



WEVZA BEACH VOLLEYBALL

CEV U18/U20 Beach Volleyball European Championships

First-round Qualifier

Valid from March 2026

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. DEFINITION – GOVERNING BODIES

- 1.1. The WEVZA Beach Volleyball Qualifiers (for both Men and Women) are the Zonal 1st Round Qualification events organized by WEVZA to the u-ages categories determined by the CEV upon their competition regulations.
- 1.2. The entry requirements, some organization terms and conditions and the number of places granted for the Final Rounds are yearly laid down by the CEV in its Regulations and Official Communications.
- 1.3. The competition system, playing dates, venues and other organization and participation matters are delegated by the CEV to WEVZA.
- 1.4. The WEVZA General Assembly and Executive Committee are the governing bodies.
- 1.5. The WEVZA Secretariat is entrusted to manage, control and support the smooth running on the events, under these Regulations.
- 1.6. On site, the events are under the authority of the Technical Supervisor and the Tournament Jury.

2. ORGANIZATION

- 2.1. Every WEVZA NF has the right to organize the events, following the 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 November 15th** the commitment or withdraw of the tournament organization of the following year.
- 2.3. In case of withdraw, WEVZA shall appoint a different NF to organize the event and shall announce the date and venue **before March 1st**.
- 2.4. In case of mutual agreements between NFs and with the WEVZA Secretariat approval, 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 of the previous announcement regarding date or venue, it should be sanctioned by WEVZA.

- 2.6. The Organizing NF is responsible for preparing and managing the smooth running of the event respecting all Regulations provisions and deadlines, by appointing an Organizing Committee and an expert Technical Supervisor.

3. TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR AND OTHER PERSONNEL

- 3.1. The Organizer NF is responsible for appointing all the personnel needed for the smooth running of the event, taking in consideration the basic CEV guidelines for European underage championships.
- 3.2. The Technical Supervisor is a person registered on the CEV list of Technical Supervisor for the present Year.
- 3.3. The Technical Supervisor must be proposed by the organizing NF to WEVZA Secretariat at least 60 days before the championship. The WEVZA secretariat will propose the person to the CEV Office.
- 3.4. The Technical Supervisor will be informed -45 days before the start of the competition by the organizing NF, after approval of the CEV office
- 3.5. The Technical Supervisor will decide any technical issue during the Championship following these Regulations.

4. PARTICIPATION

- 4.1. The participation is reserved for teams representing NFs members of WEVZA, previously registered in duly time within the CEV, who is the solely authority to confirm the registered NFs participants.
- 4.2. Each registered WEVZA member can participate with one (1) or two (2) teams per category and gender to fulfil the maximum of **sixteen (16) vacancies**. National Federations can also register a 3rd team for the case of vacancies foreseen in point. 4.4
- 4.3. On the registration form, the FIVB ranking points determine the standing between teams of the same country (1st team, 2nd team, 3rd team). In cases the country' teams haven't any FIVB points, the standing shall be determined by the NF themselves.
- 4.4. If after registration deadline is closed, and number of participating teams shall be less than 16 teams, WEVZA will allocate the free vacancies for the registered 3rd teams according the CEV Beach Volleyball Age Groups ranking of the same category.
- 4.5. If the CEV Final Round organizer/s is a WEVZA NF member/s and decide register teams to participate in the qualification events, their team's final standing does not count to the Final Round qualification vacancies.
- 4.6. In case of withdraw after registration; the concerned NF must inform the decision to CEV and WEVZA Secretariat.
- 4.7. If as result of NFs confirmation of withdrawing there are only three or less NF represented on the event, WEVZA will follows the CEV decision about the event confirmation or cancellation.

5. COMPETITION PERIOD

- 5.1. The tournaments must be held annually, in the period between the first full week of June

and 45 days before the start of the CEV Final Round.

- 5.2. In the case that the CEV Final Round is organized in June or early July, the WEVZA Secretariat may decide on a different competition period.
- 5.3. The WEVZA Secretariat shall confirm the dates proposed by the organizer prior to their publication.

