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1. Event Information

1.1. Dates and Venues

The CEV EuroBeachVolley 2026 will be hosted in Stare Jabłonki, Warmia Mazury region of Poland, from 12 to 16 of August 2026 for both men and women.

1.2. Competition Format & Number of participating teams

The total number of teams participating in the Main Draw is 32 per gender. There is no preceding Qualification Tournament.

The competition will be played in a 32-team Modified Pool play format, followed by a 24-team Single Elimination as determined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines **as per the provisions of Annex 1 to this document.**

The Main Draw for each gender is composed in line with the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines as follows:

- Minimum 22 and maximum 24 foreign teams respecting the country quota of maximum 4 teams from each National Federation per gender through the EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking
- The top 3 registered Host Country teams per gender according to the EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking irrespectively of their ranking as of Monday 13 of July 2026.
- Up to 2 more Host Country teams if these are amongst the top 27 teams in the EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking as of Monday 13 of July 2026.
- 1 Host country team that will qualify through a National Qualifying process **as per the provisions of Annex 2 to this document.**
- 1 team that will qualify through the CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026, as detailed in the [CEV Beach Volley Nations Cup 2026 Official Communication](#).
- Maximum 3 Wild Card teams. National Federations need to present their request for Wild Cards to the CEV Office at latest by the registration deadline day and time using the BV-02 form. The allocation of Wild Cards, if any, will be circulated through the event's Confirmed Lists.

In case less than three Wild Cards are awarded, the remaining Main Draw spot(s) will be allocated to the next eligible team(s) according to the EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking as of Monday 13 of July 2026 and considering the country quota regulations as detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations and the provisions listed here above.

1.3. Right of Participation

A player wishing to take part in a CEV competition must possess the nationality of the country they intend to represent and must fully comply with the requirements set in the FIVB Sport Operations manual. In addition, each player needs to have the following documentation completed/updated on their VIS profile:

- Players Commitment & Health Certificate form as per the CEV instructions.
- **Certificates confirming the successful completion of the FIVB "Play Clean" anti-doping course, of the FIVB e-learning Prevention of Competition Manipulation and Safeguarding courses.**

Only players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB are allowed to participate in the competition.

1.4. Registration & Allocation of teams

National Federations have to register their teams through the Volleyball Information System (VIS) prior to the registration deadline, which is a precondition to be tentatively admitted to any Beach Volleyball competition. Details of the registration procedure can be found in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

The registration deadline for CEV EuroBeachVolley 2026 is set for Monday 13 of July 2026.

Teams will be allocated to the Main Draw and to the Reserve List of the competition, according to their EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking points as of Monday 13 of July 2026. This allocation follows Article 1.2 of this document and the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations, taking into consideration the Country Quota rule.

Country Quota limitations may be voided in case the roster of teams registered for the event or present during their respective Preliminary Inquiries is not complete and late additions to the Main Draw are required.

1.5. EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking & Seeding

EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking is the sum of the two players' six (6) highest FIVB Beach Volleyball ranking points earned events over the period spanning from the end of the last EuroBeachVolley (August 4, 2025) and up to the registration deadline as set in Article 1.4 of this document.

In case of Maternity Leave / Serious Injury, the following EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking calculation will apply:

- The athlete must follow the standard procedure (i.e. submit to the FIVB a birth certificate / medical certificate and announce the next BPT or FIVB/CEV sanctioned tournaments the athlete plans to take part in doing so at least 35 days before said tournament).
- The athlete must inform in writing the CEV by mail about their intention to apply for an Athlete Entry points calculation specifically for EuroBeachVolley.
- The points calculated by the FIVB can only encompass a maximum of three tournaments.
- Points accrued through tournaments played in the official period of qualification prevail over the Maternity Leave/Serious Injury points calculated by the FIVB, e.g.:
 - If a player played in the qualification period three tournaments, all Maternity Leave/Serious Injury points will be added.
 - If a player played in the qualification period four tournaments, 2/3 of Maternity Leave/Serious Injury points will be added.
 - If a player played in the qualification period five tournaments, 1/3 of Maternity Leave/Serious Injury points will be added.
 - If a player played in the qualification period six tournaments, none of their Maternity Leave/Serious Injury points will be added.
- If the points earned in the athlete's first tournament played after return are less than 1/3 of their allocated Maternity Leave/Serious Injury points, those points will be disregarded.

