



# WEVZA VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

## (U-ages categories)

### COMPETITION REGULATIONS

#### 1. DEFINITION – GOVERNING AND SUPPORT BODIES

- 1.1. The WEVZA Volleyball Championships (for both Men and Women) are the regular zonal volleyball competitions, annually organized to the ages and by the NF foreseen on the table shown below (point 2.)
- 1.2. WEVZA General Assembly and EXCOM are the governing bodies.
- 1.3. The WEVZA Secretariat is entrusted to manage, control and support the smooth organization and running the Championships.
- 1.4. On site, the competition will be under the authority of the Competition Director (Supervisor), and the Championship Jury.

#### 2. ORGANIZERS

- 2.1. The rotation table of Organizers is as follows:

YEAR	CATEGORY	ORGANIZERS	
		MEN	WOMEN
2023	M-U19 / W-U19	POR	SUI*
2024	M-U18 / W-U18	ESP	FRA
2025	M-U19 / W-U19	NED	POR
2026	M-U18 / W-U18	GER	ESP
2027	M-U19 / W-U19	BEL	NED
2028	M-U18 / W-U18	ITA	GER
2029	M-U19 / W-U19	SUI	BEL
2030	M-U18 / W-U18	FRA	ITA
* replaced by ESP			

The organization appointment shown on the table above is a right granted to all the NFs member of WEVZA.

- 2.2. The concerned NF must communicate each year **before February 1<sup>st</sup>**, the commitment or withdraw of the tournament organization to the WEVZA Secretariat
- 2.3. In case of withdraw, WEVZA shall appoint a different NF to organize the Championship and shall announce the exact date and venue **before March 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- 2.4. If after the announcement the appointed NF withdraws the organization or presents substantial modifications of the previous announces date or venue, it should be punished by WEVZA.
- 2.5. The Organizing NF is responsible to prepare and manage the smooth running of the event respecting all Regulations provisions and deadlines, by appointing an Organizing Committee and an expert Competition Director (from CEV List of Supervisors).

### 3. PARTICIPATION

- 3.1. The participation is reserved for teams representing the NFs member of WEVZA.
- 3.2. On special cases (uneven number of register teams or late withdrawing) a non member team could participate, proposed by the Organizer and previously authorized by WEVZA Secretariat, complying the following criteria:
  - ~ Must be a National team (not club).
  - ~ Preference to an outside WEVZA national team of the same age.
  - ~ If not possible, a B team or younger team of the organizing NF.
  - ~ The age and quality must be similar of the competition (as much as possible).
- 3.3. Each WEVZA member must confirm their participation to the WEVZA Secretariat **before March 15th**. The later withdraw of participation should be punished by WEVZA.
- 3.4. If as result of NFs confirmation and withdrawing there are only three (3) or less participants, the WEVZA Secretariat, in consultation with the Organizer NF could decide whether maintain the event or cancel the Championship.

### 4. COMPETITION PERIOD

- 4.1. The Championship must be running within the period starting the second full week of July until the third full week of August. The proposed dates by the Organizing NF must be confirmed by the WEVZA Secretariat.
- 4.2. Duly care must be taken to not clash with any FIVB/CEV - IOC/EOC (etc.) competitions, aiming to foresee the WEVZA competition as preparatory to the aforementioned; a minimum interval on one week to those competitions must be respected.
- 4.3. If as consequence of competition dates being fixed for important FIVB/CEV - IOC/EOC competitions, the WEVZA Championships should be moved outside the period established on art. 4.1, the WEVZA Secretariat may exceptionally authorize it.

### 5. COMPETITION SYSTEM

- 5.1. The competition system varied according the number of the participant teams

Number of participants	Competition system	Days	Matches per team
8	Two pools (4) Round Robin + Semifinal + Finals	5	5
7	Two pools (3 -4) Round Robin + Semifinal + Finals	5	5 - 4
6	One pool (6) Round Robin	5	5
5	One pool (5) Round Robin	5	4
4	One pool (4) Round Robin + Finals	4	4

- 5.2. In any case, the final standing of the same team on the previous WEVZA Championship must be used to allocate the teams in the Pools by serpentine and determine the team numbering on Round Robin system.  
If the team hasn't been participated in the previous WEVZA competition, it will be allocated below.  
If more than one team is this circumstance, they will be distributed at the end by draw.

