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# 1. Introduction

By registering to the CEV European Golden League 2022, all the teams commit to following the CEV Competition Regulations, Guidelines, and Official Communications. The latest version of the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations' is available here:

<https://inside.cev.eu/media/k4mljr1b/cev-volleyball-competitions-regulations-2021-ok.pdf>

All participants are required to be aware of the content of this document, in particular the specific provisions outlined in Chapters 20 and 25.

This and subsequent 'Official Communications' are available as a pdf file on the CEV website here:

<https://inside.cev.eu/en/documents/volleyball-documents/>

For this competition, those working on it have the support of the 'Competitions Hotline' during the competition evenings and weekends on: +352 621 25 34 44. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact the CEV Volleyball Department ([nationalteams@cev.eu](mailto:nationalteams@cev.eu)).

# 2. Participants

Participants: 12 teams per gender according to the CEV European National Team Ranking (dated 22.09.2021) and considering the below criteria:

- National Teams not participating in the FIVB Volleyball Nations League 2022
- Winners of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2021 are qualified:
  - Men: DENMARK
  - Women: BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA
- Not eligible teams for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 and relegated to the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2022
  - Men: THE NETHERLANDS – withdrawal from 2021 edition
  - Women: FINLAND – withdrawal from 2021 edition

# 3. Competition Format

## League Phase

- Home and Away matches
- 3 Pools of 4 teams
- Each team will play 6 matches
- Pool composition according to serpentine system based on the CEV National Team Ranking (dated 22.09.2021).
- Last ranked team of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 will be relegated to the CEV Volleyball European Silver League 2023.

### Final Phase

- Final 4 tournament – 1 organiser + 3 pool winners. If organiser is among the pool winners, the best 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team across all pools will qualify.
- The winner and runner-up will qualify to the 2022 FIVB Challenger Cup.
- The organisers of the Final Four are also required to compete in the League Phase.

## 4. Competition Calendar

The reserved periods in which the competition will take place are:

### League Phase (Men & Women)

- |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| • 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg | 28/29 May 2022   |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg | 01 June 2022     |
| • 3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg | 04/05 June 2022  |
| • 4 <sup>th</sup> Leg | 11/12- June 2022 |
| • 5 <sup>th</sup> Leg | 15 June 2022     |
| • 6 <sup>th</sup> Leg | 18/19 June 2022  |

### Final Phase

- |                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Final Four Women | 25/26 June 2022 – Country TBD |
| • Final Four Men   | 25/26 June 2022 – Country TBD |

If there is no organiser of the Final Four, two options will be possible:

- Semi Finals and Finals will be played in Home & Away matches, or:
- Only Finals will be played in Home & Away matches

National teams will not be able to call up any of their players prior to the Finals of the CEV Champions League Volley 2022 scheduled for May 21/22, 2022, provided the fact that their players are involved with their respective club teams.

## 5. Registration for competition

The registration deadline for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 will be no later than

**Monday, 22 November 2021 at 23:59 CET**

The registration process will be done via the respective Registration Form 01 inside the CEV Database and in accordance with the CEV Regulatory Framework.

The printed and signed version of the 01 form should be sent to the CEV office by registered letter.

Any team registering for participation in the Golden League but not making the cut among the 12 eventually participating in this competition as per the relevant European Ranking will automatically move to the European Silver League and contest that tournament instead.

The teams that finish last in the final standing of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 will be relegated to the 2023 edition of the CEV Volleyball European Silver League.

## 6. Bidding for Final Four Organisation

The bidding process for the organisation of the Final Four Tournament for each gender is open to all participating National Federations. The relevant bidding documents can be found on the CEV Website.

**Deadline for application: Monday 29 November 2021 at 23:59 CET.**

## 7. Officials to be Appointed for the League Round

### CEV Supervisors

According to the general principles, the organising NF is responsible for appointing the CEV Supervisor. The NF's can appoint the local person from the confirmed list of CEV Supervisors for the European Cups 2022.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

### 1st Referee

The ERC will appoint a neutral 1st Referee for each match. The nomination will be made available on the CEV database and CEV website as well.

