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1. Introduction

After the outbreak of the coronavirus crisis imposed the cancellation of the 2020 edition, we all look forward to the successful and safe delivery of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2021! As with the previous editions, the competition will involve 12 teams per gender, i.e. the best teams in Europe as per the latest CEV National Team ranking list, with the exception of those participating in the elite 2021 FIVB Volleyball Nations League.

The top two teams from the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2021 will qualify to the FIVB Challenger Cup, which is due to take place in Zadar (Croatia) and Gondomar (Portugal) for women and men, respectively. The eventual winners of the Challenger Cup will secure the right to participate in the 2022 edition of the FIVB Volleyball Nations League.

The regulations in force are the latest version of the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations', and these are available here:

https://inside.cev.eu/media/2g0b0ylu/cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations_2020-06-29.pdf

All participants are required to be aware of the content of this document, in particular the specific provisions outlined in Chapter 25.

This and subsequent 'Official Communications' are available as a pdf file on the CEV website here:

<https://inside.cev.eu/en/documents/volleyball-documents/>

For this competition, those working on it have the support of the 'Competitions Hotline' during the competition evenings and weekends on: +352 621 25 34 44. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the CEV Volleyball Department (nationalteams@cev.eu).

2. Participants

Participants: 12 teams per gender according to the European Ranking (dated 01.01.2020) and considering the below criteria

- National Teams not participating in the FIVB Nations League 2021
- Winners of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2019 are qualified:
 - Men: ROMANIA
 - Women: ROMANIA
- Not eligible are the last ranked teams from the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2019:
 - Men: FINLAND
 - Women: SWEDEN

3. Competition Format

Competition Format:

League Phase

- 3 Pools of 4 teams
- 2 Tournaments played with single Round Robin in each pool
- Each team will play 6 matches
- Pool composition according to serpentine system based on the CEV National Team Ranking (dated 01.01.2020).
- Last ranked team of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2021 will be relegated to the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2022.

Final Phase

- Final 4 tournament – 1 organiser + 3 pool winners. If organiser is among the pool winners, the best 2nd ranked team across all pools will qualify.
- The winner and runner-up will qualify to the 2021 FIVB Challenger Cup.
- Final Four Women organized by Bulgaria
- Final Four Men organized by Belgium
- The organisers of the Final Four are also required to compete in the League Phase.

4. Competition Calendar

The reserved periods in which the competition will take place are:

League Phase (Men & Women)

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| • 1 st Tournaments | 28 – 30 May 2021 |
| • 2 nd Tournaments | 04 – 06 June 2021 |

Final Phase

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| • Final Four Women | 18 – 20 June 2021 in Bulgaria |
| • Final Four Men | 18 – 20 June 2021 in Belgium |

National teams will not be able to call up any of their players prior to the Finals of the CEV Champions League Volley 2021 scheduled for the 1st of May 2021, provided the fact that their players are involved with their respective club teams.

5. Registration for competition

The registration deadline for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2021 will be no later than

Thursday, 10th December 2020 at 23:59



The whole registration process will be done via the respective Registration Form 01 inside the CEV Database. The printed and signed version of this form should be sent to the CEV office by registered letter.

Any team registering for participation in the Golden League but not making the cut among the 12 eventually participating in this competition as per the relevant European Ranking will automatically move to the European Silver League and contest that tournament instead.

6. Application for League Round Tournament Organization

The application process for the organisation of a League Round Tournament for each gender is open for all participating federations. The application has to be submitted over the CEV database on the respective 01 Registration Form.

Deadline no later than Thursday, 10th December 2020 at 23:59.

The accommodation and transportation costs are covered according to the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations Article 130.6 §8.

The Organizer should fully comply with the CEV Regulatory Framework, CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines and CEV Hygiene Guidelines – Volleyball Specifications.

The eventual hosts will be defined during the video conferences calls on 18th December 2020.

