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# 1. General Information

The CEV Continental Cup Final will take place in the city of the Hague, the Netherlands from 23 to 26 of June as a double gender event.

The winning NF of each gender will qualify a direct spot to the Tokyo Olympic Games Beach Volleyball tournament as per the provisions of the

# 2. Hygiene Protocol

Health, safety and well-being of athletes, coaches, officials, staff and all persons involved has become a top priority for CEV since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

To serve this priority CEV has developed the [CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines](#) which is a document providing general recommendations and requirements that shall be considered in the event planning and applied in the event delivery for all CEV competitions.

Additionally to that the [CEV Hygiene Guidelines - Beach Volleyball Specifications](#) is a document providing specific information relating to all CEV Beach Volleyball competitions include amongst else an amended match protocols.

Prior to the tournament an [Event Specific Hygiene Protocol](#) will be confirmed in collaboration with the Local Organising Committee including detailed information of the specific tournament conditions, local measures and government regulations of the host country, and will be published along the tournaments Practical Info.

These documents complement each other and should be thoroughly studied and applied by all participants in CEV competitions. At the same time the documents are being constantly reviewed and revised versions might circulate prior to the event dates.

All participating team delegations, CEV officials and match officials, LOC, staff, accredited media, international and local service providers, etc. adhere to fully comply and respect the protocols mentioned on the documents listed above.

# 3. Competition Parameters

## 3.1. Participants

The CEV Continental Cup Final will be played with the participation of 16 NFs for both the men's and women's competition as following (in alphabetical order):

Men:



Women:



In case any of the qualified NFs qualify the maximum quota spots for the Olympic Games Beach Volleyball tournament through the already completed qualifications pathways (2019 WCHs, 2019 FIVB OQ tournament, FIVB Olympic Ranking) the spot to the Final will be allocated to the next best ranked NF from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase tournament the qualified NF participated in (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, etc.).

The same applies also if any qualified NF withdraws from competition.

In case spots are not accepted through the re-allocation to the above process (next best ranked NF in the respective 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase tournament), those spots will be allocated to the NF with the highest country Ranking as of 14.06.2021 not qualified to the Final from the previous Phases in reverse order (first amongst those participating in Phase 2 events, and if still available amongst those participating Phase 1).

As per the Continental Cup competition parameters each NF participates with an official delegation of minimum 5 and maximum 6 members per gender, including 2 teams composed by 2 players each and 2 delegation members (NFs Delegate, coach, doctor or physiotherapist) out of whom 1 member is identified as Head of Delegation during the Preliminary Inquiry. Additional Delegation members can also be accredited for the Final (see Point 3.10 "Board & Lodging").

Considering the Covid-19 limitations, participating NFs are entitled to travel with additional athletes if they wish so. The participating 4 athletes will be defined during the Preliminary Inquiry and need to meet both the eligibility and participation criteria.

## **3.2. Competition Format**

The event will be played using a 16 NFs single elimination country vs. country matches in a "best-of-three" format, with each NF participating with 2 teams per gender composed of 2 players each, as per the following sequence

- Match No. 1: (Higher seeded NF) team 1 vs (Lower seeded NOC/NF) team 2
- Match No. 2: (Higher seeded NF) team 2 vs (Lower seeded NOC/NF) team 1
- Match No. 3: "Golden Match" – in case of a tie in matches won and lost. In such case, the person nominated as Head of Delegation of each NF during the Preliminary Inquiry confirms in writing to the CEV Supervisor within 5 minutes after end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> match and through the annexed form which athletes will play the Golden Match (Optional: this match can be played in any combination of the 4 participating athletes per NF).

## **3.3. Participation Limitation**

As per FIVB/IOC Qualification System, an athlete can earn a maximum of one (1) quota place for his/her NOC/NF to the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.

An athlete wishing to take part in the competition must possess the nationality of the country whose national team he/she intends to play for and must fully comply with the requirements laid down by the Sports Regulations of the CEV/FIVB.

All other teams/athletes are allowed to participate, provided they meet the eligibility criteria set by the FIVB/CEV regulatory framework and the Beach Volleyball Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games document, including the minimum number of events listed in the "Additional IF Eligibility Criteria" section of the document.

Any update on the Beach Volleyball Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games document will be instantly communicated to all participating NFs.

