

2018 CEV VOLLEYBALL SILVER EUROPEAN LEAGUE



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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2018 edition of the CEV Volleyball European League is a truly historic one since it involves teams from as many as 26 National Federations.

The second tier, i.e. the Silver European League, features eight teams per gender, playing home and away matches with all other teams in their same pool to determine those contesting the Final Four tournament.

The eventual winners of the Silver European League will move up to the Golden European League in 2019, thus replacing the lowest ranked team from the 2018 edition of the European League top tier.

The regulations in force are the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations', and these are available as an e-book here:

<http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/regulations/>

All participants are required to be aware of the relevant contents of this document, in particular the specific provisions in Chapter 28.

This and subsequent 'Official Communications' are available as a pdf here:

<http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/el/oc>

Some instructions for the CEV Database can be found here:

For National Federations - <http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/databasenf/>

For CEV Officials – <http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/databaseofficial>

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 contact the CEV Volleyball Department.

2. PARTICIPANTS AND COMPETITION FORMAT

Participants:

8 teams according to European Ranking (not participating in the 2018 FIVB Nations League and 2018 CEV Volleyball Golden European League)

Competition Format:

League Phase

- 2 Pools of 4 teams each
- Pool composition according to serpentine system based on European Ranking
- Home & Away matches
- 6 matches per team in League phase (2 matches per week)
- First ranked team will be promoted to the next edition CEV Volleyball Golden European League

Final Phase

- Final Four (F4) tournament – 1 organiser + 2 pool winners + best 2nd ranked team from both pools. If the Organiser is among the winners of the pools the second ranked teams from both pools will qualify.
- The winner will qualify to the 2018 CEV Volleyball Golden European League

The organiser is also required to compete in the League Phase.

3. COMPETITION CALENDAR

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

League Phase (Men & Women)

- 1st Leg 19 – 20 May (weekend)
- 2nd Leg 23 May (Wednesday)
- 3rd Leg 26 – 27 May (weekend)
- 4th Leg 30 May (Wednesday)
- 5th Leg 02 – 03 June (weekend)
- 6th Leg 06 June (Wednesday)

Final Phase

- Final Four Men 15 – 16 June (Friday - Saturday)
- Final Four Women 16 – 17 June (Saturday - Sunday)

4. OFFICIALS TO BE APPOINTED BY CEV

In order to decrease the costs for organisers CEV will appoint officials for each match as follow:

- 1st Referee: International Referee – neutral
- 2nd Referee: International Referee – local
- Supervisor: CEV Supervisor – local

5. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- Participation fee for single gender is 15,000€, double gender: 25,000€ (same deduction of 5,000€ in case of one team in 2018 CEV Volleyball Silver European League and one team in 2018 CEV Volleyball Silver European League)
- The CEV bears the costs for the international transportation and per diem of the 1st referee.
- Prize money for the matches in the League phase: 1,000 EUR for the winning team and EUR 500 EUR for the defeated team.
- Prize money for the Final phase standing:
 - 50,000 EUR for winner
 - 35,000 EUR for runner-up
 - 20,000 EUR for 3rd place
 - 15,000 EUR for 4th place
- Organiser fee for Final Four tournament: 25,000 EUR.

6. TV & MARKETING

TV benefits & requirements:

- National TV rights to all home matches (1st party rights)
- Production of home matches is optional
- In case of production, minimum TV production standard “C” preferable

Internet streaming rights can be cleared with Sportradar, however production standard with minimum 3 cameras mandatory.

Marketing rights:

- 80% on- and off-court advertising spaces for all home matches.

7. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND MATCH TECHNOLOGY

- Minimum competition hall for League phase category 5
- Challenge system optional for League phase
- Challenge system preferable for Final Phase
- Referees head set mandatory for all phases
- Tablets are mandatory for all phases

8. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

<u>MEN</u> (Ranking)	<u>WOMEN</u> (Ranking)
MKD (21)	SUI (23)
BLR (22)	ISR (24)
CRO (23)	AUT (26)
LAT (25)	GEO (28)
AUT (30)	EST (29)
HUN (32)	SWE (32)
ALB (42)	ALB (39)
KOS (48)	KOS (49)

9. MATCH SCHEDULE

The matches schedule presented according the teams agreement (only Pool B Women in presence of AUT & ALB) reached during the 2018 CEVC Volleyball Golden European League meeting held in Luxembourg 12th of December 2017

MEN

Pool	Leg No.	Date	Match No.	Match
A	1 st	19-20.05.21018	MSA-01	MKD – KOS
			MSA-02	AUT – LAT
	2 nd	23.05.2018	MSA-03	LAT – MKD
			MSA-04	KOS – AUT
	3 rd	26-27.05.2018	MSA-05	MKD – AUT
			MSA-06	LAT – KOS
	4 th	30.05.2018	MSA-07	KOS – LAT
			MSA-08	AUT – MKD
	5 th	02-03.06.2018	MSA-09	MKD – LAT
			MSA-10	AUT – KOS
	6 th	06.06.2018	MSA-11	KOS – MKD
			MSA-12	LAT – AUT

Pool	Leg No.	Date	Match No.	Match
B	1 st	19-20.05.21018	MSB-01	BLR – ALB
			MSB-02	CRO – HUN
	2 nd	23.05.2018	MSB-03	BLR – CRO
			MSB-04	HUN – ALB
	3 rd	26-27.05.2018	MSB-05	BLR – HUN
			MSB-06	CRO – ALB
	4 th	30.05.2018	MSB-07	ALB – BLR
			MSB-08	HUN – CRO
	5 th	02-03.06.2018	MSB-09	CRO – BLR
			MSB-10	ALB – HUN
	6 th	06.06.2018	MSB-11	HUN – BLR
			MSB-12	ALB – CRO

