



**NEVZA BEACH VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS  
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## 1. Aims and Purposes

- To promote the development of beach volleyball in the NEVZA region.
- To promote the cooperation between the Volleyball Federations of the NEVZA countries.
- To organize professional top beach volleyball tournaments in Northern Europe.
- To create an interesting product for sponsors with great visibility and marketing opportunities.
- To prepare teams for participating in European and World Tour Competitions.

## 2. Definitions

- 2.1. The NEVZA Beach Volleyball Tournaments are zonal events organized by one National Federation (NF) member, sanctioned by the NEVZA and approved by the CEV.
- 2.2. The NEVZA General Assembly is the governing body.
- 2.3. The Organising NF is entitled to prepare and control the smooth running of the event.
- 2.4. National Federation (NF) members are: Finland, Norway, Faroe Islands, Sweden, Denmark, England, Iceland and Greenland.

## 3. Organization

- 3.1. NEVZA National Federation members are entitled to present to NEVZA applications to organise one or more Zonal Association Tournaments on a yearly basis. NEVZA Beach Volleyball Tour events can be organised as double or single gender events being held outdoor or indoor depending on the season in accordance with the guidelines laid out by the CEV.

NEVZA National Federations are also entitled to apply to organize the NEVZA U19 and/or U17 Beach Volleyball Championships to be held on a yearly basis. (For further information see specific NEVZA under age gender regulations - *to be composed*).

- 3.2. National Federations must use CEV BEACH VOLLEYBALL EVENT APPROVAL FORM (BV-A2)
- 3.3. An Executive Committee or a designated person entitled by the General Assembly will sanction the events that fulfil the conditions established in this document, and send to the CEV the BV-A2 form and the relevant FIVB form "Zonal Tour/Events Homologation" duly sealed and signed.
- 3.4. As per FIVB/CEV regulations, 5 Zonal Association events can be a part of the CEV Continental Tour (see article 4 below). At the time of the sanctioning of the events, the entitled governing body will confirm the three summer and the two winter events included in this category. Any additional events will be NEVZA Tournaments where no FIVB/CEV Ranking points will be awarded.



- 3.5. The application deadline for summer events (April – September) is March 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. In the event less than three (3) applications are received, the application deadline for entry will be automatically extended. In this case, the first three (3) proposals that fulfil the required conditions will be supported by the NEVZA as CEV Continental Tour Event.
- 3.6. The application deadline for winter events (October to March) is September 31<sup>st</sup>. In the event less than two (2) applications are received, the application deadline for entry will be automatically extended. In this case, the first two (2) proposals that fulfil the required conditions will be supported by the NEVZA as CEV Continental Tour Events.
- 3.7. NF submission of applications must reach NEVZA 60 days prior to the start of the competition in order to ensure fulfilment of FIVB/CEV terms for the homologation of Continental Tour – Zonal Events.
- 3.8. In case of failure of the committed organisation conditions, the responsible NF could be sanctioned by the NEVZA.

#### **4. NEVZA events as part of CEV Continental Tour**

- 4.1. The CEV gives the rights to NEVZA events to be a part of the CEV Continental Tour - Zonal Events and allocate points for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking if specific conditions are fulfilled. These conditions are:
- Maximum of three (3) events count as “Continental Tour” event for the FIVB World Ranking points in summer period, April to September;
  - Maximum of two (2) events count as “Continental Tour” event for the FIVB World Ranking points in winter period, October to March;
  - Maximum 1 event per gender organised by each National Federation;
  - Minimum of teams from three (3) different NEVZA National Federations must participate in the event.
- 4.2. These following Technical requirements are mandatory for any event to be part of the Continental Tour:
- Minimum twelve (12) teams allocated in the Main Draw;
  - Usage of CEV/FIVB online registration system;
  - Usage of the BVIS competition software;
  - Usage of the CEV logo on all print materials;
  - Usage of FIVB homologated Beach Volleyball equipment;
  - Enforced FIVB Rules of the Game;
  - CEV license fee;
  - Sending of a post event report to the CEV including the results directly after the event.
  - The participant’s players must be registered in the CEV/FIVB database.



## 5. Competition system and rules of the game

- 5.1. The competition system is decided by the local organiser and can be either pool play with single elimination play off or of a double elimination format. Other competition formats, including qualification formats, could be approved by the NEVZA Executive Committee. Local organisers preferred competition system and number of teams is to be announced 30 days prior to start of the competition. If tournament is a part of the “Continental tour” the competition system is decided at the time of official application (-60 days).
- 5.2. The FIVB official Beach Volleyball rules are to be applied at all NEVZA events.