A drawing of lots will determine the allocation of teams across the pools for the Pool play format phase according to the EuroBeachVolley Entry Ranking as of 13 of July 2026 and following the below table:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
Seed #1	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4	Seed #5	Seed #6	Seed #7	Seed #8
Draw 2 between Seed #13 - #16				Draw 1 between Seed #9 - #12			

Draw 3 between Seed #17 - #20	Draw 4 between Seed #21 - #24
Draw 5 between Seed #25 - #32	

If the hosting National Federation has no team among the top 8 seeded teams, the best-ranked team of the Federation will be allocated to Seed 8 to help the promotion of the competition; if the best hosting National Federation ranked team is among the top 8, the team retains its position.

The date and venue of the Drawing of Lots will be communicated through future Official Communication and/or Practical Info documents.

The detailed competition schedule will be communicated following the Drawing of Lots.

1.6. **Substitution of a Player**

Before the registration deadline, a National Federation may substitute a player from a team through the VIS for any CEV competition, without any consequences.

After the Registration deadline, a National Federation may substitute only one player per team from a CEV competition in case of injury/medical reason or "force majeure" through the [CEV BV-03 form](#); respective proof or documentation must be presented to the CEV.

In case of such substitution, the new team's ranking points as of 13 July 2026 are taken into consideration for the new team's position in the updated entry list. The new team is then placed into the Main Draw or Reserve List accordingly.

If there is a replacement of a player after the release of the confirmed list and before the Drawing of Lots, the new team's ranking points as of 13 July 2026 are taken into consideration for the new team's entry in the Main Draw or Reserve List. In case the new team moves down to the Reserve List, the first team on the Reserve List (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw.

If there is a replacement of a player after the Drawing of Lots the new team's ranking points as of 13 July 2026 are taken into consideration for the new team's entry. The new team is then placed into the Main Draw or Reserve List accordingly:

- In case the team remains in the Main Draw, the position in the pool will be maintained.
- In case the team moves down to the Reserve List, the next team on the Reserve List (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw in the vacant position in the respective pool.

1.7. **Withdrawal**

Before the registration deadline, a National Federation may withdraw a team from a CEV competition without any consequences through the VIS.

After the registration deadline and before the release of the Confirmed List, a National Federation may withdraw a team from the Main Draw in case of injury/medical reason or "force majeure" through the CEV BV-03 form; respective proof or documentation must be presented to the CEV as per the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

After the release of the Confirmed List and before the Drawing of Lots, a National Federation may withdraw a team from the Main Draw in case of injury/medical reason or "force majeure" through the process detailed previously (*withdrawal after the registration deadline and before the release of the Confirmed List*). In such case, the next team on the Reserve List (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw and a financial sanction will be applied as per Article 102.6 – Section 8 of the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

In case of a withdrawal of a team after the Drawing of Lots, the next team on the Reserve List (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw in the vacant position in the respective pool, and a financial sanction will be applied as per Article 102.6 – Section 8 of the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

1.8. Allocation of points & prize money

World Ranking points will be allocated to teams/players according to the [FIVB Sports Operation Manual](#), Beach Volleyball Ranking Points breakdown.

Prize Money shall be allocated to all participating teams according to their classification in the competition as per the following breakdown. The Prize Money will be paid to the respective National Federations, which are in charge of transferring the prize money to their respective players.

Rank	Prize money (per team)
1	20,000 €
2	15,000 €
3	10,000 €
4	7,000 €
5	4,000 €
9	2,500 €
17	1,000 €
25	500 €

1.9. Rules of the Game

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

1.10. Accommodation & Local Transportation

The LOC will provide full-board accommodation and local transportation to all Main Draw teams from the day of the respective gender's Preliminary Inquiry until one day after their elimination from the tournament.

Coaches/Team Managers and other Team members will have the possibility to book a room in the players' hotels at their own expense. The Main Draw Hotel and details for the process/timeline for additional rooms booking/early arrivals booking and local transportation will be communicated by the CEV through the Practical Information document.

2. Financial Regulations

2.1. Entry Fee

For the participation of each team in the Championship, the respective National Federation shall pay an entry fee of 100, – EUR per team to the CEV upon receipt of the relevant invoice at the end of the 2026 season.

