



# WEVZA VOLLEYBALL CUP

## Senior Club Tournaments

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## COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 1. DEFINITION – GOVERNING BODIES

- 1.1. The WEVZA Volleyball Cups (for both Men and Women) are the Zonal qualification events for CEV Challenge CUP, organized by WEVZA to senior club's Teams.
- 1.2. According with the CEV Regulations in force, the winner of this competition will be granted a place in the CEV Challenge Cup under the condition minimum four (4) teams from four (4) different countries has been participated.
- 1.3. The WEVZA General Assembly and Executive Committee are the governing bodies, along with CEV regarding the competition requirement.
- 1.4. The WEVZA Secretariat is entrusted to manage, control and support the smooth organization and running the Tournaments following these regulations.
- 1.5. On site, the competition will be under the authority of the designated Technical Supervisor.

### 2. REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. A maximum of eight (8) clubs (one for each NF member of the WEVZA) may participate, under the following conditions:
  - Have finished among the first eight classified in their national top-level competition in the previous season.
  - Not been already listed, disqualified neither resigned within the regular CEV Cups registration.
- 2.2. The NFs must register and confirm their participating clubs (defined the priority order 1 and 2) to WEVZA Secretariat office every year at least **7 days before** deadline fixed by CEV for Cups registration.
- 2.3. In case the applications don't reach the number of eight (8) clubs, WEVZA can accept one more club's registration from a same country under the same conditions set at point 2.1. Free vacancies shall be allocated one per country (max 2 clubs per country in total) following the most updated published CEV countries-club's ranking order (*CEV European Cups Slot allocation for CCup and Challenge Cup*).
- 2.4. WEVZA Secretariat shall confirm participant's teams **7 days after** the CEV Cups registration deadline.
- 2.5. Team's official arrival day is the day before the team's first match, and official departure day is the day after the last match played.

### 3. ORGANIZERS

- 3.1. Every interested Club can apply for the Tournament organization together with the club participation registration by the NF.

- 3.2. The club applying to organize the WEVZA Cup will automatically have the participation priority order of their NF in case the organization shall be entrusted to it.
- 3.3. In case there isn't any applicant or more than one, the organization will be entrusted by public streamed drawing of lots performed at the WEVZA Secretariat office.
- 3.4. WEVZA Secretariat shall confirm the organizing club (by application or by draw) at latest **15 days after** CEV Cups registration deadline.
- 3.5. In case the organized club (by application or by draw) withdraw the commitment, the Tournament shall be cancelled by WEVZA; and the resigned club (if has applicate) will be banned from participation on the following two (2) editions of the WEVZA Cup (both genders).
- 3.6. The Organizing Club is responsible to prepare and control the smooth running of the event following these Regulations.

#### 4. TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR

- 4.1. The Technical Supervisor shall be appointed by the Organizing NF from the CEV Supervisor List annually proposed by the NF to the CEV; and communicated to the WEVZA Secretariat office and the CEV Volleyball Dept. **one (1) month** prior to the event.
- 4.2. If the Technical Supervisor is not appointed, he/she shall be appointed directly by WEVZA, between those available from the own or foreign country with all related costs to be bear by the Organizer.

#### 5. COMPETITION PERIOD

- 5.1. The tournament must be running following the Official Communications from the CEV.

#### 6. COMPETITION SYSTEM

- 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    | 3 - 5            |
| 7                      | Two pools (3 -4) Round Robin + Semifinal + Finals | 5    | 3 - 5            |
| 6                      | Two pools (3) Round Robin + Semifinal + Finals    | 5    | 2 - 4            |
| 5                      | One pool (5) Round Robin                          | 5    | 4                |
| 4                      | One pool (4) Round Robin                          | 3    | 3                |

- 6.2. Team's numbering and pools allocation on the Round Robin system shall be done by serpentine:
  - The team representing the organizer took number 1.
  - The rest of participant, starting from number 2, shall be ordering following the standing of the document mention on point 2.3. (first all teams n° 1 of each NF following by teams n° 2 - see point 2.2), but avoiding as much as possible allocate teams of the same NF on the same pool (in case of two pools).

