

WEVZA VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

U16/U17/19 M&W

Zonal 1st Round Qualifier to CEV Volleyball Championships

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COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. DEFINITION – GOVERNING BODIES

- 1.1. The WEVZA Volleyball Tournaments (for both Men and Women) are the Zonal 1st Round Qualification events organized by WEVZA to those age-limited teams determined by the CEV upon their competition regulations and calendar.
- 1.2. The competitions under this Regulations are:
 - **WEVZA 1st Round U16 M&W QT** (playing same year of CEV U16 M&W Final Round).
 - **WEVZA 1st Round U17 M&W QT** (playing on previous year of CEV U18 M&W Final Round).
 - **WEVZA 1st Round U19 M&W QT** (playing on previous year of CEV U20 M&W Final Round).Concerning the player's eligibility birthdate to play in each category and season, NFs must refer, in any case, to the corresponding CEV Official Communications.
- 1.3. The entry requirements and the number of vacancies granted to WEVZA for the CEV 2nd Round QTs and Final Rounds are yearly laid down by the CEV in its Regulations and Official Communications.
- 1.4. The competition system, playing dates, venues and other organization and participation matters are delegated by the CEV to WEVZA.
- 1.5. The WEVZA General Assembly and Executive Committee are the governing bodies
- 1.6. The WEVZA Secretariat is entrusted to manage, control and support the smooth running on the events, under these Regulations.
- 1.7. On site, the competition will be under the authority of the designated Technical Supervisor and the Tournament Jury.

2. ORGANIZATION

- 2.1. Every WEVZA NF has the right to organize the events, following annual allocation shown on the Organizer's Rotation table approved by the WEVZA Assembly.
- 2.2. The concerned NF must communicate annually to the WEVZA Secretariat, **before April 1st** (U17 & U19 M&W) or **September 1st** (U16 M&W) if they confirm or withdraw the tournament organization.
- 2.3. In case of withdraw; the WEVZA shall appoint a different NF to switch the Tournament and shall announce the exact date and venue of the tournaments yearly latest on **May 1st** (U17 & U19 M&W) or **October 1st** (U16 M&W).
- 2.4. In case of mutual agreements between NFs with prior approval of the WEVZA Secretariat, two or more events could be organized on the same place and date (multiple categories and/or gender tournament).
- 2.5. If after the event announcement by WEVZA, the appointed NF withdraws the organization or presents substantial modifications regarding the previous announced dates or venue, it should be sanctioned by WEVZA.

- 2.6. The Organizing NF is responsible for preparing and controlling the smooth running of the event following all provisions and deadline foreseen on these WEVZA Regulations.

3. TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR AND OTHER PERSONNEL

- 3.1. The Organizer NF is responsible for appointing the event Technical Supervisor and all the staff personnel needed for the smooth running of the event.
- 3.2. The Technical Supervisor must be selected from the CEV Supervisor's List. The name must be communicated by the Organizing NF to WEVZA Secretariat and CEV office (Volleyball Dpt.) at least 45 days before the championship.
- 3.3. The Technical Supervisor is responsible to conduct the team's accreditation procedure (Preliminary Enquiries), monitoring the correct tournament running and shall decide any technical issue during the tournament following these Regulations, and subsidiary, the CEV Regulations.

4. PARTICIPATION

- 4.1. The participation is reserved for teams representing the NFs member of WEVZA, previously registered in duly time and confirmed by the CEV (04 and 05 Forms), who is the sole authority to confirm the registered NFs.
- 4.2. However, according to their own Regulations, the CEV could designate one or more non-WEVZA teams to take part in the competition.
- 4.3. Each registered WEVZA country can participate with only one (1) team by category and gender.
- 4.4. The CEV Final Round organizer/s NFs (if WEVZA member/s) cannot participate in the Qualification tournaments (CEV Sport Regulations).
- 4.5. In case of withdraw after registration; the concerned NF must inform about their decision the CEV and the WEVZA Secretariat.
- 4.6. If as a consequence of NFs confirmation of withdrawing there are less than three (3) participant teams, the WEVZA Secretariat with the CEV Office approval and following their regulation, should cancel the tournament.

5. COMPETITION PERIOD

- 5.1. The **U16 M&W Qualification Tournaments** must be running within the period of the **first two weeks of January** of the year of the Final Round of the category (age). Duly care must be taken to avoid travels on December 31st or January 1st.
- 5.2. The **U17 & U19 M&W Qualification Tournaments** must be running within the period of the **last two weeks of August and the first two weeks of September** of the previous year of the Final Round of the category (age). Duly care must be taken to avoid travels on August 31st or September 1st.
- 5.3. In all cases, a minimum interval of 2 weeks will be respected from the completion dates of the U-ages FIVB World Championships, Olympic Games or CEV European Finals if they affect any of the participating teams (same player's participation).
- 5.4. The competition periods set in previous articles 5.1 and 5.2 could be enlarged under **exceptional circumstances** duly justified, but the competition dates proposed by the Organized NF, in any case, should be previously approved by WEVZA authorities before released and confirmed.

