

INTRODUCTION

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

All detailed instructions governing the 2015 CEV Volleyball European League are included in this set of Regulations, or will be communicated subsequently through Official Communications, which will be distributed via e-mail to the participating National Federations.

The CEV Executive Committee have already confirmed that the 2015 edition will be played using Home & Away matches, leading towards a Final Four tournament. If no Final Four organiser is appointed then Home and Away matches will be used in the Final Phase.

Only duly signed and stamped applications, which include a signed agreement and a valid TV-01 Form will be accepted. If an applying National Federation does not completely fulfil one or more of these requirements, the applicant can be rejected from the competition. In this situation the CEV reserves the exclusive right to appoint a replacement team in their place.

If more teams register than there are vacancies, teams will be accepted according to the latest CEV European Ranking Lists.

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1. The European League

1.1 FOREWORD

Thanks to the work and commitment of all previously participating National Federations, the CEV Volleyball European League has established itself as a major event on the international Volleyball calendar across Europe.

The European League is attractive not simply for the high level playing performances that have grown to be associated to this competition, but also the significant media coverage it has received all across Europe throughout previous editions.

As with 2014, the winners of the 2015 European League are automatically granted a spot in the next edition of the FIVB World League (Men) or FIVB World Grand Prix (Women), directly replacing the lowest placed European team (assuming that the qualifying team can fulfil all of the requirements set out by the FIVB).

The Men's European League provides an opportunity for those who:

- wish to qualify for the next edition of the FIVB World League
- are not involved in the 2015 FIVB World League
- are qualified for the 2015 European Championships Final Round and wish to have a competition before it for added preparation
- are seeking an additional competitive National Team opportunity in 2015

The Women's European League provides an opportunity for those who:

- wish to qualify for the next edition of the FIVB World Grand Prix
- are not involved in the 2015 FIVB World Grand Prix
- are qualified for the 2015 European Championships Final Round and wish to have a competition before it for added preparation
- are seeking an additional competitive National Team opportunity in 2015

The main aims of the 2015 European League are:

- to increase the number of spectators in each match
- to increase the TV visibility and coverage in each participating country
- to increase the media audience and impact via greater enhanced coverage of the competition
- to improve the quality and the standard of the local organisation through a well recognisable corporate image that is to be associated with the competition in all competition venues at all times
- Further emphasise the positive aspects of our sport through the Fair Play. Volleyball Way. campaign

The 2015 European League is fully supported by the FIVB.

2. The European League Regulations

The European League Regulations are produced by the European Sports Organising Commission in close collaboration with the CEV Competitions Department and outline all of the information governing the enrolment in the European League and the organisation of all matches.

These Regulations are divided up into different sections, outlining on the various areas that the organisation shall consists of.

All technical, organisational and financial aspects not explicitly mentioned in this regulations shall be ruled - mutatis mutandis - through all Official Communications which will be released via e-mail throughout the competition.

In order to ensure a smooth running of the competition in all countries, a Table of Financial Sanctions (Chapter 8) is prepared to act as a reference for the Organising National Federations so that they have a detailed overview of all the tasks that have to be correctly performed and fulfilled. These sanctions are not established to harm any participating National Federation, but only to ensure that the tasks are executed and fulfilled in due time and according to the provisions included in these Regulations.

This document, along with the CEV Organisers Regulations and Guidelines is to be thoroughly read and analysed as they contain:

- Full details about the 2015 competition
- Rights and duties of each partner involved in the 2015 European League
- Concrete guidelines to assist the organisers to meet all the requirements set by the European Sports Organising Commission
- Information about other CEV forms and documents
- Useful contact details.

These European League Regulations are addressed to all National Federations that are members of CEV.

The Organisation Director, the National Federation's European League Responsible and all CEV Supervisors (see: Competition Regulations Article. 1.1) are expected to be well acquainted with the contents of each Chapter of these Regulations.

3. The CEV online Database

On the CEV online database the National Federations are able to:

- create their own contact lists
- upload the National Federation logo
- manage their organisational chart, 02 form
- duly complete the forms and strictly abide by the deadlines in terms of:
 - player's license applications, 04 form
 - request for the approval of their competition hall(s)
 - communicate exact dates and starting times of the matches, 07 form
 - communicate all kind of information related to a specific match as hosting or visiting team (flight schedule, hotel reservation, training sessions, composition of the delegation...)
- deliver live scoring (using e-scoresheet) as well as live online match info
- get the latest communications from CEV in a download area
- electronically provide the e-scoresheet after each match
- deliver set and match statistics
- upload match previews and reports
- upload match pictures
- upload match reports and quotes from the press conferences.

The same online database will also be used by the appointed CEV Supervisors and Referees before, during and after the match in order to keep them up to date about the preparations of the match(es).

For a detailed set of instructions on how to use this Database please contact the CEV Competitions Department.