6. COMPETITION SYSTEM

6.1. General criteria per each participant team:

- Minimum four (4) matches in the entire Tournament in case of dual places in classification or five (5) if decided otherwise by organizing country if all classification are allocated (1 to 16).
- Minimum (1) match per day of stay.

6.2. Qualification Phase:

- Four (4) pools (A, B, C and D) of four teams each.
- Round robin system = three (3) matches per team.

Pools composition:

- The Host country's No. 1 team must be seeded No. 1 in Pool A.
- The rest of the countries' No. 1 teams must be seeded by a serpentine system following the country's final standing in the previous year's CEV Championship (of the same age), starting with Pool B (main draw positions 2-8).
- The countries' No. 2 teams must be seeded by a serpentine system following the No. 1 teams, avoiding seeding in the same Pool of the No. 1 teams of the same country (Increasing or reducing if increasing doesn't work.)
- The countries' No. 3 teams shall be seeding in the remaining positions, trying to avoid seeding in the same Pool as teams of the same country.

6.3. Final Phase

Knock-out bracket

- Twelve teams (12) teams: the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classified of each Pool.
- Single elimination: Round of 12, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals, Bronze medal and Gold medal matches.

Promotional matches

- For teams' classified 4th in the Pool play and loser in Round of 12 and Quarter Finals.
- Organizers can propose at preliminary enquiries to organize promo matches to allow players to have sufficient practice.
- These promo matches could be organized according following format otherwise specified before the start:
 - **Promo match 1:** 4^oclass. Pool A vs 4^oclass. Pool C.

- **Promo match 2:** 4° class. Pool B vs 4°class. Pool D
- **Promo match 3:** Looser Promo match 1 vs Looser Promo match 2.
- **Promo match 4:** Winner Promo match 1 vs Winner Promo match 2

6.4. In case there are lower participating teams, the competition schedule shall be adjusted in order to fulfil the provision of 6.1.

6.5. The organizer will submit to WEVZA Secretariat the competition format proposal for approval at least one month before the competition.

Explained competition system on Annex 1.

7. COMPETITION CALENDAR

7.1. The basic calendar for one category and gender event is as follows:

Day 1	Arrival of the teams
Day 2	Competition
Day 3	Competition
Day 4	Competition
Day 5	Departure of the teams

In case of multiple categories and/or gender event, the calendar could be different under WEVZA Secretariat approval.

7.2. The organizer has the right to set the daily matches' timetable.

7.3. FIVB Rules relating to players rest between matches shall be applied.

Tournament schedule example on Annex 2

8. PLAYING RULES AND STANDING

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

8.2. Coaching follows the CEV Regulations for u-age categories.

8.3. The CEV official Match Protocol will be apply.

8.4. All cases not foreseen in these Regulations, can be related to the official volleyball ROG and the CEV regulations should be applied.

9. COMPETITION COURTS

9.1. The Organizer shall set at disposal at least two (2) competition courts per category and gender, plus one training court.

In the case of multiple categories and/or gender events, number of courts must be increased appropriately.

9.2. Competition courts must comply with the CEV requirements of surface, equipment and personnel, unless otherwise accepted by WEVZA Technical supervisor.

9.3. The competition courts must meet the following **minimum** requirements:

- Free zone 3.00 m
- Sand Dept at least 30 cm
- Perimeter fences closing the playing area.

10. TRAINING

- 10.1. Courts will be open for training from at least the day of the Preliminary Inquiry and if applicable the Technical Meeting.
- 10.2. The NFs training schedule should be considered according to the courts availability and managed by NF organizer with approval of Technical Supervisor.

11. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATIONS

- 11.1. Upon slots granted and confirmed by WEVZA Secretariat, each NF delegation may consist by:
 - One (1), two (2) or maximum three (3) teams composed by two players each, per category and gender. Once register, the team's composition cannot be change.
 - One (1) Coach, per category and gender,
 - One (1) NF Delegate, also called: Head of Delegation (Could be a coach, but not a player)
 - One (1) International Beach Referee per genderAll other people shall be considering extra-person.
- 11.2. The Organizer shall accept up to a maximum of two (2) extra people per delegation with staff function, if confirmed at least one month before the tournament. Those extra people are entitled to the same conditions as the other members of the delegation, i.e. accommodation, meals, local transport and venue/courts access.

12. LODGING AND MEALS

- 12.1. The Organizing NF must provide lodging and board for the complete participant's Delegations from the official arrival day until the official departure day.
 - 1.1. Players must be accommodated on 2, 3 or a maximum 4 players in the same room.
 - 1.2. The NFs officials (Coaches, NF Delegate) and Referees shall be accommodated in double rooms.
- 12.2. Duly care must be taken to provide separate rooms for people of different genders.
- 12.3. It is recommended to provide an Internet connection for the participants, both in the lodging site and at competition courts.
- 12.4. The daily provisioning will include three meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner. Due to the characteristics of the competition venue, the lunch could be served as cold dish or package style. In any case, a minimum of two daily meals will be offered with at least one warm dish.
- 12.5. At lunch and dinner at least one (1) liter of mineral water for each person should be provided.
- 12.6. For each match a minimum of 2 liters of mineral water (without gas) per team shall be provided.
- 12.7. Fruit, snacks and refreshments are recommended on the same competition site.

13. TRANSPORTATION

- 13.1. The participants shall bear their own costs of transportation to and from the tournament venue.

- 13.2. If requested, the Organizer will arrange transportation (bus, van, car, etc.) from the airport or a railway-station to the site of the tournament, paid by the requesting participant.
- 13.3. The Organizing NF will bear the costs of the internal transportation from lodging site to the training/competition venue.
- 13.4. In case the internal transfer between lodging and the competition venue is less than 5'-10' walking, it should be covered on foot.
- 13.5. Organizer tries to offer daily transportation for team's officials to/from competition venue, outside of the regular schedule, if any.

14. PLAYERS ELEGIBILITY

- 14.1. The player's eligibility rules are those laid down by the CEV to the respective European Championship.
- 14.2. The Technical Supervisor upon team's arrival, conduct the preliminary inquiries, checking player's name, nationality, birthdate (age) and other administrative requirements cross check verification, using the ID cards or Passports presented by the Team Manager or coach, and later report the records during the Technical Meeting.

15. UNIFORMS

- 15.1. Every team must take their own playing uniform, including shirts and tops, with numbers (1 and 2) and the identification of the country they represent (flag, country code or both), of minimum two different colors.
- 15.2. However, the Organizer NF is allowed to supply the competition team's tops and shirt. In the case, the decision must be communicated from the Organizer NF to the participants at least sixty (60) days before the start of the competition, and the teams are obliged to wear it.
- 15.3. The style of uniforms must roughly comply with CEV/FIVB rules.

16. MEDICAL ISSUES

- 16.1. Each NF is responsible to ensure the appropriate health condition of each individual delegation member according with his/ her role.
- 16.2. All participants (players, coaches, managers, referees) must have an individual Health Insurance policy to cover sporting accidents that may occur during the competition.
- 16.3. The Organizer should provide first assistance on site in case of accident and the quick and safe transportation to the Hospital.
- 16.4. The respective NF (or individual) is responsible for the cost of any medical assistance in hospital, treatment, diagnostic testing, pharmacy, hospitalization, surgery, etc.

17. PERSONNEL AND COMPETITION MANAGER

- 17.1. The Organizer NF is responsible for appointing all the personnel needed for the smooth running of the event, taking in consideration the CEV guidelines for European under age championships, including an experienced competition manager to run the competition software.
- 17.2. The competition manager must be a person of sufficient beach volleyball competitions



experience at international or highest national level.