6. COMPETITION SYSTEM AND CALENDAR

- 6.1. 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	3	3

6.2. To allocate the teams in the Pools by serpentine and determine the team numbering on Round Robin system, the following criteria will be used:

TOURNAMENT	CRITERIA
U16M / U16W	The final standing on the previous CEV U16M / U16W European Championship.
U17M / U17W	The final standing on the previous CEV U18M / U18W European Championship.
U19M / U19W	The final standing on the previous CEV U20M / U20W European Championship.

Team that hasn't participated in the above-mentioned competitions (criteria), will stand as next. If more than one team are in the same circumstance, they will be standing at the end ordered by the CEV Ranking List of the corresponding category.

6.3. Tournament with 8 teams: **2 pools Round Robin + Cross Semifinals and Finals.**

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

6.4. Tournament with 7 teams: **2 pools Round Robin + Cross Semifinals and Finals.**

Qualification phase				
Day	Pool A		Pool B	
1 ^o	A3 - A1		B1 - B4	B2 - B3
2 ^o	A2 - A3		B2 - B4	B3 - B1
3 ^o	A1 - A2		B4 - B3	B1 - B2
Day	Semifinals			
4 ^o		3 ^o A - 4 ^o B	1 ^o A - 2 ^o B	1 ^o B - 2 ^o A
Day	Finals			
5 ^o		3 ^o A - 3 ^o B	3 ^o - 4 ^o	1 ^o - 2 ^o
Standing	1 ^o - 4 ^o	According Finals results		

	5 ^o - 7 ^o	According the result of the matches between them, including the Pool match 3 ^o B - 4 ^o B.
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6.5. Tournament with 6 teams: **1 pool Round Robin**

Day	Unique phase		
1 ^o	2 – 5	1 – 6	3 – 4
2 ^o	3 – 6	4 – 2	5 – 1
3 ^o	1 – 4	6 – 5	2 – 3
4 ^o	2 – 6	4 – 5	3 – 1
5 ^o	5 – 3	6 – 4	1 – 2
Standing	1 ^o -6 ^o	According with the results of all matches.	

6.6. Tournament with 5 teams: **1 pool Round Robin**

Day	Unique phase		
1 ^o	5 – 1	4 – 2	Bye 3
2 ^o	1 – 4	2 – 3	Bye 5
3 ^o	4 – 5	3 – 1	Bye 2
4 ^o	2 – 5	3 – 4	Bye 1
5 ^o	5 – 3	1 – 2	Bye 4
Standing	1 ^o -5 ^o	According with the results of all matches.	

6.7. Tournament with 4 teams: **1 pool Round Robin**

Day	Unique phase	
1 ^o	1 – 4	2 – 3
2 ^o	2 – 4	3 – 1
3 ^o	4 – 3	1 – 2
Standing	1 ^o -4 ^o	According with the results of all matches.

6.8. One match per day per team must be scheduled. The organizer has the right to set the daily matches' timetable but avoiding programming every day the same team on the first match time.

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

7. PLAYING RULES, POINTS ALLOCATION AND STANDING.

7.1. All matches should be played with CEV official competition ball.

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

7.3. Standing points allocation:

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

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

7.3.3. In case of forfeit: the present team will score 3 points by result 3 – 0 (25/0, 25/0, 25/0) and the withdrawing team score 0 point.

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

- ~ 1st The total Number of Victories (total matches won).
- ~ 2nd The Standing points won.
- ~ 3rd The Total Set quotient (the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost).
- ~ 4th The Total Point quotient (the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets).
- ~ 5th In case the tie continues between two teams, the priority will be given to the team which won the match between them.
- ~ 6th 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.
- ~ 7th If the tie continues after applying all the above criteria, the teams will be standing in descending order by a draw.

8. COMPETITION HALL AND TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1. The organizer can set the tournament in one or two competition courts (preferably).
- 8.2. Each competition court must respect the specific requirement as mentioned in the CEV Volleyball competition regulations. However, under the organizer request, WEVZA can exceptionally authorize some discrepancies with CEV Regulations, but in any case, they must respect the following minimum requirements:
- Roof height 8.00 m (women competitions) 9.00 m (men competitions)
 - Free zone 5.00 m (lateral) 6.50 m (back)
- 8.3. The playing area surface must be flexible wooden floor, uncovered or covered by Gerflor, Taraflex, Mondoflex or comparable synthetic material.
- 8.4. 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.

