

*CONFEDERATION EUROPEENNE DE VOLLEYBALL*

<b>MEN'S &amp; WOMEN'S VETERAN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007</b>	
<b>OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>No. 1</b>

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The CEV Board of Administration during its meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2006 in PALERMO (ITA) decided that Veteran competition should be played under the umbrella of CEV.

A first test event will take place in LOUTRAKI (GRE) in October 2007 and organized by the GREEK Volleyball Federation.

In order to simplify the organization of the first event, only two categories per gender should be organized.

The principle to manage this competition via the National Federations is essential.

A financial contribution from the participants must be established and released by the organizer.

Registration Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2007 within CEV

## II. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

### 1. COMPETITION METHOD - CALENDAR – MATCH PROGRAM - TRAINING

1.1 The competition will be played with the following 4 [FOUR] categories:

**Men:**

Category A: over 40 – under 50 years old

Category B: over 50

**Women:**

Category C: over 35 – under 45 years old

Category D: over 45

1.2 The maximum number of participating teams per category and per gender is fixed at 12 TEAMS. If more than 12 teams register, the CEV Board of Administration will decide about the teams that will participate in this first event.

1.3 The minimum number of participating teams is limited to 6 TEAMS per category and gender. For this test event CEV accepted exceptionnally that in case only 5 teams register in a category and gender, the organizing National Federation will have the right to register two teams in this category.

1.4 The competition calendar looks as follow:

Arrival date:	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2007
Preliminary Rounds:	8 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2007
Free day & excursion:	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2007
Semi-Final Matches:	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2007
Classification & Final Match:	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2007
Departure:	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2007

1.5 The preliminary pools will be composed of 4 [FOUR] pools of 3 [THREE] teams each (in case that 12 teams register). A single round robin will be played (each one against each other).

One team per pool has to play two matches in one day.

1.6 The Semi-Finals 1-4 will be played as follows:

*Match A: 1<sup>st</sup> Pool A vs 1<sup>st</sup> Pool C*

*Match B: 1<sup>st</sup> Pool B vs 1<sup>st</sup> Pool D*

The Semi-Finals 5-8 will be played as follows:

*Match C: 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool A vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool C*

*Match D: 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool B vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Pool D*

The Semi-Finals 9-12 will be played as follows:

*Match E: 3<sup>rd</sup> Pool A vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Pool C*

*Match F: 3<sup>rd</sup> Pool B vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Pool D*

1.7 The Classification & Final Matches will be played as follows:

*For the 11<sup>th</sup> place :*

*Loser Match E - Loser Match F*

*For the 9<sup>th</sup> place :*

*Winner Match E – Winner Match F*

For the 7<sup>th</sup> place :

*Loser Match C - Loser Match D*

For the 5<sup>th</sup> place :

*Winner Match C - Winner Match D*

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> place :

*Loser Match A - Loser Match B*

For the title of European Champion :

*Winner Match A - Winner Match B*

1.8 Match Counting System:

- *Two sets of 25 points*
- *If a tie persists, a third set of 15 points will be played*

1.9 The GRE Federation organizing the tournament in LOUTRAKI shall commit itself to ensure that all teams be granted adequate daily training facilities in a training hall/competition hall.

Any training session of a team shall be scheduled in such a way, that it will be terminated at least 5 [FIVE] hours before the starting time of the match in which the team concerned is involved.

## 2. APPROVAL OF THE COMPETITION HALL

All tournaments shall only be staged in halls meeting the requirements laid down in the Rules and Directives enacted by both FIVB and CEV, as well as the provisions ruling the official CEV competitions.

In case the GRE National Federation wants to organize the pools in competition halls not yet approved by CEV for such a competition level, they are requested to forward the duly completed CH-03 Form as well as pictures of the competition hall clearly showing the correct measures and an architectural plan (A4 Format) of the same **at the latest three months** before the tournament.

## 3. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION

3.1 Each delegation will be composed of max. 16 [SIXTEEN] members : 12 players and 4 officials

*The four officials are:*

Team Manager (speaking fluent English)  
Head Coach,  
Medical Doctor  
Physiotherapist

3.2 The conditions for the escort of the teams are released by the Greek Volleyball Federation

## 4. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Category A:

- **MEN PLAYERS born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1958 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 1967 (included)**

Category B:

- **MEN PLAYERS before 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1958 (not included)**

Category C:

- **WOMEN PLAYERS born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1963 until 31<sup>st</sup> December 1972 (included)**

Category D:

- **WOMEN PLAYERS before 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 1963 (not included)**

The players' right of participation shall be checked by the CEV Jury, prior to the start of the competition, by means of each player's passport or identity card with photo, issued by the official authorities of the country, in the national team of which they intend to participate.

- 4.2 The players of a team must possess the nationality of the country with whose National Team he/she intends to play and must fully comply with the requirements laid down in Section II Chapter (Status of Players) of the FIVB Sports Regulations. If a player would be found not fulfilling the FIVB Stauts of Players, all matches played by his/her team would be lost 0:3 (0:25; 0:25; 0:25).
- 4.3 Only Players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB for the competition concerned are allowed to participate
- 4.4 Once passports or other legal documents have been checked and approved by the CEV Technical Delegate, the Organizer will issue ID cards with photo for the tournament.

