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# 2019 CEV VOLLEYBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The European Volleyball Confederation is pleased to open the registration procedure for the 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship.

The organisers and the exact competition dates for the 2019 Final Rounds will be announced in due time.

Additional to the National Federations that are hosting the Finals (1 to maximum 4 NF's), the minimum 8 and maximum 11 (depending of the number of the Final Round hosting countries i.e. 12 teams including organisers) top placed women's and men's teams, from the 2017 European Championship will be also automatically qualified through to the Final Round of the 2019 European Championship.

All other National Federations will compete in one qualification round scheduled for 2018 and 2019 to book their places in the 2019 Final Round that will be played with 24 teams in total.

It remains the sole responsibility of the NFs to respect all Communications, Regulations, Guidelines and institutional decisions to guarantee the delivery of correct, accurate and complete data at any time that these are required.

## 2. CEV VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS

The latest version of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations is available on the CEV website:

<http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/regulations/index.html>

Despite the indicated format in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, it was decided to play the qualification for the 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship with a new system, which is indicated in this Official Communication No. 1.

## 3. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

### 3.1 MEN / WOMEN

The registration for this edition will be done through the CEV Database using the following form:

**01CH (Team Registration)**

The registration deadline for closing and sending the above mentioned form is:

**Monday, September 11, 2017 at 23:59 CET**

After closing the form on-line, National Federations must click 'Print Form' and then sign and stamp the paper copy and send it by registered letter to the CEV Office.

This must also be sent with a post mark dated on or before the above mentioned deadline for the registration to be valid.

## 4. COMPETITION FORMATS AND DATES

Regardless of the current format indicated in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, the following format will be applied for the qualification of both Men's and Women's 2019 European Championship.

A total 12 teams including the 2019 Final Round organiser(s) and top placed teams from the 2017 CEV Volleyball European Championship Final Round, depending of the number of the 2019 Final Round organiser(s), are directly qualified to the 2019 Final Round.

### 4.1 QUALIFICATION FORMAT

- Allocate registered teams not already qualified in groups of maximum 4 teams according to the European Ranking (serpentine system – 4 teams Berger Table).
- Play double round robin in single matches (3 home and 3 away matches for each team)
- The best ranked teams across all pools according to the number of registered teams are qualified to the Final Round

### 4.2 QUALIFICATION DATES

Qualification Round / dates and schedule according to the Berger Table		
Qualification Round	1 <sup>st</sup> Leg: 03 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	3 vs 2 / 4 vs 1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg: 06 <sup>th</sup> or 07 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	2 vs 1 / 3 vs 4
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg: 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018	1 vs 3 / 2 vs 4
	4 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 25 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	3 vs 1 / 4 vs 2
	5 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 05 <sup>th</sup> or 06 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1 vs 2 / 4 vs 3
	6 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 09 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	2 vs 3 / 1 vs 4

## 5. CEV EUROPEAN RANKING

For the 2019 European Championship, the CEV European Ranking (as released in October 2017 after the conclusion of each Final Round) will be used.

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## 1. TEAMS REGISTERED

The teams listed below have registered participation in the 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship – Men/Women.