7. Officials to be Appointed

CEV Supervisors

According to the general principles, the organising NF is responsible to appoint the CEV Supervisor. The NF's can appoint the local person from the confirmed list of CEV Supervisors for the European Cups 2021.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

Referees

The ERC will appoint 3 neutral + 1 local International Referees for each tournament. The nomination will be made available on the CEV database and CEV website as well.

The CEV **will book the travel ticket** to the nominated persons (3 neutral referees) and bear all relevant costs such as travel costs, per diem and visa cost (if necessary and where applicable).

The organisers will bear the costs for local transportation and accommodation for all International Referees appointed.

The organisers will bear all related costs for the local International Referee appointed.

8. Financial Conditions

- Participation fee for single gender is 25,000 EUR, double gender: 45,000€ (same deduction of 5,000€ in case one team from the same National Federation plays in the “European Golden League” and one team in the “European Silver League”)
- CEV is covering international travel and per diem for the 3 neutral referees
- Fee for Final 4 organiser: 100,000€
- Prize money paid by CEV (in case of participation of 12 teams per gender)
 - League Round matches: 2,000€ per victory and 1,000€ per defeat
 - Final Four tournament:
 - 125,000€ for winner
 - 80,000€ for runner-up
 - 60,000€ for 3rd place
 - 40,000€ for 4th place
 - In case no Final Four will be organized and the Semi Finals & Finals are played in Home & Away matches:
 - 125,000€ for winner
 - 80,000€ for runner-up
 - 2 x 25,000€ for 3rd place
 - In case no Final Four will be organized and a Finals are played in Home & Away matches no prize money for 3rd place allocated:
 - 125,000€ for winner
 - 80,000€ for runner-up

9. Technical Requirements & Match Technology

- Minimum competition hall for League phase category 3
- Challenge system optional for League Phase (tournaments) and mandatory for Final Four
- Referees head set mandatory for all phases
- Tablets are mandatory for all phases
- The LED system is mandatory for League Phase (tournaments) and for Final Four
- With the sole exception of the above conditions, the event will be organised and conducted according to the requirements and conditions of the CEV Regulatory Framework
- Host Organizers are obliged to run 2 CEV certified in-game data collection software, E-scoresheet & DataVolley.
- Host Organizers shall ensure a state-of-the art internet connectivity in the venue in order to relay the data in real time with no delay.
- Host Organizers should also appoint experienced officials/scorer that are gathering the official data for the event in order to ensure accurate and reliable data delivered in a timely manner.

10. Official Balls

All matches during the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2020 will be played with the

MIKASA Ball V200W

Each registered team will receive 10 MIKASA balls and the Final Four organizers will receive additionally 40 balls each.

11. Calendar Conference

The video conferences with the respective pools will be held on

Friday, 18th of December 2020

The schedule of those conferences will be communicated in due time upon the registration.

12. Marketing & Commercial Rights

League Phase

- a. 80% of visibility on and off-court advertising are granted to the Organisers of a tournament, except for the net band advertising where a 100% belong to CEV.
- b. Mandatory use of LED system
- c. All commercial rights' split are taken into consideration in the official layouts made available on the CEV cloud server
- d. Protected product categories by CEV: "Betting & Gambling" and "Sports equipment – Volleyballs".
- e. All other categories are considered non-exclusive.

13. TV & Media Rights

Due to the current context, the CEV is exceptionally adapting its broadcasting requirements for the CEV European Golden League 2021 and number of cameras to be provided are now of:

- **4 HD cameras of which two (2) are fixed, one (1) Handheld and one (1) net camera**

League Phase

Grant of Media Rights:

- Host team: non-exclusive domestic media rights for all matches produced in the territory
- Away teams: acquisition of relevant media rights via CEV's exclusive media partner Infront

**As indicated in the Volleyball Competition regulations and in accordance with the CEV Sport Media Agency, Media Rights mean all linear/traditional and digital media rights.*

Production obligation:

- All matches to be produced in accordance with the CEV Broadcasting Standard C

Broadcasting standards:

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- 4 HD cameras: two (2) fixed, one (1) hand-held and one (1) net camera
- Delivery of the signal is only via European satellite (appointed host broadcaster to also book the necessary satellite space)
- Uplink/satellite feed to be delivered free of charge to CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency 2 weeks prior start of the match.
- Integration of official CEV match TV graphics (provided by the CEV)

Final 4

Grant of Media Rights:

- Host team: non-exclusive domestic media rights for all matches produced in the territory
- Away teams: acquisition of relevant media rights via CEV's exclusive media partner Infront

**As indicated in the Volleyball Competition regulations and in accordance with the CEV Sport Media Agency, Media Rights mean all linear/traditional and digital media rights.*

Production obligation:

- All matches to be produced by the host in accordance with the CEV Broadcasting Standard B

Broadcasting standards:

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- 5 HD cameras: two (2) fixed, two (2) hand-held and one (1) net camera
- Delivery of the signal is only via European satellite (appointed host broadcaster to also book necessary satellite space)
- Uplink/satellite feed to be delivered free of charge to CEV and media partner 2 weeks' prior start of the match
- Integration of official CEV match TV graphics (provided by the CEV)



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1. Introduction

After the online conference held shortly before the holiday season, the CEV has liaised extensively with all participating National Federations and especially with the respective tournament hosts in each pool in order to finalise the match programme for this year's European Golden League.

After the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic resulted in the cancellation of the 2020 edition, we can now look forward to a few weeks filled with highly competitive matches held in a safe environment for all involved as well as to reaching the real climax of the European Golden League 2021 through the Finals due to take place in late June in Kortrijk (Belgium) and Ruse (Bulgaria) for men and women, respectively.

2. Participating Teams and Pools Composition

MEN (Ranking)**	WOMEN (Ranking)**
BEL (3)	AZE (5)
NED (8)	BUL (8)
TUR (11)	CRO (9)
CZE (12)	BLR (11)
UKR (14)	UKR (13)
ESP (14)	ESP (14)
EST (16)	SVK (15)
SVK (17)	ROU* (15)
BLR (19)	HUN (17)
POR (20)	CZE (19)
ROU* (22)	FRA (20)
LAT(23)	FIN (21)

* Team ROU has been promoted as winner of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2019 – Men

* Team ROU has been promoted as winner of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2019 – Women

** CEV European Ranking as per 1st January 2020 for Women and for Men

Pools composition

CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2021 – Men

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C
BEL	NED	TUR
ESP	UKR	CZE
EST	SVK	BLR
LAT	ROU	POR

CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2021 – Women

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C
AZE	BUL	CRO
ESP	UKR	BLR
ROU	SVK	HUN
FRA	FIN	CZE

3. Official Forms

All the CEV forms (04, 09, 09bis & 10) related to the competition and respective phase/matches are created inside the CEV Database and have to be filled in, closed and sent to the CEV as per the relevant deadlines.

4. Match Schedule

Please notice that the proposed match schedules were presented by organisers (respective National Federations) and confirmed by the CEV. The final confirmed League Round match calendar (dates for all tournaments and starting time of each match) are available on the CEV website.

The calendar for respective competitions/tournaments reads as follows:

League Phase – Men

- 1st Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool A in EST
- 2nd Tournament 04 – 06 June 2021 Pool A in LAT

- 1st Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool B in NED
- 2nd Tournament 04 – 06 June 2021 Pool B in UKR

- 1st Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool C in BLR
- 2nd Tournament 04 – 06 June 2021 Pool C in POR

League Phase – Women

- 1st Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool A in ROU
- 2nd Tournament 04 – 06 June 2021 Pool A in FRA

- 1st Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool B in UKR
- 2nd Tournament 04 – 06 June 2021 Pool B in BUL

- 1st Tournament 28 – 30 May 2021 Pool C in CZE
- 2nd Tournament 04 – 06 June 2021 Pool C in BLR

Final Phase

- Final Four Men 19 – 20 June 2021 in Kortrijk (BEL)
- Final Four Women 19 – 20 June 2021 in Ruse (BUL)

5. Team Composition

Participating teams are permitted to have a team delegation composed according to article 21.2 §1 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