The CEV will book the travel ticket to the nominated persons and bear costs such as travel costs, per diem and visa cost (if necessary and where applicable).

The organisers will bear the costs for local transportation, accommodation and other costs.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee

The ERC will appoint a local 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee for each match. The nomination will be visible on the CEV database and CEV website as well.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

### Reserve Referee

The organising NF's is responsible for appointing the local Reserve Referee for each match. The proposed names should be added to the respective 08 Form and approved by the ERC.

The organisers will bear all related costs such as travel, accommodation and per diem.

## 8. Financial Conditions

- Participation fee for single gender is 25,000 EUR, double gender: 45,000€ (same deduction of 5,000€ in case one team from the same National Federation plays in the "European Golden League" and one team in the "European Silver League")
- Fee for Final 4 organiser: 100,000€
- Prize money paid by CEV (in case of participation of 12 teams per gender)

- League Round matches: 2,000€ per victory and 1,000€ per defeat
- Final Four tournament:
  - 125,000€ for winner
  - 80,000€ for runner-up
  - 60,000€ for 3rd place
  - 40,000€ for 4th place
- In case no Final Four will be organised and the Semi Finals & Finals are played in Home & Away matches:
  - 125,000€ for winner
  - 80,000€ for runner-up
  - 2 x 25,000€ for 3rd place
- In case no Final Four will be organised and a Finals are played in Home & Away matches no prize money for 3<sup>rd</sup> place allocated:
  - 125,000€ for winner
  - 80,000€ for runner-up

## 9. Spectators attendance and the Final Prize Money paid by CEV

In order to increase the general spectators attendance, the Final Prize Money amount will be paid according to the below presented criteria, considering the average number of spectators for all matches organised by the respective National Federation per gender:

- i.  $\geq 2501$  spectators = 150% of total Prize Money
- ii. 2001 to 2500 spectators = 125% of total Prize Money
- iii. 1501 to 2000 spectators = 100% of total Prize Money
- iv. 1001 to 1500 spectators = 75% of total Prize Money
- v.  $\leq 1000$  spectators = 50% of total Prize Money

## 10. Technical Requirements & Match Technology

- Minimum competition hall for League phase category 3
- Challenge system optional for League Phase and mandatory for Final Four
- Referees head set mandatory for all phases
- Tablets are mandatory for all phases
- The LED system is mandatory for League Phase and for Final Four
- With the sole exception of the above conditions, the event will be organised and conducted according to the requirements and conditions of the CEV Regulatory Framework
- Host Organisers are obliged to run 2 CEV certified in-game data collection software, E-scoresheet & DataVolley.
- Host Organisers shall ensure a state-of-the art internet connectivity in the venue in order to relay the data in real time with no delay.



- Host Organisers should also appoint experienced officials/scorer that are gathering the official data for the event in order to ensure accurate and reliable data delivered in a timely manner.

## 11. Official Balls

All matches during the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 will be played with the

### **MIKASA Ball V200W**

Each registered team will receive 15 MIKASA balls and the Final Four organisers will receive additionally 40 balls each.

## 12. Calendar Conference

Please note that the Calendar Conference with the participating National Federations will be held at the CEV Headquarters in Luxembourg on

**Tuesday, 7 December 2021 at 10:00 CET.**

The participants that are prevented from travelling due to restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic may join the meeting over video conference call. The link for the call will be shared in advance.

## 13. Marketing & Commercial Rights

### **League Phase**

- a. 80% of visibility on and off-court advertising are granted to the Organisers of a tournament, except for the net band advertising where 100% of the visibility belongs to CEV.
- b. Mandatory use of LED system
- c. All commercial rights' split are taken into consideration in the official layouts made available on the CEV cloud server
- d. Protected product categories by CEV: "Betting & Gambling", "Data collection & services" and "Sports equipment – Volleyballs".
- e. All other categories are considered non-exclusive.

### **Final 4**

See Candidature application guideline.

## 14. Media Rights & Production

The appointed National Federations shall respect the following requirements which apply to the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 – League Round & Final Four.

### League Round

#### Media Rights

The CEV is granting to the organising National Federations the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to their home matches only in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.