STATUS OF TEAMS	#	MEN		#	WOMEN	
Level where the team will start the Championship		Country/NF	↓ 2017 CEV Men ECH Finals Standing/ European Ranking		Country/NF	↓ 2017 CEV Women ECH Finals Standing/ European Ranking
① The organisers (4) and the 8 best classified teams from the 2017 ECH Finals are directly qualified to the 2019 ECH Final Round.  <i>(according to the 2017 CEV Men's &amp; Women's ECH Finals standing)</i>	1	BEL	ORG. + 4.	1	CZE	ORG. + 12.
	2	FRA	ORG. + 9.	2	HUN	ORG. + 15.
	3	NED	ORG. + 14.	3	POL	ORG. + 10.
	4	SLO	ORG. + 8.	4	TUR	ORG. + 3.
	5	RUS	1.	5	SRB	1.
	6	GER	2.	6	NED	2.
	7	SRB	3.	7	AZE	4.
	8	ITA	5.	8	ITA	5.
	9	BUL	6.	9	RUS	6.
	10	CZE	7.	10	BLR	7.
	11	POL	10.	11	GER	8.
	12	TUR	11.	12	BUL	9.
② Teams participating to the Qualification Round  <i>(according to the European Ranking Dated: 04/09/2017 Men and 02/10/2017 Women)</i>	13	FIN	10	13	BEL	7
	14	EST	13	14	CRO	10
	15	SVK	13	15	UKR	14
	16	POR	16	16	FRA	16
	17	ESP	17	17	SVK	17
	18	UKR	18	18	ROU	18
	19	GRE	19	19	ESP	19
	20	SWE	19	20	FIN	20
	21	MKD	21	21	POR	21
	22	BLR	22	22	MNE	22
	23	CRO	23	23	SUI	23
	24	MNE	24	24	ISR	23
	25	LAT	25	25	SLO	25
	26	DEN	26	26	AUT	26
	27	ROU	27	27	GRE	27
	28	ISR	28	28	GEO	28
	29	MDA	29	29	EST	28
	30	AUT	29	30	LAT	30
	31	NOR	31	31	BIH	31
	32	HUN	31	32	SWE	32
	33	AZE	33	33	DEN	33
	34	LUX	34	34	NOR	35
	35	SUI	35	35	ALB	39
	36	GEO	37	36	ISL	41
	37	ALB	42			
	38	ISL	43			

## 2. COMPETITION FORMATS, DATES AND POOLS

After releasing Official Communications no. 1 earlier this summer, the CEV received feedback that the matches initially scheduled for early January 2018 would clash with some of those already planned in a number of national leagues. As a result, such matches will take place in August 2018 in order not to disrupt the schedule and planning made by the National Federations and their respective leagues.

Furthermore, taking into account feedback provided by some National Federations, the schedule of the matches in each pool has been adjusted so that every two legs, each National Federation will play once at home and once away as per the table below.

### 2.1 NEW QUALIFICATION DATES AND MATCH OPPONENTS

Qualification Round / dates and schedule according to the Berger Table		
Qualification Round	1 <sup>st</sup> Leg: 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	1 vs 4 / 3 vs 2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg: 18 <sup>th</sup> or 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	2 vs 1 / 4 vs 3
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg: 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018	1 vs 3 / 2 vs 4
	4 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 25 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	4 vs 2 / 3 vs 1
	5 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 05 <sup>th</sup> or 06 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1 vs 2 / 3 vs 4
	6 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 09 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	4 vs 1 / 2 vs 3

### 2.2 POOLS

The pool composition results from the latest European Ranking for men's and women's national teams – as of September 4 and October 2, 2017, respectively – with teams being placed across the pools according to the serpentine system.

### 2.3 MEN

With 12 teams pre-qualified for the 2019 men's Final Round (4 hosts + 8 as per the final standing of the 2017 edition, see Art. 1), another 12 teams will secure their participation in the Finals through this qualification process. There being seven pools, five with four and two with three teams respectively, all pool winners and the five second-placed teams with the best result will participate in the 2019 Finals. Since there is a different number of teams across the seven pools, the results of the matches played with the teams finishing last in the pools of four will be discarded in order to determine the five best runners-up across all pools.

The pool composition reads as follows:

<b>Berger Table no.</b>	<b>Pool A</b>	<b>Pool B</b>	<b>Pool C</b>	<b>Pool D</b>	<b>Pool E</b>	<b>Pool F</b>	<b>Pool G</b>
<b>1</b>	FIN	EST	SVK	POR	ESP	UKR	GRE
<b>2</b>	DEN	LAT	MNE	CRO	BLR	MKD	SWE
<b>3</b>	ROU	ISR	MDA	AUT	NOR	HUN	AZE
<b>4</b>	-	-	ISL	ALB	GEO	SUI	LUX

The Berger Table number defines the respective competition schedule and dates in each pool (see Art. 2.1).

## 2.4 WOMEN

With 12 teams pre-qualified for the 2019 women's Final Round (4 hosts + 8 as per the final standing of the 2017 edition, see Art. 1), another 12 teams will secure their participation in the Finals through this qualification process. There being six pools of four teams each, the winners and runners-up of each pool will participate in the 2019 Finals.

