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2019 CEV Volleyball Champions League

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2019 CEV EUROPEAN CUPS



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 1 (REGISTRATION)



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1. INTRODUCTION

This Official Communication No. 1 (Registration) supports all National Federations which are interested in registering teams into one of the CEV Clubs competitions.

It contains important information and explanations about registration, regulations and other items for a smooth running of the competitions.

You will find a useful time line / to-do-list in the [Organisation Guidelines - Chapter 1](#). Please read it carefully.

The CEV Office is available to help should you have any questions, or need any assistance during this process.

2. 2019 REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Registration is done via the CEV database by completing the 01 form (one per gender), no later than Monday 11 June 2018 at 23:59 CET.

Once you close the 01 form, the data is fixed and cannot be changed. The CEV will set the form as 'Accepted' once it is checked. Once the signed and stamped originals are received the CEV will set the form as 'Confirmed'.

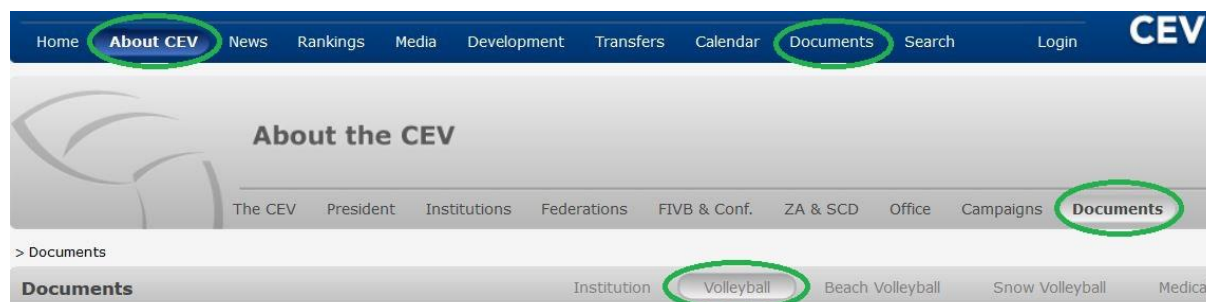
More information about your registration is available in the [Organisation Guidelines - Chapters 2 and 3](#).

For an explanation about the access to the CEV database and its functionalities, please check [Chapter 21](#).

3. CEV REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

During your participation in a CEV competition, you will have to use and comply with the CEV Regulatory Framework.

Mainly with the [CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations](#), the [Organisation Guidelines](#) and the Official Communications. These documents are available on the [dedicated section of the CEV website](#).



You will also have to fill in CEV forms. These forms are available in [your area in the CEV database](#).



For a full list of the CEV forms, please check the [Organisation Guidelines - Chapter 3](#).

The CEV Board of Administration approved some changes in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations. The new version will be released on 01 June 2018. All the changes [are listed in the first pages](#).

4. 2019 CALENDAR

The 2019 European Cups calendar is currently available in [your download area in the CEV Database](#) and the CEV website.

5. RANKING

Following a decision of the CEV Board of Administration, there are now two CEV European Cups ranking lists: one for the CEV Volleyball Champions League and one for the CEV Volleyball Cup and Challenge Cup.

These ranking lists are available online by [your download area in the CEV Database](#) and the CEV website.

6. COMPETITION SYSTEMS

The Competition system is as follows:

Levels	CEV Volleyball Champions League	CEV Volleyball Cup	CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup
1.	<p>Main phase - 1st Round</p> <p>Losers are moved to the 1/32 or 1/16 of the CEV Cup</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Main phase - 1/32 finals</p> <p>Additional level if more than 32 registered Clubs and Clubs moved from CL</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Qualification phase - 1st Round</p> <p>Additional level if more than 32 registered Clubs</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>
2.	<p>Main phase - 2nd Round</p> <p>Winners from 1st Round</p> <p>Losers are moved to the 1/32 or 1/16 of the CEV Cup</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Main phase - 1/16 finals</p> <p>Winners from previous round, seeded Teams and Teams moved from the CL</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Main phase - 1/16 finals</p> <p>Winners from previous round and seeded Teams.</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>
3.	<p>Main phase - 3rd Round</p> <p>Winners from 2nd Round</p> <p>Losers are moved to the 1/32 or 1/16 of the CEV Cup</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Main phase - 1/8 Finals</p> <p>Winners from 1/16 finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Main phase - 1/8 finals</p> <p>Winners from 1/16 finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>