There is no media rights reciprocity allowed between organising National Federations participating in the European Golden League 2022. All media rights in relation to the National Federations away matches are exclusively retained by the CEV Sport Media Agency. To acquire such rights, you can contact the CEV Sport Media Agency:

- Mrs. Ottavia Perra, Associate Director Media Sales / [Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com](mailto:Ottavia.Perra@infrontsports.com)
- Mr. Alessandro Fanni, Media Sales Manager / [Alessandro.Fanni@infrontsports.com](mailto:Alessandro.Fanni@infrontsports.com)

#### Production obligation

All matches of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 – League Round shall be produced.

The appointed National Federations shall produce their home matches as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (standard C):

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 5 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery\*: via satellite only (Eutelsat 7B or 10A carrier)
- Graphics: official CEV TV graphics package (to be provided by the CEV prior to the start of the competition)
- Contact details: NF to provide to the CEV contact details of their host broadcaster or local production company 2 weeks prior to the start of the League Phase.

*\*For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the responsibility of the appointed National Federation to provide to the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency free-of-charge a TV signal with DVB-S2 standard via an established European satellite such as Eutelsat 7B or Eutelsat 10A. A Eutelsat certified SNG HD fully redundant (1+1) capable of transmission DVB-S2 2 MPEG4/H.264 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 with BISS 1 Encryption.*

The complete satellite parameters are provided in English to the CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency no later than 7 days before the start of the relevant match.

### Final Round

#### Media Rights

The CEV is granting to the National Federation appointed as Organiser of the Final Four the non-exclusive domestic media rights in relation to all the matches produced in its territory in exchange of the production of such matches as per the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations – Section 7: Media Production.





There is no media rights reciprocity allowed between organising National Federations of the European Golden League 2022. All media rights in relation to the National Federations away matches are exclusively retained by the CEV Sport Media Agency. To acquire such rights, you can contact:

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### Production obligation

The appointed organising National Federations for the Final Four shall produce all matches as per the below minimum broadcasting requirements (standard B):

- World Feed signal is in HD 16:9
- Number of cameras: 6 HD cameras
- TV Signal delivery\*: via satellite only (Eutelsat 7B or 10a carrier)
- Graphics: official CEV TV graphics package (to be provided by the CEV prior to the start of the competition)
- Contact details: NF to provide to the CEV contact details of their host broadcaster or local production company 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

*\*For the avoidance of any doubt, it is the responsibility of the appointed National Federation to provide to the CEV and the CEV Sport Media Agency free-of-charge a TV signal with DVB-S2 standard via an established European satellite such as Eutelsat 7B or Eutelsat 10A. A Eutelsat certified SNG HD fully redundant (1+1) capable of transmission DVB-S2 2 MPEG4/H.264 4:2:0 or 4:2:2 with BISS 1 Encryption.*

The complete satellite parameters are provided in English to the CEV and CEV Sport Media Agency no later than seven (7) days before the start of the Final Four.

## 15. Match Technology & Data

The appointed National Federations shall fulfil the below requirements:

- Compulsory use of the CEV data and statistics collection applications for each match of the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022 including but not limited to E-scoresheet and DataVolley software to ensure a professional collection and distribution of data and statistics.
- For the avoidance of any doubt, the CEV will provide to the National Federations the necessary credentials (incl. username and password) to access the data and statistics collection applications prior to the event.

To ensure a professional usage of the above mentioned applications, it is the responsibility of each National Federation to provide the below services, equipment and resources free of charge to CEV for all matches of the CEV Competition:

- Download latest software version – <https://download.dataproject.com/cev>
- Necessary hardware to run adequately E-scoresheet application (such application is only available on Windows operating system).
- Necessary hardware to run DataVolley applications for statistics delivery.
- State-of-the art and dedicated high speed internet connection as well as dedicated power supply.
- Testing of the application and connectivity one (1) week prior to the competition in collaboration with CEV and its appointed official data provider.
- Experienced human resources to operate E-scoresheet and Statistics software
  - One (1) E-scoresheet operator
  - One (1) Statistics Software operator



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# 1. Introduction

Further to the latest developments and following the decision made by the CEV Board of Administration on March 1, 2022, the national teams of Belarus are not eligible to participate in any CEV competition until further notice. This applies to the 2022 edition of the CEV European Golden League as well.

