

# CEV Hygiene Guidelines

## Beach Volleyball specifications

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## 1. Introduction

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This document aims at providing specific information relating to all CEV Beach Volleyball competitions for the 2022 season and the updated operational and competition protocols that need to be followed by those involved in the competition, namely:

- a. Event organisers
- b. Participating athletes and accredited Team delegation members
- c. Officials and auxiliary staff
- d. Tournament organisational staff, service providers
- e. Accredited media

The document will not duplicate the generic requirements and recommendations presented in the **CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines** but complement them detailing their specific implementation for Beach Volleyball competitions.

These Guidelines are not intended to replace guidance and restrictions of governments and public authorities but should be referred in combination with such guidance from the host country public health authorities and within the frame of the National Health protocol as detailed in the **Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines**.

This is a dynamic document forming part of a tool for guidance as the information about the pandemic is ever changing.

Throughout the pre-event, event and post-event phases, the following principles and concepts shall be applied and respected in the entire process to minimize the risks of spreading coronavirus:

- a. Communication and education shall be implemented towards all target groups to ensure the best performance of the tasks.
- b. Accurate and regular health screening including COVID-19 testing printed results from certified and authorised laboratory and/or rapid tests on site, if decided by the CEV.
- c. Social distancing protocols organised and mandated throughout the event period to optimise the safety and well-being of all groups.
- d. Additional hygiene and sanitary precautionary measures to be delivered and available prior to, during, and upon completion of each event.
- e. Increased fragmentation and partitioning of all areas at event location to reduce the grouping of people inside the same area and potential virus transmission.
- f. Additional medical experts and support staff required on site and at the official hotels.
- g. On-site Media & Digital content production content production with social distancing and hygiene regulations in place

## 2. Event planning

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The actions to be undertaken prior to the event are:

### 2.1 The organiser

- a. In defining Venue and Venue Layout, organisers shall ensure that the Venue(s) can comply with the general international, national and the specific CEV competition recommendations in place.
- b. The event organisers should monitor changes to local legislation, regulations and any other guidance provided by government and national health authorities to ensure that compliance with local health and safety law is maintained. This information will be shared with all participants through the **Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines** issued for each event and updated ad hoc.
- c. The event organisers shall ensure the necessary resources and personnel to apply the **CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines**
- d. In defining the access to the venue the organiser needs to ensure the following minimum secured entrance/exit points to the controlled zones:
  - i. one for athletes and Officials
  - ii. one for Local Organising Committee members and staff.A separate entrance and pathway shall be also planned for the access of all accredited media, avoiding cross overs with athletes, officials and LOC staff
- e. Use open air lounges and areas where possible to allow a good circulation of air. Ensure that dedicated lounges/areas are planned for use only by people holding an official accreditation for the competition.
- f. Avoid showers in the venue. If showers are used social distancing should be retained.
- g. Carefully select the official hotels, ensuring that these fully respect the National authorities imposed hygiene protocols. For events not providing accommodation, identify and share these hotels through the Event Regulations document
- h. Where local transportation is provided work out a transportation plan and disinfection procedures and submit these to the CEV for review. Using of masks should be enforced in all shuttles and the seat next to the driver shall remain always empty. A maximum of two persons are allowed in case of transfer by cars, with the condition of nobody sitting next to the driver.
- i. Identify the local auxiliary staff and staff/volunteers within the timeline set by the Master plan and ensure of sharing the Event hygiene guidelines and protocols to all. It is recommended that all accredited staff comply with the conditions imposed to the participating athletes as listed in point 2.2a of these Guidelines.
- j. Ensure the availability of disinfection materials and the provision of personal protection equipment (masks) for all staff.
- k. Ensure a permanent clean and waste service in the venue for all venue supporting facilities (disinfection and cleaning in the courts to be performed by the court staff).
- l. Ensure the availability and presence of a professional company for access control to the venue and update them on the hygiene protocols in place.

