MEVZA U20 Qualifiers 2026
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1.PRINCIPLES

1.1 JURIDICAL STRUCTURE

According to Art. 2.2 of the MEVZA Statutes competitions named MEVZA Age Group Championships are organized every year under the control of MEVZA.

1.2 TYPES OF COMPETITION

The MEVZA Age Group Competitions are organized in the following categories:

MEVZA U16 Qualifiers Women – CEV European Zonal Qualification – 1st round
MEVZA U16 Qualifiers Men – CEV European Zonal Qualification – 1st round

MEVZA U18 Qualifiers Women – CEV European Zonal Qualification – 1st round
MEVZA U18 Qualifiers Men – CEV European Zonal Qualification – 1st round

MEVZA U20 Qualifiers Women – CEV European Zonal Qualification – 1st round
MEVZA U20 Qualifiers Men – CEV European Zonal Qualification – 1st round

MEVZ Age Group Championships Women – non qualification tournament
MEVZA Age Group Championships Men – non qualification tournament

1.3 RIGHT OF QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS

Only MEVZA members can take part in the competition.
The host(s) of the Final Phase of European Championships are not allowed to participate in the qualification process.

1.4 COMPOSITION OF A TEAM

1.4.1 GENERAL COMPOSITION OF A TEAM

In MEVZA U20 Qualifiers a team can be composed of a maximum of 20 persons, i.e. 10 - 14 players and the following 6 Team's officials including TM, C and MD or T are mandatory:

→ the team manager;
→ the head coach;
→ medical staff member (therapist or medical doctor).

C means Coach, TM means Team manager, MD means Medical doctor, T means Therapist.

If the team comprises of less than 14 players, the maximum number of officials remains limited to the 6 persons referred to above.

In case of absence of a Team delegation member, such individual may be replaced but only by another individual assuming the same duties of the same role. If not replaced, the number of the Team delegation members is reduced accordingly.

1.4.2 LIBEROS

Among the selected Players, a number of specialist defensive Players - Liberos - are designated according to the actual FIVB / CEV rules following:

- a team roster must have listed a minimum of one (1) libero
- a team may choose to use two (2) liberos from within the team roster informing this 1 hour before the match

1.5 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

A player wishing to take part in the MEVZA U20 Qualifiers must possess the nationality of the country with whose national team he intends to play AND must fully comply with the requirements laid down in Chapter I (STATUS OF THE PLAYERS) of the FIVB Sports Regulations. Male/female players wishing to participate shall be aged the same years like in the next European Championships in this category.
Only players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB for the competition concerned can participate in the competition.

2.COMPETITION CLAUSES

2.1 RULES OF THE GAME

The competition shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game in force, modified by the FIVB test rules adopted by the CEV BOA to be apply in all CEV competitions..

2.2 COMPETITION METHOD

Competition system for MEVZA U20 Qualifiers 2026 Women /Men with 8 teams
The competition is divided into 2 phases:
Preliminary Pool round (Each team against each other) are played;
Semi-final, final and classification matches are played.

The organizer must propose exact match schedule at least 5 weeks before the competition.

The competition system may be adjusted depending on the number of participating teams.

2.3 OFFICIAL RATIFICATION OF MATCHES FOR THE LEAGUE SYSTEM

In the Preliminary Pool round, the ranking of the teams is determined first according to the number of matches won. In case of a tie the teams will be classified in descending order by the number of points awarded for matches won and lost as follows:

→	match won 3:0 or 3:1	-	3 points
→	match won 3:2	-	2 points
→	match lost 2:3	-	1 point
→	match lost 1:3 or 0:3	-	0 points

If still a tie persists the teams will be classified in descending order by the set quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.
If still a tie persists, they will be classified in descending order by the set points quotient resulting from the division of all set points scored by the total of set points lost during all sets.
If the tie continues, as per the sets points quotient, the teams are ranked according to the result(s) of the match(es) they have been disputing between them.

3.COMPETITION CALENDARS

3.1 COMPETITION DATES

The competitions will be played during the 5 [FIVE] competition days in period 23rd – 27th September 2026.

