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# PRELIMINARY REMARKS

The organization of the "Middle European League" (hereinafter: MEL) is entrusted to the Middle European Volleyball Zonal Association (hereinafter: MEVZA), Prinz-Eugen-Strasse 12, 1040 Vienna, Austria, e-mail: info@mevza.org

MEL 2026/2027 is a senior club competition organized annually, during the competition season from October 2026 until April 2027 between clubs affiliated to National Federations members of MEVZA. Clubs from other National Federations may be included in this competition provided the respective approval of the CEV.

All National Federations members of MEVZA (hereinafter: NFs) and their affiliated clubs, as well as any other clubs with approval from the CEV, willing to participate in the MEL 2026/27 are obliged to follow the rules laid down in the Official Communications of the MEL 2026/27.

The MEL 2026/27 matches are played according to the Rules of the game in force, as laid down by the FIVB (2025-2028 edition), modified by the by the test rules adopted by the CEV Board of Administration be applied in all CEV competitions.

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# 1. TYPES OF COMPETITIONS

Middle European League will be played for both genders: women (MELW) and men (MELM).

## 1.1. Competition System

The competition shall be organized in a tournament format during the Main Phase, based on League Round tournaments.

Hosts of the League Round tournaments (hereinafter referred to as the **Organizers**) shall be determined according to the competition serpentine. The tournaments shall be played during weekdays in weeks without CEV Cup competitions.

MEVZA shall launch a bidding process for the organization of the Final Four Tournament. The Final Four Organizer shall be selected and approved by the MEVZA Executive Committee.

Should no club submit a bid to host the Final Four Tournament, the hosting rights shall be offered to the clubs ranked 1st to 4th after the Main Phase. If more than one of these clubs is willing to host, the organizer shall be selected by the MEVZA Executive Committee. If none of the clubs ranked 1st to 4th agree to host, the host shall be determined by drawing of lots among those clubs.

According to this principle, the Final Four organiser qualifies automatically for the Final Four. If the organiser finishes within the top four teams after the League Round, they keep their sporting position in the Final Four bracket. However, if the organiser finishes below 4th place, they replace the team ranked 4th in the final standings.

The semi-final pairings are then determined as follows:

- **Semi-Final 1:** 2nd ranked team vs. 3rd ranked team
- **Semi-Final 2:** 1st ranked team vs. 4th ranked team (or the Final Four organiser if they replace the 4th ranked team)

The winners of the semi-finals advance to the **Gold Medal Match**, while the losing teams play for the **Bronze Medal Match**.

## 1.2. Official ratification of MEL 2026/27 matches

In the Main Phase, the ranking of the clubs is determined first according to the number of matches won.

In case of a tie, the clubs will be classified in descending order by the number of points awarded for matches won and lost as follows:

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→ 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 the tie persists 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 the 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.

# 2. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION AND DUTIES OF PARTICIPATING CLUBS

## 2.1. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION

MEL is open for a maximum of 14 MEN and 14 WOMEN clubs.

The club(s) eligible to participate in MEL 2026/27 are clubs coming from NFs members of MEVZA, as well as any other NF, if they have written approval from the CEV, and fulfil at least one of the requirements as follows:

- National Champion and / or the runner up of the National Championship, provided that the same club(s) participate in CEV Cups
- National Cup winner and / or runner up of the National Cup, provided that the same club(s) participate in CEV Cups
- Any other club(s) participating in CEV Cups (any CEV club competition)
- Club(s) with an exceptional approval for participation, coming from countries that are non-MEVZA members

All MEL participants are in obligation to participate in both the domestic National Championships and the European Cup Competitions during the same season.

Only clubs with no debts to MEVZA will be allowed to participate in MEL 2026/27.

## 2.2. ORGANIZATIONAL DUTIES

Each club must respect the set deadlines and defined Competition Calendar concerning the hosting/organization of the Tournament.