## 6. Participation of teams and players

- 6.1. Teams must consist of two players of the same nationality and gender.
- 6.2. Players must possess the nationality of the country he/she intends to play for and must comply with the requirements laid down by the Sports Regulations of the CEV/FIVB.
- 6.3. For participation in any homologated NEVZA event players must have a CEV license, have a valid CEV players commitment and Health Certificate, have completed the FIVB anti-doping program Play Clean and must be registered in FIVB player's database (BVIS) by his/her National Federation.
- 6.4. There is no maximum number of team entries per country.



- 6.5. The right of participation of teams shall become effective as soon as the teams' names appear on the Registration List established by NEVZA and Organizing Federation for each event. The Registration List will be sent to the all National Federations with participating teams. It is the National Federations' responsibility to inform their players accordingly.

## **7. Registration of teams**

- 7.1. Registration for NEVZA Tour event counting as Continental Tour – Zonal event have to be done using CEV/FIVB (BVIS) online registration system. For other NEVZA Tour events participating NFs must provide a list of teams wanting to participate prior to the registration deadline.
- 7.2. Organising National Federation must to send final list of participants (Registration List) 14 days before the start of the tournament to NEVZA and to National Federations concerned. The list must indicate the FIVB Individual Technical Ranking points and the position of players in it 21 days before the start of the event.
- 7.3. The entry deadline for each event will be stated in the organizing federation and NEVZA websites as well as in the tournament Bulletin and has to be available at least 21 days prior to the competition. Each National Federation and athlete will be responsible for checking the entry through the organizing federation and NEVZA website with the tentative "Entry List" for each event.
- 7.4. All deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the first day of the Tournament.

## **8. Allocation of teams**

- 8.1. Teams will be entered into the tournament according to their FIVB Individual entry ranking 21 days before the start of the event given that national quotas have been taken into account.
- 8.2. In a 32 team competition the 26 highest ranked teams according to the FIVB entry points ranking will be entered into the competition given that each country is granted a minimum of three (3) spots, or the actual number of registered team if less than three (3) from any country. The host country will be granted a minimum of 6 spots. There are 1 wild cards to be determined by the National Federation and Local Organiser.
- 8.3. In a 16 team competition the 13 highest ranked NEVZA teams according to FIVB entry points ranking will be entered in the competition given that each country is granted a minimum of one spot if any teams are entered and the host country will be granted a minimum of 3 spots. If 5 or less NFs have registered teams to the competition each NF will be granted a minimum of 2 spots. There will be 1 wild cards to be determined by the National Federation and local organiser.
- 8.4. For the last entry spot a country is awarded in any tournament the respective NF can determine what team to be entered, no matter what is the entry point of this given team. This right must be communicated and exercised before the registration deadline.



- 8.5. If there are teams with zero (0) FIVB entry points from a country, teams will be entered according to the ranking submitted by their NF. If more than one country have teams with zero (0) points that can be entered into the competition, a drawing of lots will decide the order between these countries and teams will then be entered one by one from the ranking submitted from the different NFs taking turns according to the given country order.
- 8.6. If a team is not present in the technical meeting, nor have had their absence approved by the Technical Supervisor, the open spot will be granted to one of the two highest ranked team from the waiting list who have signed in at the technical meeting. The decision will be made by drawing of lots. If there are two(2) open spots, rank 1 will draw with rank two for the first spot, and then the loser will draw with rank three for the next spot.

## **9. Substitution and withdrawal of teams and players**

- 9.1. No player or team can be substituted after the entry deadline has expired, except in case of injury or “force majeure” communicated by his/her National Federation before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event. The newly formed team must have enough entry points on their own to be entered into the tournament or they will be moved to the reserve list according to their ranking and the first team on the reserve list will be entered into the tournament.
- 9.2. Withdrawals of teams once the entry deadline has expired must be communicated to NEVZA and the organizing Federation before the start of the Technical meeting of the respective event.
- 9.3. Any team withdrawal after the registration deadline or a no show that is not due to a Force Majeure will lead to a fine of the amount of the entry fee for its withdrawal from the competition.

## **10. Seeding**

Teams will be seeded according to their FIVB Individual Entry Ranking on the date of the technical meeting.



## 11. Technical supervisors, officials, referees and personnel for continental tour – zonal events

- 11.1. The organizing Federation will fulfil the following obligations:
- propose the nomination of the Technical Supervisor for the event, this should be a person of sufficient experience in beach volleyball competitions.
  - submit assigned referees through BV-LR form to CEV with copy to NEVZA;
  - assign an International Referee/Candidate to act as the Referee Delegate;
  - assign a BVIS manager for the competition software
  - nominate all the personnel needed to run a successful event.
- 11.2. The Technical Supervisor has to monitor the fulfilment of FIVB, CEV and NEVZA regulations, and sending the post event report to the CEV and NEVZA including the results directly after the event, fulfilling all the requirements in order FIVB World Ranking points are allocated to participant players. He/she must be experienced and be fluent in English.
- 11.3. A Jury should be composed for each tournament and consist of (3) persons including the Technical Supervisor and two (2) other suitable candidates, to be officially communicated before the start of the competition.