3.2 STARTING TIME OF THE MATCHES

In all matches of MEVZA U20 Qualifiers matches shall start between 9.00 h and 20.00 h.
The organizer may determine the calendar and Daily match schedule for each Preliminary pool.

3.3 DEFINITE COMPETITION PROGRAM

The detailed competition program must be sent by the organizer for approval to the MEVZA Sports Organising Commission (marek.prokes@mevza.org) for approval no later than 29 July 2026.
Any change in the competition date respectively starting time of the matches will only be allowed after the written agreement and the approval of the MEVZA Sport Organising Commission.

FIVE (5)-DAY MATCH SCHEDULE
(4 matches per day; 1 competition hall and 1 training hall required)

Date	Time		Pool A	Time		Pool B
Day 1	11.30	Match MM01-01	(3-2)	11.30		
	14.00			14.00	Match MM01-07	(3-2)
	16.30	Match MM01-02	(4-1)	16.30		
	19.00			19.00	Match MM01-08	(4-1)
Day 2	11.30			11.30	Match MM01-09	(2-1)
	14.00	Match MM01-03	(2-1)	14.00		
	16.30			16.30	Match MM01-10	(3-4)
	19.00	Match MM01-04	(3-4)	19.00		
Day 3	11.30	Match MM01-05	(1-3)	11.30		
	14.00			14.00	Match MM01-11	(1-3)
	16.30	Match MM01-06	(2-4)	16.30		
	19.00			19.00	Match MM01-12	(2-4)
Day 4	11.30	Match MM01-13	A_3rd – B_4th			
	14.00	Match MM01-14	B_3rd - A_4th			
	16.30	Match MM01-15	A_1st - B_2nd			
	19.00	Match MM01-16	B_1st - A_2nd			
Day 5	9.00	Match MM01-17	7-8th Place Match			
	10:30	Match MM01-18	5-6th Place Match			
	14:00	Match MM01-19	3rd place Match			
	16.30	Match MM01-20	Match			

Teams will be allocated to the pools according to the serpentine system. The organiser will head Pool A.

The daily match schedule may be modified upon the organiser's request and subject to final approval by MEVZA.

The starting times may be modified upon the organiser's request and subject to final approval by MEVZA.

4.REGISTRATION & ADMINISTRATIVE DEADLINES

4.1 TEAM ELIGIBILITY - REGISTRATION IN A CEV COMPETITION

The registration for this edition was done through the CEV Database using the following form till April 20, 2026.

The following teams are registered:

U20 Women - players born on 1st January 2008 or after

U20 Men - players born on 1st January 2008 or after

4.2 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY - REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS IN A CEV COMPETITION

According to the Official Regulation, the U20 Volleyball European Championships 2026 edition will only be open to Female and respectively Male players that are

Born on 1st January 2008 or thereafter

4.3 PLAYER LICENSES

All participating National Federations are required to register all potential players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadlines.

5.RESPONSIBLE ORGANS

5.1 MEVZA COMPETITIONS ORGANIZATION

The organization of the MEVZA Age Group Championships is entrusted to the MEVZA Age Group Competition Coordinator.

5.2 MEVZA SUPERVISOR

Each Organizing National Federation is bound to nominate a Supervisor, who is registered on CEV Supervisor list and owns CEV database personal login. This Supervisor must be present at the competition venue before the arrival of the visiting teams and has the following duties:

- Inspection of the competition hall, which must comply with the international rules of the game.
- Inspection of the accommodation of the participating teams, as well as of the food;
- Preliminary inquiry with the participating teams (in CEV database);
- Checking the players' right of participation, prior to the start of the competition. Each player must be able to present the official identity paper;
- Monitor the faultless and sporting running of the matches.
- In case of a protest during the matches, he acts as Jury and decides, after consulting with the Referee coach , in the second instance, otherwise he rules the protests

- In cooperation with organizing NF to inform the MEVZA press agency directly after the end of the last match about the progress and the highlights of the tournament. The contact person will be sent to organizer in due time.
- to check all match results AND scores immediately after each match on the website.