4.	<p>Main phase - 4th Round</p> <p>2 Winners from 3rd Round and 18 directly qualified Teams</p> <p>Round robin with a "Home and Away" match. 5 pools of 4 Teams</p> <p>First best placed of each pool + 3 best Teams placed second across all pools qualify to the 1/4 finals</p>	<p>Main phase - 1/4 finals</p> <p>Winners from 1/8 finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Main phase - 1/4 finals</p> <p>Winners from 1/8 finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>
5.	<p>Playoffs phase - 1/4 finals</p> <p>Teams qualified from 4th Round</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Final phase - Semi-finals</p> <p>Winners from 1/4 finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Final phase - Semi-finals</p> <p>Winners from 1/4 finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>
6.	<p>Final phase - Semi-finals</p> <p>Winners from 1/4 finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Final phase - Gold medal match</p> <p>Winners from Semi-finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>	<p>Final phase - Gold medal match</p> <p>Winners from Semi-finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a "Home and Away" match</p>
7.	<p>Final phase - Gold medal match</p> <p>Winners from Semi-finals</p> <p>Knock-out with a single leg match</p>	-	-

According to the number of registered Clubs, the CEV will determine the number of levels of a CEV competition, the Clubs qualifying directly to a level and those required to play in a prior level.

The allocation of teams within the levels will be made via a seeding - in accordance with the CEV European Cups ranking list and the final standing of the National Championship (after any playoffs) – and a drawing of lots.

The same will be done for the allocation of the "visiting" and "hosting" Club status.

7. BANNED TEAMS

According to the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, the below mentioned teams are not eligible to participate in the 2019 European Cups (non-exhaustive list):

Team	Season	Reason
Women		
NOR - Stod Volley STEINKJER	2015 / 2016	Withdrawal
GRE - AON Pannaxiakos NAXOS	2016 / 2017	Withdrawal
Men		
ROU - Tomis CONSTANTA	2015 / 2016	Withdrawal
UKR - Lokomotiv KHARKIV	2016 / 2017	Withdrawal

8. DRAWING OF LOTS

The Drawing of lots for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Rounds of the CEV Volleyball Champions League will be held together with the one for the CEV Volleyball Cup and Challenge Cup in Luxembourg on Thursday 28 June 2018.

The information regarding the Drawing of lots of to the CEV Volleyball Champions League - 4th Round and Gala will be sent in a separate letter in due time.

9. SEMINARS

A seminar will be held in Luxembourg on Friday 29 June 2018 for the:

- New Clubs participating in the CEV Volleyball Champions League,
- New CEV Supervisors selected for the CEV Volleyball Champions League.

Arrival is scheduled on 28 June in the evening and departure on 30 June in the morning.

10. CHALLENGE SYSTEM

The list of the suppliers fulfilling the CEV requirements is available in the [Organisation Guidelines - Chapter 10.](#)

Should you like to use another supplier, please contact the CEV - events@cev.lu.

11. LED SYSTEM

In order to use a dynamic advertisement system - LED system, please submit to the CEV - graphics@cev.lu, for approval, the relevant CEV form no later than 31 July 2018.

This form will be available in [your download area in the CEV Database](#) on 30 June 2018.

12. MEDIA RIGHTS

All Media rights originally belong to CEV. The CEV Media agency - Sportradar - is the exclusive, global agent of the CEV in marketing and distributing all Media rights of European Cups competitions.

As per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, we would like to remind all Clubs about the mandatory production of the matches (incl. putting at disposal of the international signal upon an established European satellite) as follows:

- CEV Volleyball Champions League: all home matches,
- CEV Volleyball Cup: semi-finals and Gold medal match,

- CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup: Gold medal match.

CEV & Sportradar in close cooperation with the respective National Federations, leagues and clubs will do its utmost to negotiate license agreements covering also the production of the matches.

For any further information, you may contact the sportsman media group:

Contact person for media rights:

Mr Christian Günther

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Contact person for technical coordination:

Mrs Jasmin Winter

Email: volleyball@thesportsman.de

Tel: 0049 89 200003845

13. COMMERCIAL RIGHTS

In accordance with the rights already granted to Clubs ([Chapter 18 of the VBCR](#)), the table hereafter shows the split of Advertising spaces on the Playing area between the CEV and the organising clubs.