6. CEV Challenge System

Organisers may apply for the use of a Challenge System according to article 96.6 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and Challenge System Regulations, and these are available as an e-book here:

<https://inside.cev.eu/media/udgbd04o/cev-challenge-system-regulations-for-volleyball-2019.pdf>

The deadline for submitting applications for the League Round is Monday, 21st May 2021 to nationalteams@cev.lu

7. Competition Bulletin / Handbook Layout

The official Competition Bulletin / Handbook shall be prepared by the organiser. The latter must mandatorily use the official layout template available for downloading on the CEV Cloud. The Bulletin and Handbook must be approved by the appointed CEV Supervisor only.

8. Final Four Tournaments

As per decision of the CEV Board of Administration, the Final Four tournaments will be organised by:

- NF of Belgium on 19 – 20 June (Saturday – Sunday) in Kortrijk (BEL) for Men
- NF of Bulgaria on 19 – 20 June (Saturday – Sunday) Ruse (BUL) for Women

9. Marketing & Commercial Rights

Marketing and commercial rights are published in the Official communication n°1.

The LED system boarding has to be obligatory used for all matches.

The LED playlist as well as the official court layout are published on the CEV cloud and must be downloaded from CEV Cloud.

10. Branding & Graphics

Branding guidelines published on the CEV cloud must be followed by all organisers.

All graphics (Banner, Net, backdrop, poster, etc.) will be published on 4th March 2021 and shall be downloaded from the CEV Cloud folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>

CEV institutional brand can be found on the CEV website: <https://inside.cev.eu/en/brand/> or download directly the CEV institutional kit from the CEV Cloud: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

CEV online Competition storage is an optimized file sharing and storage solution. All Organisers have direct access to all resources via a web service interface. The CEV Cloud supports Drag and Drop file managing.
No logins or passwords are needed

Special links navigate you to the CEV online Competition storage with 2 main folders:

Download, which contains all necessary files / templates you need to use for production of any possible material link related to the competition <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>

and

Upload, where all files to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before producing. After uploading any files, the graphics department (graphics@cev.eu) has to be notified by short e-mail. Note that, the cloud doesn't inform us automatically on uploading. The upload folder is structured by Organisers <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>

LED system information:

The **obligatory** LED system application form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20> (select the LED system application folder).

Fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud into your respective folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> by **16th April 2021**.

Court layout: see annex 1 and, please, check carefully all court layout conditions.

11. Promotion for EuroVolley 2021 on LED

In order to support the organising countries of EuroVolley 2021 with a promotional campaign at European level, CEV will prepare some specific dynamic LED footage for each organiser of a tournament.

The LED footage will be made available according to the technical specifications of the relevant LED systems applications and must be downloaded from the CEV cloud (download area) and integrated into the LED system on site (for more information see above).

12. Match Data Collection Requirements

As stipulated in the Volleyball Competition Regulations (Cf. 95. Match Technology section), the Organiser shall deliver free of charge to the CEV the following requirements, facilities and services in relation to data collection during matches of the CEV competition:

- CEV is providing the necessary log-in credentials (including user name & password) for the E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications to the Organiser prior to the start of the CEV Competition.
- Adequate hardware including laptop or tablets that is running the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications.
- Ensure download and installation of the latest version of the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications.
- Ensure stable and high-speed internet connectivity during the CEV Competition and necessary power supply to ensure a professional data collection and distribution to CEV and CEV Commercial partners.
- Perform testing of the CEV E-scoresheet and CEV Statistics applications in the Competition Hall one (1) day before the start of the CEV Competition.
- Ensure appointment of experienced e-scorer and statisticians workforce during the CEV Competition to collect data and statistics during the CEV competition in a professional manner.
- For the CEV Statistics, live match statistics shall be delivered throughout the match during the CEV Competition by connecting to the CEV Database, making use of the credentials provided by the CEV.
- The Organiser shall prohibit any illegal or non-authorized collection, archiving and distribution of match related data and statistics during the live matches of the CEV Competition.



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