6.3. 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>      | 1 <sup>o</sup> A - 2 <sup>o</sup> B |         | 1 <sup>o</sup> B - 2 <sup>o</sup> A |         |
| Day                 | Final                               |         |                                     |         |
| 5 <sup>o</sup>      | 1 <sup>o</sup> - 2 <sup>o</sup>     |         |                                     |         |

6.4. 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>      | 1 <sup>o</sup> A - 2 <sup>o</sup> B |  | 1 <sup>o</sup> B - 2 <sup>o</sup> A |         |
| Day                 | Final                               |  |                                     |         |
| 5 <sup>o</sup>      | 1 <sup>o</sup> - 2 <sup>o</sup>     |  |                                     |         |

6.5. Tournament with 6 teams

| Qualification phase |                                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Day                 | Pool A                              | Pool B                              |
| 1 <sup>o</sup>      | A1 - A3                             | B1 - B3                             |
| 2 <sup>o</sup>      | A2 - A3                             | B2 - B3                             |
| 3 <sup>o</sup>      | A1 - A2                             | B1 - B2                             |
| Day                 | Semifinals                          |                                     |
| 4 <sup>o</sup>      | 1 <sup>o</sup> A - 2 <sup>o</sup> B | 1 <sup>o</sup> B - 2 <sup>o</sup> A |
| Day                 | Final                               |                                     |
| 5 <sup>o</sup>      | 1 <sup>o</sup> - 2 <sup>o</sup>     |                                     |

6.6. 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 |

#### 6.7. Tournament with 4 teams

| Day            | Unique 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 |

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

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 shall be played according to the official Volleyball ROG and the provisions of the CEV Cup, except as indicated in these rules.

7.2. The playing ball shall be those indicated and approved on the CEV Regulations for Challenge Cup.

7.3. At Round robin pools play:

7.3.1. The standing points allocation shall be according the match final score:

- If match finish 3-0 or 3-1; the winner score 3 points and loser 0 point.
- If match finish 3-2; the winner score 2 points and the loser 1 point.
- In case of forfeit: the present team score 3 points by result 3 – 0 (25/0, 25/0, 25/0) and the withdrawing team score 0 point.

7.3.2. The standing order by the following descent criteria:

- 1<sup>st</sup> The total Number of Victories (total matches won).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Standing points won (point 7.3.1.)
- 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.
- 6<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 7<sup>th</sup> If the tie continues after applying all the above criteria, the teams will be standing in descending order by a draw.

### 8. COMPETITION COURTS

8.1. The organizer can set the tournament in one or two competition courts (upon daily matches).

8.2. Each competition court must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Roof height      8.00 m (Women)      9.00 (Men)
- 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 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.
- 8.5. For identification of events as WEVZA tournaments under CEV umbrella, the following items provided by Organizing Federation are mandatory:
  - 2 banners of CEV in each court.
  - 2 banners of WEVZA in each court.
  - 1 CEV flag
  - 1 WEVZA flag.
  - Participating countries flags.
  - Medals and trophies for the 2 top teams.
  - CEV and WEVZA logo and marks in all printing and advertisement materials, press releases and Press conference (if any).
- 8.6. The CEV and WEVZA flag and banners must be display on the relevant visible place, both by public and photographer shots.

## 9. TRAINING

- 9.1. Every team is entitled to train at least one hour per day, including the day before the first match if the arrival to the competition venue permitted. Otherwise, it has the priority training on competition court the very first match day.
- 9.2. The training session's timetable must be setting according of the daily sequence of matches.
- 9.3. In case the training sessions are arranged in a separate training hall, it must comply with the following minimum standards:
  - Wooden or synthetic in good quality.
  - Roof height                      7.00 m (Women)                      8.00 m (Men)
  - Free zone                              3.00 m (minimum lateral) and 5.00 m (minimum back)
  - Post, net & antennae              Complete.