Advertising spaces	Champions League		CEV Cup		Challenge Cup	
	CLUB	CEV	CLUB	CEV	CLUB	CEV
Banner	10 (+4 on positions 23-26)	12	12 (+4 positions 23-26)	10	12 (+4 on positions 23-26)	10
LED system visibility split (percentage of a 360° loop)	60%	40%	60%	40%	60%	40%
Floor stickers	2	4*	2	2	2	2
Net	-	100%	50%	50%	100%	-
Net post	-	100%	-	-	-	-
Referee stand	-	100%	-	-	-	-

*including the competition title and the host city floor stickers

If the CEV will not manage to find a partner until the 15th of September 2018 (date due to prior contractual commitments of CEV), 10% of the CEVs LED timing will be granted to the clubs.

The CEV reserves the following product categories:

- Airlines,
- Banking,
- Betting and Gambling services,
- Body & Healthcare products,
- Courier services & logistics,
- Sports Equipment - Volleyballs and flooring,
- Sportswear.

If not used, the CEV will release one or more of the above-mentioned categories at the latest 15th September 2018 (date due to prior contractual commitments of CEV).

2019 CEV VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



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1. COMPETITION SYSTEM – ALLOCATION OF TEAMS

1.1 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE WOMEN

The 20 teams participating in the 4th Round will be divided into four sub-groups (I-II-III-IV) of five teams each before the Drawing of Lots scheduled on 2 November 2018 as per the table below, which reflects the latest CEV Champions League Ranking and the number of teams per National Federation:

Cup I	Cup II	Cup III	Cup IV
TUR 1	POL 1	ROU 1	TUR 3
ITA 1	FRA 1	GER 1	ITA 3
RUS 1	RUS 2	BLR 1	RUS 3
TUR 2	POL 2	BUL 1	Winner CL 3rd Round
ITA 2	FRA 2	FIN 1	Winner CL 3rd Round

Teams will be drawn across five pools (A-B-C-D-E) accordingly. Each pool will consist of four teams, each one playing three matches at home and three away. The home and away status of each team is determined as follows:

LEG 1	LEG 2	LEG 3	LEG 4	LEG 5	LEG 6
20-22.11.2018	18-20.12.2018	22-24.01.2019	05-07.02.2019	19-21.02.2019	26.02.2019
I – IV	III – I	II – I	I – III	IV – I	I – II
II – III	IV – II	IV – III	II – IV	III – II	III – IV

1.2 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE MEN:

The same system is applied for the Men's competition

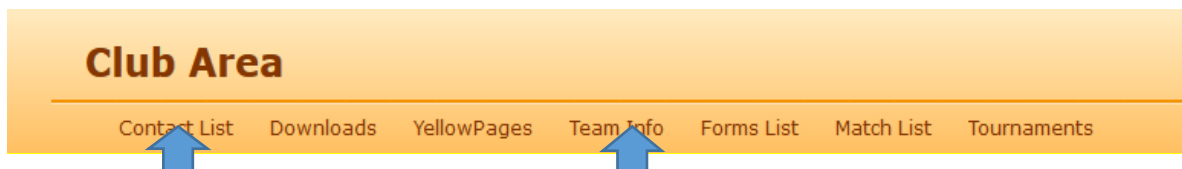
Cup I	Cup II	Cup III	Cup IV
ITA 1	TUR 1	BEL 1	ITA 3
RUS 1	GER 1	FRA 1	RUS 3
POL 1	POL 2	SLO 1	POL 3
ITA 2	TUR 2	CZE 1	Winner CL 3 rd Round
RUS 2	GER 2	BEL 2	Winner CL 3 rd Round

LEG 1	LEG 2	LEG 3	LEG 4	LEG 5	LEG 6
20-22.11.2018	18-20.12.2018	15-17.01.2019	29-31.01.2019	12-14.02.2019	27.02.2019
I – IV	III – I	II – I	I – III	IV – I	I – II
II – III	IV – II	IV – III	II – IV	III – II	III – IV

2. 02 FORM (ORGANISATION INFORMATION) AND CLUB LOGOS

Any team participating in the CEV Volleyball Champions League shall fill in the 02 Form and upload its logo and/or emblem via the “Club Area” of the CEV Database in two different sections:

- Contact List
- Team info



There are 2 different kinds of logos:

- The club logo linked to the association to which it belongs to
- The team emblem used for the running season. This emblem may include for instance the sponsor logo or other features

All club logos shall be uploaded in the “Contact List” section of the CEV Database, whereas the team emblem must be uploaded in the “Team Info” section.

If there is no team emblem, then the club logo should also be uploaded here as well.

