

2018 CEV SNOW VOLLEYBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP & TOUR



OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION No. 2

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 CALENDAR

No.	Date	Venue	Gender	Prize Money	No. of Main Draw Teams		Registration Deadline
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1	12 – 14 January	Erciyes TUR	M&W	1,000 € per gender	16	12	28 December
2	16 – 18 February	Roccaraso ITA	M&W	1,500 € per gender	16	16	1 February
3	24 – 25 February	Bakuriani GEO	M&W	1,000 € per gender	12	12	9 February
4	1 – 4 March	Uludag TUR	M&W	2,500 € per gender	16	12	14 February
5	9 – 11 March	Kranjska Gora SLO	M&W	1,000 € per gender	24	12	22 February
6	16 – 18 March	Kronplatz / Plan de Corones ITA	M&W	1,000 € per gender	24	12	1 March
7	23 – 25 March	Wagrain-Kleinarl AUT	M&W	10,000 € per gender	24	24	8 March

Please note that the organisers for event no. 1 and 4 will provide accommodation for the top 12 Main Draw teams and for **event no. 3 for all Main Draw teams**.

For events 1 and 4 the host teams will be provided with accommodation from one day before the Main Draw until the day after elimination and for foreign teams from one day before to one day after the end of the competition.

For event no. 1 local transportation is organised for Main Draw players from the airport to the player's hotel. For event no. 4 a shuttle service is organised for Qualification and Main Draw players from the bus station in Bursa to the ski center.

For event no. 3 the organiser will provide board & lodging and offer a special price for local transportation (airport Tbilisi to the players hotel) on the official arrival and departure days for all Main Draw players.

1.2 RULES OF THE GAME

All events of the CEV Snow Volleyball European Tour shall be organised and played under the 2018 CEV Snow Volleyball Rules.

The basis is the current FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules with the following main exceptions:

- Sets played until 11 in a best-of-three format (optionally best-of-five for final matches)
- Court switch after 7 points in all sets
- Players must wear shoes with a good grip on snow (e.g. soccer shoes) which do not pose any threat to the players' health and safety
- No second referee
- Minimum 2m free zone

1.3 COMPETITION FORMAT

The 2018 CEV Snow Volleyball European Tour events are composed of a Qualification Tournament (if any) and a Main Draw Tournament.

The Qualification Tournament is played according to the Single Elimination format and the Main Draw is played according to the Double Elimination or Pool Play format.

The 2018 CEV Snow Volleyball European Championship is composed only by the Main Draw Tournament and played with a 24 teams Pool Play format (8 pools of 3 teams with the best 2 teams of each pool advancing to the single elimination phase).

1.4 NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

The total number of teams participating in the Main Draw is 32, 24, 16 or 12 per gender and divided as follows:

	32 team Main Draw	24 team Main Draw	16 team Main Draw	12 team Main Draw
Host Country teams	Min. 6 Max. 12	Min. 5 Max. 8	Min. 4 Max. 6	Min. 3 Max. 4
Foreign teams per NF	Min. 1 Max. 8	Min. 1 Max. 6	Min. 1 Max. 4	Min. 1 Max. 3
Wild Card teams	Max. 2	Max. 2	Max. 2	Max. 2
From Qualification Tournament	4	4	2	2

(irrespective from the above Country Quota)				
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In case of not enough registrations additional teams may be added to fill the draw according to the following priority:

- foreign teams,
- host country teams.

1.5 ALLOCATION OF TEAMS

All teams entered in an event are distributed between the Main Draw, Qualification Tournament and Reserve List according to their CEV Snow Volleyball Ranking 10 days before the competition while taking into consideration the Country Quota rules.

An eventual tie shall first be resolved by the highest amount of Entry Ranking points (then by the second highest, third highest amount until the tie is broken) of the teams concerned; in case a tie still exists by a drawing of lots.

1.6 SEEDING

Once all the participating teams are known and have confirmed their presence during the Preliminary Inquiry, the teams will be seeded in the competition bracket according to their current Entry Ranking points. In case of a tie, a drawing of lots will decide.

If the hosting National Volleyball Federation has no team among the top 8 (32 team Main Draw), top 6 (24 team Main Draw), top 4 (16 team Main Draw), top 3 (12 team Main Draw) seeded teams, they will be allowed to allocate their best ranked team on place 8, 6, 4, 3 in order to help the promotion of the competition.

Wild cards will be seeded by CEV depending on the level of the players.

For the 2018 CEV Snow Volleyball European Championship the seeding will be as follows:

Pool A: Seed 1, Seed 16, Seed 24
 Pool B: Seed 2, Seed 15, Seed 23
 Pool C: Seed 3, Seed 14, Seed 22
 Pool D: Seed 4, Seed 13, Seed 21
 Pool E: Seed 5, Seed 12, Seed 20
 Pool F: Seed 6, Seed 11, Seed 19
 Pool G: Seed 7, Seed 10, Seed 18
 Pool H: Seed 8, Seed 9, Seed 17

1.7 REGISTRATION OF TEAMS AND PLAYERS

The National Federations have to register their teams through the Volleyball Information System (VIS - www.fivb.org/vis) similar to CEV/FIVB Beach Volleyball events.

Teams can be registered for CEV Snow Volleyball European Tour events exclusively by their respective National Federation 15 days at the latest before the start of the event they intend to join.

The only exception are Italian players, which have to contact the CEV Snow Volleyball Department (snow@cev.lu) in order to be registered.

All deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the day of the Qualification Tournament.