18. TECHNICAL MEETING AND JURY

- 18.1. The day before the start of the competition a Technical Meeting will be held with the presence of NF Delegates, the local organizers and a minimum of one representative from the Organizing National Federation, who will chair the Meeting.
- 18.2. During the Technical Meeting, the Supervisor will present final competition details, like the definitive competition schedule, timetable and other relevant information.
- 18.3. The use of tournament ID cards is up to the Organizer NF decision.
- 18.4. At the Technical Meeting, a competition Jury integrated by 3 members will be established.
- 18.5. The Jury shall be composed of a member of the Organizing NF, the Technical Supervisor and one Team official (from NF different of the Organizing country). If the case under decision involves persons related to the members of the Jury (same country), these persons must be replaced by another Teams officials designated by the Technical Supervisor.
- 18.6. The Jury is entitled to decide about all urgent matters concerning complaints on Competition regulations, participant's misbehavior, etc. and will issue a report to the WEVZA Secretariat.
- 18.7. 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. All decisions are finals and without appeal.

19. REFEREEING

- 19.1. The matches will be conducted by two Referees (1st and 2nd) plus a scorer and an assistant.
- 19.2. Each participant's national federation must include within their Delegation maximum two International or Candidate International Referee, depending of the number of participating teams. (1 team equals 1 referee, 2 or more teams equals 2 referees) available to perform on the tournament.
- 19.3. The Organizing NF shall complete the Referees roster (3 Referees per court) and provide the scorers, assistants and line-judges (if any). The complete Referee's roster must be submitted by the organizing NF to the CEV at latest 30 days prior to the event, using the BV_LR form.
- 19.4. In addition, the organizing NF must propose and communicate to CEV and WEVZA a distinguish Referee Coach, International or a probed experienced person to perform as Referee Manager. He/she must be fluent in English speaking, reading and writing.
- 19.5. The Referees must be lodged in single or double rooms and shall receive the same meals per day as the rest of Delegation's members.
- 19.6. The CEV Match Protocol will be performed during the complete Tournament.
- 19.7. The Organizing NF must provide uniforms (polo shirt and shorts for referees to wear during the competition).

20. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 20.1. No entry fee is foreseen for these tournaments.

- 20.2. The participating teams and all officials must pay to the Organizing NF a Contribution fee of **100,00 €** per person/day, starting from the arrival day up to the departure day (5 days = 500,00 € per person). The Contribution fee could be paid by Bank transfer before the Tournament or cash on site during the Preliminary Inquiry meeting.
- 20.3. The costs of every extra's on accommodation location and sport venue (drinks, coffees, telephone, etc.) will be borne by the participating delegation.
- 20.4. The NF failure to provide the Referee(s) according to conditions set by the art. 19.2 will have to pay an extra-contribution of **2.000,00 € per each missing referee** to the Organizing NF.

21. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- 21.1. The Organizer shall award prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classified teams, consisting of trophies/cups for the team and medals for the players.
- 21.2. The trophies must display the WEVZA logo, competition name, date and standing.
- 21.3. During the award ceremony, all the national flags shall be present, and the national anthem of the winner shall be played.
- 21.4. The Organizer shall offer a small gift or souvenir to all players as a friendly gesture.

22. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION

- 22.1. Organizing NF to the CEV
- Terms and deadlines can be consulted on the CEV yearly published documents.

- 22.2. Participant's NFs deadline to provide to the Organizer:

Forty-five (45) days before the Tournament:

- Numerical Delegation composition (number of players, number of officials)
- Information about Referee participation.

Thirty days before the Tournament

- WEVZA shall issue the Entry List, with team's admission.

Fifteen (15) days before the Tournament:

- Information about arrival – departure.
- Final Team composition (nominal).

- 22.3. The Organizer must publish all results and standings on the WEVZA website, shortly after each match. The organizer is also allowed to use its own or newly created specifically developed website.

- 22.4. Maximum **ten (10) days after the Tournament**, each Organizer must forward to the WEVZA Secretariat a complete competition report, including:
- Competition data: venue, date, duration, etc;



- Participant teams' information: team's composition, players & coaches' data, etc.
- Match results and Final standing.
- Tournament miscellaneous and pictures showing the CEV and WEVZA marketing kits.