The pool composition reads as follows:

<b>Berger Table no.</b>	<b>Pool A</b>	<b>Pool B</b>	<b>Pool C</b>	<b>Pool D</b>	<b>Pool E</b>	<b>Pool F</b>
<b>1</b>	BEL	CRO	UKR	FRA	SVK	ROU
<b>2</b>	ISR	SUI	MNE	POR	FIN	ESP
<b>3</b>	SLO	AUT	GRE	GEO	EST	LAT
<b>4</b>	ISL	ALB	NOR	DEN	SWE	BIH

The Berger Table number defines the respective competition schedule and dates in each pool (see Art. 2.1).



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## 1. TEAMS REGISTERED – UPDATE !

The teams listed below have registered participation in the 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship – Men/Women. As announced during the General Assembly in Krakow (POL) Czech Republic was appointed as tentative organiser. Due to a change of the political leadership in their country, the Czech NF had to withdraw as co-organiser of the Final Round. Following the CEV Board of Administration decision, Czech Republic is replaced as organiser by Slovakia and consequently will take the spot of Slovakia in the qualification process. Due to the above change of one of the women's Final Round hosting country the list is updated as follows:

STATUS OF TEAMS	#	MEN		#	WOMEN	
Level where the team will start the Championship		Country/NF	↓ 2017 CEV Men ECH Finals Standing/ European Ranking		Country/NF	↓ 2017 CEV Women ECH Finals Standing/ European Ranking
① The organisers (4) and the 8 best classified teams from the 2017 ECH Finals are directly qualified to the 2019 ECH Final Round.  (according to the 2017 CEV Men's & Women's ECH Finals standing)	1	BEL	ORG. + 4.	1	HUN	ORG. + 15.
	2	FRA	ORG. + 9.	2	POL	ORG. + 10.
	3	NED	ORG. + 14.	3	<b>SVK</b>	<b>ORG. + 17.</b>
	4	SLO	ORG. + 8.	4	TUR	ORG. + 3.
	5	RUS	1.	5	SRB	1.
	6	GER	2.	6	NED	2.
	7	SRB	3.	7	AZE	4.
	8	ITA	5.	8	ITA	5.
	9	BUL	6.	9	RUS	6.
	10	CZE	7.	10	BLR	7.
	11	POL	10.	11	GER	8.
	12	TUR	11.	12	BUL	9.
② Teams participating to the Qualification Round  (according to the European Ranking Dated: 04/09/2017 Men and 02/10/2017 Women)	13	FIN	10	13	BEL	7
	14	EST	13	14	CRO	10
	15	SVK	13	15	<b>CZE</b>	<b>12</b>
	16	POR	16	16	UKR	14
	17	ESP	17	17	FRA	16
	18	UKR	18	18	ROU	18
	19	GRE	19	19	ESP	19
	20	SWE	19	20	FIN	20
	21	MKD	21	21	POR	21
	22	BLR	22	22	MNE	22
	23	CRO	23	23	SUI	23
	24	MNE	24	24	ISR	23
	25	LAT	25	25	SLO	25
	26	DEN	26	26	AUT	26
	27	ROU	27	27	GRE	27
	28	ISR	28	28	GEO	28
	29	MDA	29	29	EST	28
	30	AUT	29	30	LAT	30
	31	NOR	31	31	BIH	31
	32	HUN	31	32	SWE	32
	33	AZE	33	33	DEN	33

34	LUX	34	34	NOR	35
35	SUI	35	35	ALB	39
36	GEO	37	36	ISL	41
37	ALB	42			
38	ISL	43			

## 2. COMPETITION FORMATS, DATES AND POOLS

We would like to confirm to all participating teams of the qualification round, that the match schedules are now established on the CEV website according to the below Berger Table.

### 2.1 QUALIFICATION DATES AND MATCH OPPONENTS

Qualification Round / dates and schedule according to the Berger Table		
Qualification Round	1 <sup>st</sup> Leg: 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	1 vs 4 / 3 vs 2
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg: 18 <sup>th</sup> or 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	2 vs 1 / 4 vs 3
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg: 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2018	1 vs 3 / 2 vs 4
	4 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 25 <sup>th</sup> or 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	4 vs 2 / 3 vs 1
	5 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 05 <sup>th</sup> or 06 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	1 vs 2 / 3 vs 4
	6 <sup>th</sup> Leg: 09 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	4 vs 1 / 2 vs 3

### 2.2 POOLS – UPDATE !

Further to the change of the women's Final Round organiser and related to the CEV Board of Administration decision, the CZE team will replace team SVK in Pool E.

