



**NORTHERN EUROPEAN ZONE
BEACH VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS 2023**



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1. Aims and Purposes

- To promote the development of beach volleyball in the Northern European zone.
- To promote the cooperation between the NEVZA members, the Volleyball Federations of the Northern European 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 Pro Tour Competitions.

2. Definitions

- 2.1. NEVZA stands for North European Volleyball Zonal Association with its National Federation (NF) members: Denmark, England, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.
The Zonal Associations are sport organizations sorting under the FIVB and CEV.
- 2.2. The Northern European Beach Volleyball Tournaments are zonal events organized by one National Federation (NF) member, sanctioned by NEVZA and approved by the CEV.
- 2.3. The NEVZA General Assembly is the governing body.
- 2.4. The Organizing NF is entitled to prepare and control the smooth running of the event.

3. Organization

- 3.1. NEVZA National Federation members are entitled to present to NEVZA applications to organize one Zonal Association Tournament on a yearly basis. Northern European Beach Volleyball Tour events can be organized as double or single gender events being held outdoor or indoor depending on the season in accordance with the adjusted guidelines agreed upon by the CEV.
NEVZA will discuss with CEV the possibility for a NF to host more than 1 event per calendar year.

From the 2024 season, no NEVZA event can be held on the same date as the national championships of a member country.
- 3.2. National Federations must use the 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 communication with FIVB/CEV, organize the number of zonal events allowed.



Application deadline for summer 2023 is 1 April for events from May-August.
For events after 1 September, the application deadline is 1 August.

- 3.5. 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.
- 3.6. Failure to adhere to the organizational requirements, can result in the responsible NF being sanctioned by NEVZA.

4. NEVZA events as part of the 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:
- A maximum of three (3) events count as “Continental Tour” events for FIVB World Ranking points in the summer period, April to September;
 - A maximum of two (2) events counts as “Continental Tour” events for FIVB World Ranking points in the winter period, October to March;
 - A maximum of one (1) event per gender organized by each National Federation;
 - A minimum of three (3) teams from different NEVZA National Federations must participate in the event.
- 4.2. The following Technical requirements are mandatory for any event to be part of the Continental Tour:
- A minimum of twelve (12) teams allocated in the Main Draw;
 - Usage of the CEV/FIVB online registration system;
 - Usage of the VIS 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 pool play with single elimination play off. Other competition formats, including qualification formats, can be approved by the NEVZA Executive Committee if this is presented in the application 60 days prior to the start of the competition. Competition system and the number of teams is to be announced 45 days prior to start of the competition. If the 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. In general, there is no maximum number of team entries per country. However, a maximum number of teams will be determined by the number of courts available and the number of teams allowed in the main draw. It can also be determined by the organizer at the time of application.



- 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 the Organizing Federation for each event. The Registration List will be sent to all the National Federations with participating teams. It is the National Federations' responsibility to inform their players accordingly.

7. Registration of teams

- 7.1. Registration for a Northern European Beach Volleyball Tour event counting as a Continental Tour – Zonal event has to be done using the CEV/FIVB (VIS) online registration system. For other Northern European Beach Volleyball Tour events participating NFs must provide a list of teams wanting to participate prior to the registration deadline.
- 7.2. The organizing National Federation must send the 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 21 days before the start of the event.
- 7.3. The entry deadline for each event is 30 days prior to the start of 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 teams' competition, 21 teams, based on FIVB entry points, will be entered into the Main Draw given that each country is granted a minimum of three (3) spots, or the actual number of registered teams if less than three (3) from any of the member countries. In addition, the host country will be granted a minimum of 5 spots. There are two (2) wild cards to be determined by the National Federation and local organizer. This gives a total of maximum 28 teams to be allocated spots in the competition based on FIVB entry points and guaranteed minimum number of teams per country. The final teams will be allocated spots either through a qualification event or through FIVB entry points among the remaining teams registered. In case of a tie, a draw will take place between the teams.
- 8.3. In a 16 teams' competition, 7 teams, based on FIVB entry points, will be entered into the Main Draw given that each NEVZA country is granted a minimum of one (1) spot. In addition, the host country will be granted a minimum of three (3) spots. If 5 or less NFs from NEVZA have registered teams for the competition, each NF will be granted a minimum of two (2) spots. There are two (2) wild cards to be determined by the National Federation and local organizer. This gives a total of maximum 12 teams to be allocated spots in the competition based on FIVB entry points and guaranteed minimum number of teams per country. The



final teams will be allocated spots either through a qualification event or through FIVB entry points among the remaining teams registered. In case of a tie, a draw will take place between the teams.

- 8.4. For the last entry spot a country is awarded in any tournament the respective NF can determine which team to be entered, no matter what entry points this team is given. 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 has 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 has had their absence approved by the Technical Supervisor, the open spot will be granted to one of the two highest ranked teams from the waiting list who have signed in at the Technical Meeting. The decision will be made by a drawing of lots. If there are two (2) open spots, rank one 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 Force Majeure will lead to a fine of 300 euros as a result of 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 the CEV with copy to NEVZA.
 - assign an International Referee/Candidate to act as the Referee Delegate;
 - assign a VIS manager for the competition software
 - nominate all the personnel needed to run a successful event.
- NEVZA will strive to find an agreement with CEV in which the criteria for which officials and referees are appointed are left up to the organizing NF.
- 11.2. The Technical Supervisor has to monitor the fulfilment of FIVB, CEV and Northern European Zone Beach Volleyball regulations, and send the post event report to the CEV and NEVZA including the results directly after the event, fulfilling all the requirements in order for FIVB ranking points to be 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 three (3) persons including the Technical Supervisor, the Tournament Director and Referee Delegate to be officially communicated before the start of the competition.





12. Duties of the Organizing Federation/Promoter for Continental Tour – Zonal events

- 12.1. To appoint a NF Responsible, who, along with the Tournament Director, is in direct contact with NEVZA concerning organizing matters of the competition;
- To appoint a person for the VIS 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, expenses to be covered by the organizers/promoter;
 - 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 this information to all National Federations at least 21 days before the Tournament;
 - To fulfil all marketing regulations of the Northern European Beach Volleyball Tour;
 - To send results to the CEV and publish on the NEVZA website at the end of 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 the CEV the post event report with remarks on the competition conditions, a sample of any promotional productions prepared for the event and photos of the venue showing the CEV marketing kit.

13. Competition commitments

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



14. Participating Federation duties

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

15. Responsibility of participating teams

- 15.1. All participating teams must pay a tournament fee to the local organizer. The tournament fee can be a maximum of 200 euros per team for the competition. The amount will be announced by the organizer and payment must be made latest 21 days before the start of the competition.
- 15.2. All participating teams pay for their own national and international travel expenses.
- 15.3. If the local organizer 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 Rule of the Game and the CEV regulations (approx. 2,5*5,5 for women 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. The top three (3) teams are required to attend the award ceremony at the end of the finals. Failure to attend will result in 200 euros fine.



16. Marketing and press regulations.

For Northern European Beach Volleyball tournaments under the CEV, the following is mandatory for the Organizing Federation:

- 2 panels of the CEV logo on each court
- 2 banners of NEVZA (if provided by NEVZA)
- 1 CEV flag
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- Participating countries flags.
- Competition banner outside the venue
- CEV and NEVZA logos and marks in all printing and advertising 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 the CEV official forms are to be used for communication if no applicable NEVZA forms exists.