- m. Identify an accredited local laboratory where PCR testing can be performed if necessary ensuring that the results will be provided within 12 hours at the very latest.
- n. Prepare a response medical plan for COVID-19 that includes information about:
  - i. how attendees should interact with the host country healthcare system (e.g. hotline/helpline telephone number, medical teams and first-aid points, local health care system)
  - ii. Protocol/Agreement of cooperation with local public sector with clear zones of responsibility for COVID-19 case management, including testing, isolation, medical care, transportation for all different groups of event participants.
- o. Update the CEV and the appointed CEV supervisor on the above actions.

## 2.2 The athletes, team delegation members and Officials

- a. In order to participate in the competition, all the above groups need to:
  - (i) carefully study the tournament Event Regulations/Practical Information document in regard to travel restrictions or other requirements set by the local Authorities.
  - (ii) Undertake a **COVID-19 PCR test** no earlier than 72 hours before official arrival date for the traveling team and up to 72 hours before Preliminary Inquiry for the hosting team (results to be presented during the Preliminary Inquiries and respective clinics). The certificates shall be issued by authorised health laboratories. An SMS message is not considered as a valid printed certificate.

OR

Undertake a **COVID-19 certified antigen test** no earlier than 48 hours before official arrival date for the traveling team and up to 48 hours before Preliminary Inquiry for the hosting team (results to be presented during the Preliminary Inquiries and respective clinics). The certificates shall be issued by authorised health laboratories. An SMS message is not considered as a valid printed certificate.

The presentation of a negative test certificate is a mandatory precondition for taking part in the competition.

- ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of Art. 2.2a(ii), all delegation members and officials who are fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus and hold a vaccination certificate issued by the relevant competent authorities are allowed to participate in a CEV Competition without having to return the negative result of a previously undertaken PCR test.
- b. The organiser is responsible for communicating the entry requirements imposed by the respective national authorities for travelling purposes. Furthermore, the organisers must inform all stakeholders if the host country requests the provision of a negative COVID-19 test as a pre-condition to be able to participate in any sports events.
- c. Provide full and clear information about their travel schedule through the respective forms keeping in copy their National Federation.

- d. Provide full and clear accommodation information if not accommodated in an official hotel.
- e. For team delegation members: Submit accreditation forms within the set timeline to the organisers. **Non accredited persons will not be allowed any interaction with athletes at the venue and officials hotels**
- f. Cancel travelling in case the person shows any of the following symptoms:
  - i. Dry cough
  - ii. Tiredness
  - iii. FeverOther symptoms include: Aches and pains, Nasal congestion, Runny nose, Sore throat, Loss of smell, Diarrhoea, General discomfort
- g. Ensure they follow all hygiene precaution measures prior/during travel (wearing face masks, regular hand washing, social distancing)

### 3. **Before the tournament**

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#### 3.1 The Supervisor and CEV Officials

- a. Supervisor to have upon arrival a coordination meeting with the Local Organising Committee to review the measures planned in regard to Local Transportation, Accommodation and Venue operations with the following key members including:
  - i. The Tournament Director
  - ii. The NF Delegate(s)
  - iii. The Operational director
  - iv. The Hygiene Officer
  - v. Representative of the Medical team
- b. Supervisor to have a coordination meeting with representatives of the appointed security access control company and Clean & Waste teams.
- c. Supervisor to confirm a time and day by when the venue will be completely disinfected and considered clean. Only accredited people shall have access to the venue after this point.
- d. Supervisor to confirm a time and day by when the courts will be completely disinfected and considered clean. Only athletes, accredited delegation members and court staff shall have access to the courts after this point.
- e. Supervisor / CEV Medical Delegate to visit the venue to review the correct implementation of the Hygiene Guidelines.
- f. Supervisor to set up and announce a Preliminary Inquiry process by Federation/team to avoid gathering of the teams. For CEV European Age Group Championships the process can be conducted by the Head of Delegation.
- g. Supervisor to ensure that all participating athletes are aware of the amended Match protocol during the Preliminary Inquiry.
- h. Supervisor to ensure that the accommodation and transportation principles as shared in the CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines are applied.

