

2021 FIVB BEACH VOLLEBALL WORLD TOUR**SOFIA BEACH OPEN 1 IN SOFIA, BULGARIA****EVENT'S REGULATIONS – ISSUED ON 19.04.2021**

This form must be approved the latest 30 days before the start of the event and published on the FIVB and CEV websites

Promoter Web site link to the event: www.sofiabeachsports.com

Event Social media accounts: <https://www.facebook.com/Sofiabeachbg> <https://www.instagram.com/sofiabeachbg/>

FIVB/CEV Web site link to the event: <https://www.cev.eu/beach/world-tour/2021/2021-1-sofia-1/>

<https://www-old.cev.eu>

<https://www.volleyball.world/en/beachvolleyball/worldtour/2021/1017>

1. COVID-19 Information

The health and safety of players, coaches, officials and fans remain the top of the FIVB & CEV priority and to achieve this goal, a number of documents have been developed including the [CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines](#) and the [CEV Hygiene Guidelines – Beach Volleyball Specifications](#), as well as [FIVB guidelines](#). These documents are complementing each other and should be both carefully followed for a proper event delivery.

Further to above, it is important for all participants to study the below points carefully:

Covid-19 test certificate

Please take note that all Athletes & accredited delegation members must have a printed negative Covid-19 PCR test certificate issued prior to their travel yet no later than 72 hours before the respective Preliminary Inquiry they attend.

Travel Restrictions (constantly updated)

The information regarding travel restrictions to **Bulgaria** is available in the following link:

<https://www.iatatravelcentre.com/international-travel-document-news/1580226297.htm>

In case your country is not on the list of countries that are eligible to enter Bulgaria, please request your entry permit document to Bulgaria latest three weeks prior to the tournament from the organisers. This document will enable you an entry to Bulgaria for the duration of the tournament. A fully signed scanned copy of the document is going to be sent via email to the athletes. For such requests please contact okara@sofiabeach.com (please only request the entry permit document in case your country is NOT eligible to enter Bulgaria due to Covid-19 restrictions).

Specific Hygiene Protocols Implemented at the event

The event will be organised in a bubble model. An Event Specific Hygiene Guidelines document is being developed and will be added as an annex to the Event Regulations. This should be carefully reviewed and properly applied by all participants before, during and after the entire process in line with the respective requirements and recommendations applied by the National Authorities and the competition amended protocols.

Waiver document

A Waiver document is an Appendix to this document which should be signed by all Team Delegation Members and provided during the Preliminary Inquiry.

Withdrawal due to Travel Restrictions

Considering the changing environment and the constantly updating travel restrictions imposed by National Authorities across the world, the FIVB and CEV have decided to waive any sanctions to withdrawals due to such restrictions up to the last minute withdrawal stage of the competition.

World Ranking Points

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the FIVB Ranking System had been frozen since 16th March 2020 and has been reopened following the World Tour 4-star event in Qatar on 8-12 March 2021.

In addition it was decided that once the FIVB Ranking system reopens, the calculation date window will be extended from 365 days to 365 + number of days that the ranking has been frozen, while the respective methodology for entry and seeding points will remain as per the Sports Regulations.

The awarding of the FIVB World Ranking points will be applied for this event as per the Sports Regulations, in case a fair access to all eligible and registered to participate athletes is ensured and will be confirmed after the issuing of the confirmed lists.

2. IMPORTANT CONTACT

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	Email: beachvolley@bvf.bg
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2.1 ORGANISING COMMITTEE

ORGANISING COMMITTEE	Last Name/First Name	Mobile	E-mail
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Public Entertainer/Announcer	tbc		

3. COMPETITION SPECIFIC

3.1 VENUE

Sofia Beach, 21 Prof. Asen Kiselinchev, 1137, Sofia, Bulgaria
<https://goo.gl/maps/StiREyqphUwRb6LS9>

3.2 Preliminary Inquiry & Technical Meeting (if any)

Mandatory attendance is required for **both players** of the team for the Preliminary Inquiry.

The access to the location of Preliminary Inquiry will be controlled to avoid mass gathering.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, please take note that the list of necessary documents to be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry may be updated upon issuing of the confirmed list.

Players and Delegation members are required to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and present their passports, accessories, signed version of waiver and a printed negative PCR test. Failure to provide these documents will entail a disqualification of the team concerned.