## **12. Duties of the organizing Federation for continental tour – zonal events**

- 12.1. To appoint NF Responsible, who, along with the Technical Director, is in a direct contact with NEVZA concerning organizing matters of the competition;
- To appoint a person for the BVIS competition software to integrate the competition system, results of the games and ranking to the FIVB and CEV web-site and database;
  - To appoint all local referees, other staff and cover all their expenses;
  - To send for approval to NEVZA Practical info, including the competition format, names of Local Technical Supervisor, Referee Delegate, local referees, after approval of NEVZA, to send it to all National Federations at least 21 days before the Tournament;
  - To fulfil all marketing regulations of NEVZA Tours;
  - To send results to CEV and publish on the NEVZA website in the end of the each competition day and final results after the last competition day.
  - To post high resolution pictures from each competition day on the NEVZA website as well as a daily summary
  - To make a competition Facebook event where appropriate information such as participating teams, schedule and results can be found by players, referees and others.
  - To send to CEV the Post Event report with remarks on the competition conditions, sample or any promotional productions prepared for the event and photos of the venue showing the CEV marketing kit.

## **13. Competition commitments**

- 13.1. Organiser must provide the competition venue and training court(s). The training court(s) must be available at least 1 day prior to start of competition.
- 13.2. Organiser is responsible for hosting the technical meeting. Appointed Technical Supervisor leads the meetings.
- 13.3. The Technical Meeting is to be held on the evening prior to the first competition day or in the morning of the first day of competitions.
- 13.4. Matches should generally start between 08.00 h and 20.00 h.
- 13.5. Organiser must give approved match schedule to all participating teams no later than 60 minutes after the end of the technical meeting.
- 13.6. All NEVZA events will be played with the FIVB homologated ball, currently the MIKASA VLS 300 ball. Organizers provide balls for competition.
- 13.7. A minimum of 500 and a maximum 5000 Euro of prize money in each gender. For 12 -15 teams a minimum of 500 Euros and from 16 teams or more a minimum of 1000 Euros of price money in each gender.

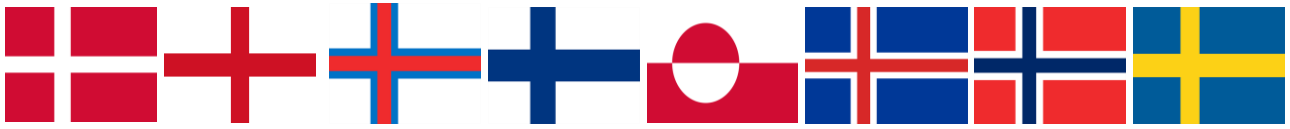


#### **14. Participating Federation duties**

- Upon request deliver a list ranking teams with zero (0) FIVB Entry points to the organizing federation;
- To inform NEVZA and local organizers about all substitutions, injuries and withdraws if any;
- To register players as International Beach volleyball players and to control that players have a CEV season license.

#### **15. Responsibility of participating teams**

- 15.1. All participating teams must pay a tournament fee to local organiser. The tournament fee can be maximum 100 euro per team for a competition. Amount and deadline will be announced by organiser but payment must in any case be made before the registration deadline.
- 15.2. All participating teams pay for their own national and international travel expenses.
- 15.3. If local the local organiser provides uniform tops, the teams are obligated to use these.  
If uniform tops are not provided, each participating team must bring their own sport uniforms with clearly visible numbers in accordance with the CEV regulations (approx. 2,5\*5,5 for woman sport tops and 8\*10 for other sport uniforms ). It is strongly recommended that each team should have two sets of uniforms with different colours.
- 15.4. Top three (3) teams have mandatory attendance at the award ceremony at the end of the finals.



## 16. Marketing and press regulations.

For NEVZA tournaments under CEV, the following is mandatory for the Organizing Federation:

- 2 panels of CEV in each court
- 2 banners of NEVZA (if provided by NEVZA)
- 1 CEV flag
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- Participating countries flags.
- Competition banner outside venue
- CEV and NEVZA logo and marks in all printing and advertisement materials as well as press releases.

## 17. Cases not foreseen

CEV rules and regulations are of subsidiary application for any issue not covered in these regulations and CEV official forms are to be used for communication if no applicable NEVZA forms exists.