- i. Supervisor to check the room for referee clinic that should be big enough to respect the minimum of 1.5 meter distance between referees.
- j. Supervisor / Referee Delegate to check that the CEV provided balls are ready and apply the disinfection for all balls used both for training and competition. Training balls need to be disinfected after every training.
- k. Supervisor / Referee Delegate to check that the Referees area in the venue is separated from auxiliary staff.
- l. The CEV Medical Delegate (if present) / Supervisor to set up a meeting with the Hygiene Officer to review all Hygiene issues both at the venue and the official hotels.
- m. The CEV Medical Delegate (if present) / Supervisor to set up a meeting with the local doctor, physio and health care staff to check the equipment and disinfection methods used in the medical areas.
- n. The CEV Medical Delegate (if present) / Supervisor to review all disinfection spots entering and inside the venue and ensure through the Hygiene Officer the necessary stock of supplies for both personal protection (masks) and disinfection.
- o. The CEV Medical Delegate (if present) / Supervisor to have a meeting with the local media officer to coordinate the media operations and working areas, review the media accreditation process and ensure that the Hygiene Guidelines are communicated with proper signage.
- p. The CEV Medical Delegate (if present) / Supervisor to have a meeting with the official photographer to discuss the access and movement at the venue. Maximum of 2 official photographers to be allowed in the Field of Play; all other accredited photographers to work from specified locations outside the Field of Play.

### 3.2 The organisers

- a. Ensure that all members or the local organising team and service providers are fully aware and comply with the **CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines** and use personal protection equipment (masks) when entering rooms/competition areas.
- b. Support the CEV officials in all actions to prepare the venue for the training and competition.
- c. Ensure that the accommodation and transportation principles as shared in the **CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines** are applied throughout the arrival of the participating teams/delegations.
- d. Ensure that reserve personal protection equipment (masks) and sanitation is always available.
- e. Referee Manager to plan the Referee clinic respecting the Hygiene protocols and to communicate the amended Match protocol. Room/area for referee clinic should be big enough to respect the social distancing between referees, plus mandatory use of masks.
- f. Referee Manager to ensure that court staff and ball retrievers/rakers are aware of the Hygiene Guidelines and amended Match protocol that will be used during the Referee Clinic practical part.



- g. Local media officer to present a proposal for the conduct of any media initiatives ensuring social distancing, personal protection equipment (masks) and/or glass partition (PVC).

### 3.3 The athletes & team delegation members

- a. Carefully review the **Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines** and the **CEV Hygiene Guidelines-Beach Volleyball specifications**, plus any additional information communicated through the Practical Info/Event Regulations documents.
- b. Use the maximum personal attention for the period prior to travelling.
- c. Ensure that they use personal protection equipment (**masks**) for all international and local transportation.
- d. Follow the guidelines of the organiser regarding the local transportation to the hotel, hotel check-in and meals offered.

## 4. **Competition time**

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### 4.1 The Supervisor and CEV Officials

Monitor and support the implementation of all agreed and applied hygiene measures.

### 4.2 The organisers

- a. Ensure the presence of all necessary personnel for the conduct of any on site testing
- b. Ensure the presence of all necessary personnel for the access monitoring at the venue entrances for accredited people.
- c. Ensure that personal protection equipment (masks) is handed to all local organising staff and service providers entering the venue.
- d. Ensure that a secured and protected area is available in the stands for athletes and delegation members to watch the matches separated from spectators.
- e. Catering should be provided in individual bags, no buffet type of snacks and fruits unless an attendant is on site handing.
- f. The Official photographer shall respect the minimum social distancing.
- g. Court managers need to disinfect athletes time out area, scorers table and Referee Chair before each match in order to start the Match Protocol. Balls to be changed after every single match.
- h. Court managers to designate and mark a small holding area outside each competition/training court where athletes can wait while the court is being cleaned and disinfected.
- i. Court managers to have additional back up balls in the Field of Play. In case a ball lands out of the Field of play and is touched by spectators or other people this ball needs to be removed and replaced.