### 5.3. Tournament with 8 teams:

Qualification phase				
Day	Pool A		Pool B	
1 <sup>o</sup>	A1-A4	A2-A3	B1-B4	B2-B3
2 <sup>o</sup>	A1-A3	A2-A4	B1-B3	B2-B4
3 <sup>o</sup>	A1-A2	A3-A4	B1-B2	B3-B4
Day	Semifinals			
4 <sup>o</sup>	3 <sup>o</sup> A-4 <sup>o</sup> B	4 <sup>o</sup> A-3 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> A-2 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> B-2 <sup>o</sup> A
Day	Finals			
5 <sup>o</sup>	7 <sup>o</sup> -8 <sup>o</sup>	5 <sup>o</sup> -6 <sup>o</sup>	3 <sup>o</sup> -4 <sup>o</sup>	1 <sup>o</sup> -2 <sup>o</sup>
<b>Standing</b>	1 <sup>o</sup> - 8 <sup>o</sup>	According to the results of the Finals		

### 5.4. Tournament with 7 teams

Qualification phase				
Day	Pool A		Pool B	
1 <sup>o</sup>	A1-A3		B1-B4	B2-B3
2 <sup>o</sup>	A2-A3		B1-B3	B2-B4
3 <sup>o</sup>	A1-A2		B1-B2	B3-B4
Day	Semifinals			
4 <sup>o</sup>		3 <sup>o</sup> A-4 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> A-2 <sup>o</sup> B	1 <sup>o</sup> B-2 <sup>o</sup> A
Day	Finals			
5 <sup>o</sup>		3 <sup>o</sup> A-3 <sup>o</sup> B	3 <sup>o</sup> -4 <sup>o</sup>	1 <sup>o</sup> -2 <sup>o</sup>
<b>Standing</b>	1 <sup>o</sup> - 4 <sup>o</sup>	According to Finals results		
	5 <sup>o</sup> - 7 <sup>o</sup>	According to the result of the matches between them, including the Pool match 3 <sup>o</sup> B-4 <sup>o</sup> B.		

### 5.5. Tournament with 6 teams

Day	Unique phase		
1 <sup>o</sup>	5 - 2	4 - 3	6 - 1
2 <sup>o</sup>	1 - 5	3 - 2	6 - 4
3 <sup>o</sup>	4 - 1	3 - 5	2 - 6
4 <sup>o</sup>	1 - 3	4 - 2	5 - 6
5 <sup>o</sup>	2 - 1	4 - 5	3 - 6
<b>Standing</b>	1 <sup>o</sup> - 6 <sup>o</sup>	According to the results of all matches.	

#### 5.6. Tournament with 5 teams

Day	Unique phase		
1 <sup>o</sup>	5 – 2	4 – 3	Bye 1
2 <sup>o</sup>	1 – 5	3 – 2	Bye 4
3 <sup>o</sup>	4 – 1	3 – 5	Bye 2
4 <sup>o</sup>	1 – 3	4 – 2	Bye 5
5 <sup>o</sup>	2 – 1	4 – 5	Bye 3
<b>Standing</b>	1 <sup>o</sup> -5 <sup>o</sup>	According with the results of all matches.	

#### 5.7. Tournament with 4 teams

Day	Qualification phase	
1 <sup>o</sup>	4 – 1	3 – 2
2 <sup>o</sup>	3 – 4	2 – 1
3 <sup>o</sup>	2 – 4	1 – 3
Day	Finals	
4 <sup>o</sup>	3 <sup>o</sup> - 4 <sup>o</sup>	1 <sup>o</sup> - 2 <sup>o</sup>
<b>Standing</b>	1 <sup>o</sup> -4 <sup>o</sup>	According the results of the Finals

5.8. One match per day per team must be schedule. The organizer has the right to set the daily matches' timetable.

5.9. Duly care must be taken to schedule a minimum of 5 hours between the end of the training session and the match time.