The women's pool composition now reads as follows:

Berger Table no.	Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
1	BEL	CRO	UKR	FRA	<b>CZE</b>	ROU
2	ISR	SUI	MNE	POR	FIN	ESP
3	SLO	AUT	GRE	GEO	EST	LAT
4	ISL	ALB	NOR	DEN	SWE	BIH

## 2.3 SWITCH MATCH ORDER REQUEST

In principal the Berger Table number defines the respective competition schedule and dates in each pool (see Art. 2.1). Nevertheless two opponents may agree on the pool to switch their scheduled Leg order only in case both opponents come to an agreement.

In case such agreement is found, a signed **CEV Form CH-06** shall be dispatched to the CEV [nationalteams@cev.lu](mailto:nationalteams@cev.lu) for approval, in principal such agreement should be done minimum 3 months before the first concerned match initially scheduled.

The latter form can be found on the CEV database under, downloads, forms, CEV Form 06 "SWITCH MATCH ORDER REQUEST". After approval both opponents will be notified by the CEV and the match dates will be modified directly inside the database and those will be visible to all others on the CEV website. We remind that the match numbers and opponents will remain as set, only the dates of the two matches will be modified in such case.

## 3. QUALIFICATION ROUND – TV / BROADCASTING

### Television:

- All home matches shall be produced according to the standard "B", as per Section 7/Chapter 22 of the CEV Volleyball competition regulations.
- National rights belong to the National federation
- International TV rights are managed by the sportsman
- Satellite uplink, free of charge, is mandatory upon request in case there are any international takers

### Internet:

Internet rights belong to the sportsman and have to be cleared with them. It is strictly forbidden to stream any matches without the written approval of the sportsman.

Minimum production standard for internet streaming: 3 cameras (1 main, 1 handheld, net camera)

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## 1. QUALIFICATION ROUND: ADMINISTRATIVE DEADLINES

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
<b>CEV 07 FORM</b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018</b> (3 months before 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg) Men & Women <u>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Legs</u>	Organising National Federations are obliged to complete and send the 07 Form inside the CEV database for approval.	The 07 Form is available inside the CEV Database for each leg organising National Federations.
<b>CEV 08 FORM</b>	<b>July 18<sup>th</sup> 2018</b> (+1 months before 1 <sup>st</sup> Leg) Men & Women <u>1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Legs</u>	Organising National Federations are obliged to complete and close the 08 Form inside the CEV Database.	The 08 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
<b>PLAYER LICENSES (initial 10 players)</b>	<b>July 12<sup>th</sup> 2018</b> <u>(+30 days before 1<sup>st</sup> Leg)</u> Men & Women	All participating National Federations are required to register all potential players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadlines.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
<b>PLAYER LICENSES (remaining players)</b>	<b>July 25<sup>th</sup> 2018</b> (20 days before each leg) Men & Women		
<b>TRAVEL TICKETS</b>	<b>July 31<sup>st</sup> 2018</b> (minimum 2 weeks before each leg) Men & Women	Organisers must ensure that the travel ticket(s) and/or the information as to when and where the tickets can be collected <u>are with the CEV Supervisor and Referees.</u>	
<b>PLAYERS 'LONG LIST'</b>	<b>July 31<sup>st</sup> 2018</b> (14 days before each leg) Men & Women	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the CEV 05 Form ('TEAM REGISTRATION'). Please verify each leg's deadline directly on the 05 Form.	The CEV 05 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database. It is limited to a maximum of 22 players, out of which maximum players 14 will eventually participate in the match. After it is approved the CEV 05bis will be automatically created.

<b>CEV 05bis FORM</b>	Before each teams Preliminary Inquiry	Before attending their Preliminary Inquiry, each team must complete and close the CEV 05bis form inside the CEV Database. (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION)	The maximum 14 players listed on the CEV 05bis form must have already featured on the CEV 05 form (i.e. the players 'long list').
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## 2. QUALIFICATION ROUND: ON VENUE MEETINGS

For all of the information about the meetings required onsite, please go to the following links:

CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations: [CLICK HERE](#)

CEV Organisation Guidelines for National Team Competitions: [CLICK HERE](#)