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## 2.3. DUTIES OF THE ORGANIZER

The organizer is entirely responsible for fulfilling the duties as follows:

- Sending information to the visiting club(s) and referees about every Tournament using the respective MEVZA Tournament Handbook template not later than ONE week before the respective Tournament.
- Provide information about recommended accommodation to visiting clubs. Clubs are encouraged to arrange the accommodation services reciprocity, but it is not mandatory.
- To guarantee the visiting club(s) a 60-minute training session on the competition day, whereby the training sessions shall take place in the competition hall under the same conditions as during the match (i.e. lighting, installation of technical facilities within and around the playing area, etc).
- Organize full-board basis accommodation for international officials (referees and Supervisor) in a hotel with an adequate service (min. 3*) for the entire duration of their stay.
- Enable smooth running of the competition, providing adequate manpower on site.
- Provide bottled water for all participating clubs in the Tournament, on the basis of 1l per team delegation member / match
- Respect all regulations regarding the court layout, marketing, press, e-score, Video Sharing and Streaming, as defined in this Official Communications.

### 2.3.1. DUTIES OF THE VISITING TEAM

The visiting club is responsible for fulfilling the duties as follows:

- Inform the Organizer about the composition and arrival of the delegation, as well as the composition of the team (data of players and coaches of interest for the popularization of the event in the media) no later than 10 [TEN] days before the Tournament, in a written form.
- Arrange the travel schedule in such a way to enable appropriate arrival at the competition venue at the latest 2 hours before the start of the first match of the respective Tournament.
- Organize appropriate accommodation on site, following the information provided by the Organizer (Clubs are encouraged to arrange the accommodation services reciprocity, but it is not mandatory).
- Organize own local transportation on site (hotel – competition hall).
- Respect the competition / training schedule as defined by the Organizer.
- Respect the rules of the game, as laid down in this Official Communications.

## 2.4. TEAM UNIFORMS

Jerseys and shorts must comply with FIVB Official Volleyball Rules as well as with the CEV Uniform Standards for European Cups.

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# 3. INSCRIPTION OF CLUBS

**Inscription procedure:**

- Each MEVZA member NF applies the club(s) from its territory providing MEVZA Competition Department with the duly filled and signed Application form ***"2026/27 MEVZA Club competition application"***, dully signed and confirmed by the representative of the respective NF.
- Clubs from territories of NFs non MEVZA members must follow the same procedure, if they have obtained the written approval from the CEV to participate in MEL 2026/27.

# 4. COMPETITION VENUES

The Competition Hall must fulfil the minimum requirements for the CEV Category 4, as follows:

- Height — min. 8 m
- Minimum Competition Area — 33 x 21 m
- Minimum Lightning Level — 1000 lux
- Minimum number of seats — 1000
- The playing court colors (no taraflex mandatory) — court lines clearly marked
- Court limitation with advertising boards — fixed panels / LED panels
- Free Internet connection must be provided to the opponent and for media; fixed or WiFi LAN with restricted access, minimum 1 Mbit/s (up and download) per requested connection guaranteed

In case some of the minimum requirements are not fulfilled, exceptional approval might be issued to the host club by MEVZA Executive Committee, that shall be valid for one season.
This approval must be presented before the match(es) to the MEVZA Supervisor.
All matches during the MEL 2026/27 are to be played with MIKASA V200W, being the official ball of the Competition.

# 5. MARKETING, COURT LAYOUT AND PRESS

## 5.1. GENERAL INFORMATION

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

- The MEL competition title banners (3m x 1m) will be produced by MEVZA and sent to all clubs, to be displayed on the given position of the court layout as laid down in the Official Communications.

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- All print material produced by the Organizer 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.

- Each club has the duty to publish the MEVZA logo on its website.