### 3.4. **Seeding of the Final**

The seeding of the Final in both genders will be determined by the final results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase and confirmed through a Drawing of lots process that will be conducted after the issuing of the final Olympic Ranking on June 14<sup>th</sup> as following:

- The Host NF will be seeded as No 1 (if participating)
- The winners of Continental Cup Phase 2 tournaments will be drawn in positions 2 to 4 (or 1 to 3 if host NF is not participating)
- The runners-up of Continental Cup Phase 2 tournaments will be drawn in the next 3 positions (in case both the Host NF and winners of CCUP Phase 2 tournaments are all eligible to participate these positions are seeds 5 to 7)
- The NFs ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Continental Cup Phase 2 tournaments will be drawn in the next 3 positions (in case both the Host NF and winners/runners-up of CCUP Phase 2 tournaments are all eligible to participate these positions are seeds 8 to 10)
- The NFs ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the Continental Cup Phase 2 tournaments will be drawn in the next 3 positions (in case both the Host NF and all top 3 ranked NFs of CCUP Phase 2 tournaments are all eligible to participate these positions are seeds 11 to 13)
- The NFs ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the Continental Cup Phase 2 tournaments will be drawn in the next 3 positions (in case both the Host NF and all top 4 ranked NFs of CCUP Phase 2 tournaments are all eligible to participate these positions are seeds 14 to 16)
- In case additional spots become available due to eligibility criteria or NFs reaching the maximum quota through other qualification events, this spot(s) will be positioned at the end of the seeding list (and will be drawn if more than 1 spot becomes available).

Seed #1	Host NF
Draw 1 between Seed #2 - #4	
Draw 2 between Seed #5 - #7	
Draw 3 between Seed #8 - #10	
Draw 4 between Seed #11 - #13	
Draw 5 between Seed #14 - #16	
Draw 6 (if needed) between next eligible NF	

The 2 teams of the participating NFs will be seeded as team 1/team 2 according to the sum of their CEV Entry Ranking points on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2021. In case of a replacement of an athlete/team, the seeding of the teams as team 1/2 will be recalculated as per their Entry Ranking points as of Monday 14/06/2021.

### 3.5. **Player's Registration Deadline**

The initial deadline for the Players' Registration is on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, -15 days before the start of the tournament.

This provisional entry list will be reviewed on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> following publication of the final FIVB Olympic Ranking, in order to remove those athletes/NFs that are not meeting the eligibility criteria set out in Point 3.3.

Registration for the event is through the standard registration procedure for all CEV sanctioned events using the respective CEV documents and forms, as described in the CEV Competition Regulations.

The below listed instructions shall be strictly respected to be part of the competition:

- Submit the Player's Commitment and Health Certificate forms as per the instructions shared by the CEV
- have completed the FIVB anti-doping Education and Certification programme "Play Clean" that can be found [here](#)
- have undertaken the FIVB E-learning Course on the Prevention of Competition Manipulation course that can be found [here](#)

### **3.6. Substitution of Player's/Teams**

Player's/Teams can be substituted after the issuing of the Confirmed Lists and up to the Preliminary Inquiry through the respective CEV BV-03 form that needs to be presented to the CEV and the CEV Supervisor before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry.

The substitution of a player/teams will not have an impact on the seeding of the respective NF.

### **3.7. Athletes' Uniforms & Accessories**

The organiser will be providing uniforms (top only) to all participating teams.

National Federations/athletes are responsible to bring their own shorts/bikini bottoms as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations. Athletes may use gear and accessories as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

### **3.8. Allocation of points**

World Ranking points will be allocated to the participants of the CEV Beach Volleyball Continental Cup according to the FIVB World Ranking points allocation table.

Rank	CEV/FIVB Ranking Points
1	200
2	180
3	160
5	120
9	100

### **3.9. Rules of the Game**

All matches shall be played according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules in their latest edition.

The provision allowing the presence of a coach inside the field of play in Phases 1&2 of the CEV Continental Cup is not be applied in the CEV Continental Cup Final.

### **3.10. Board, Lodging & Local Transportation**

Participating NFs will be provided with board and lodging from the organisers in twin rooms starting from dinner of the arrival day until breakfast of the day after elimination in a secured bubble concept, with a contribution fee of 250,- EUR per day per room (see Article 3. Financial Regulations).

These conditions apply to all delegation members confirming their accommodation requests to the organisers as per the timeline that will be detailed in the event's Practical Info document.

### **3.11. Accreditation Requests & Travel Schedule**

Starting from the 2021 season, all accreditation requests and travelling info needs to be uploaded to the CEV Cloud and not to be sent directly to the organiser.

All delegation members need to be duly accredited as per the timeline that will be detailed in the event's Practical Info document.

## **4. Financial Regulations**

### **4.1. Contribution Fee**

The contribution fee of 250,- EUR per day per twin room covers full board & lodging plus local transportation.

The respective National Federation shall pay the contribution fee as per the details and timelines communicated through with the Practical Info document.

### **4.2. License Fee**

As per the CEV Beach Volleyball Competition Regulations, no entry fee is applied for the Continental Cup.

## **5. Further Information**

All necessary information about the competition will be circulated to the National Federations using the Official Communications and the event's Practical Info document.

More event related details can be found in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines, which are available on the CEV website.

Additional information concerning the competitions and the registered teams will be posted in the Continental Cup section of the dedicated page of the CEV website: <https://beachroadtotokyo.cev.eu/en/>. Please check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

## **6. Contact Addresses**

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