Meeting	When	Main items to be covered
<b>GENERAL ORGANISATION MEETING</b>	On the arrival day of the CEV Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Information about the Competition Site</li> <li>• Time schedule for pre competition day</li> <li>• General Items</li> <li>• Financial Matters</li> <li>• Can be linked with the 'INITIAL COMPETITION HALL INSPECTION'</li> </ul>
<b>TEAM PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES</b>	On the arrival day of the teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final team/player participation</li> <li>• Accreditation Cards</li> <li>• Team Uniforms</li> <li>• Advertising on Team Uniforms</li> <li>• Health Certificates (M-3 Forms)</li> <li>• Anti-Doping Diplomas</li> <li>• Team Medical Doctor/Team Physiotherapist accreditations</li> <li>• Financial matters (e.g. Extra persons fees)</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: the Team Manager must have its National Federation's log in credentials for the CEV database in order to "sign" the relevant forms.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General introductions by hosting NF</li> <li>• Information about the duties of the Delegations</li> <li>• Instructions for the Refereeing</li> <li>• Questions concerning the competition</li> </ul>
<b>FINAL COMPETITION HALL INSPECTION</b>	At the latest, 3 hours before the match	All technical items as laid out in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and CEV Organisation Guidelines for National Team Competitions.

### 3. QUALIFICATION ROUND: ACCREDITATION CARDS

We kindly remind all participating teams to produce the accreditation cards for all team members of their delegation, and to travel with those cards to each venue and present them to the appointed CEV Supervisor during each preliminary inquiry. Each team is in charge of their own accreditation cards during the entire qualification round.

We will communicate closer to the 1<sup>st</sup> leg what type of cards will be used and either provide the layout or link to the new accreditation card software. This will be communicated in due time to all teams.



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## 1. CEV VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

During its last meeting held on 12 May 2018 in Kazan (RUS), the CEV Board of Administration approved some changes in the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations.

The new version has been released. All the changes [are listed here](#).

The updated Organisation Guidelines for the CEV Volleyball National Team Competitions will be soon available under the Document section on the CEV website.

## 2. COMPETITION SYSTEM

As per decision of the Board of Administration, the competition system of each CEV competition is now communicated through the Official Communications.

The competition system for the 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship Men and Women is as follows:

Phase	Competition method	Organisation
Final phase		
Final round		
Gold Medal match	Knock-out with a single-leg match	Tournament
Bronze Medal match		
Semifinals		
1/4 finals		
1/8 finals		
Preliminary pools	Round robin with a single-leg match	
Qualification phase		
Qualification round	Round robin with a "Home and Away" match	No tournament

### 2.1 General provisions

National Federations not qualifying to further levels are eliminated from the CEV competition.

### 2.2 Qualification round

National Federations are allocated to pools composed of 3 to 4 National Federations. The 12 best placed of all pools qualify to the Final phase.

### 2.3 Final round

The Final round is organised with the 24 following National Federations:

- i. 4 Organisers, directly qualified,
- ii. 8 National Federations, directly qualified according to the standing of the 2017 CEV competition edition.
- iii. 12 National Federations, qualified from the Qualification round,

The 24 National Federations are allocated equally in 4 Preliminary pools. In each Preliminary pool, the four best placed qualify to the 1/8 finals.

In the 1/8 finals, the 8 winners qualify to the 1/4 finals.

In the 1/4 finals, the 4 winners qualify to the Semifinals.

In the Semifinals, the 2 winners qualify to the Gold Medal match and the 2 losers of the Semifinals qualify to the Bronze Medal match,

In the Gold Medal match, the winner is the winner of the 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship.

### 3. FINAL ROUND: ALLOCATION OF TEAMS

As per decision of the Board of Administration, the allocation of teams is now also communicated through the Official Communications.

The allocation of teams for the final round of the 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship - Men and Women is as follows:

#### PRELIMINARY POOLS

The drawing of lots is combined with a seeding of National Federations and performed as follows:

- The 4 Organisers are seeded in different Preliminary pools.
  - For Men: France in Pool A, Belgium in Pool B, Slovenia in Pool C and The Netherlands in Pool D,
  - For Women: Turkey in Pool A, Poland in Pool B, Hungary in Pool C and Slovakia in Pool D,
- The first and second best ranked from the previous edition of the CEV competition do not play against each other in the Preliminary pools and are drawn in different Preliminary pools,
- According to the CEV National Team ranking list, National Federations are seeded by descending order in a number of cups that equals the number of Preliminary pools.
- From each cup one National Federation is then drawn in each Preliminary pool.