## 10. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATIONS

- 10.1. Each delegation consists of maximum 21 persons:
  - 14 players
  - 6 officials
  - 1 referee
- 10.2. The Organizer shall accept two (2) extra people up to a maximum of 23 persons per delegation 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. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY - PLAYERS ELEGIBILITY

- 11.1. The eligibility rules are those foreseen by the CEV for the European Clubs Competition.
- 11.2. The Technical Supervisor will conduct the Preliminary Inquiry on the day of arrival of each team, verifying the eligibility of players and team officials using the passports/identity documents

- 11.3. presented by the Team Managers, taking special care to comply with the FIVB Transfer Regulations.
- 11.4. In addition, he/she will provide updated information on the final competition schedule, training schedule, protocol, refereeing matters and other relevant information.
- 11.5. Once finishing the P.I. the Technical Supervisor reports the final team's composition to team managers, the organization and refereeing responsible and other interested partners.

## **12. LODGING AND MEALS**

- 12.1. The organizing club must provide lodging and board for the complete team's Delegations from the official arrival day until the official departure day.
- 12.2. The team's delegations shall be accommodated in three (3) single and nine (9) double rooms in a minimum 3 stars Hotel.
- 12.3. The daily provisioning will include with breakfast, lunch and dinner services, starting with dinner of the official arrival day and ending with breakfast of the official departure day. The type of meals and menu will be the usual (regular) for high-level competitions, in similar conditions to those indicated in the CEV rules.
- 12.4. All other meals, including snacks on match days, will be considered "extras" to be paid for by the requesting club.
- 12.5. For each training session and match, the organization shall provide minimum of 18 liters of bottled mineral still water (without gas) per team.
- 12.6. The requesting Club will assume any other extra expenses in the Hotel (laundry, bar, snacks, etc.).
- 12.7. International Referees shall be accommodated in single room's full board.

## **13. TRANSPORTATION**

- 13.1. The participants shall bear their own team's costs of transportation to and from the tournament venue.
- 13.2. Participants are also responsible to finance their own country referee's transportation to and from the venue, even if the referee must travel on different way and time because the competition duties.
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. The Organizers shall provide the internal transportation from lodging to and from training sites and matches during the tournament.
- 13.5. The tournament Referees shall be transfers from/to Hotel – Sport Hall by separate vehicles according their particular timetable.
- 13.6. In case the internal transfer between lodging and the sport venues are less than 5' walking, it may be covered walking.
- 13.7. 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.

## **14. REFEREEING**

- 14.1. 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 if not otherwise specified on the CEV regulations.

- 14.2. The participating team must compulsorily include in the Delegation an International Referee or International Candidate, proposed by their own NF and subsequently confirmed by WEVZA and CEV, available to perform during the Cup.
- 14.3. The Organizer shall complete the Referee roster (if needed) and provide the scorers and line-judges.
- 14.4. The Organizer shall appoint a respected local International Referee to perform the duties of Referee Manager, entrusted to make the daily Referees' designations. If failure to appoint the Referee Manager, he/she shall be appointed by the WEVZA from the own or foreign country with all the related cost to be bear by the Organizer.
- 14.5. The CEV official Match Protocol without National Anthems shall be used during the competition.
- 14.6. The use of e-scoresheet, tablets and communicator's headsets is mandatory. All other technology, including the Challenge-system is optional, unless mandatory for the CEV.
- 14.7. Number of assigned referees:
  - Competition with 8 teams (max. 4 matches per day): 5 foreign referees and 3 local referees.
  - Competition with 7 teams (max. 3 matches per day): 4 foreign and 2 local referees.
  - Competition with 6, 5 or 4 teams (max. 2 matches per day): 3 foreign and 1 local referee.
- 14.8. Only the lower ranked teams (see point 6.2 for ranking order) should not have obligation to assign a referee within their delegation (see point 14.2) if the necessary numbers of referees are completed according to competition schedule.

