandervalkhotelutrecht.nl/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=organic &utm_campaign=gmb-website&utm_content=hotel-utr



	- <u>Postillion Hotel Utrecht Bunnik:</u> https://www.postillionhotels.com/en-gb/hotels/postillion-hotel-utrecht-bunnik		
	- Airbnb: https://www.airbnb.nl/? set bev on new domain=1658386104 Yjl1NzMOZjgzZWZj		
CATERING INFORMATION	Lunch and dinner will be served from Tuesday evening the 6 th of September on the venue, for only main draw teams who are still in the tournament.		
	Lunch: 12:00 p.m. — 14:00 p.m. Dinner: 18:00 p.m. — 20:30 pm.		
ACCREDITATION	Organisers will provide all players and up to 2 duly accredited Team members per team (coaches, physiotherapists) with official accreditation cards and they will ensure that those people can access the designated venue areas. Accreditation requests for all Delegation members should be submitted by Monday the 29th of August through the respective CEV forms at the CEV cloud https://cloud.cev.eu/url/BV Queen and King of Court Accreditation		
	The CEV and the LOC will be confirming reception and approval/rejection of the requests to the mail indicated in the form. Only acknowledged requests shall be considered as confirmed.		
	Especially for the accredited medical staff (doctor/physio) the above confirmation will also depend on obtaining the authorisation due to be received by the CEV Medical Commission as per the process defined in the respective BV-06 form "Accreditation of Medical Staff, which is available here: https://inside.cev.eu/documents/beach-volleyball-documents/ (Please scroll down until "Beach Volleyball Forms/National Federations").		
WEATHER CONDITIONS	These accreditations will be handed over to all official delegation members during the Preliminary Inquiry of the team they are associated with. Max temperature: 25°C. Min. Temperature 11°C Sunrise: 6:00 am. Sunset: 8:21 pm.		
SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVES	Organiser's accounts: Event website: https://www.kingofthecourt.com/ Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/kingofthecourtcrownseries/ Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/kingofthecourtbeach/ YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6p6EacZ652hBdyRe9ZfQiw		
	CEV official accounts: CEV website: https://www.cev.eu/beach/queen-king-of-the-court-european-finals/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CEVolleyball/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/CEVolleyball/ Instagram: https://www.joutube.com/cevolleyball/ YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/cevolleyball/ National Federations /teams are welcomed and encouraged to use their own social media accounts tagging the above - mentioned profiles.		