All layouts will be available in the download area on www.mevza.org

## 5.2. COURT LAYOUT

- The "Official Court Layout" shows the exact positions of advertising panels and floor stickers for the MEL matches.
- Organizers must make sure that the distribution of advertising panels and stickers is strictly respected and in accordance with the "Official Court Layout".
- The surface of banners and 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.
- MEVZA reserves the following 8 (eight) banner positions around the court: n° 3, 4, 7, 11, 12, 16, 19 and 20. Advertising positions reserved for MEVZA may be EXCEPTIONALLY ceded to the hosting clubs upon written confirmation and approval of MEVZA.
- The banner on position 7 is reserved for reciprocity (if the visiting club wishes to use this possibility) or remains for the hosting club.
- MEVZA reserves the following 2 [TWO] floor sticker positions on the court: n° F3, F4 MEVZA reserves the right to cede these stickers to the hosting club.
- The competition title banner in position n°11 (competition logo) shall be produced by the Organizer. If the Organizer does not already have the required MEVZA banner available, MEVZA shall reimburse the production costs.
- In case of using the LED around the court, a written approval from MEVZA will have to be obtained, and the LED playlist will have to be authorized by MEVZA office.

## 5.3. PRESS

Clubs are obliged to provide the MEVZA Office with the following press items:

***Pre-match preview:***

- Each club must send a match preview with a quote of the Head Coach 2 days before each match at the latest.

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***Tournament description:***

- Each Organizer must send the Tournament description (3 – 4 sentences) with quotes of all Head Coaches as well as all Captains accompanied by 3 or 4 pictures from each of the matches. Photos must be free of copyrights restrictions and available to use free of charge and for an unlimited time. Deadline for Tournament description is 2 hours after each match.

Articles will be published on the MEVZA website and social media and distributed to the press agencies in close cooperation.

All press materials (articles, pictures) must be sent to the e-mail address: pr@mevza.org and nika@mevza.org

### 5.4. CUPS AND MEDALS

The winning clubs of the MEL (W & M) shall receive a Cup donated by MEVZA and made available to the Organizer of the Final Four Tournament.

The teams ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the Final Four of MEL receive medals donated by MEVZA:

14 players and a maximum of 7 accompanying persons of the delegation receive a gold medal (MEL Champion);

14 players and a maximum of 7 accompanying persons of the delegation receive a silver medal (MEL runner-up);

14 players and a maximum of 7 accompanying persons of the delegation receive a bronze medal (MEL 3rd ranked club).

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 6.1. PARTICIPATION FEE TO BE PAID BY THE PARTICIPATING CLUBS TO MEVZA:

6.1.1. General registration (“Participation fee”) for MEL Men 3.000,00 EUR
6.1.2. General registration (“Participation fee”) for MEL Women 3.000,00 EUR
6.1.3. Clubs - non MEZVA members (“Participation fee”) for MEL Men 6.000,00 EUR
6.1.4. Clubs - non MEZVA members (“Participation fee”) for MEL Women 6.000,00 EUR

The “Participation fee” includes the license for the Data Volley 2007 Media Version and/or Data Volley 2007 professional MEC plug-in, that shall be provided to all participating clubs by MEVZA.

The “Participation fee” is to be paid upon the receipt of the respective Invoice to the bank account of MEVZA:

**Raiffeisenbank Region Schwechat**

**IBAN: AT04 3282 3000 0100 4308 BIC: RLNWATWW823**

All payments by the participating clubs must be received at the MEVZA account by September 14, 2026., at the latest, free of any bank charges.

## 6.2. REFEREES AND MEVZA SUPERVISORS (HEREINAFTER: OFFICIALS) COSTS:

6.2.1. The per diem cost in the amount of 100 EUR is a daily amount paid to Officials according to their travel and stay period (starting from the day of the start of the first/single match). The Organizer shall bear the per diem costs. The Organizer proceeds to the payment of the per diem directly to the appointed Officials, in cash or via bank transfer/payment. The Organizer and the appointed Officials are responsible for communicating to each other their financial details.

6.2.2. In the case of the single match:
If the Officials are going home immediately after the end of the match, they are entitled to 1 (one) per diem,

If the Officials after the match stay one night in a hotel in the competition venue, they are entitled to 2 (two) per diem.

