

# NORTHERN EUROPEAN UNDER AGE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

and

# CEV ZONAL 1st ROUND U17/U18/U20 QUALIFICATION REGULATIONS



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# 1. Championships

The Northern European Under Age Volleyball Championships for U17 and U19 men and women will be organized every year for the members of NEVZA only. Every other year NEVZA U17 and U19 will be played as CEV qualification Zonal 1<sup>st</sup> round. See the overview of CEV age-group competition here.

When CEV will ask the zonal associations to organize the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the U17, U18 and the U20 European Championships qualification, these regulations will be used for this tournament. Exception will be the financial parts, which will be decided separately.



# 2. Technical Meeting

A NEVZA Technical meeting will be held every year. The places and the dates of the Championships will be decided at this meeting.

# 3. Championship Organizers

2023\* NEVZA U17 Denmark

NEVZA U19 Finland



2024 NEVZA U17 Denmark

NEVZA U19 Faroe Islands

2025\* NEVZA U17 Denmark

**NEVZA U19 Faroe Islands** 

If a country cannot host the event, it is obliged to find a new host. This shall be decided at the NEVZA Technical Meeting the year before.

If a country wishes to arrange a championship for a particular reason e.g., a jubilee, it shall be possible to change the schedule if appropriate to do so and agreed by the existing hosts. This shall be decided at the NEVZA Technical Meeting minimum the year before.

The NEVZA General Assembly in 2023 will appoint/confirm organizers for the Northern European Under Age Volleyball Championships in 2023, 2024 and 2025.

#### 4. Championship Dates

Northern European Volleyball Championships for U17/U18 CEV 1<sup>st</sup> Zonal round and U19/U20 CEV 1<sup>st</sup> Zonal round junior men and women will in principle be organized in the autumn. Changes regarding the timings of the championships must be presented by the organizing country at the NEVZA Technical meeting. A majority vote will then decide.

# 5. Hosting

Northern European Under Age Volleyball Championships will be organized if there are teams from 4 members of Nevza, or more registered.

# 6. Player Eligibility

Players participating in category U19/U20 CEV Zonal 1<sup>st</sup> round shall be aged 18 years or younger during the whole year when the tournament will take place. (Under 19 as of 31st December in the year of the competition)

Players participating in category U17/U18 CEV Zonal 1<sup>st</sup> round shall be aged 16 years or younger during the whole year when the tournament will take place. (Under 17 as of 31st December in the year of the competition)

Players participating for Iceland and Faroe Islands are allowed to play with players one year older except every other year when NEVZA is played as CEV qualification Zonal 1<sup>st</sup> round.

Players participating for Greenland are allowed to play with players up till three years older except every other year when NEVZA is played as CEV qualification Zonal 1<sup>st</sup> round.

<sup>\*</sup> Years where the NEVZA tournaments will be played as CEV Zonal 1st round.



Dispensation from these rules can only be given upon application directed to the NEVZA President and the NEVZA General Secretary. This application should be received at least three months before the first match of the given tournament. Dispensation can only be given if a team without any doubt, is not able to participate without this approvement.



#### 7. Administrative Deadlines

- 1. NEVZA will be advised of the venue for the championships at the Technical Meeting at least one year prior to the championship date. Preliminary registrations will take place at the same meeting.
- 2. Invitations will be sent to the NEVZA members no later than 31st of May.
- 3. Final team registration/entry will be made by no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of August.
- Detailed information about competition hall/venue, lodging, catering and match schedule will be sent to General Secretary of NEVZA for approval no later than 30<sup>th</sup> of August.
- 5. General Secretary of NEVZA will send the approval no later than 15<sup>th</sup> of September.
- 6. Official form CH-05 including information about arrival and departure times must reach the organizer no later than 30 days before the start of the tournament.
- 7. Official CH-05bis will be presented to the organizer upon arrival.
- 8. These deadlines can be dispensed in case of force majeure