The remaining participating teams have shown much flexibility and a great amount of understanding and solidarity in accepting to re-organise the previously announced pool composition. The CEV wishes to thank all National Federations for their readiness to find reasonable compromises to respond to the current challenges.

The current pool composition reflects also the withdrawal of the women's national team of Azerbaijan.

The CEV shall keep all participating teams informed of any further changes and updates – and will share these in due course.

# 2. Competition Format

The pool composition for the men's competition now reads as follows:

**Pool Composition – Men**

No.	Ranking	Country
1	8	TUR
2	8	UKR
3	8	BEL
4	12	CZE
5	15	ESP
6	16	POR
7	17	SVK
8	18	BLR
9	18	EST
10	23	LAT
11	24	CRO
12	27	DEN

Pool A

**TUR**

**POR**

**SVK**

Pool B

**UKR**

**ESP**

~~**BLR**~~ **DEN**

**CRO**


Pool C

**BEL**

**CZE**

**EST**

**LAT**



The Final Four Tournament will be played in CRO.

The pool composition of the women's competition currently reads as follows:

## Pool Composition – Women

No.	Ranking	Country
1	4	BUL
2	9	CRO
3	11	AZE
4	12	UKR
5	13	SVK
6	14	FRA
7	15	ESP
8	16	BLR
9	16	ROU
10	18	HUN
11	21	CZE
12	24	BIH

### Pool A

**FRA**

**ESP**

**BIH**

### Pool B

**CRO**

**SVK**

~~**BLR**~~

**CZE**

### Pool C

~~**AZE**~~ **BUL**

**UKR**

**ROU**

**HUN**



Please note that all forms available inside the CEV database reflect the pool composition shown above.

## 3. Accreditation Cards

It is mandatory to use the CEV Accreditation System for all CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022.

You can access the accreditation system via [this](#) link or via the National Federations Area of the CEV Database. Furthermore, there is a Badge Manager for the printing of the Badges for the matches. Each team is responsible to print their badges to home and away matches and bring those to the matches also when away match is concerned, as those cards are valid the entire league round.

The guidelines on how to navigate through the software are available within the documents area in the accreditation system.

## 4. Marketing & Commercial Rights

Marketing and commercial rights are published in the Official communication n°1.

The use of LED system boarding is optional for league round matches.

The LED playlist as well as the official court layout must be downloaded from the CEV cloud and the final LED playlist be uploaded for approval into the Organiser's/National federation's folder.

## 5. Branding and Graphics

Branding guidelines published on the CEV cloud must be followed by all organisers.

**All graphics** (Banner, Net, backdrop, poster, etc.) shall be downloaded from the CEV Cloud folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>

**CEV institutional brand** can be downloaded from the CEV Cloud: <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding>.

**CEV online Competition storage** is an optimized file sharing and storage solution. All Organisers have direct access to all resources via a web service interface. The CEV Cloud supports Drag and Drop file managing.  
No logins or passwords are needed

Special links navigate you to the CEV online Competition storage with 2 main folders:

**Download**, which contains all necessary files / templates you need to use for production of any possible material link related to the competition <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown>

and

**Upload**, where all files to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before producing. After uploading any files, the graphics department ([graphics@cev.eu](mailto:graphics@cev.eu)) has to be notified by short e-mail. Note that the cloud doesn't inform us automatically on uploading. The upload folder is structured by Organisers <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl>

### **LED system information:**

The **obligatory** LED system application form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20> (select the LED system application folder).

Fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud into your respective folder <https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl> by **30<sup>th</sup> April 2022**.