## 6. PLAYING RULES, POINTS ALLOCATION AND STANDING.

6.1. The official volleyball ROG and the CEV regulations should be applied, in the cases not foreseen in these Regulations.

6.2. All matches should be played with the CEV official competition ball.

6.3. Standing points allocation:

6.3.1. The matches finish 3-0 or 3-1; score 3 points for the winner and 0 point for the loser.

6.3.2. The matches finish 3-2; score 2 points for the winner and 1 point for the loser.

6.3.3. In case of forfeit:

6.3.3.1. By acceptable force majeure: the present team will score 3 points with result 3 – 0 (25/0, 25/0, 25/0) and the withdrawing team score 0 point.

6.3.3.2. By not acceptable reasons: the present team will score 3 points with result 3 – 0 (25/0, 25/0, 25/0) and the withdrawing team will lose all the points in the standing.

6.4. When Round Robin system applied, the teams will be standing by the following criteria by priority order:

- ~ 1<sup>st</sup> The total Number of Victories (total matches won).
- ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> The Standing points won.
- ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> The Total Set quotient (the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost).

- ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Total Point quotient (the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets).
- ~ 5<sup>th</sup> In case the tie continues between two teams, the priority will be given to the team which won the match between them.  
If the tie continues between three or more teams, the standing of these teams will be decided taking in consideration first the Number of Victories, second the Set quotient and third the Point quotient, but taking into consideration only the matches in between them.
- ~ 6<sup>th</sup> If the tie continues after applying all the above criteria, the teams will be standing in descending order by a draw.

## 7. COMPETITION COURTS

- 7.1. The organizer can set the Championship in one or two competition courts (preferable).
- 7.2. Each competition court must meet the following minimum requirements:
  - ~ Roof height 8.00 m (girls) 9.00 m (boys)
  - ~ Free zone 5.00 m (lateral) – 6.50 m ( back)
- 7.3. The playing area surface must be flexible wooden floor, uncovered or covered by Taraflex, Mondoflex or comparable synthetic material.
- 7.4. It is not allowed to install the synthetic carpet directly over a concrete floor. In case of uncovered wooden floor, other lines not to be confused with volleyball lines.
- 7.5. To identified and decorated the WEVZA events, the Organizing NF must display on the competition courts the following materials (minimum):
  - ~ 1 CEV flag.
  - ~ 1 WEVZA flag (provided by WEVZA).
  - ~ Participating countries flags.
  - ~ 2 banners of WEVZA (3m x 1m) around each court.
- 7.6. The CEV and WEVZA flag and banners must be display on the relevant visible place, both by public and photographer shots.

## 8. TRAINING

- 8.1. Each team is entitled to train at least one hour per day, including the day of arrival.
- 8.2. In case the training sessions are arranged in a separate training hall, it must comply with the following minimum standards:
  - ~ Floor Wooden or synthetic in good way.
  - ~ Roof height 7.00 m (girls) 8.00 m (boys)
  - ~ Free zone 3.00 m (minimum lateral) and 5.00 m (minimum back)
  - ~ Post, net & antennae Complete.
- 8.3. It is recommended that each team be provided by at least one hour of training on the competition court before the first match of the tournament.
- 8.4. The sequence of training sessions will be arranged according of the daily sequence of matches.
- 8.5. Under request, the organizer shall do the best effort to provide weight-lifting gym use to the teams during training time. The request must be forwarded to the organizers one month prior from the Championship start.

## 9. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATIONS

9.1. Each delegation consists of 19 persons:

- ~ 14 players
- ~ 4 officials
- ~ 1 referee

If a team includes less than 14 players, an extra official cannot replace the missing player(s).

9.2. The Organizer will accept extra people up to a maximum of 22 persons per delegation if it is confirmed at least one month before the tournament. The extra persons are entitled to the same conditions as the other members of the delegation, i.e. accommodation, meals, local transport and entrance to the matches.