#### 8. Breach of Deadlines and Fines.

- 1. Late registration or entry of teams will incur a fine of 50 euros per team to the organizing country.
- 2. Withdrawal of team before the 15<sup>th</sup> of September: A fine of 500 euros to the organizing country.
- 3. Withdrawal of team after the 15<sup>th</sup> of September or no show: A fine of 500 euros and full per diem (16 persons) to the organizing country.
- 4. Late CH-05 form: A fine of 200 euros to the organizing country
- 5. Late arrival/early departure: A fine of 200 euros per team to the organizing country.
- 6. The organizing country will send a report to NEVZA regarding breaches. NEVZA sanctions the countries and collects the fines for the organizing country.
- 7. Breach of Invitation from the organizing country: Fine of 200 euros



8. Breach of detailed information from the organizing country: Fine of 200 euros.

#### 9. Official Rules of the Game

NEVZA Championships shall be organized and played under the Official Volleyball rules laid down by the FIVB and applications of the rules are decided by NEVZA.

#### 10. Transportation

Participating countries take care of their own travel costs to and from the championship hosting country.

The distance from the nearest international airport to the venue shall not be more than the CEV standards/regulations.

Upon request from the teams, the organizer will book local transport to the venue, at the participating teams' cost

The organizer will arrange all local transportation to and from the championship venue/hotel and bear the costs.

#### 11. Arrival and Departure

Arrival at the championship venue/hotel is one day before the start of the tournament or at least 5 hours before the start of the first match of the tournament.

Departure day is one day after the end of the tournament or after the official prize ceremony (not before 18.00 at the last day of the tournament)

Expenses for food and lodging will be borne by the organizing country for all participants from the day of arrival until the day of departure.

All teams are obliged to be present at the prize ceremony after the end of the last final.

The prize ceremony should be finished at 18.00 at the last day of the tournament.

# 12. Board and Lodging

The food compromises 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner). All snacks must be paid for by the teams if required. The organizer may charge for snacks and will advise of costs within the championship bulletin. Lodging will be of a reasonable standard for each level and age group. 3- or 4-bedrooms can be accepted.



#### 13. Delegation Numbers

Each delegation consists of a maximum of 12 players, 4 officials and one referee per team. Referees should be of highest national level in each country.

Countries which do not bring a referee for each representative team, will pay 750 Euro to the organizer for each non attending referee.

#### 14. Officials

Referees will be available during the whole tournament.

At least two ball retrievers should be present for each match

Line judges may be used at the discretion of the organizer.



# 15. House Keeping

The organizer shall provide laundry facilities to each participating team.

### 16. Technical Meeting

1. To take place on the official arrival day, or at the latest 3 hours before the start of the first match of the championship



- 2. A control committee will be appointed at the meeting: Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> member and 3<sup>rd</sup> member. The chairman should be from the organizing country and the other members from participating countries.
- 3. The control committee shall decide in all matters regarding complaints, breaches, bad behaviour during matches, sanctions etc.
- 4. The organizing committee shall present a plan regarding
  - Match and training schedule
  - Playing protocol, including hymn
  - Referees' appointment to the matches
  - Colour of shirts
  - Meals
  - Laundry
  - Transport of teams to and from training/matches
  - Procedure during award ceremony
  - Procedure for election of the Dream Team: best setter (1), best opposite (1), best spikers (2), best middle blockers (2), best libero (1), most valuable player (1)
  - Other necessary matters
  - Live streaming from all matches if possible.
- 5. If a team arrives after the technical meeting, they will be given the information at the preliminary inquiry

# 17. Training

Each country has the right to train one hour per day, including the day of arrival, if it is possible according to the number of teams participating. It is not obliged to schedule training in the competition hall.





#### 18. Match schedules



The teams will be ranked in the serpentine system according to the results from the previous year's tournament. If a team did not participate in the previous year's championship, the CEV ranking for the age group will be used to make the ranking for this team.

For teams playing two matches in one day, there will be at least 5 hours between the starting times of the matches.

Two matches per team in one day is the maximum number of matches a team may play.

For each gender counts:

- **3 Teams:** If there are 3 teams participating, all teams will play a double round-robin. The matches will be played during 2 or 3 days.
- **4 Teams**: If there are 4 teams participating, all teams will play one match against each country. The teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will play 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place. The teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will play the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place. The matches will be played during 3 days.
- **5 Teams**: If there are 5 teams participating, all teams will play one match against each other. The matches will be played during 3 days.