2.2. License Fee

For each player participating in any CEV competition in 2026, the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice, a license fee per player per year, as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

3. Uniforms and accessories

The organiser will provide playing uniforms (tops only) to all participating teams.

The players are responsible for bringing their own shorts/bikini bottoms with their names printed on them as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines. Players may use different varieties of playing uniforms and exploit the sponsor positions as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Regulations in force at the time of the competition.

Players may use gear and accessories as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines.

4. Further Information

Necessary information about the competition will be circulated to the National Federations using subsequent Official Communications and the event’s Practical Info document.

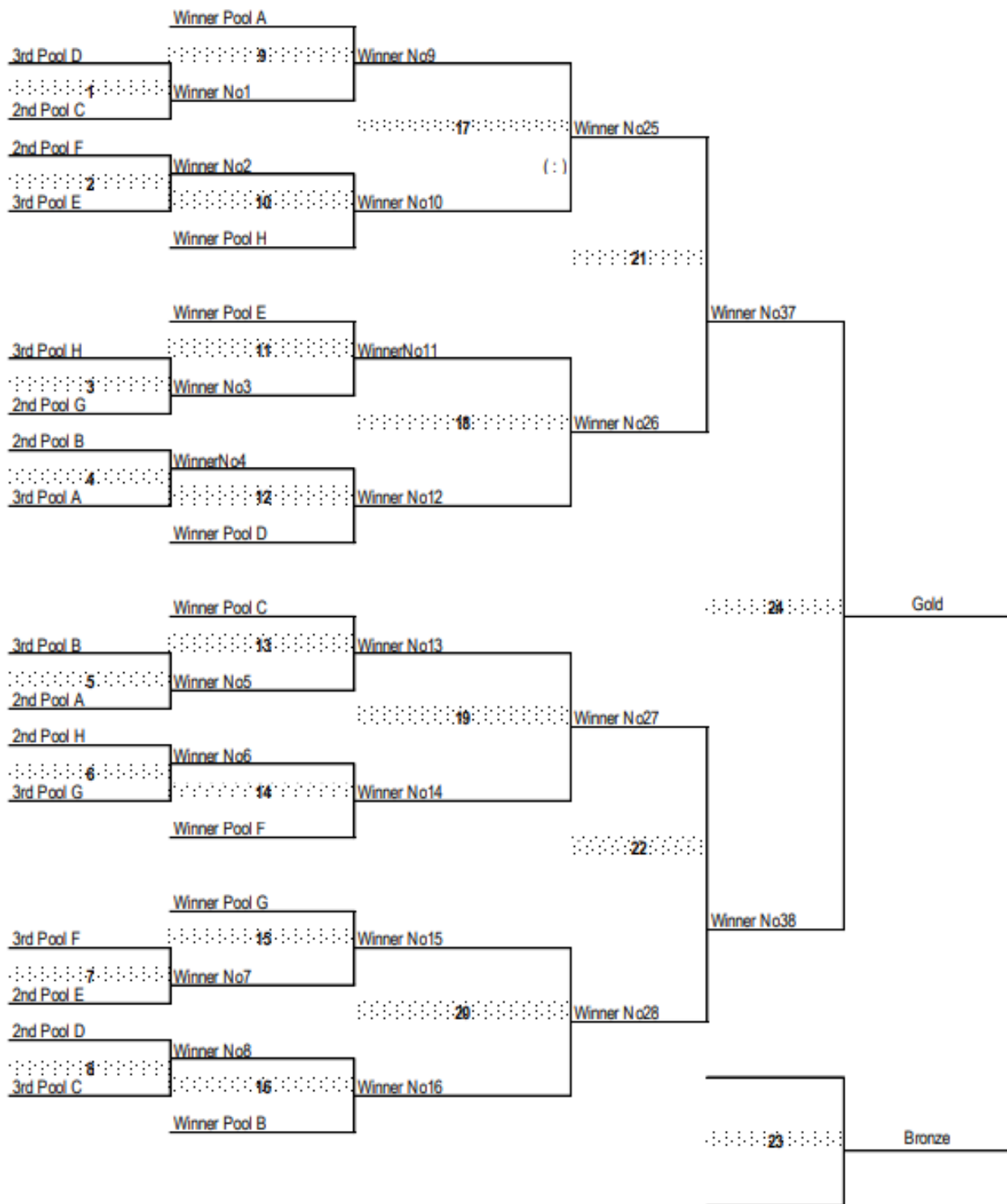
More details can be found in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines, whose latest editions are available on the CEV website.

