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## 2017 CEV Volleyball European League



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The 2017 CEV Volleyball European League – Men/Women, will be the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the men's competition, and the 9<sup>th</sup> edition for the women's competition.

As in previous years, the winners of the 2017 European League are candidates to participate in the next edition of the FIVB World League (Men) or FIVB World Grand Prix (Women), directly replacing the lowest placed European team (under the conditions that the qualifying team can fulfil all of the requirements/conditions set out by the FIVB).

The regulations in force are the 'CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations', and these are available as an e-book here:

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

All participants are required to be aware of the relevant contents of this document, in particular the specific provisions in Chapter 28.

This and subsequent 'Official Communications' are available as a pdf here:

<http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/el/oc>

We also refer you to the latest version of the 'CEV Organisation Guidelines for National Team Competitions' which can be found here:

<http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/nforganiser/>

Some instructions for the CEV Database can be found here:

For National Federations - <http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/databasenf/>

For CEV Officials – <http://ebook.cev.lu/competitions/databaseofficial>

For this competition, those working on it have the support of the 'Competitions Hotline' during the competition evenings and weekends on: +352 621 25 34 44.

If you have any question, please contact the CEV Volleyball Department.

## 2. PLANNED COMPETITION FORMAT

Following the feedback received from the National Federations about the 2016 CEV Volleyball European League, and the principals of the previous editions of the FIVB World League and World Grand Prix, the CEV proposes to organise the 2017 CEV Volleyball European League competition as follows:

### League Phase

Pools of 4 teams

Double tournaments (2 organisations by 2 of the 4 competing teams of each pool)

### Final Phase

Final 4 tournament (1 organiser and 3 qualified teams)

If no organiser of a Final 4 tournament can be appointed, then there will be Home and Away matches instead for the Final Phase (semi-final and final).

*Note: the organiser is also required to compete in the League Phase.*

The final decision regarding the competition format will be taken according the number of teams participating in the 2017 edition during the European League Meeting.

## 3. RESERVED COMPETITION PERIOD

The reserved periods in which the competition will take place are:

- 9 - 11 June
- 16 - 18 June
- 23 - 25 June
- 28 June - 2 July
- 5 - 9 July

The exact competition dates will be discussed and agreed at the European League meeting, first agreeing a date for the Final Phase of each gender with all League Round tournaments being played a minimum of 1 week before this.

## 4. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The CEV can now confirm the following technical regulations for the 2017 European League:

- Minimum TV Production 1 match per tournament
- Minimum TV Broadcasting 1 match per tournament

## 5. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The CEV can now confirm the following financial conditions for the 2017 European League:

- The reduced Registration Fee is maintained (10,000 EUR for single and 18,000 EUR for double gender).
- The CEV will arrange and cover the cost for the international travel and per diem for the appointed CEV Referees in the League Round.
- Final 4 Organising Fee is now 25,000 EUR
- Total prize money pot (for both genders together) will be 150,000 EUR

## 6. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE

### 6.1 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:

**Friday 16 December 2016 at 23:59 CET**

After closing the form on-line, National Federations must click 'Print Form' and then sign and stamp the original paper copy.

**The original signed form must be either presented during the European League meeting or sent with a post mark dated on or before the above mentioned deadline for the registration to be valid.**

On this electronic form there are tick boxes to inform CEV if the respective National Federation intends to apply to organise one of the League Round tournaments.

Any National Federation definitely wishing to apply to organise a tournament must complete and return the relevant paper form (listed below) before the start of the meeting on Thursday **12 January 2017**.

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EL-02w

If more than the required number of National Federations apply to organise a tournament in the same pool, and no mutual agreement can be made, a draw will be conducted between the applying teams in that Pool.

If not enough National Federations apply to organise a tournament in the same pool, and no mutual agreement can be made, a forced draw will be conducted between the available teams in that Pool. The drawn team is then obliged to organise.

As a general principle, priority will be given to those whose National Teams are not competing in another simultaneous competition over the same competition period.

Following this general principle and in case of still facing an inappropriate number of registered teams, the CEV may give priority to those Federations who registered first.

## 7. 2017 EUROPEAN LEAGUE MEETING

The meeting for this European League edition will be on the Thursday **12 January 2017** at the CEV Office in Luxembourg at 11:30hrs.

National Federations entering teams into the 2017 CEV Volleyball European League for Men or Women are required to send at least 1 representative to this meeting.

Any Federations not present at this meeting will be unable to contribute towards the discussions and decisions taken, and their matches shall be scheduled by the CEV and their opponents, without there being any possibility to change at a later date.

In order to attend, each Federation is required to return a completed Reply Form with the relevant information to [competitions@cev.lu](mailto:competitions@cev.lu) by the registration deadline (Wednesday 4 January 2017 at 23:59 CET).

If accommodation is required for representatives then the options and cost for this is outlined on the Reply Form.