## 10. LODGING AND MEALS

- 10.1. Lodging: the team's members will be accommodated on single, double or maximum triple rooms. Duly care must be taken to provide separate rooms for players / officials / referee, and for people of different gender.
- 10.2. The daily provisioning will include three meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Additionally, a snack will be provided for all the members of the Delegation during the complete stay. Duly care must be taken to offer quality and quantity meals according the needs of high performance teams.
- 10.3. At lunch and dinner at least one (1) liter of mineral water for each person will be provided. Moreover coffee, tea, milk and juice will be served at breakfast and snack times.
- 10.4. For each match and training session a minimum of 18 liters of mineral water (without gas) per team must be provided.
- 10.5. The Organizer will provide service for laundry. The costs of laundry as well as the rest of the extra's (drinks, coffees, telephone, etc.) will be borne by the participating delegation.
- 10.6. It is recommended to provide Internet connection for the participants, both in the lodging and on the competition hall.
- 10.7. On the same accommodation building, the organization will facilitate the use of a room for a daily meeting-video session of one hour per team. The time-table will be set according the training-matches schedule.

## 11. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 11.1. The competition Entry fee per gender and category will be decided yearly and communicated by the General Assembly (if any).
- 11.2. The participants teams must pay to the organizer NF a **Contribution fee of 80,00€ (eighty euros) per person/day** of stay (the competition days + 1), **starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**.
- 11.3. The costs for the extra persons and/or extra days will be the same as the Contribution fee and must be paid by the participants.

## 12. TRANSPORTATION

- 12.1. The participants shall bear their own costs of transportation to and from the venue.
- 12.2. If requested, the Organizer will arrange transportation (bus, van, railway, etc.) from the airport or a railway-station to the site of the tournament, paid by the requesting participant.
- 12.3. The Organizing NF will bear the costs of the internal transportation from lodging to and from training sites and matches during the tournament.

- 12.4. In case the internal transfer between lodging and the sport venues are less than 5' walking, it should be covered on foot.
- 12.5. Organizer tries to offer places for team scouters in team's buses for transfer to competition hall and come back to hotel, outside of their regular schedule.

### **13. PLAYERS ELEGIBILITY**

- 13.1. The eligibility rules are the same as of the CEV/FIVB (nationality required).
- 13.2. If a player hasn't yet acquired the citizenship of the represented country, the team must provide an Official Letter signed by the President or General Secretary of the concerned NF, demonstrating the player is in the process to obtain the aforementioned citizenship. The number of players on this exceptional situation is limited by a maximum of two players per team.
- 13.3. The Competition Director (Supervisor) upon each team arrival, must conduct a verification of the player's nationality and birthdates (age) using the passports/ID cards presented by the Team Managers, and later report the records on the Technical Meeting.

### **14. TECHNICAL MEETING**

- 14.1. On the arrival day, a Technical Meeting will be held with the presence of all the Teams Manager/Delegates, the Competition Director, members of the Organizing Committee and minimum one representative of the Organizing National Federation.
- 14.2. The Competition Director, who will chair the Meeting, report about the final team's composition, the competition schedule, timetable, protocol and refereeing matters and other relevant information.

### **15. COMPETITION JURY**

- 15.1. At the same Technical Meeting, the Championship Jury will be establishing. The Jury must be composed by one member of the Organizing Committee and two Team Managers elected from the visiting countries, plus two reserve members to act in case the countries of origin of one/two of the Jury member were involved in the decision.
- 15.2. The Jury is entitled to decide about the urgent matters concerning complaints on Competition Regulations, participant's misconducts, etc. and will issue a report to the WEVZA competent organs.
- 15.3. The Jury should decide the cases based on the WEVZA Statutes and Regulations. In case these are not foreseen, the correspondent CEV Regulations should be applied.

### **16. REFEREEING**

- 16.1. The matches will be conducted by two Referees (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>), one Scorer and at least two line-judges.
- 16.2. Each participant team must compulsory include into the Delegation one Referee (International; Candidate), available to perform free of charge on the tournament. In case of Referee missing, the responsible NF will pay an extra contribution of 2.000,00 € to the organizer NF.
- 16.3. The Organizer NF shall complete the Referee roster (if needed) and provide the scorers and line-judges.