6.2.3. In the case of a tournament, Officials are entitled to have per diem for each day starting from the day of the first match and ending with the day of their departure from the venue.

6.2.4. Travel costs by car for all Officials from the place of permanent living to the competition venue are in the amount of 0,40 EUR/km, including all additional costs.

6.2.5. Above mentioned costs are to be paid by the Organizer to the respective Officials, the latest on the day of their departure from the competition venue.

6.2.6. Full board accommodation for all Officials shall be paid by the Organizer.

## 6.3. ACCOMMODATION

6.3.1. All visiting clubs are responsible for covering their own accommodation costs. Teams are encouraged to arrange the accommodation services reciprocity, but it is not mandatory. The Organizer is obliged to provide the information about the recommended accommodation, but it is up to the guest team to decide on their own accommodation.

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# 7. COMPETITION CALENDAR

The matches in the MEL competition shall start between 15.00h and 20.30 h.

Match starting time earlier than 15:00 is possible only upon written agreement of both teams and the official approval by MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions.
Upon receipt of applications from clubs that will participate in the MEL competition, a detailed and definitive competition calendar will be drawn up.

# 8. VIDEO STREAMING

All matches will be streamed through the technology of company Genius Sports.

All participating clubs / Organizers are responsible for setting up the Streaming equipment and enable the smooth streaming of all matches.

## 8.1. SETTING UP THE CAMERA

Ideal height for set up the camera is around 2m above the net level.
Minimum height for women: 230 cm from the ground.
Minimum height for men: 245 cm from the ground.

## 8.2. LIVE STREAMING

It is obligatory to provide streaming from every match of MEL M and MEL W in the season 2026/27, by the Organizer. Streaming must be set up 1 hour before the start of the match – for installation of the equipment, please check the Installation guide ("User Guidelines for Organizers").
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.

## 8.3. VIDEO SHARING

Video camera for Video Sharing purposes must be set up behind the middle of the court. Video must be in format .mp4 1280x720, because Video Sharing does not accept any other format.

The Organizer needs to provide the space for cameras and to provide the availability of electricity.

Video needs to be uploaded to Video Sharing at the latest 24 hours after each match by the Organizer of the tournament/single match home team.

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In case the video is not uploaded 24 hours after the match, the fine per each not-uploaded match will be imposed toward the respective Organizer, as provided in the attached table of Financial Sanctions.

## 9. E-SCORESHEET, TABLETS E-SCORESHEET, DATA VOLLEY STATISTIC

The use of the E-Scoresheet, Tablets, and Data Volley Statistics is mandatory. If the MEL 2026/27 matches are accepted for the National Championship, one e-scoresheet will be accountable for the National Championship, and a separate e-scoresheet must be made for MEVZA.

Download software page: http://download.dataproject.com/mevza

The Organizer must communicate the results of the matches WITHOUT DELAY, immediately after the end of the match, as laid down in the MEL User Guidelines for Organizers.

The Organizer has to provide MEVZA with live scoring and the match statistics as laid down in the MEL User Guidelines for Organizers and must upload the files right after the end of each match to the MEVZA server.

The score sheet(s) and the Supervisor's Report must be sent to the MEVZA Office by e-mail to the MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions: marek.prokes@mevza.org on the first working day following the end of a single match or a Tournament.

Every delay in communicating the results or mailing the score sheet(s) and the Supervisor's Report will be sanctioned.

## 11. REFEREE INSTRUCTIONS

All MEL matches must be conducted solely by International neutral referees.

### 10.1. REFEREES FOR THE MEL

The matches of the MEL competitions shall be conducted by:

- International referees appearing on the CEV list, appointed by MEVZA Head of referees and officials' delegation (HRO)
- International candidate referees appearing on the CEV list, appointed by MEVZA HRO
- 2-line judges, e-scorer and assistant, appointed by Local Organizer, must arrive to the venue at least 1 hour before the start of the match

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### 10.2. REFEREE NOMINATIONS

The referees for each Tournament will be appointed by MEVZA HRO ( Mr. László Herpai).
The appointed referees must arrive to the venue at the latest two hours before the start of the match.
Information regarding the nominated referees and officials will be made available to the Organizer at the latest 15 days before the start of each Tournament or a single match.

