



# BALTIC BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN & WOMEN

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## GENERAL OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

### 1. General Information

In general Baltic Beach volleyball championships (BBVC) is based on the National Tours of Baltic countries with Open format for other Baltic Countries.

Concerned Event Regulations of Organizing country to be included to the Baltic Beach Volleyball championships and must be approved by Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian federations.

#### 1.1. Organization Format

Baltic Beach volleyball championships shall consist of the Baltic Beach volleyball championships 3 (1 one) event(s) and organized for men and women at the same time and venue.

Non Baltic countries teams and players are allowed to participate in Baltic Beach volleyball championships events.

National Federations has the rights to organize Baltic Beach volleyball championships event as double gender event.

Official Communications for the upcoming season as well as the General Information about Baltic Beach volleyball championships will be available after EVF, LVF and LTF homologation of National Beach volleyball tours.

#### 1.2. Baltic Beach volleyball championships as a part of National Tour in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

To allocate points for the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Ranking from the Baltic Beach volleyball championships will part of National Tours in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

#### Specific conditions for the BBVC events are:

For Baltic Beach volleyball championships Events:

- Maximum 1 event per National Federation:
  - **Estonia, Parnu 7.-9. July 2023;**
  - **Lithuania, Rokiskis - 15.-16. July 2023;**
  - **Latvia, Liepaja – 28.-30. July 2023;**
- Minimum 12 teams Main Draw;
- Minimum 2 National Federations must participate;
- Minimum duration of the event – 3 days Double Gender tournament (including qualification tournament);
- Total amount of the prize money EUR 2000,00 per gender.

Mandatory for all BBVC events:

- Usage of CEV/FIVB online registration system;
- Usage of the VIS competition software;
- Usage of the General sponsor logo on all print materials;
- Enforced FIVB Rules of the Game;
- CEV form BV-01 Athlete Commitment & Health Certificate (for players, registered to competition);



All participants of the Baltic Beach volleyball championships events must be registered as International players in the CEV/FIVB database.

### **1.3. Genders**

Double gender events are possible to organize.

### **1.4. Right of Participation of Players**

A player wishing to take part in the BBVC sanctioned competition must possess the Nationality of the country whose National team he/she intends to represent and must fully comply with the requirements laid down by the Sports Regulations of the CEV/FIVB.

### **1.5. Right of Participation of Teams**

A team is composed of two players of the same nationality and same gender.

The right of participation shall become effective as soon as the teams' names through the FIVB Database appear on the Registration List established by BBVC and Organizing Federation for each event. The Registration List is published on the organizing federation website. It is the ONLY National Federations' responsibility to inform their players accordingly.

### **1.6. Participation Limitations**

**1.6.1** There are neither team's limitations nor country quota for players for the participation in BBVC events.

All Baltic countries players having the CEV/FIVB license are allowed to participate.

**1.6.2** Non-Baltic countries teams are allowed to participate. Maximum number of non-Baltic countries teams allowed to participate in the tournament is 25% from total number of participating Main Draw teams.

Organizing National Federation must to register players in FIVB player's database (VIS) in order to get FIVB ranking points from the National tour tournament as BBVC stage.

### **1.7. Registration of Teams and Players**

The Athletes wishing to participate in BBVC have to possess valid CEV/FIVB Athlete Commitment and Health Certificate).

**Registration for BBVC events have to be done using CEV/FIVB online registration system at the very latest -7 days before the start of any event in which a team wants to participate.**

Athletes with pending sanctions from FIVB, CEV, are not allowed to enter in BBVC sanctioned events until the related fine is duly paid to those organizations.

The entry deadline for each event is stated on the Organizing federation website.

Each National Federation and athlete will be responsible for checking their entry through Event Organizing federation website with the tentative "Entry List" for each event.

The Tentative List is ongoing information available on the website and up to - **7 days** can be amended by each participating National Federation.

All deadlines concerning entries are calculated from the start of first day of each Qualification Tournament.

## **2. Competition Format**

The BBVC events are composed by the following 2 phases:

- Qualification Tournament
- Main Draw Tournament

### **2.1. Allocation of Teams**

All teams entered in an event are distributed between the Main Draw and the Qualification Tournament according to the Hosting country Event Regulations.

General principles are based on the following preference: FIVB Entry Ranking points and BBVC ranking points **7 days** before the start of competition.



## 2.2. Qualification tournament

The possible Qualification Phase will precede Main Draw tournament and will be played according to the format of Host country Event Regulations. However, it is strongly recommended to use single elimination format.