- 16.4. The Referees must be lodged in single rooms, and shall receive the same meals service as the Delegations.
- 16.5. A respected Referee from the Organizing National Federation will be appointed to perform the duties of Referee Delegate, entrusted to make the daily Referees' designations.
- 16.6. The CEV International Match Protocol ('16) will be used during the competition and the Match Protocol with national anthems ('32) will be performance during the Finals.
- 16.7. The use of e-scoresheet is not compulsory, but recommended.
- 16.8. The Organizer could provide uniforms (polo shirt) for referees to wear during the competition.

## 17. MEDICAL ISSUES

- 17.1. Each participant NF is responsible to:
  - 17.1.1. Ensure the appropriate health condition of each individual Delegation member according with his/her role.
  - 17.1.2. Ensure the medical care coverage of all Delegation members by International Medical insurance for the competition.
  - 17.1.3. To afford the cost of any medical assistance in hospital, treatment, diagnosis means, pharmacy, hospitalization, surgery, repatriation, etc. of all Delegation members.
- 17.2. The Organizer NF must provide:
  - 17.2.1. The first assistance on site in case of accident on training and competition halls.
  - 17.2.2. The quick and safe transportation to the Hospital.

## 18. AWARDING

- 18.1. The Organizer must present trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classified teams.
- 18.2. The trophies must display the WEVZA logo, competition name, date and standing.
- 18.3. During the awarding ceremony, all the national flags must be present and the national anthem of the winner will be played.
- 18.4. Additionally, awards will be given to the best players (ideal team + MVP):
  - ✓ 2 best outside hitters
  - ✓ 2 best middle blockers
  - ✓ 1 best setter
  - ✓ 1 best opposite
  - ✓ 1 best libero
  - ✓ 1 MVP (could be one of the previous awarded players).
- 18.5. The Organizer will offer a small gift or souvenir to all players as a friendly gesture.

## 19. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 19.1. Administrative deadlines:

### Organizer NFs to WEVZA Secretariat

- Yearly before February 1<sup>st</sup> :
  - ~ Organization commitment or withdraw.
- Yearly before March 1st:
  - ~ Confirm the tournament exact date and venue.



- Two month prior the Championship date :
  - ~ Release the Bulletin 1 (general information).
- Thirty days after the competition
  - ~ Send the Final Report (WEVZA Form) to WEVZA Secretariat.

#### **Organizer NFs to the Participant NFs**

- Two month prior the Championship date :
  - ~ Release the Bulletin 1 (general information).
- At the Delegations arrival to the venue:
  - ~ Release Competition Handbook.

#### **WEVZA Secretariat to the Participant NFs**

- ~ Yearly before March 1<sup>st</sup> :
  - ~ Communicate the Championship organizer, date and venue.
- ~ Yearly before March 30<sup>th</sup> :
  - ~ Communicate the participation in each Championship.

#### **Participant NFs to the Organizer and WEVZA:**

- Yearly before March 15<sup>th</sup>:
  - ~ Confirm the participation in each Championship.
- One month before the competition:
  - ~ Team information (WEVZA-05 Form), travel information
  - ~ Team photo.
- One day before the competition (accreditation):
  - ~ Confirmation of Final Team composition (WEVZA-05bis Form)

19.2. The Organizer has to communicate all results and standing to the WEVZA Secretariat shortly after each match. The organizer is also allowed to use also it own or new created specifically developed website.

19.3. Stats by match, daily e-bulletin, video streaming and live score are compulsory for all matches.

## **20. MISCELLANEOUS**

20.1. The Organizing NF will provide each team with a team guide.

20.2. The use of tournament ID cards is upon the Organizing NF.

## **21. SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, OFFICIAL FORMS**

21.1. CEV rules and regulations will be of subsidiary application for any issue do not covered by these Regulations.

21.2. In case WEVZA do not issue Forms for some matters, the CEV official forms to be used.