## 12. TEAM INSTRUCTIONS

### 12.1. GENERAL COMPOSITION OF A TEAM DELEGATION

In any phase of the MEL, a Team Delegation can be composed of a maximum of 21 persons, i.e. 14 players and 7 officials, of which the following are mandatory:

- the Team Manager
- the Head Coach

If the Team comprises of less than 14 players, the maximum number of officials remains limited to 7 persons.

### 12.2. LIBEROS

Among the selected Players, a number of specialist defensive players - Liberos - are designated according to the following:

A team roster must have listed a minimum of one (1) libero, regardless of the number of players.

### 12.3. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

Only players registered on the team's collective MEL license (MEL-01), validated by MEVZA, can take part in MEL. Each of these players must fulfil the following conditions:

- He/she must possess only one national license valid exclusively for the club which applies for the European Cup / MEL license.
- If he/she is a foreign player, he/she must fulfil all conditions regarding the right to play in a club of another country according to all provisions outlined in the FIVB and CEV Regulations dealing with international transfers and determining the player's Federation of Origin. The transfer procedure in the VIS system must be confirmed by all parties before the player has the right to participate in MEL.
- Only players not suspended by CEV and/or FIVB for the competition concerned are allowed to participate in the competition.

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### 12.4. LICENSES

The collective team license must be confirmed by the respective NF. MEVZA HVC / Data Project coordinator will provide all participating clubs with the license registration form that will have to be filled in, confirmed by the respective NF and sent back to the MEVZA HVC.

Before each match of the MEL the Team Manager must indicate on the collective team license the shirt number of each player as well as the name of the libero(s) and the captain of the team.

The certified collective license and the official Identification document (passport / ID) of each player must be presented to the referee and the Supervisor before the beginning of each match.

## 13. HYGIENE GUIDELINES

If prevention is applied in situations of any pandemic, all clubs are requested to strictly follow the active and valid Hygiene Regulations of the hosting Organizing country, set up by respective governmental institutions. Any possible amendments will be announced and published accordingly.

## 14. ADMINISTRATIVE DEADLINES

| Item | Deadline | Action |
|---|---|---|
| Participation fee payment | 14.09.2026. | All participating clubs are obliged to pay the participating fee to MEVZA |
| Match calendar | 01.09. 2026 | Final Official Match Schedule (starting times of the matches) must be sent to MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions marek.prokes@mevza.org. |
| Team Information | 3 weeks before start of the competition | All participating clubs are obliged to update the team's profile in MEVZA Web competition manager:<br>- Club logo (.jpg format)<br>- Uniform colors (shirts and shorts); all sets<br>- Official Team photo (.jpg format) |

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| | | - Photos of each player and staff member in official uniforms (.jpg format) |
| Player licenses | 3 weeks before start of the competition | All participating clubs are obliged to register all potential players by applying for the player licenses, using the MEVZA form |
| Additional player licenses | The day before the start of the respective Tournament | All additional player licenses must be applied for through the MEVZA form provided by MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions / Data Project coordinator at the latest one day before the start of the respective Tournament or a single match where the additional player should play |

# 15. MEL RESPONSIBLE ORGANS AND PERSONS

## 15.1. MEVZA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The organization of the MEL competitions is entrusted to the Executive Committee, which:

- ratifies the regulations and possible modifications or amendments
- decides the allocation of the Final Four tournaments
- supervises the course of the competition
- decides whether inspection visits must be undertaken for matches to be played in the MEL
- makes the final decision on all appeals and protests as a second instance body
- decides on any sanctions to be taken against teams or persons who have violated the current regulations

The Executive Committee consists of:

- the MEVZA president,
- the MEVZA vice-presidents.