5.3 REFEREE COACH

In case of participation more than 5 (five) teams the Organizing National Federation nominates Referee Coach who must be approved by MEVZA Head of referees and officials' (HRO). He/she is responsible for:

- Designation and supervision of the referees for the matches.
- Control / evaluation of the referees' performances.
- Deciding in the first instance on claims and protests
- Reporting his/her activities, including the referees' performances within 5 days sent to MEVZA HRO via electronic way

6.REFEREES

The matches in MEVZA Age Group shall only be conducted by:

- International referees listed in CEV database;
- International candidate referees listed in CEV database;
- Referees from the highest competition of the MEVZA countries /upon the involved National Federation's request/.

The MEVZA Head of Referees and Officials will nominate the referees directly. The participating National Federations may propose referee nominations to the MEVZA Head of Referees and Officials.

The nominated referees will officiate as 1st, 2nd and reserve referee, determined by the Referee Coach.

7.FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 TRAVEL EXPENSES OF TEAMS

Each team bears its own return travel expenses to the official competition venue.

7.2 LODGING AND FOOD COSTS

The organizer shall bear the hotel and food costs for a maximum of 20 persons per team for a period started on arrival day (one day before the start of the competition) with lunch and finished on departure day (one day after the end of the competition) with breakfast.

The teams can be accommodated in Hotels, Sports Centres and Student Hostels with maximum 3 persons per room. Accommodation shall meet overall standards of hygiene and tidiness.

Each Federation shall be bound to contribute to the cost of board and lodging costs of its delegation, by paying a contribution fee to the organizing National Federation for each of the members of its delegation (max 20 persons) in amount 130,00 EUR (one hundred thirty euro) per person per day **(totally 780,- EUR for person**).

The contribution fee must be paid by wired transfer no later than 3 days before the arrival of teams. Organizers can make the separate agreement with the participants relating to the lower amount of the payment.

The accommodation costs of the Supervisor, Referee Coach and Referees shall be borne by the Organizing National Federation.
Each participating National Federation shall pay a Referee Contribution Fee of EUR 900 to the Organising National Federation.

7.3 ORGANISATION COSTS

All organizing costs for the matches, including local transport of the visiting teams shall be borne by the Organizing National Federation.

7.4 FEES, TRAVEL COSTS FOR REFEREES AND OFFICIALS

Per diem for MEVZA Officials (Referees, Supervisor and Referee coach in amount 100€ /day (6 days) will be paid by Organizer directly.
The travel cost of the MEVZA Officials and Referees will be covered by MEVZA head office after the end of the tournament (in accordance with Art. 7.7.).

In such a case, the respective costs will be invoiced to the organizer, and the payment to the referees and MEVZA Officials will subsequently be processed by the MEVZA Head Office.

7.5 ENTRANCE FEES

All the gate money for the matches is acquired by the organizer.

7.6 FINES

7.6.1 Withdrawal / Forfeit of a team

Teams withdrawing (forfeiting) from the competition will be inflicted fines as provided for in the attached “Table of Financial Sanctions”.

7.6.2 NON-RESPECT OF THE REGULATIONS

For not respecting the official regulations, fines listed in the attached “Table of Financial Sanctions” will be imposed. Any modification of this list must be approved by the MEVZA Executive Committee.

7.6.3 FINANCIAL SANCTIONS

The financial sanctions provided for in the attached “Table of Financial Sanctions” do not exclude any other sanctions.

7.6.4 MISCELLANEOUS

As a matter of principle financial matters and obligations, not included in these regulations, in similar cases are the same as those in the own NF.

7.7. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Each participating National Federation shall contribute to the accommodation and board costs of its delegation by paying a Contribution Fee of EUR 130 per person per day (maximum 20 delegation members) to the Organising National Federation.

Each participating National Federation shall pay a Referee Contribution Fee of EUR 900 to the Organising National Federation.

MEVZA will reimburse to the Organizing NF the production of MEVZA Competition banner and MEVZA flag (200, - €) and medals and trophy in amount (250, - €) upon the presenting of the original invoices.

The travel costs of the MEVZA Officials and Referees shall be covered by the MEVZA Head Office in accordance with the actual MEVZA financial regulation, within one week after the end of the tournament.