22.5. Stats by match, daily bulletin, video streaming and live score are not compulsory but recommended.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION.

All relevant information about WEVZA Beach Volleyball events will be circulated to all National Federations through Official Communications and posted in the Beach Volleyball section of the WEVZA website.

All participants are responsible for checking regularly latest news, updates and team lists.

24. MARKETING AND PRESS REGULATIONS.

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

Banners on each court:

- Up to 4 banners of CEV if required according to organizing terms and conditions from CEV
- 2 banners of WEVZA

Flags on venue:

- 1 FIVB flag, 1 CEV flag, 1 WEVZA flag
- Participating countries flags

CEV and WEVZA logo in all printing and advertisement materials, press releases and Press conference

25. SUBSIDIARY NORMS, OFFICIAL FORMS AND COMPETITION BRACKETS.

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

The Official forms to be used for any WEVZA communications are those ones of the CEV.

CONTACT

The address for all communications related to the events is:

WEVZA Secretariat

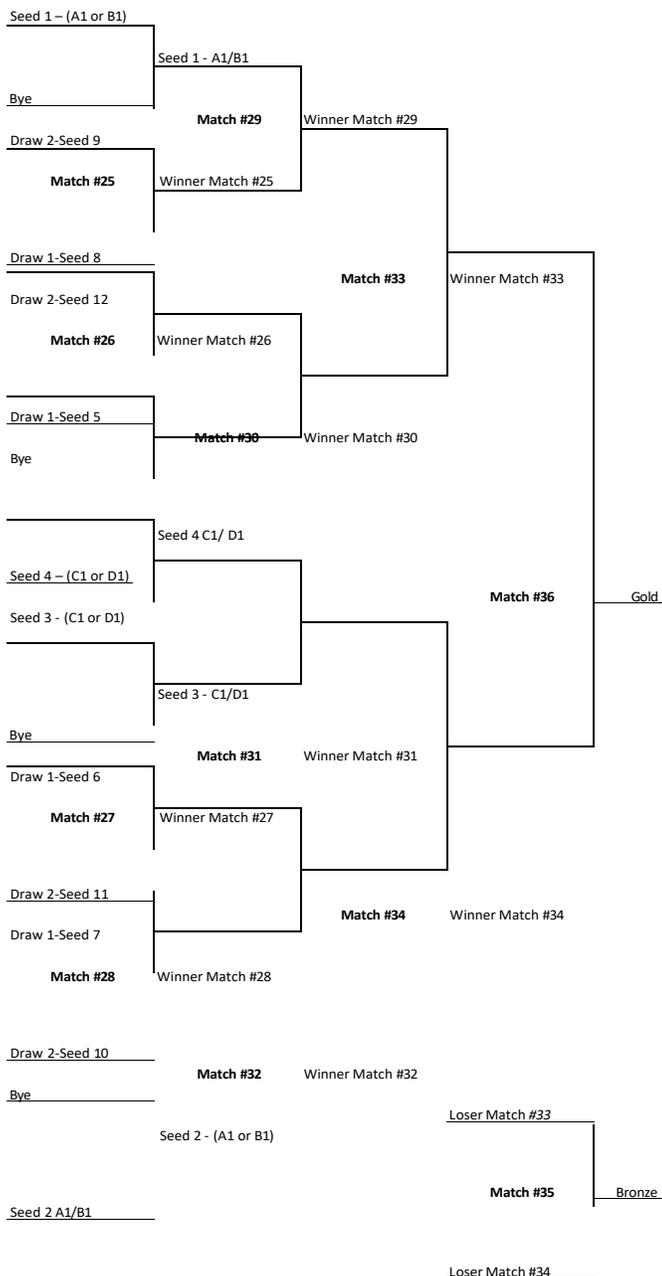
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Annex I. Competition System

First Phase: Pool Play. Four pools of 4 teams each (serpentine), round robin (24 matches). Top three (3) teams from each pool will advance to the second phase.