## 5. PLAYERS' UNIFORMS

- 5.1 Each team must have available minimum 2 [TWO] sets of playing uniforms, each one of a different colour , the player's family name or usual nick name are not compulsory.
- 5.2 Jerseys (shirts), shorts and socks must be uniform, clean and of the same colour for one and the same team.
- 5.3 Jerseys, shorts and shoes must comply with FIVB Official Volleyball Rules Article 4.3, as well as the FIVB Standards for Volleyball Uniforms, which are available on the FIVB website ([www.fivb.org](http://www.fivb.org)).
- 5.4 FIVB homologated Uniforms are NOT OBLIGATORY for the whole competition.
- 5.5 Publicity on uniforms must comply with the CEV Regulations concerning advertising material on the Uniforms of National Teams. The publicity must be approved by the CEV. The organizer must be aware that such publicity may conflict with their own sponsors' publicity. No fee for publicity is to be paid.
- 5.6 The players' uniforms of the team captain and the libero player must be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry.

## 6. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND CONTROL

- 6.1 All players wishing to take part in the tournament must present the duly completed CEV form M-4 (HEALTH CERTIFICATE), issued no earlier than one month before the competition, to the CEV Jury during the preliminary Inquiry.
- 6.2 The organizer has to provide for a First Aid unit in the competition and training halls, as well as medical assistance to all players and officials, when necessary.
- 6.3 All team delegations are covered by medical insurance through the CEV, in case of accident or sickness abroad within the scope of the competition (including the journey from home to the competition venue and back).  
  
Therefore, during the preliminary inquiry, each team manager must present a copy of the CEV Insurance Certificate covering the complete delegation. This certificate will be delivered to each National Federation.  
  
Explanations about how this insurance certificate is to be used can be found on the certificate.
- 6.4 CEV wishes to draw your attention on the TUE application process, which allows athletes and their medical doctor to apply for Therapeutic Use of Exemptions, i.e. permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substances contained in the list of Prohibited Substances.

The regulations concerning the use of these applications are contained in the documents:

- International Standard for Therapeutic Use of Exemption (TUE)
- Abbreviated Therapeutic Use of Exemption (ATUE)
- Application Form TUE

available on the CEV website [www.cev.lu](http://www.cev.lu) under the section 'Downloads'

Every application must be sent confidentially and no less than 21 days before the participation in an official European Volleyball competition to the FIVB (as outlined in the respective Form).

A TUE will only be considered following the receipt of a completed application form which must contain all relevant documents as well as all necessary information filled in as listed in the application form.

In case a player has not followed the above requirements and would be tested positive, this should immediately be considered as being doped with all consequences outlined in the FIVB Medical Regulations.

## **7. OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES - OFFICIAL BALL**

- 7.1** The competition shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules currently in force. All necessary explanations will be given during the General meeting, prior to the competition.
- 7.2** The team officials sitting on the bench must either wear their official training suit or a jacket suit with tie. The CEV Board of Administration decided during its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2006 in ATHENS (GRE) that each team must have a team manager able to speak fluent English.
- In case that the team manager is not able to speak fluent English, a financial sanction of 350€ will be inflicted on the National Federation.
- 7.3** All matches of the 2007 Veteran European Championships shall be played with the MIKASA Ball MVP-200.
- 7.4** CEV will provide the organizer with 50 balls, directly from MIKASA Japan.

## **8. ALLOCATION OF POINTS AND CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS**

- 8.1** Points shall be allocated as follows :
- match won : 2 points
  - match lost : 1 point
  - match forfeited : 0 points
- 8.2** In the case of equal points, teams shall be settled according to the quotient of sets won and lost. If this equality of sets persists, the quotient of points won and lost in all matches shall be taken into consideration. In the case of equal points, teams shall be settled according to the result of the match played between the teams in question.
- 8.3** A team refusing to play against another team shall be excluded from the rest of the Championships. The results obtained prior to its exclusion shall be cancelled.

## **9. LODGING OF PROTESTS**

All protests must be lodged in writing, thereby following the procedure foreseen in Art. 2.5 of the CEV General Regulations.

## **10. SANCTIONS**

- 10.1** In case of infringement of FIVB or CEV Regulations, or in case of withdrawal of a team, the sanctions foreseen by FIVB and CEV will be applied (see SENIOR European Championships Regulations).
- 10.2** Voluntary forfeit of a team before or during a match entails its exclusion from the competition with the following consequences:
- a) Other sanctions may be decided by CEV.
  - b) The results obtained prior to its exclusion shall be cancelled.