8.MARKETING

8.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Each host shall make sure that the competition is always recognizable as a MEVZA event. Therefore:

- The MEVZA competition title banner 300 x 100 must be produced by the organisers and displayed on the given position of the court lay-out.
- All print material produced by the host shall display the MEVZA logo. The size shall be at minimum the same as the biggest one of all other logos on the respective print material.
- All graphic lay-outs will be forwarded to the organizers before the tournament.
- MEVZA flag has to be presented in the playing hall, of the same size as flags of participating teams.

8.2 COURT LAYOUT

- The “Official Court Layouts” show the exact positions of advertising panels and floor stickers for the Tournaments. Organisers must make sure that the distribution of advertising panels and stickers is strictly respected and in accordance with the “Official Court Layouts”.
- The surface of banners & stickers must be perfectly stretched and not contain any wrinkles. The size of the banners must be 300cm x 100cm. The support for the advertising panels must be 1 m high.
- The size of floor stickers is always 340cm x 100cm.
- The MEVZA reserves the following 3 [THREE] banner positions around the court. These advertising positions may be ceded to the host upon written confirmation of MEVZA.
- The competition title banner on position n°11 must be produced by the organizers according to the official graphic.

9. DUTIES OF ORGANISER

9.1 ORGANIZATIONAL DUTIES

Four (4) weeks before the first match of the MEVZA Qualifiers the organizing Federation concerned shall issue a first bulletin covering the following information:

- competition site approved by MEVZA Office;
- organizing committee;
- official venue of arrival;

- accommodation (address, contacts);
- detailed program approved by MEVZA & CEV Office;
- request to the participating teams to communicate the list of their delegation, together with their arrival/departure times.

The First Bulletin shall be approved by the MEVZA Office and the MEVZA Sports Organising Committee and distributed to all participating National Federations and appointed MEVZA Officials.
Upon the teams' arrival at the competition venue, the Organiser shall provide each participating team and MEVZA Official with a Competition Handbook.
This Handbook shall indicate:

- the dates, times and venues of the preliminary inquiry.
- the time-tables for transport, meals and possible trainings.

Before the first competition day and upon completion of the preliminary inquiry, the organizer shall distribute the list of players, officials, and referees to the participants.
The organizer shall moreover distribute a daily bulletin with the competition results and ranking.
A final bulletin with all results and final ranking, with individual awards (if any) shall be handed out to all participating teams, officials and referees, and a copy directly dispatched to the MEVZA Office.

9.2 RESULTS, STATISTICS, SCORE SHEETS & SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The organizer shall provide live scoring and the match statistics and must upload the files right after the end of each set to the CEV server.

The organizer shall provide electronic scoresheet and must upload the file right after the end of each match to the CEV sever.

The original score sheet(s) and the Supervisor's Report must be sent to the MEVZA Office (Middle European Volleyball Zonal Association, Prinz Eugen Strasse 12, 1040, Vienna, Austria) by registered letter on the first working day following the match or tournament.
Every delay in communicating the results or mailing the score sheet(s) and the Supervisor's Report will be sanctioned.

9.3 VIDEO STREAMING

All matches shall be streamed via the official YouTube channel or another streaming platform approved by MEVZA. The live stream shall comply with the technical and production standards specified by MEVZA, including minimum video resolution, live score graphics and an appropriate broadcast quality.
Stream is obligatory to provide from every match of the respective Tournament, by the Organizer. Organizers are responsible for setting up the Streaming equipment and enable the smooth streaming of all matches during the Tournament.
Camera for streaming must be set up either from one side of the court or behind the court – provided that from that position is possible to see the entire court.

10. DUTIES OF THE TEAMS

Each team has the duty to respect the set deadlines.

All participating National Federations are required to register all potential players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadlines.

All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the CEV 05 Form ('TEAM REGISTRATION') and before attending their Preliminary Inquiry, each team will complete and close the CEV 05bis form inside the CEV Database (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION) CEV 05bis form.

11. TEAM UNIFORMS

All teams shall bring two sets of uniforms in different colours. Jerseys and shorts shall comply with Article 4.3.3 of the FIVB Official Volleyball Rules, as well as the CEV Uniform Standards for National Team Competitions.