## 4.3 The media

- a. Local Media Officer to closely monitor the media operations and the implementation of the approved plan and process for the conduct of any media initiatives ensuring social distancing and/or the availability of partition glass.
- b. In case of TV/Streaming production, the involved crew inside and around the Field of Play need to be aware of all the Hygiene measures in place and ensure social distancing avoiding unnecessary discussion or movement. In case of proximity to athletes areas the use of personal protection equipment (masks) is mandatory.
- c. Cameramen and staff positions on the stand shall be clearly marked from the general public and a distance of 2 m should be respected.

## 4.4 The athletes & team delegation members

- a. Attend the Preliminary Inquiry as per the schedule communicated in the Practical Info/Event Regulations and submit any supporting document request (proof of vaccination or printed copy of the PCR Negative Test included).
- b. Follow the instructions of the Hygiene Officer and CEV officials on site for any additional testing required and shared through the Event Regulations/Practical Info document.
- c. Ensure that they use personal protection equipment (masks) for all local transportation if not on foot and within the venue rooms/supporting areas.
- d. Follow the guidelines of the organiser for both the local transportation and meals offered.
- e. Avoid gathering and crowding and stay within the areas of the Official Hotel and Venue following social distancing principles.
- f. Disinfect hands and personal equipment when entering the venue, before and after each match/training.
- g. Do not share personal equipment or gear.
- h. Follow the amended match protocol provisions.
- i. Shower at your hotel room.

## 4.5 Match protocol

### 4.5.1 Before the match

- a. Athletes to wait in a designated holding area near the Field of Play to enter after the court is prepared and disinfected by the court staff.
- b. Hand disinfection is mandatory entering and exiting the court for all attending the match (athletes, officials, auxiliary staff and ball boys).
- c. Number of ball boys to be confirmed in collaboration with Referee Delegate/Supervisor.
- d. Ball boys to enter the Field of Play separately from the athletes and to respect the minimum social distancing of 2m throughout the warm up and the match

- e. Rakers spot to be placed minimum 2m from players area (athletes timeout area) in a spot to be confirmed by the assigned Supervisor (corner of free zone, etc.).
- f. Line judges and scorers to enter the court wearing their facemasks separately from the Referees and to respect the minimum social distancing of 2m throughout the warm up and the match.
- g. Scorers to always use the personal protection equipment (facemasks) in the beginning and closing of the match and when athletes or referees approach the scoring table.
- h. Line judges to not be equipped with small towels or sun glasses cleaning cloth; athletes need to have on them a cloth to clean their face/sunglasses, or place one on the lower net cord (opposite sides for the 2 teams).
- i. Court Managers to position a small penholder with 2 disinfected pens on the scorers table that will be used by the athletes for signing the scoresheet.
- j. Referees must always wear a mask before the game (i.e., from entering the Field of Play, throughout the entire protocol and during the coin toss) and keep the mask available to be used whenever he/she needs to talk to a captain-coach-scorer.