**Court layout commercial rights:** see the layout and, please, check carefully all court layout conditions:

- NET Advertising: 100 % CEV – net bands remain empty
- Net Post Advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty
- Referee chair advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty
- Scorer table: NF
- Benches advertising: NF
- Floor-stickers F3 and F4 places untaken
- Floorstickers F1 and F6: ceded to NF
- Floorstickers F7 and F8: optional but have to always be displayed together (5m x 1m)
- LED System: mandatory – visibility split: 20% CEV, 80 % NF (LED play list has to be completed)







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# CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2022

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# 1. Competition Format - Update

The pool composition for the men's competition now reads as follows:

## Pool Composition – Men

No.	Ranking	Country
1	8	TUR
2	8	UKR
3	8	BEL
4	12	CZE
5	15	ESP
6	16	POR
7	17	SVK
8	18	BLR
9	18	EST
10	23	LAT
11	24	CRO
12	27	DEN

Pool A

**TUR**

**POR**

**SVK**

Pool B

**UKR**

**ESP**

~~**BLR**~~ **DEN**

**CRO**


Pool C

**BEL**

**CZE**

**EST**

**LAT**



The Final Four Tournament will be played in CRO.

Due to the FIVB latest decision to suspend the Russian national team, Bulgaria as the next eligible team in the FIVB Senior Ranking, replaced the Russia in the VNL Women 2022.

Consequently, the runner – up team of the CEV Women's Golden League 2022 will be the next eligible team to replace Bulgaria, the winner of the CEV Women's Golden League 2021 for the FIVB Volleyball Challenger Cup 2022.

The winner of CEV Men's European Golden League 2021 and the winner of CEV Men's European Golden League 2022 will qualify to the FIVB Volleyball Challenger Cup 2022.

The updated pool composition please find below:

## Pool Composition – Women

No.	Ranking	Country
1	4	BUL
2	9	CRO
3	11	AZE
4	12	UKR
5	13	SVK
6	14	FRA
7	15	ESP
8	16	BLR
9	16	ROU
10	18	HUN
11	21	CZE
12	24	BIH

**Pool A**

FRA

ESP

BIH

**Pool B**

CRO

SVK

~~BLR~~

CZE


**Pool C**

~~AZE~~ ~~BUL~~

UKR

ROU

HUN



Please note that all forms and match schedules after this change has been adjusted accordingly and reflect the pool composition shown above.

## 2. European Golden League – Final Four

As already communicated, Croatia will organise the CEV Volleyball European Golden League – Men Final Four. However, due to the current situation we are lacking the organiser for the Women Final Four.

Therefore if the application for the organisation with defined conditions for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League – Women Final Four is not received **until 29 April 2022**, we will play the Semi-Finals and Final match as a single match.

In this case, we will establish a ranking of the qualified teams after the League Round based on their results from position 1 to position 4.

The opponents for Semi Finals will be allocated as follow:

- 16.06.2022 (Thursday): Match SF1                      Team 1 vs. Team 4    at the Team 1 venue
- 16.06.2022 (Thursday): Match SF2                      Team 2 vs. Team 3    at the team 2 venue

The opponents for the Final Match will be as follow:

- 19.06.2022 (Sunday): Winner of match SF1 – Winner of match SF2    at the Winner of match SF1 venue

The teams qualified to the Final Four

- Final 4 tournament – 1 organiser + 3 pool winners. If organiser is among the pool winners, the best 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team across all pools will qualify.

The 1<sup>st</sup> best ranked team will compete in the Semi – Finals against the best 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked team across all pools or organiser, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed team will compete against each other.

## 3. Financial Conditions - Update

Referring to the Official Communication No 1, Article 8, "Financial Conditions" the prize money paid by CEV in case of participation of 12 teams per gender, we want to inform you that due to the latest teams withdrawn the prize money is reduced accordingly:

- Final Four tournament:
  - 100,000€ for winner
  - 60,000€ for runner-up
  - 40,000€ for 3rd place
  - 30,000€ for 4th place
  
- In case no Final Four will be organised and the Semi Finals & Final Match as single matches will be played:
  - 80,000€ for winner
  - 50,000€ for runner-up
  - 2 x 15,000€ for 3rd place

## 4. Branding

In order to guarantee a Europe-wide corporate identity and image of the competition, the templates for Handbooks and Bulletins have been uploaded on the CEV cloud.



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