- Each National Federation is provided with an individual and secured user access (user name and password) through its own e-mail address.
- After Log in, the National Federation may select any team and register it in the CEV Tournaments by following this procedure:
 - Select first player (status “Beach” – *soon also “Snow” will be available*);
 - Select his/her teammate;
 - Select any available tournament from the Calendar;
 - Confirm the entry of the team.
- The team is automatically registered in the selected tournament database and is instantly included in the tentative list posted on the CEV website for each event. While this procedure allows the National Federations to directly control that their teams are correctly entered, it also gives them the opportunity to immediately contact the webmaster (vis@fivb.org and snow@cev.lu) in case a technical problem occurs.
- Each National Federation may directly enter new players as the computer instantly generates CEV/FIVB # for the new player as well as a user name and password.
- Each National Federation and player will be responsible for checking the entry through Internet by consulting the tentative “Entry List” for each event.

1.8 REPLACEMENT OF A PLAYER

Players can be replaced until the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event. After the replacement of a player the new team’s ranking points as of 10 days before the event are taken into consideration for the new team’s entry, independent of the date of the replacement. The new team is then placed into the Main Draw, Qualification Tournament or Reserve List.

1.9 WITHDRAWAL & NO SHOW

In case the withdrawal occurs after the registration deadline, the players/National Federations must inform the CEV Office (snow@cev.lu), the appointed CEV Delegate and the organiser before the respective Preliminary Inquiry. Contact details can be found in the event’s Practical Info document.

In case of last minute withdrawals, which occur after Monday 5pm (Luxembourg time) in the week of the competition, the concerned team/player will be allocated on the last position of the Confirmed List for the next event the team/player will participate in and a fine of 60 EUR will be applied.

The only exceptions are withdrawals from the Reserve List.

Players who do not arrive or arrive late for the Preliminary Inquiry of the Qualification and/or the Main Draw and have not received the authorisation of the CEV Delegate are excluded from the event for “no show” and sanctioned (see above).

1.10 RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF TEAMS

The right of participation shall become effective as soon as the teams’ names appear on the Confirmed List established by CEV for each event. The Confirmed List is sent to the National Federations concerned. It is the National Federations’ responsibility to inform their players accordingly.

A team is composed of two players of the same nationality and same gender.

1.11 RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION OF PLAYERS

A player wishing to take part in a CEV sanctioned competition must possess the nationality of the country he/she intends to play for.

Only players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB for the event concerned are allowed to participate. The CEV Snow Volleyball Player's Commitment shall be duly signed by the concerned player(s) and must be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry before each event the player participates in. If not, the player will be not allowed to participate.

1.12 WILD CARDS

CEV has the right to grant up to 2 Wild Cards for the Main Draw per event upon request of National Federations or upon its own initiative.

The deadline to submit wild card requests for National Federations to the CEV office is 15 days before the event using the SV-02 form.

The allocation of wild card(s) will be communicated with the Confirmed List 10 days before the event.

For every unused Wild Card, the best ranked team of the Confirmed List will be admitted directly to the Main Draw.

In case of composition changes to the Wild Card team, the Wild Card is not transferable to a new player/team unless exceptionally approved by CEV. If not approved, the new team will be placed according to the new team's ranking points as of 10 days before the event. The new team is then placed into the Main Draw, Qualification Tournament or Reserve List.

Wild Cards are not taken into consideration for the Country Quota.

1.13 RANKINGS

1.13.1 Entry Ranking

The CEV Snow Volleyball Entry Ranking is calculated by adding each player's points earned in CEV sanctioned or homologated Snow Volleyball events over a 365-days period.

1.13.2 European Tour Ranking

The CEV Snow Volleyball European Tour Ranking is a cumulative ranking only for the 2018 CEV Snow Volleyball European Tour events. The purpose of this ranking is to qualify a spot for the 2018 CEV Snow Volleyball European Championship (see Off. Comm. No. 1) and to crown the leaders following the last European Tour stop as Queen and King of the Snow.



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1.14 ALLOCATION OF POINTS

A player shall be allocated the ranking points according to his/her classification in the competition he/she took part in. The ranking points are allocated as follows:

European Championship & Tour events	
Rank	Points
1	100
2	80
3	60
4	50
5	40
7	30
9	25
13	20
17	15
25	10
33	5

1.15 PRIZE MONEY

For European Tour events, the prize money will be paid to the players by the promoter cash on site or via bank transfer.

For the European Championship the prize money will be paid to the respective National Federations, which are in charge of transferring the prize money to the players.

1.16 MAKE AND TYPE OF BALLS

The ball to be used is the MIKASA VLS 300.

1.17 VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Players, Officials, Coaches and National Federations are requested to apply early enough for visas, whenever needed. The hosting National Federation should be contacted to receive an invitation letter for the event.

2. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

2.1 ENTRY FEE

For each team registering to participate in competitions of the 2018 season the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice, an entry fee for each competition amounting to

30,- EUR

to the bank account of the CEV:

BGL BNP Paribas
in Luxembourg,
IBAN: LU12 0030 4427 2960 1000
SWIFT: BGLLLULL

The CEV will then transfer the entry fees to the respective organisers.

2.2 LICENSE FEE

For each player applying for participation in any competition of the 2018 season the respective National Federation shall pay, upon receipt of the respective CEV invoice, a license fee amounting to

20,- EUR

to the bank account of the CEV:

BGL BNP Paribas
in Luxembourg,
IBAN: LU12 0030 4427 2960 1000
SWIFT: BGLLLULL

This fee has to be paid only once per season per player.

3. FURTHER INFORMATION

All necessary information about the CEV Snow Volleyball European Championship and Tour will be circulated to the National Federations using the Official Communications.

Additional information concerning the competitions and the registered teams will be posted in the Snow Volleyball section of the CEV website: www.cev.lu. Please check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

4. CONTACT ADDRESSES

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