Time (min)	Action
	Previous match finishes, referees to complete post-match formalities and exit court area separately from line judges and scorers.
-8	As soon as court is prepared by the sand levellers, players and officials enter the court area. Players from this time must be in official match uniforms. Watering and raking should be complete by this time.  Scorers, Line judges and court staff to enter separately.  Players warm up in the court and other preparations, officials check match equipment, score sheet, conditions, players area, etc.
-5	Coin toss taken in front of scorer's table (Minimum 1,5 meter from the scorer).  (Note: If local conditions allow the coin toss time can be moved forward to allow extra warm up time)
-4	Beginning of official warm up period.
-1	End of Official warm up period, players to leave the court area to their respective Player's Area.  First referee to the referee's chair, second referee to position standing in front of the scorer's table, all other officials take their positions.  Entry from their players area to the short side line of their side of playing court (for the centre court Individual player's announcement).  After last player's entry to the field of play, the first referee whistles to invite all players to enter the court – <u>no hand shake under the net</u>

0	Start of the match
During the match	Athletes shall go around opposite side of the net during side switch (counter clockwise) and not under the net.
End of match	<p>After the match, the players return to the players' area and wait for the second referee to bring them the scoresheet. The scoresheet is signed by the captains. All participants gather their belongings, and the referees lead the teams to exit the court so that it can be prepared for the next match.</p> <p>Line judges and scorers exit together after handing the scoresheet over to the 2nd referee to collect the signatures from both captains. The second Referee to use a different and disinfected pen for the signatures.</p> <p>Teams exit after line judges and scorers have exited the court. Referees to control the process and leave the court last.</p>

- k. Athletes shall avoid handshaking or other exchange of hand gestures prior, during and after the match with opponents.

#### 4.5.2 Protocol and guidelines for the next match

- a. Ensure that the scorers and Line Judges from the previous match are leaving. In case some of them are appointed for the next match, they should stay behind the scorer's table.
- b. Referees from previous match shall ensure the players have left the court before they leave the court.
- c. The 2nd referee of the next match shall stay at the entrance of the court to ensure the court is ready before they let the players (and coach if applicable) in (Court manager is occupied cleaning the net/poles/referee chair). If there is a TV match with entrance, the players will be introduced into the court before the officials.
- d. Entrance of scorers and Line Judges behind the panels outside the court, and the Line Judges should stay off the court until the end of the official warm-up.
- e. Referee Manager to ensure that a disinfected set of Line Judges flags is given to Linejudges prior to their entry to the field of play.
- f. Referees for the next match shall enter last.
- g. Change the balls and any ball cleaning cloths used after each match. Bring the 5 balls back at the ball checker, for disinfection – make them available for the next match.
- h. Court manager (and his staff) must make sure that all used bottles (and any other loose items) are removed from the players area.
- i. Court managers to disinfect the scorers table, rakes and any other equipment that remains in the court
- j. Court Managers to position 2 new disinfected pens on the scorers table.

## 5. **The awarding ceremony**

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- a. The ceremony shall complement the feeling of a secure event.
- b. Participating VIPs/Dignitaries and stewardesses may have to use personal protection equipment (masks) and gloves. An alternative scenario is to only use the stewardesses to carry the medals and the athletes to take and place them around the neck of their respective partner.
- c. Podium to be placed with a minimum distance of 1.5 meters apart each other if possible.
- d. Ceremony to take place in a position of the field of play that media and photographers can have a direct view on (parallel to the net).
- e. A detailed proposal to be presented by the organiser to the CEV/Supervisor for approval.

## 6. **Positive COVID-19 Tests**

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- a. Anyone testing positive for the novel coronavirus shall be immediately isolated.
- b. An additional PCR test shall be performed and the cost of the test shall be covered by the delegation the person belongs to, while for the CEV Officials and Referees, the costs are covered by the organiser.
- c. People testing positive to the virus but recording a CT\* standing at 30 or above are no longer at risk of infecting others. Therefore, any such person is not subject to quarantine or other isolation preventative measures and eligible to join a CEV competition as well, while ensuring full compliance with the CEV Competition Hygiene Guidelines and the relevant Volleyball specifications at all times.  
*\*The cycle threshold (CT) indicates how much virus an infected person harbours and how likely this person is to spread the virus to others*
- d. All team delegation members returning a negative additional PCR test are eligible to join the CEV competition and play
- e. Any and all costs that may occur due to a confirmed positive test shall be covered by the delegation the person belongs to

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