## 15.2. MEVZA HEAD OF VOLLEYBALL COMPETITIONS (HVC)

The MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions is responsible for the smooth running of the competition.

The MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions is responsible for all duties laid down under Article 14.1 which are delegated to him/her by the Executive Committee, as well as for any other duties entrusted to him/her by the Executive Committee.

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The MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions shall work in close cooperation with the members of the **MEVZA Sports Organising Commission** and the **MEVZA Head of Refereeing Commission and Officials' Delegation (HRO)** to ensure the proper planning, organization, management and smooth running of the competition.

The MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions is, among other duties, responsible for:

- Coordination of the competition in cooperation with the members of the MEVZA Sports Organising Commission.
- Monitoring the implementation of the Official Communications and Competition Regulations throughout the competition.
- Reporting to the MEVZA Executive Committee on matters related to the organization and management of the competition.

## 15.3. MEVZA HEAD OF REFEREES AND OFFICIALS' DELEGATION (HRO)

HRO is responsible for matters concerning referees, mainly but not limited to:

- Appointment and appointment of referees for matches in the Main Phase and Final Phase
- Appointment of the Supervisors for the Main Phase and Final Four Tournament.
- Assists the Head of Volleyball Competitions and Data Project coordinator in the running of the competition

## 15.4. MEVZA SUPERVISOR

The regularity and the smooth running of both the competition and the organization of the MEL 2026/27 shall be monitored by the MEVZA Supervisor to be appointed by the MEVZA HRO. In particular, the Supervisor will be entrusted with the following tasks:

- final inspection of the sports infrastructure and the competition hall,
- inspection of the training facilities made available to the visiting club,
- cross-checking of the players' qualification by means of the collective license issued by the MEVZA Office and the official identity documents provided by the players,
- ensuring that the matches are played in accordance with the FIVB and CEV rules of the game
- handle all COMPLAINTS or PROTESTS
- supervise the performance of the officials; in case it's necessary the Supervisor may ask the Organizer to change the local officials appointed by the respective National Federation or the assisting staff,
- vouch for the regular progress of the match(es) by appending his signature and indicating his function on the score sheet(s) and decide in case of a protest at the multi-day tournament in first instance,
- take care that the hosting club will forward the result of the match(es) to the MEVZA Office immediately after the end of the match(es)

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Any protest shall mandatory be accompanied by a deposit of 300,00 EUR (three hundred euros) otherwise the protest will not be considered. If the protest is accepted, 75% of the deposited amount shall be refunded to the protesting party. If the protest is not accepted, the deposit remains in MEVZA.

The decision shall be issued by the MEVZA Supervisor at the latest within 3 (three) hours after the end of the day's last match and it shall be notified in writing to all parties concerned within the same 3 (three) hour deadline. The decision taken by the MEVZA Supervisor about the protest shall be definitive.

In case the MEVZA Supervisor is not nominated, his duties are fulfilled by the First Referee.

### 15.5. MEL RESPONSIBLE PERSONS' CONTACTS

| Function | Name and Surname | E mail | Phone number |
|---|---|---|---|
| Head of Volleyball Competitons | Marek PROKES | marek.prokes@mevza.org | +421 903 728 770 |
| Head of referees and officials' delegation | Laszlo HERPAI | laszlo.herpai@mevza.org | +36 309 771 832 |
| Data Project coordinator | Ziga KOS | ziga.kos@gmail.com | +38 640 344 0425 |

## 16. PROTESTS

Any protests regarding the running of a match or against the participation of a player or a club, must be entered in the score sheet and signed by the team captain.
The protest during the single match must be confirmed by the club within 48 hours after the match by a registered mail to the MEVZA office. The letter must be written in English and sent through the NF of the protesting club. At the same time, an amount of 300.00 € (three hundred euros) must be paid to MEVZA's account, otherwise the protest will not be considered.

If the protest is accepted, 75% of the deposited amount shall be refunded to the protesting party. If the protest is not accepted, the deposit remains in MEVZA.

