



2015 WEVZA BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS CONTINENTAL TOUR – ZONAL EVENTS

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

(as adopted by General Assembly in Antalya, October 24th, 2014)

1. DEFINITION – GOVERNING BODIES

- 1.1. The WEVZA Beach Volleyball Tournaments are zonal events organized by one National Federation member, sanctioned by the WEVZA and approved by the CEV.
- 1.2. The WEVZA General Assembly and EXCOM are the governing bodies.
- 1.3. The WEVZA Technical Commission is entrusted to manage and control all the Zonal Association Tournaments, even if they are not included in the CEV Continental Tour.
- 1.4. The Organising NF is entitled to prepare and control the smooth running of the event.

2. WEVZA EVENTS AS PART OF CEV CONTINENTAL TOUR.

- 2.1. To allocate points for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking the CEV gives the rights to WEVZA events to be a part of the CEV Continental Tour - Zonal Events, if specific conditions are fulfilled. These conditions are:

- Maximum of three (3) events count as “Continental Tour” event for the FIVB World Ranking in summer period (April to September);
- Maximum of two (2) events count as “Continental Tour” event for the FIVB World Ranking in winter period (October to March);
- Maximum 1 event organized by each National Federation;
- Minimum teams from three (3) different WEVZA National Federations must participate in the event.

- 2.2. The following Technical requirements are mandatory for any event to be part of the Continental Tour:

- Minimum twelve (12) teams allocated in the Main Draw;
- Usage of CEV/FIVB online registration system;
- Usage of the BVIS competition software;
- Usage of the CEV logo on all print materials;
- Usage of FIVB homologated Beach Volleyball equipment;
- Enforced FIVB Rules of the Game;
- CEV license fee;
- Sending of a post event report to the CEV including the results directly after the event.
- The participant’s players must be registered in the CEV/FIVB database.

3. ORGANIZATION

- 3.1. Every year, the member NFs are entitled to present to WEVZA governing bodies applications to organize one or more Zonal Association Tournaments. These can be specific events or National Circuit events with open format for other WEVZA NFs teams. National Federations can organize WEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events as double or single gender events.

- 3.2. National Federations must use CEV BEACH VOLLEYBALL EVENT APPROVAL FORM (BV-A2), enclosing the Event Regulations and all the relevant information for supporting its candidature.
- 3.3. The General Assembly (or Executive Committee if entitled by the General Assembly) will sanction the events that fulfil the conditions established in this document, and send to the CEV the BV-A2 form and the relevant FIVB form "Zonal Tour/Events Homologation" duly sealed and signed.
- 3.4. As per FIVB/CEV regulations, some Zonal Association events can be part of the CEV Continental Tour (article 2 above). At the time of the sanction of the events, the entitled governing body will fix the three summer and the two winter events included in this category. The rest of the events will be WEVZA Tournaments, but no FIVB World Ranking points will be given.
- 3.5. The application deadline for 2015 summer events (April – September) is up to March 15th. In case less than three (3) applications are received, the application term will be automatically extended. In this case, the first three (3) proposals that fulfil the required conditions will be supported by the WEVZA as CEV Continental Tour Event.
- 3.6. The application deadline for 2015-16 winter events (October – March) is up to September 15th. In case less than two (2) applications are received, the application term will be automatically extended. In this case, the first two (2) proposals that fulfil the required conditions will be supported by the WEVZA as CEV Continental Tour Event.
- 3.7. Notwithstanding paragraphs above, NF submission of applications must reach WEVZA office 60 days prior to the start of the competition in order to fulfil FIVB/CEV terms for the homologation of Continental Tour – Zonal Events.
- 3.8. WEVZA will make a decision based on the follow criteria:
 - Conditions offered by the Organizer to the participants teams.
 - Experience of the Organizer.
 - Level of the sport and development programs in the country.
 - Other relevant criteria as agreed by the entitled governing body.
- 3.9. The organization fee is 500,00 € paid by the Organizing NF to the WEVZA.
- 3.10. In case of failure of the committed organization conditions, the responsible NF **will** be sanctioned by the WEVZA.

4. COMPETITION FORMAT.

- 4.1. The WEVZA Tour events must be composed of the two following phases:
 - Qualification Tournament (if needed).
 - Main Draw Tournament
- 4.2. The organizing National Federation will submit in its application the competition system for both phases, according to the number of participating teams, days of competition and infrastructure. In any case, it must be one of the specified in CEV rules.

5. PARTICIPATION OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

- 5.1. Teams must be composed of two players of the same nationality and gender.
- 5.2. Players wishing to take part in WEVZA events must possess the nationality of the country he/she intends to play for and must comply with the requirements laid down by the Sports Regulations of the CEV/FIVB. Players must possess the CEV license and Health Certificate, and must be registered in FIVB player's database (BVIS) by his/her National Federation.



5.3. Players ranked in the top 48 of published FIVB Players Technical Ranking 15 days before the start of the event, are not allowed in principle to take part on WEVZA events. Nevertheless, WEVZA will have up to 4 wild cards that can be allocated to teams of this category.

5.4. The right of participation of teams shall become effective as soon as the teams' names appear on the Registration List established by WEVZA and Organizing Federation for each event. The Registration List will be sent to the all National Federations concerned. It is the National Federations' responsibility to inform their players accordingly.

6. REGISTRATION OF TEAMS.

6.1. The National Federations have to send the list of participating teams to the Local Organizer at the very latest **14 days** before the start of any event in which a team wants to participate, and can amend it up to the publication of the Registration List. Registration for WEVZA Tour events counting as Continental Tour events have to be done using CEV/FIVB online registration system.