9. TRAINING

- 9.1. Each team is entitled to train at least one hour per day, including the day of arrival.
- 9.2. 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 (women competitions) 8.00 m (men competitions)
 - Free zone 3.00 m (lateral) 5.00 m (back)
 - Posts Protected
 - Net & antennae Complete
- 9.3. Each team must be given at least one hour of training on the competition court before the first match of the tournament.
- 9.4. The order of the training sessions will be organized according to the daily order of the matches, balancing the competition and training halls.

- 9.5. Under request, the organizer shall make the best effort to provide weight-lifting gym facilities for use by the teams during training time. The request must be forwarded to the organizers one month prior to the tournament start.

10. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATIONS

- 10.1. The **Team's 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).

- 10.2. The Organizer will accept up to a maximum of two (2) extra-persons per delegation with staff function if 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.

11. LODGING AND MEALS

- 11.1. The Organizing NF must provide lodging and board for the complete team's Delegations from the official arrival day (after lunch) until the official departure day (after breakfast).
- 11.2. Players could be accommodated on 2, 3 or a maximum 4 persons on the same room.
- 11.3. The NFs officials (Coaches, NF Delegate and Referees) must be lodge in single or double rooms. Minimum two Single rooms will be allocated per each Team Delegation.
- 11.4. Duly care must be taken to provide separate rooms for people of different gender.
- 11.5. 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 to the needs of high-performance teams.
- 11.6. 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.
- 11.7. For each match and training session, a minimum of 18 liters of mineral water (without gas) per team must be provided.
- 11.8. The Organizer will provide team's laundry service. The costs of laundry as well as the rest of the extra's (drinks, coffees, telephone, etc.) will be borne by the participating delegations.
- 11.9. It is recommended to provide Internet connection for the participants, both in the lodging and in the competition hall.
- 11.10. 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 timetable will be set according the training-matches schedule.

12. TRANSPORTATION

- 12.1. The participants shall bear their own costs of transportation to and from the tournament 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 is less than 5'-10' 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 - PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY

- 13.1. The eligibility rules are those strictly laid down by the CEV to the respective European Championships.
- 13.2. On the arrival day, upon team's arrivals, the Technical Supervisor must conduct the **team's Preliminary Enquiry**, with the presence of Team Manager and minimum one representative of the organizing NF.
- 13.3. Main duties during the accreditation are:
- Cross-checking the player's name, nationality, birthdate (age) and other administrative requirements using the ID cards or Passports presented by the Team Manager.
 - Confirm the team captain, uniform's numbering and Libero/s designation.
 - Recognize the team's staff members authorized to sit on the bench during matches.
 - Defining the use of colors of uniforms
 - Solving pendant financial matters,
 - Clarifying competition details,
 - Answering all questions presented by Team Manager.
- 13.4. The team's data collected and other significative tournament information will be quickly reported after meetings to all teams, by the Informative Bulletin 2.

14. COMPETITION JURY

- 14.1. Before to start the competition, a **Tournament Jury** will be formed.
The Jury will be composed by 3 people: the Technical Supervisor, one member of the local Organizing Committee and one Team Manager elected from the visiting countries.
One reserve member will also be elected, to perform in case the country of origin of first Team Manager is involved in the decision.
- 14.2. The Jury is entitled to decide about the urgent matters concerning complaints on Competition Regulations, participant's misbehavior, disqualification during matches, etc. and will issue a report to the WEVZA authorities as soon as possible.
- 14.3. The Jury should decide the cases based on the WEVZA Statutes and Regulations. In case of matters not foreseen in WEVZA documents, the correspondent CEV Regulations should be applied.

15. REFEREEING

- 15.1. Every match will be conducted by two Referees (1st and 2nd), one Scorer and at least two line-judges. In case of use of a challenge system approved by WEVZA and CEV, line judged are not compulsory.
- 15.2. Each participating NF must propose to WEVZA, **no later than two (2) months before tournament, the name of one (1) referee (international or candidate)** to be included in the delegation and available to officiate free of charge in the tournament. Likewise, new talented national referees (registered within CEV/FIVB potential international referee list) who officiate in the country's top leagues may be proposed. The definitive list of participant referees should in any cases be approved by the CEV ERC.
- 15.3. The Organizer NF shall complete the Referee roster (if needed) and provide the scorers and line-judges.