## 15. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 15.1. The competition **Entry fee per team is 1.250,00 € per team**, to be paid to WEVZA.
- 15.2. The organizer club must support all the costs of the accommodation, meals and local transportations (hotel-venue-hotel) of the participant's teams and referees from the day before of the team's first match until the day after of the team's last match, under the conditions set at article 12 of these Regulations.
- 15.3. Contribution Fee:
  - If the organization has been entrusted by application, the participant's teams must pay to the organizer club a Contribution fee of **80,00 €** (eighty euro) per person (up to 23)/day of their stay (the competition days + 1).
  - If the organization has been entrusted by draw, the participants teams must pay to the organizer club a Contribution fee of **120,00 €** (hundred-twenty euro) per person (up to 23)/day of their stay (the competition days + 1).
- 15.4. The Organizer will define the daily costs for the other Delegation's persons out of the 23 and the extra days (if any).
- 15.5. The Organizer shall support all the cost of:
  - Technical Supervisor, Referee Delegate and Referees from their own country, including the Per Diem of **100,00 € per competition day of stay + 2**.
  - Scorers, line-judges and all other personnel needed for the smooth running of the event, including their financial retributions.
- 15.6. WEVZA shall pay:
  - Referees Per Diem of foreign countries by **100,00 €** per competition day of stay + 1.
  - Any other organization financial support annually approved by the General Assembly.
- 15.7. In case of appointed Referee's missing, the responsible NF or Club will pay an **extra contribution of 2.000,00 €** to the organizer NF.

## 16. MEDICAL ISSUES

16.1. Each participant club is responsible to:

- Ensure the appropriate health condition of each individual Delegation member according with his/her role.
- Provide the medical care coverage of all Delegation members by International Medical insurance for the competition.
- To afford the cost of any medical assistance in hospital, treatment, diagnosis means, pharmacy, hospitalization, surgery, repatriation, etc. of all Delegation members.

16.2. The Organizer NF must provide:

- The first assistance on site in case of accident on training and competition halls.
- The quick and safe transportation to the Hospital.

## 17. AWARDING

17.1. The Organizer must present trophies for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> classified teams.

17.2. The trophies must display the WEVZA logo, competition name, date and standing.

17.3. Additionally, individually awards will be given to the Tournament best players, e.g.: the tournament MVP, etc.

## 18. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATION

18.1. Administrative obligations and deadlines:

### **Applicant NF's to WEVZA Secretariat:**

- Yearly at least 7 days before deadline fixed by CEV for Cups registration (by WEVZA Form):
  - ~ Request the spots and inform the team(s) name registration.
  - ~ Inform the Clubs' wishes to organize the event.

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

- ~ Within 7 days after deadline fixed by CEV for Cups registration:
  - ~ Communicate the entering teams (in each gender) and organization data (venue, date, etc.)

### **Organizer NF to WEVZA Secretariat:**

- Two months prior the tournament date:
  - ~ Release the Bulletin 1 (general information).
- Fifteen days after the competition
  - ~ Send the Final Report (WEVZA Form).

### **Organizer NF/club to the Participant NFs/clubs:**

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



- 18.2. 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 its own or newly created specifically developed website.
- 18.3. Stats by match, daily e-bulletin, video streaming and live score are must follow the CEV Rules.

## **19. MISCELLANEOUS**

- 19.1. The Organizer will provide each team with a team guide.
- 19.2. The use of tournament ID cards is upon the Organizer.

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

- 20.1. CEV rules and regulations will be of subsidiary application for any issue do not covered by these Regulations.
- 20.2. In case WEVZA do not issue Forms for some matters, the CEV official forms to be used.
- 20.3. Any cases not foreseen will be solved by WEVZA Secretariat in accordance and respect of CEV rules.

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