Final Phase: knock-out bracket (12 teams) in single elimination format. Round of 12, Quarterfinals, Semi-finals, Finals.

Extra matches (promotional matches) will be scheduled for fourth teams in the pools and for Round of 12 and quarterfinal losers to follows art. XX general criteria.



Seed 1 and Seed 2: Draw between A1 and B1.

Seed 3 and Seed 4: Draw between C1 and D1.

Draw 1: A2, B2, C2 and D2.



Draw 2: A3, B3, C3 and D3

- Teams from the same First phase pool shall not meet in the first two rounds of the Final Phase bracket (i.e. round 12 and Quarterfinals).
- Teams from the same NF shall be able to play in the complete Final Phase bracket.

Annex II. Example of double gender tournament schedule

Day 1 Pool Play (Men)*

	Court 1	Court 2
9:00	seed 1 vs seed 16	seed 8 vs seed 9
9:50	seed 2 vs seed 15	seed 7 vs seed 10
10:40	seed 3 vs seed 14	seed 6 vs seed 11
11:30	seed 4 vs seed 13	seed 5 vs seed 12
12:20	seed 9 vs seed 16	seed 1 vs seed 8
13:10	seed 10 vs seed 15	seed 2 vs seed 7
15:40	seed 11 vs seed 14	seed 3 vs seed 6
16:30	seed 12 vs seed 13	seed 4 vs seed 5
17:20	seed 8 vs seed 16	seed 1 vs seed 9
18:10	seed 7 vs seed 15	seed 2 vs seed 10
19:00	seed 6 vs seed 14	seed 3 vs seed 11
19:50	seed 5 vs seed 13	seed 4 vs seed 12

Day 1 Pool Play (Women)*

	Court 3	Court 4
9:00	seed 1 vs seed 16	seed 8 vs seed 9
9:50	seed 2 vs seed 15	seed 7 vs seed 10
10:40	seed 3 vs seed 14	seed 6 vs seed 11
11:30	seed 4 vs seed 13	seed 5 vs seed 12
12:20	seed 9 vs seed 16	seed 1 vs seed 8
13:10	seed 10 vs seed 15	seed 2 vs seed 7
15:40	seed 11 vs seed 14	seed 3 vs seed 6
16:30	seed 12 vs seed 13	seed 4 vs seed 5
17:20	seed 8 vs seed 16	seed 1 vs seed 9
18:10	seed 7 vs seed 15	seed 2 vs seed 10
19:00	seed 6 vs seed 14	seed 3 vs seed 11
19:50	seed 5 vs seed 13	seed 4 vs seed 12

Day 2 Final Phase

	Court 1	Court 2
9:50	Round of 12	Promo match
10:40	Round of 12	Promo match
11:30	Round of 12	Promo match
12:20	Round of 12	Promo match
13:10		
15:40	Promo match	Promo match
16:30	Promo match	Promo match
17:20	Losers Round of 12	Losers Round of 12
18:10	QF	QF
19:00	QF	QF

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	Court 3	Court 4
9:50	Round of 12	Promo match
10:40	Round of 12	Promo match
11:30	Round of 12	Promo match
12:20	Round of 12	Promo match
13:10		
15:40	Promo match	Promo match
16:30	Promo match	Promo match
17:20	Losers Round of 12	Losers Round of 12
18:10	QF	QF
19:00	QF	QF

Day 3 Final Phase

	Court 1	Court 2
9:50	Promo match	Promo match
10:40	Promo match	Promo match
11:30	SF M 1	Loser QF M
12:20	SF M 2	Loser QF M
16:30	Promo match	Promo match
17:20	Promo match	Promo match
18:10	M 3 rd /4 th	W 3 rd / 4 th
19:00	M 1 st /2 nd	W 1 st / 2 nd

Day 3 Final Phase

	Court 3	Court 4
9:50	Promo match	Promo match
10:40	Promo match	Promo match
11:30	SF W 1	Loser QF W
12:20	SF W 2	Loser QF W

*The gender court's allocation is by example and could be shift.