The detailed schedule is as follows:

Preliminary Inquiry	Women's Event	Men's Event
Qualification	<u>Wednesday 19.05.2021</u> – Sofia Beach 14:00-18:00 Country/Continental Quota (if any) 16:00-19:00 Preliminary Inquiry QT	<u>Wednesday 19.05.2021</u> – Sofia Beach 14:00-18:00 Country/Continental Quota (if any) 16:00-19:00 Preliminary Inquiry QT
Main Draw	<u>Thursday 20.05.2021</u> – Sofia Beach 16:00-19:00 Preliminary Inquiry MD	<u>Thursday 20.05.2021</u> – Sofia Beach 16:00-19:00 Preliminary Inquiry MD

3.3 Drawing of lots after the 1st phase

Women's Event	Men's Event
Friday 21.05.2021, 20 mins after the end of last pool match (approx. 18:30) at Sofia Beach	Saturday 22.05.2021, 20 mins after the end of last pool match (approx. 12:30) at Sofia Beach

3.4 Training sessions

Address of the training courts	Sofia Beach
Availability Date	Any day – 09:00-17:30
Number of courts	4
Contact person for booking	Name: Reservations – Sofia Beach Email address: office@sofiabeach.com Mobile number: +359882274548 Location to book the training courts: Sofia Beach

Please note that reservation of training can be made one day in advance **for the next day only** and each team is entitled to **make one reservation per day**. Additional training session may be available only if the courts will be available.

3.5 Provisional Match schedule

Phase	Women's Event (approx.)	Men's Event (approx.)
Country Quota playoff (if any)	Wed 19.05.2021 14:00-19:00	Wed 19.05.2021 14:00-19:00
Continental Quota playoff (if any)	Wed 19.05.2021 14:00-19:00	Wed 19.05.2021 14:00-19:00
Qualification	Thu 20.05.2021 09:00-19:00	Thu 20.05.2021 09:00-19:00
Main Draw – Pool phase	Fri 21.05.2021 08:30-19:00	Fri 21.05.2021 12:00 - Sat 22.05.2021 12:30
Quarter finals	Sat 22.05.2021 12:30-18:00	Sat 22.05.2021 14:00-19:30
Semi finals	Sun 23.05.2021 10:00-12:00	Sun 23.05.2021 12:00-14:00
Bronze and gold matches	Sun 23.05.2021 14:00-17:00	Sun 23.05.2021 15:00-18:00

The detailed match schedule will be published immediately on the FIVB & CEV websites once approved by the Technical Delegate onsite. It will be no later than 1 hour after the end of last match of day or 1 hour after the seeding list is established after Preliminary Inquiry.

3.6 Uniform and Accessories:

The playing tops/tanks will be provided by the organiser for all Main Draw and Qualification players. Shorts/bottoms and accessories must be provided by the players and/or by their sponsors.

If required by the Technical Delegate, other uniforms and accessories will be checked during the Preliminary Inquiry.

Athletes of the same team must wear the same colour and style of shorts. The display of the individual players' sponsors' logos on shorts and accessories must comply with the FIVB Sports Regulations and Handbook.

3.7 Prize Money:

For an event offering EUR 5.000, the following breakdown applies (per gender):

Rank	Prize Money (per team)	Total
1 st	1.000	1.000
2 nd	700	700
3 rd	500	500
4 th	400	400
5 th x4	300	1.200
9 th x4	200	800
13 th x4	100	400
	Total Prize Money	5.000

The Prize Money will be **credited to the athletes accounts by CEV** via bank transfer to the concerned player. To achieve this operation, the athlete needs to have a bank account in EUROS and shall fill in his/her personal bank account details and information via the following link: <https://bvprize.cev.eu/form/Sofia>.

The athlete remains responsible for the proper and complete filling of his/her personal banking details. In case of unsuccessful payment due to un-provided / incomplete information or wrong data, the money will be directly transferred on the bank account of his/her respective National Federation.

Note:

The athlete is responsible for paying the relevant taxes for his/her earnings in his/her own country.

4. GENERAL MATTERS

Please note that all event's participants must stay in the official event hotel(s) and must take the official transportation to and from the airport due to event health and hygiene protocols.

4.1 Arrival and Departure

Name of the airport: Sofia International Airport

Distance from the airport to venue: 10km and 20min by shuttle service

All traveling teams need to inform of their travel schedule and book the official shuttle service to the Official Hotel. To book the official shuttle please address your request to: office@sofiabeach.com or by phone +359888031920 or +359889495450.

Round trip transportation fees from Airport to hotel will be 25 euro per person.

