

CEV QUEEN & KING OF THE COURT EUROPEAN FINALS 2023 PRACTICAL INFO – ISSUED: 22.05



<p>The CEV Queen & King of the Court European Finals is a initiative run together by the CEV and Sportworx, in line with the recommendations of the CEV Beach Volleyball Think Tank to embrace new and contemporary formats in the CEV Beach Volleyball events portfolio and provide additional competition opportunities to European athletes and National Federations.</p> <p>After the successful first edition in 2022, CEV and Sportworx have agreed on extending the partnership and the CEV Queen & King of the Court European Finals will come to Luxembourg this year.</p> <p>The game has substantial differences with the regular 2 vs 2 Beach Volleyball, as multiple teams are active simultaneously playing under time rules in an elimination race.</p>	
Event Title	CEV Queen & King of the Court European Finals
VENUE	d' Coque, Centre National Sportif et Culturel du Luxembourg
DATE	June 27 th to July 1 st , 2022
PROMOTER	<p><u>Sportworx</u></p> <p>Contact person: Emmeke Kusters</p> <p>E-Mail: emmeke@sportworx.nl</p>
REGISTRATION DEADLINE & DOCUMENTS	<p>Registration deadline is set for Monday, May 29th through the CEV/ FIVB VIS online registration platform.</p> <p>All athletes need to have duly uploaded / completed in the VIS the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Completed and signed BV – Player's Commitment & BVB/10 Health Certificate - Recent certificate confirming completion of the FIVB anti - doping Education & Certification program 'Play Clean' - Certificate of completing the FIVB E-learning Course on the Prevention of Competition Manipulation <p>In addition, all Federations are requested to confirm the upload of their participating athletes' recent photos to the VIS as per the guidelines shared by the CEV Beach Volleyball department.</p>
ELIGIBILITY	Detailed in the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the CEV Queen & King of the Court 2023 Official Communications document
NUMBER OF TEAMS	<p><u>20 participating teams in the Main Draw</u> for both men and women as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 17 teams, including min. 1 host country team, through the CEV Entry Ranking of Monday 29th of May and considering country quota conditions - 10 teams in the Qualification Tournament, including 1 host country team, through the CEV Entry Ranking of Monday 29th of May and considering country quota conditions - Up to 3 Main Draw and 3 Qualification Tournament Wild Cards. National Federations may present their request for Wild Cards to the CEV Office at the latest by the registration deadline day using the CEV BV-02 Wild Card application form. <p>In case less than three Wild Cards are awarded, the remaining spot(s) will be allocated to the next eligible team through the CEV Entry Ranking.</p>

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COUNTRY QUOTA	<p><u>Host NF:</u> Max. 4 teams per gender (3 in the Main Draw and 1 in qualification) excluding wild cards <u>All other NF's:</u> Max. 3 teams per gender (2 in the Main Draw and 1 in qualification) excluding wild cards</p> <p>Country quota limitations may be voided in case teams registered for the event or present in the Preliminary Inquiry are not complete.</p>
ADMISSION & SEEDING	<p>Admission and seeding according to CEV Entry Ranking as of <u>Monday, May 29th of May 2023.</u></p> <p>The pools for qualification will be announced after the respective preliminary inquiry.</p> <p>Pools for the first stage of main draw will be fixed on Monday 29th of May and any changes in entry lists after that will not affect the pools as per following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In case there is a player change, if the team remains in the Main Draw, the position in the pool will be maintained. - In case the team moves down to the Qualification / Reserve List, the next team on the Qualification Tournament (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw in the vacant position in the pool. - In case a team withdraws, the next team on the Qualification Tournament (considering country quota limitations) becomes eligible to enter the Main Draw Qualification in the vacant position in the pool. <p>The top seeded team of the hosting National Federation will be seeded as Number 4 in both genders. Teams from the same National Federation cannot be placed in the same pools for the Group stage and will be moved to the next eligible spot.</p> <p>Teams qualifying from the Qualification tournament will take the last 3 spots of the Main Draw according to their CEV Entry Ranking as of Monday, May 29th and will be seeded with the same principle of avoiding same NFs teams.</p>
WITHDRAWAL-ATHLETE REPLACEMENT PROCEDURE	<p><u>Before the registration deadline</u> a National Federation may substitute an athlete from a team or withdraw a team from the competition through the VIS, without any consequences.</p> <p><u>After the registration deadline and Pools seeding,</u> a National Federation may substitute only one athlete per team from the 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.</p> <p>In case of such substitution, the new team's CEV Entry Ranking points as of <u>Monday, 29th of May</u> are taken into consideration for the new team's entry. The new team is then placed into the Main Draw, Qualification or Reserve List according to the principle detailed in the Admission & Seeding section of this document.</p>