U19 and CEV Zonal 1<sup>st</sup> round U20: The teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will play the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place. The teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will play 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place.

U17 and CEV Zonal 1<sup>st</sup> round U18/U17: The teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will play the 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place. The teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will play a round-robin.



**6 Teams:** If there are 6 teams participating, there will be 2 groups. Each group will play a round-robin.

- The 1st ranked team in each group will play semi-final.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team in each group will play quarterfinal against the team from the other group.
- The winner of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals.
- The looser of the quarterfinals will play 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place.
- The winner of the semi-finals will play 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- The losers of the semi-finals will play 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place.
- The matches will be played during 3 days and in two halls/courts if there are both boys and girls, or two group ages, playing championships at the same time and site.

**7 Teams:** If there are 7 teams participating, there will be 2 groups. One group with 4 teams and one group with three teams. To make sure all teams play the same number of matches the group stage will be played like this:

Group of 4 teams plays modified pool play:

- The top seeded team plays the lowest seeded team. The second and third seeded team play each other.
- The winners of the first matches play each other. The winner of that match gets first in the group and the loser gets second in the group.
- The losers of the first matches play each other. The winner of that match gets third in the group and the loser gets fourth in the group.

#### Group of 3 teams:

All teams will play a round-robin.

#### After the group stage:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team in each group will play semi-final.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team in each group will play quarterfinal against the team from the other group. No. 2 in the group plays no. 3 from the other group.
- The winner of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals.
- The looser of the quarterfinals will play 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> place in a round-robin.
- The winner of the semi-finals will play 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place
- The losers of the semi-finals will play 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place
- The matches will be played during 3 days and in two halls/courts if there are both boys and girls, or two group ages, playing championships at the same time and site.

**8 Teams**: If there are 8 teams participating, there will be 2 groups of four teams. Last year's results will set the ranking of the teams, according to the serpentine system.

Groups will be played with modified pool play.

After the group stage:



- The 1<sup>st</sup> ranked team in each group will play semi-final.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team in each group will play quarterfinal against the team from the other group. No. 2 in the group plays no. 3 from the other group.
- The winner of the quarterfinals will play semi-finals.
- The looser of the quarterfinals will play no. 4 from the other group. Winners of these matches will play 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> place and losers of these matches will play 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> place.
- The winner of the semi-finals will play 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place.
- The losers of the semi-finals will play 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> place.
- The matches will be played during 3 days and in two halls/courts if there are both boys and girls, or two group ages, playing championships at the same time and site.

#### 19. Trophies and medals



A total of 18 medals will be given to the three first teams in all NEVZA championships and there will be a cup for the winning team. The organizer is responsible of producing the cup, the medals and a gift to the players voted for the Dream Team.

# 20. Live Streaming and Social Media

All matches must be streamed live by the organizer. If for any reason this is not possible then the organizer must report this to NEVZA immediately with a reason for non-adherence.

Organizers must post news stories, results, photos on their relevant websites and Facebook daily.

The organizer must appoint a marketing contact for all media and any other enquiries regarding streaming or social media content.

Where possible, content will be translated in English.

#### 21. Financial Matters



The participating countries must pay 75 euro per person per day for each participating player, support staff and officials. (All the delegation)

- 1. All participating countries pay for all official days (4 or 5) even if arrival is late and/or if the departure is earlier.
- 2. The total amount for entry should be in the account of the organizer 7 days before the day of arrival. Upon request the organizer can send an invoice in advance of arrival and must supply the relevant bank information for all payments within the official bulletin.
- 3. A receipt shall be presented at the Technical Meeting during the tournament, if required to do so.

#### 22. Insurance

Each team/country is responsible for signing an insurance covering the members of their own delegation

#### 23. NEVZA Administration

NEVZA will decide upon any changes or amendments it deems necessary regarding any aspect of the regulations or any other matters, documentation regarding the championships. NEVZA will notify all members should any such changes or amendments occur.