4.2 Board and Lodging

The organisers will NOT provide hotel accommodation for athletes or any accompanying persons.

For the health and safety of all athletes and delegation members and based on the recommendation of the local Health authorities all participants need to be accommodated in a Main Hotel.

SOFIA BEACH RESORT HOTEL (MAIN HOTEL)

21 Prof Asen Kiselinchev
1137, Sofia, Bulgaria
+359882274548

Rates will be 110 EUR for the double room and 150 EUR for the triple room per night
Above rates include daily three meals for each person accommodated in the room

To book the accommodation in both below hotels please contact: office@sofiabeach.com or by phone +359888031920 or +359889495450.

In case of extended requests the organiser will confirm a 2nd hotel under the same provisions and Hygiene conditions

4.3 Visa

Athletes (or their National Federations) will be required to apply early enough for their entry visas, whenever needed and will be accountable for all visa expenses.

For any enquiry regarding your visa application and invitation letter, please contact:

Contact Name: Magdalena Georgieva
Email: office@sofiabeach.com
Mobile number: +359882274548

4.4 Insurance

Athletes must have their own liability and medical insurance.

4.5 Medical Controls

Further to the Event Specific Hygiene Protocol, the FIVB/CEV reserves the right to perform random medical controls on the participating athletes and alcohol tests on the officials, as per FIVB rules and regulations.

4.6 Accreditation

Organisers will provide all Organising Committee members, Officials, referees, athletes, VIPs, journalists, technical staff, court personnel, volunteers, etc. with an official accreditation card and will ensure that only people with appropriate accreditation will access the designated venue areas.

The appropriate forms (for coaches and physiotherapists) are available at the following link: <https://www.fivb.com/en/beachvolleyball/tools/forms> and shall be addressed to the organiser at the following mail account: office@sofiabeach.com

5. OTHER

For any eventual discrepancies, the most updated version of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sport Regulations and the FIVB Beach Volleyball Handbook will prevail.

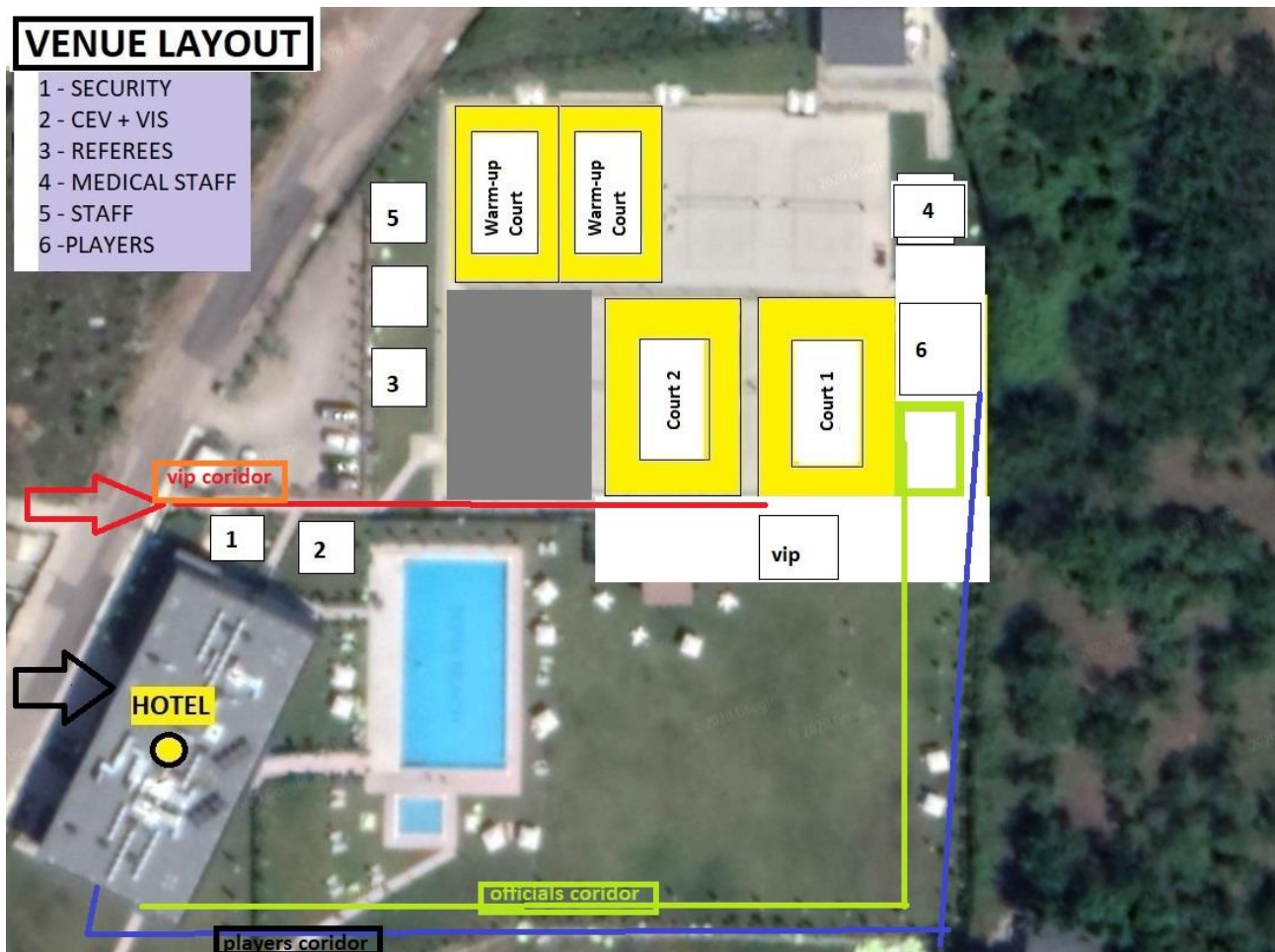
Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations & Beach Volleyball Handbook [LINK](#)