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<p>PRELIMINARY INQUIRY</p>	<p><u>Qualification Tournament: Tuesday 27th of June</u> 10:00-11:30 @ the venue</p> <p><u>Main Draw: Tuesday 27th of June</u> Women 18:00-19:00 / Men 19:00-20:00 @ the venue</p> <p>Players and Delegation members are required to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and present their passports, uniforms / accessories. Only people accredited through the respective CEV forms will be acknowledged as delegation members (see Accreditation section of the document).</p>
<p>COMPETITION FORMAT</p>	<p>Queen & King of the Court is a beach volleyball variant where the court is divided into a winner's side and a challenger side. Points can only be scored on the winner's side under the following rules:</p> <p><u>Teams</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each team consists of two players. • Each match will be played by multiple teams with a minimum of three (3) teams. • Starting from the Quarter Finals, all points scored in all rounds by teams in the previous phase (excluding lucky loser rounds) are used to create the Points Ranking. This ranking is then used for pool composition in respective phase. In case of identical sum of all points, higher seeded team in the tournament shall be seeded higher in the Points Ranking. • Before the start of the game, there will be a draw to decide which team has the benefit of starting on the winner's side (a.k.a Queen's/King's side). This draw will take place right before the start of the match. Every team picks a playing card. The team that picks the 'Queen' or 'King' will start on the Queen's/King's side and the service order is established by the order of the playing cards (from highest to lowest) picked by each team. • For play-off rounds, there will be no draw. Players will be starting the game according to their position in points ranking. • When a player gets injured during the match, they can be treated next to the court, but the game will continue. <p><u>Game</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The game will be played on a regular beach volleyball court. On each side of the court, there is a set of gold and black boundary lines. The gold lines refer to the King's side of the court and the black lines refer to the challenger's side of the court. • The Queen's/King's side is the only side of the court where a team can score points. • The challenger's side is the side where teams can challenge the 'Queens' or 'Kings'. When teams win the point on this side, they earn a spot on the Queen's/King's side where they replace the team that was on that side during the previous rally and the team that was replaced goes back to serve, while respecting the service order.

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- Each rally starts with a serve from a team on the challenger's side.
- The team that is serving can decide which player of the team is serving. There is no specific order and limitation on how many times one player can serve.
- If the team on the Queen's/King's side wins the rally, they earn one (1) point and they will remain on the Queen's/King's side.
- If the team on the challenger's side wins the rally, they earn the spot on the Queen's/King's side.
- If the team on the Queen's/King's side loses the rally, they will leave the Queens'/King's side and go back to the challenger's side. At the challenger's side they wait their turn to play.
- If the team on the challenger's side loses the rally, they will leave the court and stay at the challenger's side. At the challenger's side they wait their turn to serve again.
- There will be a maximum of eight (8) seconds in between the end of a rally and the beginning of a new rally.
- When a rally starts, the game will be played according to the regular beach volleyball rules.
- Teams cannot take a time-out during a round.

Points

- If a team on the challenger's side makes a serving mistake, there will be no points awarded to the team on the Queens's/King's side. Exception is every three (3) service mistakes in a row are one (1) point. When three (3) service errors are reached or a new team enters the Queens's/King's side, the service mistakes will go to zero (0) and the count starts again.
- In the last (1) minute of a round, every service mistake is one (1) point awarded to the team on the Queens's/King's side.
- After each of the first two rounds that is played, the team with the least number of points scored in that round will be eliminated.
- When there are two teams with the same amount of points at the end of the round, the team with the longest stay at the Queens's/King's is considered higher ranked. If the longest stay is equal as well, the team that had the longest stay first is considered higher ranked. If there are two teams with 0 points, the one who entered the Queen's/King's side the first is considered higher ranked. In case of neither team entering the Queen's/King's side for the duration of the round, the team which started with higher rank based on the draw or on the results in previous round, will be considered ranked higher.
- The following round in one (1) match will start according to the result of the previous round. The team with the most points will start the next round on the Queen's/King's side, the team with the second highest number of