Additional information concerning the competition and the registered teams will be published on the official event website: <https://eurobeachvolley.cev.eu/en/2026>. Please check regularly for news, useful info, etc.

5. Contact Addresses

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6. ANNEX 1: 24-team Single Elimination bracket



7. ANNEX 2: Host Country Spot qualification process

§1. General Provisions

- The Host Country spot qualification tournament for women and men to the EuroBeachVolley 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the "Tournament") will be held on 8–9 July 2026 in Stare Jabłonki.
- The Tournament is of a special (qualification) nature and does not count towards the ranking of the POL NF (Polski Związek Piłki Siatkowej).

§2. Eligibility

- Only teams meeting the formal requirements set by the POL NF (Polski Związek Piłki Siatkowej) are eligible to participate.
- Participation requires:
 - a valid POL NF (PZPS) players' license,
 - valid medical certificates in accordance with applicable regulations,
 - registration in accordance with §4 of these Regulations.

§3. Qualification Criteria

- A total of eight men's teams and eight women's teams are eligible to contest the Tournament.
- Eligibility is granted to teams whose players have achieved the highest total number of points from their three best national tournaments played during the period spanning from January 1 to July 5, 2025.
- A condition for participation in the Tournament is that both players forming a team must have competed together in at least one tournament taken into account for securing entry to the Tournament.
- In case of a tie in points, the higher seeding is determined by the POL NF Ranking 365 points. In case of a tie in the POL NF Ranking 365 points, the higher seeding shall be determined by the FIVB Technical Points.
- If a qualified team withdraws within the deadline specified in §4.3:
 - lower-ranked teams move up accordingly, and the next team in the ranking gains the right to participate.

§4. Registration and Withdrawal

- Registration for the Tournament shall be carried out via the beach.pzps.pl system. Registration shall remain open until 5 July 2026, 23:59.
- The registration deadline follows PZPS regulations for national tournaments.
- Withdrawal without consequences is possible in accordance with PZPS regulations for national tournaments.

§5. Competition Format

- The Tournament will be played in two groups of four teams each, with round-robin format within each group.
- The winners of each group advance to the final match.
- The final will consist of one match, and the winners will receive the Host country qualifying spots.

§6. Seeding

- Teams will be seeded into groups based on their ranking points as defined in §3.2.

- Seeding will follow the serpentine system as presented below:

SEED	POOL
1.	A.1
2.	B.1
3.	B.2
4.	A.2
5.	A.3
6.	B.3
7.	B.4
8.	A.4

§7. Match Regulations

- All matches will be played in accordance with the Official Beach Volleyball Rules and the POL NF (PZPS) Beach Volleyball Handbook 2026.

§8. Points and Group Ranking

- Points are awarded for each match as follows:
 - a) win – 2 points, / b) loss – 1 point, / c) forfeit / no-show – 0 points.
- The ranking of teams in each group is determined by the total number of match points obtained.
- In case of a tie in the pools (match points) at the end of the round robin, the following rules will apply:
 - o Between two teams:
 - The team with higher rally points ratio in the matches between all teams in the pool is ranked higher.
 - If a tie still exists, the winner of the head-to-head match is ranked higher.
 - o Between three teams:
 - Teams are ranked (1, 2 & 3) by the rally points ratio in the matches between the three tied teams.
 - If a tie still exists (1, 1 & 1 or 1, 1 & 3 or 1, 2 & 2) then the teams still tied are ranked by the rally points ratio between all teams in the pool.
 - If a tie still exists, then the teams still tied are ranked by the tournament seeding (the highest seeded of the tied teams is the top ranked team).

§9. Team Composition Changes

1. Changes in team composition are not allowed.

§10. Schedule

1. The detailed match schedule will be published in accordance with PZPS regulations.
2. Match order within groups:
1 vs 4 / 2 vs 3 / 1 vs 3 / 2 vs 4 / 1 vs 2 / 3 vs 4

§11. Final Provisions

- The Tournament does not award POL NF (PZPS) ranking points.
- In matters not covered by these Regulations, the rules of the Polski Związek Piłki Siatkowej and the official international beach volleyball rules shall apply.
- The final interpretation of these Regulations rests with the Polish Federation and the CEV.



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