In the section “Team Info”, the team emblem shall be uploaded 5 times whatever format is used (.jpg, .ai,.eps) as follows:

- One high resolution logo: 1200 pixels x 150dpi
- Three image logos with the requested widths: 32 pixels, 100 pixels and 150 pixels.
- One logo in vectors: no limitation for this file

In the section “Contact List”, the club logo shall also be uploaded 3 times as follows:

- One high resolution logo: 1200 pixels x 150dpi
- the image logos with the requested width: 124 pixels x 150dpi
- One logo in vectors: no limitation for this file

These logos will be made available via the CEV website to the opponents for promotional purposes as well as for television graphics.

Missing logos have serious consequences to the corporate visibility and presentation of your club and the competitions on the CEV website and in the media and on television – starting with the European Volleyball Gala.

Deadline to fill in the 02 Form and upload clubs' logos and/or emblems: Monday 23 July 2018

3. 04 FORM – REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

All players wishing to participate in the 2019 European Cups, need to be registered by their respective club, under the supervision of their NF's European Cups Responsible.

The application for players' licenses can only be performed via the CEV database on the CEV 04 form (Registration of Players).

The deadlines to complete the CEV 04 form are stated in the tables hereafter.

2019 CEV VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - MEN				
Player	Competition phase	Form to be used	Deadline	License fee
Minimum of 10 players	Teams participating in the 1 st Round	04 (Registration of players)	03 September 2018	34 Euros
Minimum of 10 players	Seeded Teams in 4 th Round		01 October 2018	
Extra players	1 st Round - Home matches		8 October 2018	
	1 st Round - Away matches		15 October 2018	
	2 nd Round - Home matches		22 October 2018	
	2 nd Round - Away matches		29 October 2018	
	3 rd Round – Home Matches		5 November 2018	
	3 rd Round – Away Matches		12 November 2018	
	1 st LEG		19 November 2018	
	2 nd LEG		17 December 2018	
	3 rd LEG		14 January 2019	
	4 th LEG		28 January 2019	
	5 th LEG		11 February 2019	
	6 th LEG		26 February 2019	
4 th Finals, Semi-Finals and Final	11 March 2019			



2019 CEV VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE - WOMEN				
Player	Competition phase	Form to be used	Deadline	License fee
Minimum of 10 players	Teams participating in the 1 st and 2 nd Rounds	04 (Registration of players)	03 September 2018	34 Euros
Minimum of 10 players	Seeded Teams in 4 th Round		01 October 2018	
Extra players	1 st Round - Home matches		8 October 2018	
	1 st Round - Away matches		15 October 2018	
	2 nd Round - Home matches		22 October 2018	
	2 nd Round - Away matches		29 October 2018	
	3 rd Round – Home Matches		5 November 2018	
	3 rd Round – Away Matches		12 November 2018	
	1 st LEG		19 November 2018	
	2 nd LEG		17 December 2018	
	3 rd LEG		21 January 2019	
	4 th LEG		4 February 2019	
	5 th LEG		18 February 2019	
	6 th LEG		25 February 2019	
	4 th Finals, Semi-Finals and Final		11 March 2019	

4. CEV OFFICIAL BALLS

The official ball for the whole season will be the MIKASA MVA200CEV (Green Ball).

The CEV decided to provide all participating clubs of the 2019 CEV Volleyball Champions League with 30 MIKASA balls (MVA200CEV) bearing the current valid competition logo (see below), free of charge in terms of production and transportation.



These balls will be shipped directly by MIKASA to the respective National Federations which will be responsible for dispatching the balls to the various clubs. Please note that the CEV partner MIKASA is in charge for the delivery and the respective receiver for the custom clearance..

The MIKASA balls are also available via the MIKASA distributor network and each participating club takes the responsibility to have enough balls for games.

A minimum of 14 balls per Team shall be provided during the warm-up before the match and 20 during each training session

5. ACCREDITATION CARDS / BADGES

According to the [CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations](#) and [CEV Organisation Guidelines for Clubs](#), each person accredited must receive an accreditation card/ badge.

Each participating team is responsible to produce its own accreditation cards via a new software for all team delegation members and present them during the Preliminary Inquiry.

The instructions to produce the accreditation cards / badges will be provided beginning of August.

6. TECHNICAL TIME OUT

We would like to inform you that the CEV Board of Administration has decided, during its last meeting in Kazan (RUS) scheduled on 12 May 2018, to cancel, with immediate effect, the Technical Time-Outs (TTO) for all future CEV Volleyball Competitions.

Since 14 May 2018 on, there are no more Technical Time-Outs in matches of the CEV Volleyball Competitions.

This decision does not apply to national competitions.