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	<p>points will be the first challenging team, the team with the third highest number of points will be the second team to serve from the challenger's side, and so on.</p> <p><u>Golden Ball reward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When in a phase the top 3 of each group advances to the next round the teams can earn a golden ball in their match. They can use this golden ball in the next phase only. For example: During the group stage, teams can earn a 'golden ball' to use in the semi-final. • This 'golden ball' will be earned by the winner of round number three (3). This means when there are three (3) teams remaining, they are battling for a prize to use further in the tournament. • The 'golden ball' can be used as a wash. This means when a team is on the Queen's/King's or Challenger side and loses the rally, they can use the 'golden ball' to re-play the rally. This also means the rally will be played against the same team on the other side. The 'golden ball' can only be used once. • The 'golden ball' can only be earned in the Group Stage or the Quarter Finals. <p><u>Time per game</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One match with 5 teams has 3 rounds • Each round will be played in fifteen (15) minutes. • After 10 minutes in each round there will be a time-out of 1 minute. The time out starts, and the clock pauses when the rally that started after 10 minutes has ended. • The final round will be played until fifteen (15) points or in fifteen (15) minutes. The exception is Semi-Final Phase and Play-Offs where teams always play full 15 minutes. • There will be a buzzer (sound) at the end of each round. When the buzzer goes it means the round is over but the rally currently in play still counts. <p><u>Qualification format</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Phase One, 10 teams are divided into 2 pools following the same pattern and rules as for the main draw pools. • Winners of the first phase pools advance to the main draw. • Teams who finished on 5th places play a playoff of 15 minutes for 1 spot in the second phase. • Winners of the second phase pool are advancing to main draw.
<p>COMPETITION CALENDAR</p>	<p><u>For Women and Men:</u> <u>Phase One and Phase two (qualification):</u> Tuesday 27th of June <u>Group Stage matches:</u> Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th of June <u>Quarterfinals Thursday 29th and Friday, 30th of June</u> <u>Semifinals:</u> Saturday, 30th of June and 1st of July <u>Finals:</u> Saturday, 1st of July</p>

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PRIZE MONEY (PER TEAM)	Rank	Prize money (per team)
	1	13 000 €
2	10 000 €	
3	7 500 €	
4	6 000 €	
5	4 500 €	
6	3 500 €	
7	3 250 €	
8	3 000 €	
9	2 700 € (x2)	
11	2 250 €	
12	2 000 €	
13	1 600 € (x3)	
16	1 200 €	
17	1 150 €	
18	1 100 €	
19	1 050 €	
20	1 000 €	
Longest stay	1 500 €	
Qualification (phase one & phase two)	400 € - per team	
UNIFORMS	<p><u>Uniforms:</u> The organiser will be providing uniforms to all participating teams and CEV officials.</p> <p>Athletes are responsible to bring their own shorts/bikini bottoms as per the provisions of the CEV Beach Volleyball Competitions Regulations & Guidelines.</p> <p>Athletes may use gear and accessories as defined in the CEV Beach Volleyball Guidelines (cev-beach-volleyball-guidelines_2023.pdf)</p>	
OFFICIAL BALL	MIKASA BV 550C	
INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT	<p>Players and Delegation members are responsible for their own international and local transportation and for any further expenses such as visa or airport taxes.</p> <p>Players and Delegation members are requested to apply early enough for their visas, whenever needed, LOC can be contacted for an invitation letter if needed as indicated on Page 1 of this document.</p>	
BOARD AND LODGING	<p>Considering that Prize Money will be awarded to all participating teams including those in Qualification Tournament and to allow more flexibility for all involved, no accommodation is provided to the participating teams. Athletes are free to arrange their own accommodation as they see fit.</p> <p>The organisers will provide a number of options (see below) to choose from in terms of standards and cost in the updated version of this document.</p>	

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<p>ACCREDITATION</p>	<p>Organisers will provide all players and up to 2 duly accredited Team members per team (coaches, physiotherapists) with official accreditation cards and they will ensure that those people can access the designated venue areas.</p> <p>Accreditation requests for all Delegation members should be submitted by Monday 19th of June through the respective CEV forms at the CEV cloud https://cloud.cev.eu/url/queen_and_king</p> <p>The CEV and the LOC will be confirming reception and approval/rejection of the requests to the mail indicated in the form. Only acknowledged requests shall be considered as confirmed.</p> <p>Especially for the accredited medical staff (doctor/physio) the above confirmation will also depend on obtaining the authorisation due to be received by the CEV Medical Commission as per the process defined in the respective BV-06 form "Accreditation of Medical Staff, which is available here: https://inside.cev.eu/documents/beach-volleyball-documents/ (Please scroll down until "Beach Volleyball Forms/National Federations").</p> <p>These accreditations will be handed over to all official delegation members during the Preliminary Inquiry of the team they are associated with.</p>
<p>SOCIAL MEDIA INITIATIVES</p>	<p>Organiser's accounts: Event website: https://www.kingofthecourt.com/ Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/kingofthecourtcrownsseries/ Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/kingofthecourtbeach/ YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6p6EacZ652hBdyRe9ZfQiw</p> <p>CEV official accounts: CEV website: https://www.cev.eu/beach/queen-king-of-the-court-european-finals/ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CEVolleyball/ Twitter: https://twitter.com/CEVolleyball Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/cevolleyball/ YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/cevolleyball</p> <p>National Federations /teams are welcomed and encouraged to use their own social media accounts tagging the above - mentioned profiles.</p>