

# CEV U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships 2026

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Overview

The competition format of the U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships for 2026 will follow the competition principles introduced since the 2025 season, meaning that it will consist of 2 competition stages, incorporating 2 qualifying rounds and a Final.

More specifically the competition will start with the First-round Qualifiers run by Zonal Associations, and will be followed by a second stage – the Finals – which will have two legs, i.e. a Second-round Qualifier (if needed) and the Main Draw.

# 2. General Information

## 2.1. Date of the Final

The CEV U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships 2026 Finals will take place between 03 to 06 of September 2026 at Lido Riviera Spineta, Battipaglia, in Italy.

Should a Second-round Qualifier need to be organised, this will be held in the same competition venue on 2 of September 2026.

# 3. Competition Structure

## 3.1. First-round Qualifiers

First-round Qualifiers will follow the same principles as in 2025. Each Zonal Association will have the opportunity to organise their own First-round Qualifier according to the Organising Conditions set by the CEV. Such events are open solely to National Federations belonging to that specific Zonal Association.

Zonal Associations may also consider organising the Zonal qualification event the year before, in that case the event category / age limit needs to be adjusted accordingly (i.e. U19 First-round Qualifier for the U20 European Championships Final scheduled for the following year).

Each qualifier will allocate two (2) direct spots to the Finals to the top two ranked National Federations, provided that a minimum of 40% of the National Federations belonging to the respective Zonal Association participated in the event.

Participation of the Host Country of the Finals in the First-round Qualifier is optional. In case the Host Country of the Finals is among the top two (2) ranked National Federations from such a First-round Qualifier, their spot will be reallocated to the next best ranked National Federation from the final standing of the same first-round qualifier.

In case a Zonal Association fails to organise a First-round Qualifier, the National Federations of the respective Zonal Association will not benefit from the allocation of spots through the CEV Country Ranking. In such case, the concerned National Federations can only secure their participation in the Finals via the Second-round Qualifier.

### **3.2. Allocation of spots through the CEV Country Ranking**

After the conclusion of all First-round Qualifiers, the top ten (10) not yet qualified National Federations from the [U20 CEV Country Ranking](#) of each gender will secure a spot in the Finals.

The above figure will raise with additional two (2) spots per gender for each Zonal Association that fails to organise a First-round Qualifier in this gender.

The [CEV U20 Country Ranking](#) in the respective age category 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.

### **3.3. Second-round Qualifier the day before the start of the Finals**

For National Federations wishing to secure a spot in the Finals and not qualified through the First-round Qualifiers or the spots allocated through the CEV U20 Country Ranking, a Second-round Qualifier will be organised at the same venue one day before the start of the Finals.

This Second-round Qualifier will consist of National Federations who participated in the First-round Qualifiers, or National Federations whose Zonal Associations didn't organise a First-round Qualifier and the third team of the Host Country. The CEV retains the right to allow the participation of a National Federation that was unable to participate in the First-round Qualifier due to travel or other restrictions imposed.

From this qualifier, eight (8) National Federations will advance to the Main Draw.

Second teams from the National Federations who already have a spot in the Main Draw are not allowed to participate in the Second-round Qualifier.

### **3.4. Allocation of second National Federation spot to the Finals**

In case less than 30 National Federations have registered to participate in the Finals, the CEV Country Ranking will be used to determine which second teams from National Federations already represented in the Finals (except for the Host Country) would complete the 32-team Main Draw.

### **3.5. Competition format and composition of the Finals**

The Main Draw of the Finals will be organised with 32 teams divided into 8 pools of 4 teams each, playing in a single round robin format, followed by a 24-team single elimination bracket with additional rounds of classification matches to define the final ranking of the competition.

The composition of the 32 teams in the Main Draw of the Finals reads as follows:

- Two (2) spots for the Host Country, a third team is allowed to participate in the Second-round Qualifier as per Article 3.3.
- Up to twelve (12) spots allocated through the First-round Qualifiers, which will go to the top two (2) ranked National Federations in each of the six (6) events run by Zonal Associations as per Article 3.1.
- Minimum Ten (10) spots through the respective CEV Country Ranking as per Article 3.2.
- Eight (8) spots through the Second-round Qualifier organised the day before the start of the Finals as per Article 3.3.
- Any additional spots through the CEV [U20 Country Ranking](#) to second teams of registered National Federations as per Article 3.4.

## 4. General Information

### 4.1. Spot registration procedure and age limit

Spot Registration is performed through the Volleyball Information System (VIS) by 20 of March 2026.

For the U20 competition, players wishing to participate shall be aged under 20 years on 31st of December of the year during which the respective Finals are held (for the 2026 edition, players must be born on 1st of January 2007 or after).

### 4.2. First-round Qualifiers event organising terms and conditions

The first-round qualifiers organising terms and conditions have been shared by CEV to all Zonal Associations and are available in the [CEV website](#).

### 4.3. Allocation of points

- First-round Qualifiers:

For the National Federations participating only in the First-round Qualifiers, only CEV Country Ranking Points will be allocated (two (2) CEV Country Ranking Points for each).

- Finals

For the National Federations participating in the Final FIVB ranking points will be allocated to the Players according to their position in the final standing of the competition while National Federations will be allocated with CEV Country Ranking points as listed in the table below:

Rank	CEV Country Ranking Points	FIVB Ranking Points (per player)
1	40	128
2	39	115
3	38	105
4	37	90
5	36	80
9	32	60
17	24	35
25	16	20
33	8	12
Next rank	4	6

National Federation shall be allocated the CEV U20 Country Ranking points according to its best team's result in the competition.

### 4.4. Rules of the Game

All matches shall be played according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules in their 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.

## 5. Financial Regulations

### 5.1. Fee to participate in the first-round qualifiers

The respective Zonal Association may apply additional fees and/or contribution to participate in their First-round Qualifiers.

### 5.2. CEV Entry Fee

For the participation of each team in the championships, whether it is the First-round Qualifiers or the Finals, the respective National Federation shall pay a one-time entry fee of 100, - EUR per team to the CEV upon receipt of the invoice at the end of the competition.

Teams made up of players who already participated in a competition of the current season but did not enter a competition of the current season together, count as a new team. Therefore, a separate entry fee shall be paid.

### 5.3. Contribution Fee for the Finals

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

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

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 the competition, even if the duration of the stay of its delegation members is shorter (Main Draw  $5 \times 130$ , - EUR = 650, - EUR).

The same daily contribution fee shall be paid for two (2) days for any teams participating in the Second-round Qualifier if such occurs (Qualification  $2 \times 130 = 260$ , - EUR).

For teams qualifying to the Main Draw via the Second-round Qualifier, the respective National Federation shall pay an additional contribution of 130, - EUR per delegation member per night until the day after the competition, additional four (4) days, even if the duration of the stay of its delegation members is shorter, six (6) days in total. shorter (Second-round Qualifier + Main Draw  $260 + 520 = 780$ , - EUR). 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, which will be 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.

Each participating National Federation has to present a copy of the confirmed money transfer to the CEV Supervisor at the respective Preliminary Inquiry.

### 5.4. CEV License Fee

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

## 6. Further information

Necessary information for all stages of the Championships will be circulated to the National Federations from Zonal Associations for First-round Qualifiers and from CEV using the Official Communications and the event's Practical Info document for the Second-round Qualifiers and the Finals.

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

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