- 15.4. In case of all International or Candidates Referees, they will wear the international uniform. In other cases, the Organizer will provide polo shirts or similar garments to all the staff.
- 15.5. The Referees must be lodged in single or double rooms and shall receive the same meals service as the Delegations.
- 15.6. A respected expert Referee (active or retired) from the Organizing National Federation will be appointed to perform the duties of **Referee Delegate**, entrusted to make the daily Referees' designations and introduce the names on the CEV Database. If failing, the duty will be done by the Technical Supervisor.
- 15.7. The CEV International Match Protocol with national anthems will be used during the entire tournament (refer to CEV specific document).

16. TECHNOLOGY DURING MATCHES

- 16.1. Each competition must comply with the specific requirements of the technology used, as mentioned in the CEV volleyball competition regulations.
- 16.2. These technologies are:
 - E-Scoresheet
 - DataVolley Statistics
 - E-Scoresheets Tablets (Referees, benches).
 - Video Sharing
 - Referee's headset
- 16.3. However, at the request of the organizer and after consultation with the CEV, the WEVZA may exceptionally authorize certain discrepancies; but in any case, the use of official CEV e-Scoresheet and DataVolley Statistics are mandatory.

17. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 17.1. No Entry fee shall be paid for these competitions.
- 17.2. The participants teams must pay to the organizer NF a Contribution fee of **100,00€** (one hundred euro) per person/day of stay (arrival day + competition days).
- 17.3. 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.
- 17.4. In case of NF fail the obligation foreseen in article 16.2 (Referee missing), it will pay an **extra contribution of 2.000,00 €** to the organizer NF.

18. MEDICAL ISSUES

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

19. MARKETING AND MEDIA MATTERS.

- 19.1. To identify the events as WEVZA tournaments under CEV umbrella, the following items by the Organizing federation are mandatory (minimum):
- 1 CEV flag in the hall.
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 - Participating countries flags in the hall.
 - 2 banners of WEVZA (3m x 1m) on each court.
 - 1 banner of the CEV (3m x 1m) on each court.
 - CEV and WEVZA logo in all printing and advertisement materials, press releases and Press conference (if any).
- 19.2. The CEV and WEVZA flag and banners must be displayed on the relevant visible places, both by public and photographer shots.
- 19.3. Marketing: courts banners, brochures, advertisings, pictures and video released, etc.
- Every alcohol, tobacco and pornography publicity related are prohibited.
 - Betting & Gambling and balls brands (including Beach) categories are reserved to CEV.
 - All others categories are released, so the organizers can use them.

20. AWARDING

- 20.1. The Organizer must present trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classified teams.
- 20.2. The trophies must display the WEVZA logo, competition name, date and standing.
- 20.3. During the awarding ceremony, all the national flags must be present and the national anthem of the winner will be played.
- 20.4. 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 the same of one of the previously awarded players).
- 20.5. The Organizer will offer a small gift or souvenir to all players as a friendly gesture.

21. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 21.1. Administrative deadlines:

Participant NFs to the CEV

- Specific **deadlines and forms** set by CEV:
 - Team's registration
 - Player's license
 - Teams' composition
 - Others mentioned on specific Official Communications.

Organizer NFs to WEVZA Secretariat

- Before **April 1st** : **U17 M&W, U19 M&W**

- Before **September 1st**: **U16 M&W**
 - Organization commitment or withdraw.
- Before **May 1st** : **U17 M&W, U19 M&W**
Before **October 1st**: **U16 M&W**
 - Confirm the tournament exact date and venue.
- **Two months** prior to the tournament 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 months** prior to the tournament date:
 - Release the Bulletin 1 (general information).
- At the Delegations **arrival** to the venue:
 - Release Competition Handbook.
- The night of **arrival day** after accreditation process:
 - Release the Bulletin 2 (team's composition, other relevant info).

WEVZA Secretariat to the Participant NFs

- Not later than **May 1st** : **U17 M&W, U19 M&W**
Not later than **October 1st**: **U16 M&W**
 - Communicate the team's participation in each Tournament.
 - Communicate the Tournaments exact date and venues

Participant NFs to the Organizer and WEVZA:

- **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)

- 21.2. The Organizer has the obligation to update, shortly after each match, the tournament's results, standing and images on the WEVZA website and other digital platforms delivered by WEVZA. In addition, the use of their own or the specifically created digital platforms and social media networks, etc. to spread information, pictures, stories and videos is allowed.
- 21.3. Match stats, video streaming and live score are not compulsory but highly recommended for all matches.



22. MISCELLANEOUS

- 22.1. The Organizing NF will provide each team with a team guide.
- 22.2. The use of tournament ID cards is upon the Organizing NF.

23. SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, OFFICIAL FORMS

- 23.1. CEV rules and regulations will be of subsidiary application for any issue do not cover by these Regulations.
- 23.2. In case WEVZA do not issue Forms or procedure for some matters, the CEV official forms and procedure to be used.

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