#### 1/8 FINALS

National Federations are seeded as follows:

- If qualified, the organiser(s) will play at home,
- The best four classified teams from Pool A and C play against each other. Same for Pool B and D, as follows:



In case of conflict, the first principle above prevails.

Exceptions:

All host countries (in Men's and Women's Finals) will play until the 1/8 Finals in their own country if qualified through the Preliminary Pools.

- 1) Therefore in case the host country is not among the two best teams in their pool, this means that in the opposite pool a team either 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pool standing will travel to opposite venue.  
*Example: A2 vs C3 (ORG.) => C3 (ORG.) vs A2 (meaning A2 will travel)*
- 2) In case two host countries are positioned after the Preliminary Pools so that they should meet up in the 1/8 Finals, the lowest standing host team of the concerned pool will switch the position 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> inside its pool depending on the situation:



*Example:* A1 (ORG.) vs C4 (ORG.) => C4 (ORG.) vs A2 and  
A1 (ORG.) vs C3

A2 (ORG.) vs C3 (ORG.) => C3 (ORG.) vs A1 and  
A2 (ORG.) vs C4

To the above current format, some important decisions have been taken by the CEV Board of Administration in order to protect the image of the competition.

#### 1/4 FINALS

Men: The 1/4 Finals will be played in each host country between the two winners of the 1/8 Finals that were played in the same country. The 1/4 Final match winner from BEL will travel to FRA and match winner from NED will travel to SLO for Semifinals.

Women: The 1/4 Finals will be played in Turkey and Poland between the winners of the 1/8 Finals. The 1/8 Final match winners from HUN will travel to TUR and winners from SVK will travel to POL. The 1/4 Final match winners will continue to the Semifinals that are taking place in Turkey.

#### SEMIFINALS and FINALS

In both competitions (men/women) the Semifinals losers will continue to the Bronze Medal match and winners will continue to the Gold Medal match for the title of the European Champion. Those final matches will be played in Paris (FRA) for the men's competition and in Ankara (TUR) for the women's competition.

## **4. FINAL ROUND: DATES AND VENUES**

**The 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship Final Round dates have been confirmed as follows:**

Men on 12-29/09/2019 in FRA (Montpellier, Nantes and Paris), BEL (Brussels and Antwerp), SLO (Ljubljana) and NED (Rotterdam, Amsterdam and Apeldoorn).

Women on 23/08-08/09/2019 (TBC) in HUN (Budapest), POL (TBD), SVK (Bratislava) and TUR (Ankara).

## **5. QUALIFICATION ROUND: TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMMODATION AND PER DIEM**

This is to remind that all Organisers are in charge to provide full board to the visiting teams the day before the match. They must cover costs of maximum number of the team delegation (players 14 and Team Officials 6) according to the roster announced by the visiting team. Besides those, each team has the right to have three Extra-Team Officials that are in charge of the concerned team.

For a team delegation, the Organiser will reserve and pay 20 persons; 8 x twin bedded rooms and 4 x single rooms (if delegation is smaller minimum three single rooms must be provided in all cases). The Extra-Team official's rooms will be reserved according to the request of the visiting team.

Each hosting NF is responsible to arrange and cover the CEV Supervisor's and Referees' travel costs and full board accommodation costs, as well as their per diem.

## 6. QUALIFICATION ROUND: ACCREDITATION CARDS

In line with the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, each person accredited must receive an accreditation Card/ Badge.

More details and guidelines on how to produce the accreditation badges will be provided to all NFs in the beginning of August. Those cards will be produced through the new accreditation system software that CEV is currently working on.

We kindly remind you to produce the accreditation cards for all your team delegation members, to travel with those cards to each Competition venue and present them to the CEV Supervisor during each Preliminary Inquiry.

Each team is in charge of their own accreditation cards during the entire qualification round.

## 7. QUALIFICATION ROUND: MARKETING AND PROMOTION

### 7.1 CEV ftp server

All required layouts will be uploaded and available on the CEV ftp server: <ftp://nftp.cev.lu>. Please be sure that you use an ftp client to access this. We recommend that you to use FileZilla, which is most advanced and free ftp client for all major operating systems.