6.2. Organizing National Federation has to send final list of participants (Registration List) **10 days** before the start of the tournament to WEVZA Office and to National Federations concerned. The list must indicate the FIVB Players Technical Ranking points and the position of players in it 15 days before the start of the event.

6.3. The entry deadline for each event will be stated in the Organizing federation and WEVZA websites. Each National Federation and athlete will be responsible for checking the entry through WEVZA website with the tentative "Entry List" for each event.

6.4. All deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the first day of the Qualification Tournament.

7. ALLOCATION OF TEAMS AND WILD CARDS.

7.1. Teams will be distributed between the Main Draw and the Qualification according to their FIVB Players Technical Ranking points published 15 days before the start of the event. Nevertheless, at least one team of every participating National Federation must be allocated in the MD even if they do not have enough FIVB ranking points. It is the National Federation with no participating teams with points enough who will determine the team to be allocated in the Main Draw.

7.2. WEVZA will allocate up to 4 wild cards. Of these 4 wild cards, 2 will be offered to the organizing NF and the other 2 to NFs that show interest in taking part in the tournament. NFs can ask wild cards for teams in the top 48 of FIVB Players Technical Ranking or not, although the top 48 will have the priority to obtain them. WEVZA will allocate the wild cards under equity criteria.

7.3. Teams receiving a wild card will enter Main Draw only if there are free spots once seeded one team of every participating NF.

7.4. WEVZA will decide on the allocation of wild cards if some of them are not required by the NFs concerned.

7.5. National Federations may present their request for Wild Cards to the WEVZA Office at the latest 16 days before the beginning of the event. The WEVZA final decision shall be communicated to the concerned National Federations at the very latest 10 days before the event.

8. SUBSTITUTION OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS.

8.1. No player or team can be substituted after the Registration List has been published, except in case of injury or "force majeure" communicated by his/her National Federation before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event.



8.2. Withdrawals of teams once the Registration List has been published must be communicated to WEVZA and Organizing Federation before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event.

9. TECHNICAL SUPERVISORS, OFFICIALS, REFEREES AND PERSONNEL.

9.1. The Organizing Federation will fulfill the following obligations:

- propose to WEVZA the nomination of the Technical Supervisor for the event, that must be a person of sufficient experience in beach volleyball competitions in the highest national level;
- submit assigned referees through BV-LR form to CEV with copy to WEVZA;
- assign an International Referee/Candidate to act as the Referee Delegate;
- assign a BVIS manager for the competition software
- nominate all the personnel needed for the smooth running of the event. WEVZA

9.2. The Technical Supervisor has to monitor the fulfillment of FIVB, CEV and WEVZA regulations, and sending the post event report to the CEV and WEVZA including the results directly after the event, fulfilling all the requirements in order FIVB World Ranking points are allocated to participant players. Must be experienced in the running of beach volleyball events, and be fluent in English.

10. ORGANIZING FEDERATION DUTIES.

- To appoint NF Responsible, who, along with the Technical Director, is in a direct contact with WEVZA Office concerning all organizing matters of the tournament;
- To appoint a person for the BVIS competition software to integrate the competition system, results of the games and ranking to the FIVB and CEV web-site and database;
- To appoint all local referees, other staff and cover all their expenses according to the Organizers Event Regulations;
- To send for approval to WEVZA Office Practical info, including of the competitions format, names of Local Technical Supervisor, Referee Delegate, local referees, after approval of WEVZA Office, to send it to all National Federations at least 21 days before the Tournament;
- To fulfil all Marketing regulations of WEVZA Tours;
- To send to WEVZA Office a Press inform 3 days before the starting of the tournament at latest;
- To send results to CEV and WEVZA Offices in the end of the each competition day at latest and Final ranking after the last competition day.
- To send to CEV the Post Event report with remarks on the competition conditions, sample or any promotional productions prepared for the event and photos of the venue showing the CEV marketing kit;
- To send minimum 10 high resolution pictures from the each competition day to WEVZA as well as a daily press release;
- To appoint a local press officer to write press releases from each competition day. Press officer has to send the press releases to CEV and WEVZA offices in English.

11. PARTICIPATING FEDERATION DUTIES.

- To send the list of players wishing to participate at WEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour event to the Organizer 14 days before the beginning of the competition at the latest;
- To send the standing “-10 days” of participating players in National ranking to the Organizer;
- To inform WEVZA and local Organizers about all substitutions, injuries and withdraws if any;



- To register players as International Beach volleyball players and to control that players have a CEV season license.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION.

All relevant information about WEVZA Beach Volleyball events will be circulated to the all National Federations through the Official Communications and posted in the Beach Volleyball section of the WEVZA website. All participants are responsible to check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

13. MARKETING AND PRESS REGULATIONS.

For identification of events as WEVZA tournaments under CEV umbrella, the following items ensured by Organizing Federation are mandatory:

- 2 panels of CEV in each court
- 2 banners of WEVZA (provided by the WEVZA).
- 1 FIVB flag
- 1 CEV flag
- 1 WEVZA flag (provided by the WEVZA).
- Participating countries flags
- Medals for the 3 top teams (provided by the WEVZA).
- CEV and WEVZA logo and marks in all printing and advertisement materials, press releases
- Press conference

14. CONTACT ADDRESSES AND RESPONSIBLE.

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16. SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, OFFICIAL FORMS AND COMPETITION BRACKETS.

CEV rules and regulations will be of subsidiary application for any issue do not covered by these Regulations. The Official forms to be used for any WEVZA communications are the ones of the CEV. The CEV Regulations will apply directly for competition brackets.