WOMEN

Pool	Leg No.	Date	Match No.	Opponents
A	1 st	19-20.05.21018	WSA-01	KOS – EST
			WSA-02	SWE – SUI
	2 nd	23.05.2018	WSA-03	EST – SUI
			WSA-04	KOS – SWE
	3 rd	26-27.05.2018	WSA-05	EST – SWE
			WSA-06	SUI – KOS
	4 th	30.05.2018	WSA-07	SWE – EST
			WSA-08	KOS – SUI
	5 th	02-03.06.2018	WSA-09	SWE – KOS
			WSA-10	SUI – EST
	6 th	06.06.2018	WSA-11	EST – KOS
			WSA-12	SUI – SWE

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B	1 st	19-20.05.21018	WSB-01	GEO – ALB
			WSB-02	AUT – ISR
	2 nd	23.05.2018	WSB-03	ALB – AUT
			WSB-04	ISR – GEO
	3 rd	26-27.05.2018	WSB-05	ISR – ALB
			WSB-06	GEO – AUT
	4 th	30.05.2018	WSB-07	ALB – ISR
			WSB-08	AUT – GEO
	5 th	02-03.06.2018	WSB-09	AUT – ALB
			WSB-10	GEO – ISR
	6 th	06.06.2018	WSB-11	ALB – GEO
			WSB-12	ISR – AUT

10. 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:

http://ebook.cev.lu/general/CEV_Challenge_System_Regulations/files/assets/basic-html/page-1.html

The deadline for submitting applications for the League Round is Monday 8th of April 2018 to nationalteams@cev.lu

11. DYNAMIC ADVERTISEMENT SYSTEM – LED SYSTEM

Organisers may apply for the use of a dynamic advertisement system according to article 110.6.2. B and 61.6.6 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations. The application form can be downloaded from the CEV database.

The deadline for submitting applications for the League Round is Monday, 8th of April 2018 to nationalteams@cev.lu

12. OFFICIAL BALL

All matches during the 2018 CEV Volleyball European League will be played with the
MIKASA Ball MVA-200

13. ADMINISTRATIVE DEADLINES

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
<u>CEV TV-01 FORM</u>	Women / Men League phase: <u>11th March 2018</u>	To return the signed CEV TV-01 Form with the information on which matches are going to be produced.	TV-01 form can be found in the CEV database Downloads area

VENUE CONFIRMATION	Women / Men League Round: <u>11th March 2018</u>	Organisers are obliged to announce the venue and the competition hall for approval.	
<u>CEV 02 FORM</u>	Women / Men: <u>11th March 2018</u>	Organisers are obliged to complete and close the 02 Form inside the CEV Database. (Organisational Chart)	
<u>CEV FORM 04</u> 1ST PERIOD PLAYER LICENSES	Women / Men: <u>22nd April 2018</u>	Participants shall register a number of players according to article 20.5.3 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations	
<u>CEV FORM 04</u> 2ND PERIOD PLAYER LICENSES	<u>Women / Men:</u> Until 23:59 two days before the each leg at the League phase only	All participants have the possibility to apply for two (2) supplementary player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadlines.	Team can have up to 26 players licenses it total
TRAVEL TICKETS (20 days before)	Women / Men: <u>Two weeks before</u> respective tournament	The CEV is providing the 1 st Referee with the travel tickets and Organisers shall provide travel tickets to a CEV Supervisors and 2 nd Referee according to article 75.2 of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.	Official Regulations: CLICK HERE
<u>CEV 09 FORM</u>	Women / Men: <u>2 weeks before each respective leg</u>	All participants are required to duly complete and close the CEV 09 Form (Team Registration)	See the CEV Official Regulation art. 21.4.B §1.
<u>COMPETITION HANDBOOK</u>	<u>On the arrival</u> of the Teams and CEV officials at the Competition Site	Competition Handbook shall be issued by Organisers according to the CEV Official Regulation art. 93.1 §3. This Handbook must be approved by the appointed CEV Supervisor.	Official Regulations: CLICK HERE Bulletin Contents: CLICK HERE
<u>CEV 09bis FORM</u>	<u>Before Preliminary Inquiry</u>	Each team must complete and close the CEV 09bis form inside the CEV Database. (Final Team Registration)	The maximum 14 players listed on the CEV 09bis form must have a valid CEV license.

14. TEAM COMPOSITION

Participating teams are permitted to have a team delegation composed according CEV Official Regulations art. 21.2 §1.

15. 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 ftp server. The Bulletin and Handbook must be approved by the appointed CEV Supervisor only.

16. SOCIAL MEDIA AND OFFICIAL #HASHTAGS

As you are aware, CEV operates on four social media platforms, namely:

- Facebook (www.facebook.com/CEVolleyball)
- Twitter (www.twitter.com/CEVolleyball)
- YouTube (www.youtube.com/CEVolleyball)
- Instagram (www.instagram.com/CEVolleyball)

National Federations are requested to link to these whenever posting or tweeting about the competition.

We are also able to confirm that the official #hashtags for use are:

#Volleyball – when referring to the sport of Volleyball

#EuroLeagueM – for the Men's competition

#EuroLeagueW – for the Women's competition

17. FINAL PHASE BIDDING

Please find below the main points with regard to the organisation of the 2018 CEV Silver European League Final Phase:

- Application deadline is 31st January 2018 latest
- Competition hall – Category 3 (minimum 2000 seats)
- Match Technology – Challenge system and Large video screen (both optional)
- 100 % National TV rights
- 100% Ticketing income, 100 % event merchandising, 100 % side events and fan zone income
- Visibility: 70 % on- and off-court advertising spaces , LED system optional; 4 floor stickers

For more details please refer to the Terms and Conditions copied again to this communication.