Depending on the Event Regulations there is possible to qualify 4 teams from qualification tournament to Main Draw tournament.

If no Qualification tournament is being played, the Main Draw will be filled according to the FIVB Entry Ranking points and BBVC ranking points of teams.

## 2.3. Main draw tournament

The total number of teams participating in the Main Draw is 16 teams, per gender according to the Host Country Events Regulations.

Main Draw is composed as follows:

- 12 teams directly qualified, including min. 6 teams from hosting country (up to 2 Wild Cards for Non Baltic country teams), 3 teams from rest of 2 Baltic countries,
- 4 teams will qualify from the Qualification Tournament for Main Draw.

There is no limitation for the additional Host country and foreign teams to be qualified from the qualification tournament.

### Competition format:

Main Draw 16 teams – modified pool play followed by single elimination.

## 2.4. Seeding

Seeding (Qualification and Main Draw) are based on FIVB Ranking and BBVC Ranking points as of -1 day of Preliminary Inquiry.

In case of a tie a drawing of lots will decide.

National Federation points will break the tie between the teams from same National Federation.

No teams can be added to the Qualification Tournament after the confirmed list is issued.

### 2.4.1. Seeding of Host Country teams

The highest ranked Host Country team will be seeded in position N1. The rest of the Host country teams will be seeded according to their FIVB ranking points and BBVC ranking points as of -1 day of Preliminary inquiry.

In case of a tie a drawing of lots will decide.

National Federation points will break the tie between the teams from same National Federation.

### 2.4.2. Seeding of foreign teams

Foreign teams will be seeded according to their FIVB ranking points and BBVC ranking points as of -1 day of Preliminary inquiry.

In case of a tie a drawing of lots will decide.

National Federation points will break the tie between the teams from same National Federation.

## 2.5. Play-off

Seeding for Play-Off phase will be according to the CEV/FIVB Regulations.

## 2.6. BBVC Ranking Points per player.

Place	Ranking points
<b>1</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>5-8</b>	<b>40</b>



<b>9-12</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>13-16</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>17-20</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21-28</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>29-36</b>	<b>10</b>

### 3. Miscellaneous

#### 3.1 Substitution of a Player

No player can be substituted after the Registration List has been published unless in case of injury or "force majeure" upon approval of his National Federation request.

Respective proof or documentation must be presented before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry of the respective event.

In case of player substitution after the registration deadline, the team have been sanctioned EUR 30,00 if no medical certificate or documentation of "force majeure" is presented. Medical certificate have been duly completed and mandatory signed/stamped by Medical Doctor.

MD player can change partner once in a season and still keep its status in the MD, even if the team will not have enough Entry points.

#### 3.2. Withdrawal & Late Arrival

In case the withdrawal occurs after the registration deadline, the athletes/National Federations must respect the withdrawal procedure and regulations and send this information to BBVC event Office and to the Host Federation/Organizing Committee. Players, who do not arrive or arrive late for the Preliminary Inquiry and have not received the previous authorization of the Technical Supervisor, will be excluded from the event **and will be sanctioned with EUR 300** per team (MD) and **EUR 200** (QT). Mentioned sanction has been transmitted to Organizer Office account by concerned team or National Federation.

**If an athlete or team fails to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and to notify Event Organizer Office and the Organizer in advance, that athlete's team is eliminated from the tournament and a fine is imposed on him/her unless BBVC Jury accepts the reason as "Force majeure". The athlete has to provide the circumstances constituting the "force majeure". The fine will be addressed to the athlete via his/her National Federation and has to be paid to Event Organizers Office account before the start of the following event in which players want to enter. If no events are staged, the fine must be paid no later than thirty (30) days from the notification of the sanction. Failing to do so, the sanctioned players are not allowed to participate any tournaments under Baltic countries umbrella.**

#### 3.3. Entry and License Fee

Entry fee for each BBVC event is defined according to the Organizers Event Regulations and should be paid to the Organizing Federation at the preliminary inquiry (or Promoter, in case such is announced by concerned National federation). In case the entry fee is not payed before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry, the Organizers hold the rights to not allow the team to participate in the tournament.

No BBVC license fee is determined for the BBVC tournaments. All athletes, who take part in Tours, homologated by CEV/FIVB must have CEV beach volleyball licenses. Concerned National Federations are responsible to control this procedure.

Homologated Baltic country Tours are part of FIVB ranking system. License Fee according to the CEV Regulations per player is applied. The payment procedure is according to the CEV Beach Volleyball regulations.