## 11. CONDUCTING OF THE COMPETITIONS

11.1 The regularity of the organisation shall be monitored by a CEV Jury composed of 1 Jury President, 1 CEV Board of Administration member and 1 ESOC Member. This CEV Jury will be entrusted with the following attributions :

- final inspection of the sports infrastructure in the competition halls ;
- inspection of the visiting team's (teams') accommodation and food, as well as the training facilities made available to the visiting team ;
- checking of the players' eligibility by means of the official identity documents produced by the players ;
- ensuring that the matches are played in accordance with the FIVB and CEV rules and statutes ;
- to handle all disciplinary matters or protests as laid down in CHAPTER 8: FINES, SANCTIONS & PROTESTS of the SENIOR European Championships as well as the CODE OF DISCIPLINE ;
- vouch for the regular progress of the match(es) by appending his signature and indicating his function on the scoresheet(s) ;
- forward the match(es) and set results to the CEV Office immediately after the end of the match(es).
- to instruct the organizer to mail the originals of the scoresheets and the duly completed CEV Forms: CEV Forms CH-05, CH-05bis, CH-10, Copy of M-10, CH-12, CH-12-T, CH-13-T on the first working day after the last competition day by registered letter to the CEV Office.

11.2 Additionally a CEV Referee Delegate will be appointed who will be entrusted with the tasks outlined in the SENIOR European Championships Official Regulations.

11.3 For this test event the ERC will appoint veteran referees proposed by the GREEK Volleyball Federation.

11.4 The other officials (scorer, linesmen) shall be appointed by the Refereeing Commission of the organizing federation.

## 12. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

12.1 The ORGANIZING FEDERATION shall bear the following costs :

- a) International Travel expenses and the per diem (60.- EURO) for the CEV Jury members (for TWO days before the competition, ALL competition days and ONE departure day).
- b) International Travel expenses and the per diem (60.- EURO) for the CEV Referee Delegate and the referees (for ONE days before the competition, ALL competition days and ONE departure day).
- c) Lodging (single rooms) and food for the
  - CEV Jury (arrival TWO days before - departure ONE day after the competition),
  - CEV Referee Delegate (arrival ONE day before – departure ONE day after the competition)
  - Referees (arrival ONE day before - departure ONE day after the competition).
- d) Transportation of teams and officials from/to the official venue of arrival to/from the competition venue, as well as local transport from/to the Hotel to/from the competition and training halls.
- e) First Aid.
- f) Laundry of ONE set of players' uniforms (shirt - short - socks) per team and per competition day.

12.2 EACH PARTICIPATING TEAM has to pay :

- a) the international travel expenses to/from the venue (airport) of arrival/departure for the delegation.
- b) The athlete packages which it accepted and ordered by registering within CEV and the GRE Volleyball Federation. The conditions of these packages are released by the GREEK Volleyball Federation and are available on the following address: [www.2007veteranseurovolley.com](http://www.2007veteranseurovolley.com) (available on 10.01.2007)
- c) the costs for the stay of extra persons and possible extension of the delegation's stay.

<b>13.</b>	<b>INFORMATION</b>
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**13.1** The Organizing Committee must send, **no later than 2 months prior to the start of the respective tournament**, to the CEV Jury, the Referee Delegate, the referees, the participating teams and the CEV Office, the **INFORMATION BULLETIN n° 1** (to be approval by the appointed CEV Jury President) containing detailed information regarding :

- competition dates;
- competition venue
- city of arrival (with indication of international airport);
- address, phone and fax numbers of the Organizing Committee;
- accommodation, indicating full address, phone, and fax numbers of the Hotel(s);
- match calendars;
- training schedule;
- transport;
- press;

**13.2** Upon arrival of the teams and officials at the competition venue, the **INFORMATION BULLETIN n° 2**, containing practical information on the staging of the tournament, shall be distributed to all concerned.

**13.3** At the end of each competition day, the organizer shall distribute a **DAILY BULLETIN** with the official results of the matches played and the updated ranking.

**13.4** Immediately after the last match of each day (i.e. at the latest ½ hour) , the organizer shall fax the official results, together with the score of the sets, the names of the players and officials, as well as the updated ranking to the CEV office using the CEV Form CH-12 and CH-12-T.

**13.5** The **FINAL BULLETIN**, containing all results and the final ranking has to be distributed to all participating teams and officials, and sent to the CEV.

**13.6** During the preliminary inquiry, each participating team must present the duly completed CEV CH-05bis form (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION) with max. 12 [TWELVE] players to the CEV Technical Delegate.

**13.7** The Organizer shall send to CEV a post-event report including all important information on the event NO LATER than two weeks after the competition. The Post event report shall be presented in bound A4 format and contain the following information:

- Report on the general organization of the event, spectator attendance, VIP attendance, TV ratings, press clippings, photos, statistics, promotional activities undertaken by the sponsors,
- a three-minute video (on DVD) of the competition highlights.

The post event report shall be sent to CEV no later than two weeks after the end of the competition.

<b>14.</b>	<b>OMISSIONS</b>
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For any item not foreseen in the present Regulations, reference is to be made to the respective General Rules and Guidelines contained in the FIVB Regulations and/or in the CEV Senior European Championships Regulations.