Quick references:

- Players' Eligibility: Chapter 1 of Sports Regulations
- Withdrawals, no shows and late arrival: Chapter 4 of Sports Regulations
- Ranking Points: According to the information already provided by FIVB
- Seeding and competition format: Chapter 7 of Sports Regulations
- Special sanctions: Chapter 9 of Sports Regulations

APPENDIX

- Confirmed Entry List (Main Draw, Qualification tournaments and teams in the Reserve- available at -21 days)
- Venue Layout (to be added by the organiser)





CEV Beach Volleyball World Tour 1-2 Star events 2021 - Waiver document

Given the current COVID-19 Pandemic and the efforts made by the CEV and the Local Organisers, important information are included in the Event's Regulations document of the respective CEV Beach Volleyball World Tour event regarding the CEV Hygiene protocols plus the National and Local regulations in place during the period of the event.

The CEV has reviewed its protocols with its internal experts, including its Medical Commission, so that they can be adjusted to the current conditions facing all of us as a result of the pandemic. Additional information are also available on the CEV's website <https://inside.cev.eu/en/covid19> with dedicated information and resources regarding the pandemic.

The CEV wants to ensure that all of its stakeholders have all of the necessary information related to COVID-19 and has taken steps to minimize the potential risk of COVID-19. However, the CEV notes that a risk of COVID-19 still exists despite all efforts.

With the information provided in the Event's Regulations document, on CEV's websites and on the National Authorities websites, we would like to inform you of the possible risks involved in this CEV Beach Volleyball World Tour event that includes the travel to and from the event. You are participating in your own free will and you are aware of and assume the possible risks related to the COVID-19 by participating in this event.

To be specific, by acknowledging this document and continuing to participate in the event after receiving it as part of Practical Info document, you are aware and agree that:

1. While the local protocols and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk still does exist; accordingly, your participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19; and,
2. You knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the event and assume full responsibility for his/her participation in this event; and,
3. You willingly agree to comply with the **CEV Competitions Hygiene Guidelines**, the **CEV Hygiene Guidelines Beach Volleyball specifications**, the **event Specifics Hygiene protocols** the local protocols and requirements in place in and outside the venue. If, however, you observe any unusual or significant hazards during the player presence or participation, you may remove yourself from the event and participation; and,
4. You, hereby release and hold harmless the CEV and the event organisers and organizing National Federations, including officials, delegates, sponsors, staff, volunteers and other players with respect to any and all illness, disability or loss/damage to the player's person or property, whether arising from the negligence of the releases or otherwise, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. You/your National Federation will cover all medical & accommodation expenses if diagnosed with Covid-19 infection on site.

We kindly ask that you reflect on the above and take the time to seriously consider the implications of the above on you and your families before taking a decision as to whether you wish to participate.

If you agree with the above points, you are kindly required to duly sign this document. If you do not agree on the conditions and you are not signing the agreement, this will result in your immediate withdrawal from the event.

Thank you very much for your time, and we look forward to receiving your agreement of the above.

NAME:

SURNAME:

FUNCTION:

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