#### 3.4. Prize Money

Total amount of the prize money for the BBVC event is **2000 EUR** per gender will be paid by Organizer. Prize money must be paid to the players according to the Organizing country Event Regulations. The distribution of the prize money to the athletes has to be done on site in cash, if not stated differently, announced by Organizer in Practical Information.



### **3.5. Balls**

For BBVC events the ball to be used is the MIKASA BV550C.

### **3.6. Rules of the Game**

All matches shall be played according to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball rules in their latest edition for concerned season.

## **4. Calendar**

Full version of Calendar of BBVC for concerned season is available in Baltic countries websites.

## **5. General Information**

All necessary information about the BBVC events will be circulated to the all National Federations through the Official Communications.

Additional information about the competition will be found in the Practical information of concerned event (Prize money, Number of teams, etc.) and the registered teams will be posted in the Beach Volleyball section of the Event Organizers website. All of participants are responsible to check regularly for news, updates and team lists.

## **6. Marketing and press regulations**

BBVC is based on the marketing principles of the Organizers' Events marketing regulations and Terms and conditions for concerned BBVC event. For identification of mentioned competition as BBVC umbrella following items ensured by Organizing Federation are mandatory:

- Court layout according to the CEV Regulations;
- Participating countries flags;
- Backdrop is not mandatory, but it is recommended. In case backdrop is used, EVF, LVF and LTF logo is mandatory.
- Press release about the event has to be sent to all federations offices at latest 3 days before the forthcoming event and immediately after last day of the competition.
- In case of TV Production this must follow the guidelines of the CEV and the TV signal should be available and free of charge participating countries.

## **7. BBVC Duties**

**7.1.** To nominate BBVC coordinator for whole season, who should be a key person between responsible persons of beach volleyball in all of National Federations.

### **7.2. Referees**

Local Referee Delegate, proposed by Local Organizer;

List of local referees, proposed by Local Organizer, that has been done through official CEV form BV-LR.

**7.3.** To collect all official documents (Registration forms, Athletes Commitment & Health certificates), sent by concerned National federations to BBVC Office, resend it to Organizers and to inform National federations about any missing documentation.

## **8. Organizers' Duties**

**8.1.** To appoint NF Responsible, who in all the period is in a direct contact with BBVC Office concerning all organizing matters of the tournament;

**8.2.** To appoint a person responsible for the BVIS competition software to integrate the competition system, results of the games and ranking to the FIVB database.



**8.3.** To appoint all the local referees, other staff and cover all their expenses according to the Organizers Event Regulations;

**8.4.** To send for approval to BBVC Office the Practical information, including of the competitions format, names of Local Responsible, Referee Delegate, local referees.

**8.5.** To organize BBVC according to the rules, mentioned in Official Communications.

**8.6.** To fulfill all Marketing regulations of BBVC events and Organizing Terms & Conditions.

**8.7.** To send results to BBVC Office in the end of the each competition day at latest and Final ranking after the last competition day, but no later than first working day after the tournament.

**8.8.** Live internet streaming of the games for Central court is advisable.

**8.9.** To ensure prize money not less than 2000 EUR per gender.

## **9. National Federations Duties**

**9.1.** To appoint beach volleyball representative, who will be in close contact with BBVC Office.

**9.2.** To send the official standing "-5days" of participating players in National ranking to the Organizer.

**9.3.** To inform local Organizers about all substitutions, injuries and withdraws if any.

**9.4.** For BBVC to register players through the BVIS software as International Beach volleyball players and to control that players have a CEV season license.

**9.5.** 5 days at the latest before the first tournament in which players are taking part, to send to insert in CEV/FIVB Database duly completed and signed CEV form BV-01 Athletes Commitment and Health Certificate of each player, wishing to take part in BBVC event.

**9.6.** In case of withdrawal of players to send duly completed and signed official withdrawal form (CEV BV-03) with all required information. In case relevant official withdrawal form will not be received in a set deadline, players will be sanctioned accordingly.

## **10. Contact Addresses and Responsibly**

The BBVC address for all communications is:

Main office Latvia: Edgars Zaizenijs, [edgars@volejbols.lv](mailto:edgars@volejbols.lv)

Estonia: Laura Milk, [laura@volley.ee](mailto:laura@volley.ee)

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## **11. Jury of Baltic Beach Volleyball championship**

**Liis Nesler**, Beach volleyball manager, Volleyball federation of Estonia;

**Edgars Zaizenijs**, Competitions coordinator, Volleyball federation of Latvia;

**Alisa Česnulevičiūtė**, Secretary General, Volleyball federation of Lithuania.