

REGULATIONS

for

the Ranking List

for European Cup Competitions

Men and Women

Introduction

In connection with the project to modify substantially the competition method of the European Cups, the CEV Board of Administration decided to introduce - upon a proposal from the ad hoc Working Group "Future of the European Cups" - a "RANKING LIST" of the National Volleyball Federations for the European Cups of Men's and Women's teams as from the season 2007-2008. These Ranking Lists shall help to decide whether and, if yes, how many teams from one and the same country shall have the right to take part in the different Cups.

The making of the Ranking List is based on the notion that the necessary calculating procedure should be as simple as possible and the result as just as possible.

It implies the option for teams that do not qualify for the next round in one Cup to go on competing - under certain preconditions - in the next lower Cup during the same season.

The Main Criteria for Drawing up the Ranking List

1. The drawing up of the ranking list is based on the EC competition system in which
 - there are 3 (three) EC competitions each for men and women teamsand
 - a maximum of 5 (five) men teams and 5 (five) women teams per country are eligible to participate.
2. In each Cup there may be a maximum of 7 (seven) rounds from the first qualification up to the final. Dependent on the competition method and the number of participating teams round 1 and maybe round 2 can be left out.
3. In each Cup only one team of a country can get points for the ranking list, namely the team which is ranked best in the respective Cup at the end of the season. That is, maximum three teams of a country can gain points for the ranking list.

In case one National Federation participates with a team in a CUP COMPETITION and has to move to another CUP COMPETITION for which this same National Federation did not register at all, then the team gets only the points from the competition in which it reached the highest amount of points.

4. There are two kinds of points:
 a) **Bonus points**
 b) **Competition-related points.**

4.1. **Bonus points** are granted according to the table below. It takes into consideration the graduated importance of the particular Cup as well as of the respective round for which a team qualified.

Round →	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Difference from Rd. to Rd. ↓
CL	10	18	26	34	42	50	58	8 pts.
CEV CUP	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	5 pts.
CHALLENGE CUP	2	5	8	11	14	17	20	3 pts.

This means that a team increases its bonus point account in each round which it reaches by 8 (eight) or 5 (five) or 3 (three) points.

The table is valid for Men's and Women's Cups.

Each team reaching one of the rounds either by

- having qualified for it by the number of competition-related points gained, or
- being allocated to this round, or
- entering the competition in this round

receives the number of points foreseen for this round.

The bonus points gained in the previous rounds are cancelled.

4.2. **The competition-related points** are granted in the following way:

The competition-related points remain valid for a team as long as it participates in the European Cups. They are added from round to round.

In Play-off rounds with home and away matches

- Winner of a match **2 points**
- Loser of a match **1 point**

Possible number of points:
2 wins = 4
1 win - 1 defeat = 3
2 defeats = 2

In League Rounds /Double Round Robin

- Winner of a match **2 points**
- Loser of a match **1 point**

To give this round the same value as the play-off rounds with home and away matches the number of points gained by a team is divided by the HALF of the number of matches it played.

Possible number of points:

Group with ▼	n° of wins ►	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
6 teams	Pts. ►	4.00	3.80	3.60	3.40	3.20	3.00	2.80	2.60	2.40	2.20	2.00
5 teams	Pts. ►			4.00	3.75	3.50	3.25	3.00	2.75	2.50	2.25	2.00
4 teams	Pts. ►					4.00	3.67	3.33	3.00	2.67	2.33	2.00
3 teams	Pts. ►							4.00	3.50	3.00	2.50	2.00

In Play-off rounds with one match only

(e.g. Semi-Final or Final of Top Four)

- Winner of the match **2 points**
- Loser of the match **1 point**

Possible number of points:
1 win = 2
1 defeat = 1

In a tournament /Single Round Robin

(e.g. Qualif. Tournament - if played)

- Winner of the match **2 points**
- Loser of the match **1 point**

To give this round the same value as the play-off rounds with only one single match the number of points gained by a team is divided by the number of matches it played.

Possible number of points:

Tournament with ▼	n° of wins ►	5	4	3	2	1	0
4 teams	Pts.			2.00	1.67	1.33	1.00

4.3 A team's **total number of points for the ranking list** results from adding its **bonus points and its competition-related points**.

Each team gains the maximum number of competition-related points until the round when it enters the competition, which it would have gained, if it had played all preceding existing rounds in this respective Cup.

If in future for one or several EC-competitions the rule remains valid saying that the organizer of a Final Four Tournament chosen before the play-off is directly seeded for the semi-final, it should receive - according to the principles mentioned above - the maximum number of competition-related points for those play-off round(s) in which it did not have to take part.

The same rule is valid in case a team is harmed because one of its opponents withdrew from the competition. In this case the team(s) that did not play the match(es) as its opponent withdrew will receive the maximum number of bonus points and competition-related points, which it would have gained, if it had played in this respective Cup right from the actual beginning all competition related points, as if this team would have won all matches

Examples:

a) On the assumption that the winner of the Men's CEV Champions League apart from the final match had won also all the other matches, according to the competition method currently in force the team gets the highest possible number of points a team can gain. These points consist of:

Round		Bonus points	Competition related points	
	(No 1 st Round)			
	(No 2 nd Round)			
League Round	(3. Rd.)	---	4.00	
Play off 12 / 1/8 Finals	(4. Rd.)	---	4.00	
Play off 6 / 1/4 Finals	(5. Rd.)	---	4.00	
Semi-Final	(6. Rd.)	---	2.00	
Final	(7. Rd.)	58	2.00	
Total		58	+ 16.00	= 74.00

b) If a team which in the Men's League round with groups composed of 5 teams had won - as third ranked team - 5 matches out of 8 and later had been eliminated in the Play-off 1 after one victory and one defeat, it gains the following number of points:

Round		Bonus points	Competition-related points	
	(No 1 st Round)			
	(No 2 nd Round)			
League Round	(3.)	---	3.25	
Play off 12 / 1/8 Finals	(4.)	34	3.00	
Total		34	+ 6.75	= 40.75

5. In principle, in order to determine **the place of a country in the ranking list** the total number of points gained by its best ranked team in each of the Cups are added for 3 (three) successive seasons.

However, the season which was finished just before is not taken into account. This is done because every National Federation and the teams competing in the national competitions for the EC-qualification shall know in due time how many teams their country can send to the different Cups in the next EC season.

Exception:

As the competition method of the European Cups was altered as from the years 2007–2008 onwards, CEV decided to draw up the ranking list on a step by step basis throughout the following years.

This means that as from the EC competitions beginning in 2007 the countries will be ranked - season by season - according to the following table:

For the Season	Ranking out of the years		
2007 – 2008	2005 – 2006	-	-
2008 – 2009	2006 – 2007	+ 2005 – 2006	-
2009 – 2010	2007 – 2008	+ 2006 – 2007	+ 2005 – 2006
2010 – 2011	2008 – 2009	+ 2007 – 2008	+ 2006 – 2007
etc.	etc.	etc.	etc.