Username: CEV\_marketing

Password: 4marketing2010

Here are the typical settings:

Label:	FTP marketing server
FTP Server:	nftp.cev.lu
User Name:	CEV_marketing
Password:	.....

Choose the folder: ... //DOWNLOADS/VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS/2019/2019 CEV EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP/\*.\*

### 7.2 Competition logo

While CEV have launched a tender to create a new logo concept for the Final Round events, the following competition logos have to be used for Qualification phase up to the 4<sup>th</sup> leg (25-26/08/2018).



The logos have to be used with gender denominations.

### 7.3 Competition title banner

Position Nr. 12 has to be produced by the Organiser according to the annexed layout without gender denomination. The layouts are available on the ftp server.

### 7.4 2019 CEV Volleyball European Championship – Men’s and Women’s Final Round promotion

Positions Nr. 4 and 19 have to be produced by the Organiser according to the layout which will be available on the ftp server at the beginning of July.

### 7.5 Promotion of Men’s World Championship

Position Nr. 15 is dedicated to the promotion of the Men’s World Championship in Italy and Bulgaria. The layout is available on the ftp server and the banner has to be produced by the Organiser.

### 7.6 Backdrop

The backdrop is not mandatory but in case a backdrop is used, the latter must be produced according to the official layout available on the ftp server.

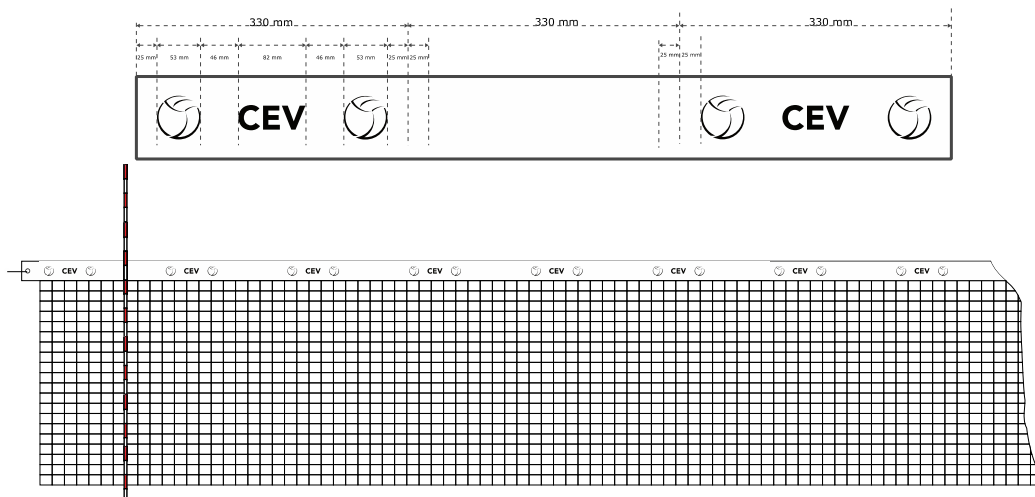
### 7.7 LED system

Organisers wishing to use the LED system shall send the duly completed LED application form for approval to [graphics@cev.eu](mailto:graphics@cev.eu). The LED SYSTEM application is available for downloading in the CEV Database, section Download.

In case of using LED system boarding, the sharing of LED expositions will be 20 % for CEV and 80 % for the Organiser. The LED play list will be available in due time on the ftp server.

### 7.8 NET advertising

CEV VOLLEYBALL NET - 50/50



Net and its advertising must be produced by the Organiser according to the layout available on the ftp server, respecting the following ratio:

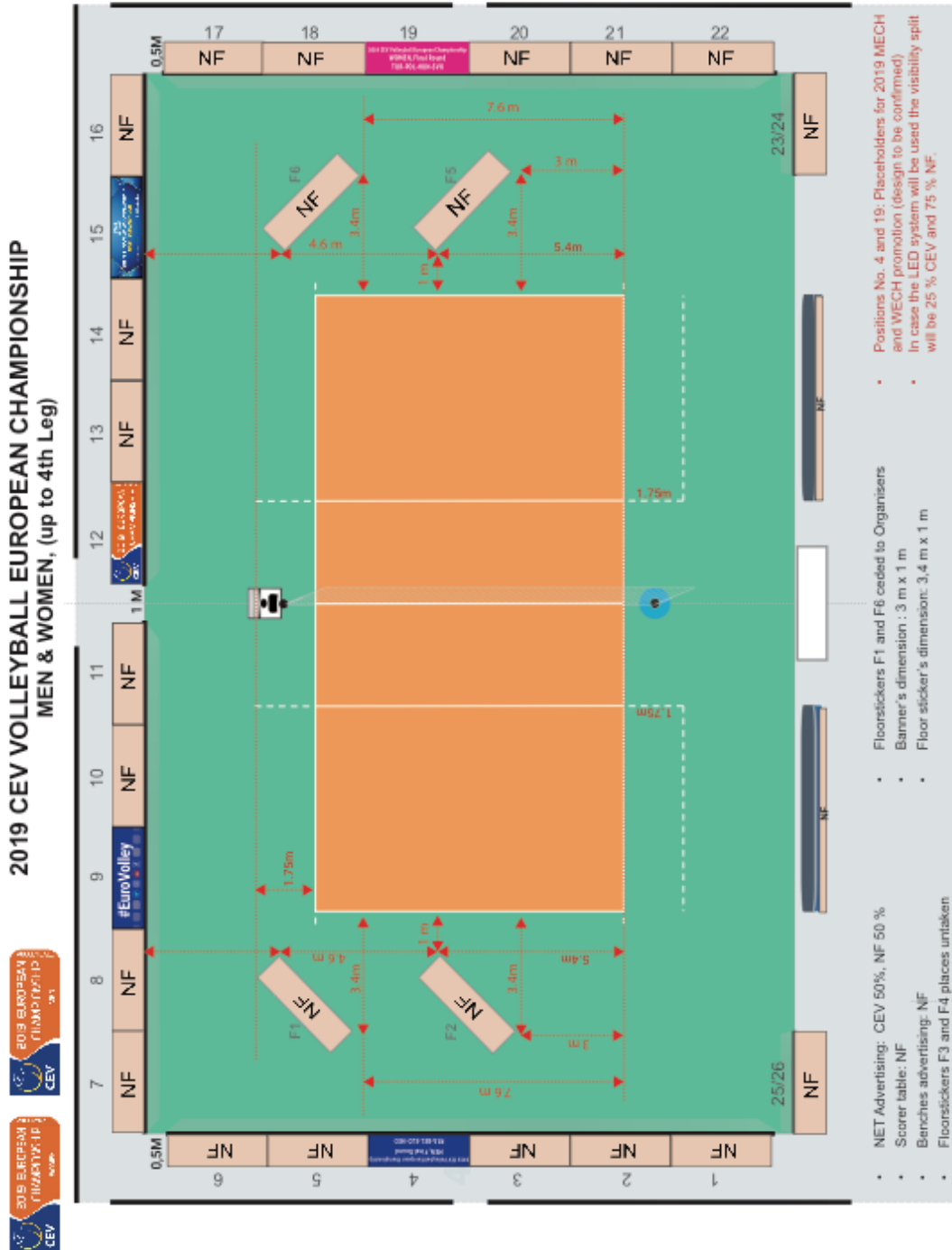
50 % advertising space – CEV

50 % of advertising space – Organiser.

8. QUALIFICATION ROUND: COURT LAYOUT



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For all technical details and measurements see the official court layout



## 9. QUALIFICATION ROUND: TELEVISION

CEV would like to inform all National federations that the TV production standard has been lowered from standard "B" to standard "C" for the qualification round in August 2018 and January 2019.

As a reminder, all home matches shall be produced according to the set standard and the international signal shall be made available, free of charge, to CEV/SPORTRADAR and any other 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> party rights holder, on an established European satellite.

The TV-01 form announcing the host broadcaster must be duly signed and sent back to CEV ([marketing@cev.eu](mailto:marketing@cev.eu)) **no later than 15th July 2018**. The form can be found attached to the Official communication or downloaded from the CEV database (under downloads/forms).

Further to the announcement of the host broadcaster, the signal exchange coordination will then be managed by Sportradar.

National federations wishing to stream their matches on a geo-blocked platform shall contact Sportradar and clear the rights. However, the production standard "C" and the obligation to provide the international signal, free of charge, on an established European satellite have to be respected.

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