Once a protest is formally notified, the MEVZA Supervisor shall be bound - from the competition site, without any delay and using the quickest way of communication – to transmit the scoresheet as well as his/her own written report (which shall only refer to the items raised in the protest) to the MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions.

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The MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions, together with the MEVZA Sports Organising Commission and the MEVZA Head of Refereeing Commission and Officials' Delegation (HRO), shall decide on protests in the first instance. The MEVZA Executive Committee shall make the final decision.

Everything that is not regulated by these Official Communications, the provisions of the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations, which regulate the subject matter of the protest, will be applied appropriately.

# 17. DISCLIPLINARY SANCTIONS

## 17.1. WITHDRAWAL / FORFEIT OF A TEAM

A team withdrawing either officially or by forfeit from the MEL after the formal acknowledgment of its registration by the MEVZA, shall be penalized. In addition, the team will automatically and irrevocably lose the right to participate in the rest of the competition of the on-going season, as well as in the two following competition seasons of the Middle European club competition for which it qualifies to compete.

## 17.2. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT /BEHAVIOUR

Any player or member of a delegation who commits disqualifying or anti-sporting 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 that his/her own NF may also impose.

## 17.3. MISSING A MATCH

A club missing a match of the MEL shall be penalized according to the financial sanctions laid down in these regulations.

# 18. FINES AND TABLE OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS

As a matter of principle, financial sanctions for a club which are not foreseen in these regulations or laid down in the MEL Official Communications are the same as those in its own NF in a similar case.

## 18.1. WITHDRAWAL / FORFEIT OF A CLUB

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

## 18.2. NON-RESPECT OF THE MEL 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.

## 18.3. OTHER

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

## 18.4. TABLE OF FINANCIAL SANCTIONS

| REFERENCE TO ART. No. | | SANCTIONS |
|---|---|---|
| 3. | Withdrawal after the registration | 3.000,00 € |
| 5.2. | Not branding the MEL competition with the MEVZA logo, per match | 500,00 € |
| 5.2. | Not respecting the Official Court Layout of the MEL, per match | 1.000,00 € |
| 6.1.<br>6.3.<br>13. | Charge for not paying an invoice within the given deadline | 100,00 € |
| 7. | Withdrawal after the drawing of lots/presentation of match calendar | 10.000,00 € |
| 7. | Withdrawal after the beginning of the competition | 15.000,00 € |
| 8.2. | Not providing the live stream, per match | 500,00 € |
| 8.3. | VideoSharing video is not uploaded 24 hours after the match, per match | 500,00 € |
| 9. | Not communicating and sending the results right after the end of the match on the competition day, per match | 500,00 € |
| 9. | Not providing MEVZA with live scoring and/or uploading the match statistics right after the end of the match on the competition day, per match | 500,00 € |
| 9. | Not sending the score sheet on 1st working day after the match, per match | 50,00 € |
| 9. | Not sending the Supervisor´s Report on 1st working day after the match, per match | 50,00 € |
| 16.2. | Expulsion (Red + yellow card) for one set | 200,00 € |
| 16.2. | Disqualification (Red + yellow card) from the court until the end of the match | 500,00 € |

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| | | + one match suspension |
| 16.3. | Missing one match | 6.000,00 € |
| 17.2. | Participating in the match with less than 10 players | 250,00 € Per player per match |

## 19. CASES NOT FORESEEN

All cases not foreseen in these Official Communications shall be settled by the MEVZA Executive Committee after consultation with the MEVZA Head of Volleyball Competitions and MEVZA Head of Refereeing Commission and Officials' Delegation.

## 20. VALIDITY OF REGULATIONS

All Regulations laid down in this document have been drafted, revised and confirmed by the MEVZA Executive Committee, and shall be valid throughout the competition season 2026/27.

After the publication of this Document, new MEL Official Communications will follow to determine the final competition calendar, participating teams, composition of groups and other necessary information, after which no additional changes to this MEL Official Communication shall be possible.