12. PROTESTS

Any protests regarding the running of a match or against the participation of a player or team must be entered on the score sheet and signed by the team captain. The protest must be confirmed within 1 hour after the closing of the scoresheet in writing to the Supervisor. The letter must be written in English and signed by the team manager of the protesting team. At the same time, an amount of 200, - € must be paid to the Supervisor. This deposit shall be refunded immediately if the protest is recognized to be well-founded. If it is not accepted, the deposited amount is retained by the MEVZA.

13. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

13.1 WITHDRAWAL / FORFEIT OF A TEAM

A team withdrawing either officially or by forfeit from the MEVZA Competition after the formal acknowledgement of its registration by the MEVZA / CEV shall be penalized. In addition, the team will automatically and irrevocably lose the right to participate in the rest of the competition.

13.2 ANTISPORTING BEHAVIOUR

Any player or member of a delegation who commits disqualifying or antisporting faults is expelled from the playing-area for the duration of the match. If the fault is serious, the MEVZA Executive Committee or its representative has the right to disqualify him/her for one to three matches of the competition. These sanctions do not take into consideration any sanctions which his/her own NF may also impose.

14. BALLS

The MEVZA Executive Committee decided that the only ball to be used for MEVZA Qualifiers games is MIKASA V200W. The organizer must arrange minimum 30 balls for trainings and warm up of the matches.

15. COMPETITION VENUES

The competition hall must fulfil the minimum requirements for CEV category 4:

- Height min. 8 m
- Minimum Competition Area min. 33 x 21 m
- Minimum Lightning Level min. 800 lux
- Minimum number of seats min. 300
- Court limitation with advertising boards (min. 22 – max. 26, 3x1m, 18-15-15-18m)
- Free Internet connection must be provided to the opponent and for media, fixed or WIFI LAN with restricted access, minimum 10Mbit/s (up- and download) per requested connection guaranteed.
- Min. 4 dressing rooms for the teams
- Min. 1 dressing room for the referees
- Electronic Scoreboard

In case some minimum requirements are not fulfilled, exceptional approval might be issued to the National Federation by the MEVZA Executive Committee, valid for one season.

15.1 COMPETITION HALL

A maximum of 4 matches per day may be organized in a Competition Hall for this category. An additional hall is selected, when the maximum number of matches per day is reached in the previous Competition Hall.
One (1) competition hall + one training hall (CEV T-category) is required for the organisation of the MEVZA U20 Qualifiers 2026.

16. CUPS & MEDALS

The winning team shall receive the MEVZA Trophy.
The first three teams in the MEVZA Qualifiers shall receive medals (20 medals per team).

The Organising National Federation shall provide individual awards for the Best Players. No specific award categories are prescribed.

The Organiser shall provide the trophy, medals and individual awards. MEVZA shall provide a financial contribution in accordance with Article 7.7.

17. PLAYING PROTOCOL

The match protocol will be carried out according to the CEV Match Protocol with National Anthems – CEV Match protocol with national anthems.

18. VALIDITY OF REGULATIONS

The Regulations have been drafted and revised by the MEVZA Executive Committee.

19. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not foreseen in these Official Regulations shall be settled by the Executive Committee after consultation with the MEVZA Sport Organising Commission.

All-important updates and information you will find in CEV official Communication:

https://inside.cev.eu/media/4pdnqfdj/cev-U20-ech-2026-commun_web.pdf

20. TABLE OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS

SANCTIONS	REASONS
5.000, - EUR	Withdrawal/forfeit as nominated Organizer
1.600, - EUR	Withdrawal/ forfeit after the formal acknowledgement of the application until the end of the tournament + sanctions according to the CEV regulation
1.000,- EUR	Non availability of 2 sets of player uniforms
1.000,- EUR	Non-conformity of team uniforms
500,- EUR	Not respect the Regulation laid down in articles 5,6,7,8,9
300,- EUR	Failure to respect the deadline for registration
300,- EUR	Team not participating on Closing Ceremony (only best 3 teams)
100,- EUR	Failure to respect the deadlines
100,- EUR	Late payment of the fines

For any violation of these Competition Regulations not specifically listed in the above table, MEVZA reserves the right to impose a financial sanction of between EUR 50 and EUR 1,000, depending on the nature and severity of the violation.