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1. Introduction

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.

2. Participants

The following teams will participate in MEL 2026/27 in Men and Women Competition.

Men

Seed	Club	NF	Status	League Position	CEV NF Ranking	CEV Competition
1	Mladost ZAGREB	CRO	MEVZA Member	1	25	Champions League
2	Fino KAPOSVAR	HUN	MEVZA Member	1	27	Champions League
3	MOK Mursa OSIJEK	CRO	MEVZA Member	2	25	Challenge Cup
4	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR	HUN	MEVZA Member	2	27	Challenge Cup
5	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB	AUT	MEVZA Member	4	30	Challenge Cup
6	OK I-Vent MARIBOR	SLO	MEVZA Member	6	4	Challenge Cup
7	Epicentr - Podolyany	UKR	Guest Member	1	15	Challenge Cup
8	Budva BUDVA	MNE	Guest Member	1	33	Challenge Cup
9	Buducnost PODGORICA	MNE	Guest Member	2	33	Challenge Cup

Women

Seed	Club	NF	Status	League Position	CEV NF Ranking	CEV Competition
1	OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR MARIBOR	SLO	MEVZA Member	1	12	Champions League
2	Mladost ZAGREB	CRO	MEVZA	1	23	Champions League
3	ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA	CRO	MEVZA	3	23	CEV Cup
4	OK Dinamo ZAGREB	CRO	MEVZA	5	23	Challenge Cup
5	OK HERCEG NOVI	MNE	Guest Member	1	27	Champions League
6	Buducnost PODGORICA	MNE	Guest Member	3	27	Challenge Cup

Applied Seeding Criteria

1. MEVZA Members are seeded before Guest Members.
2. Within each category (MEVZA Member / Guest Member), clubs are grouped according to their final standing in the domestic league (2025/2026).
3. Where two or more clubs have the same league standing, the current CEV Senior Continental Ranking of the respective National Federation is applied.

3. Competition Format

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

League Phase:

- The League Phase shall consist of four (4) tournament rounds.
- Each League Round tournament shall be hosted by one participating club (hereinafter referred to as the “Organizer”) and shall consist of three (3) participating teams. The Organizer shall play its matches on the first and third competition day of the tournament.
- Each participating team shall organize at least one (1) League Round tournament during the League Phase.
- In the Men’s competition, each team shall play against every other participating team at least once during the League Phase.
- In the Women’s competition, each team shall play against every other participating team at least once, with some opponents being played twice, according to the official competition schedule.

Final round:

The three (3) highest-ranked teams after the League Phase, together with the approved Final Four Organizer, shall qualify for the Final Four.

- If the Final Four Organizer finishes among the top three (3) teams after the League Phase, the 4th ranked team shall also qualify for the Final Four.
- If the Final Four Organizer finishes in 4th place or lower, the three (3) highest-ranked teams and the Final Four Organizer shall qualify. In this case, the Final Four Organizer shall take the 4th position in the Final Four bracket, regardless of its final ranking after the League Phase.

The Final Four shall be played as follows:

- Semi-Final 1: 2nd ranked qualified team vs. 3rd ranked qualified team
- Semi-Final 2: 1st ranked qualified team vs. 4th ranked qualified team / Final Four Organizer

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

4. Competition Calendar

The reserved periods in which the competition will take place are:

League Phase (Women)

- 1st Tournament 16–18 October 2026
- 2nd Tournament 17–19 November 2026
- 3rd Tournament 08–10 December 2026
- 4th Tournament 09–11 February 2027

Final Phase

- MEVZA Final Four Women 02–04 March 2027

League Phase (Men)

- 1st Tournament 01–03 December 2026
- 2nd Tournament 28–30 December 2026
- 3rd Tournament 02–04 February 2027
- 4th Tournament 23–25 February 2027

Final Phase

- MEVZA Final Four Men 16–18 March 2027

5. League Round Matches Schedule

MEVZA League 2026/27 – Men's League Phase

Week #1 01-03 December 2026			
	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
Organiser	Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK (in	Fino KAPOSVAR	MOK Mursa OSIJEK
Opponents	Mladost ZAGREB	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB	OK I-Vent MARIBOR
	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR	Budva BUDVA	Buducnost PODGORICA
Match Day 1	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR vs	Budva BUDVA vs Fino KAPOSVAR	Buducnost PODGORICA vs MOK Mursa OSIJEK
Match Day 2	Mladost ZAGREB vs MÁV Előre Foxconn	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB vs Budva BUDVA	OK I-Vent MARIBOR vs Buducnost PODGORICA
Match Day 3	Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK vs	Fino KAPOSVAR vs SK Zadruga AICH/DOB	MOK Mursa OSIJEK vs OK I-Vent MARIBOR

Week #2 28-30 December 2026			
	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
Organiser	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB	OK I-Vent MARIBOR	Budva BUDVA
Opponents	Mladost ZAGREB	Fino KAPOSVAR	MOK Mursa OSIJEK
	Buducnost PODGORICA	Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR
Match Day 1	Buducnost PODGORICA vs SK Zadruga AICH/DOB	Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK vs	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR vs
Match Day 2	Mladost ZAGREB vs Buducnost PODGORICA	Fino KAPOSVAR vs Epicentr - Podolyany	MOK Mursa OSIJEK vs MÁV Előre Foxconn
Match Day 3	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB vs Mladost ZAGREB	OK I-Vent MARIBOR vs Fino KAPOSVAR	Budva BUDVA vs MOK Mursa OSIJEK

Week #3 02-04 February 2027			
	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
Organiser	Mladost ZAGREB	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR	Buducnost PODGORICA
Opponents	Fino KAPOSVAR	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB	Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK
	MOK Mursa OSIJEK	OK I-Vent MARIBOR	Budva BUDVA
Match Day 1	MOK Mursa OSIJEK vs Mladost ZAGREB	OK I-Vent MARIBOR vs MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR	Budva BUDVA vs Buducnost PODGORICA
Match Day 2	Fino KAPOSVAR vs MOK Mursa OSIJEK	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB vs OK I-Vent MARIBOR	Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK vs Budva BUDVA
Match Day 3	Mladost ZAGREB vs Fino KAPOSVAR	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR vs SK Zadruga AICH/DOB	Buducnost PODGORICA vs Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK

Week #4 23-25 February 2027			
	Tournament 1	Tournament 2	Tournament 3
Organiser	Mladost ZAGREB	Fino KAPOSVAR	MOK Mursa OSIJEK
Opponents	OK I-Vent MARIBOR	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB
	Budva BUDVA	Buducnost PODGORICA	Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK
Match Day 1	Budva BUDVA vs Mladost ZAGREB	Buducnost PODGORICA vs Fino KAPOSVAR	Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK vs MOK Mursa OSIJEK
Match Day 2	OK I-Vent MARIBOR vs Budva BUDVA	MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR vs Buducnost PODGORICA	SK Zadruga AICH/DOB vs Epicentr - Podolyany HORODOK
Match Day 3	Mladost ZAGREB vs OK I-Vent MARIBOR	Fino KAPOSVAR vs MÁV Előre Foxconn SZÉKESFEHÉRVÁR	MOK Mursa OSIJEK vs SK Zadruga AICH/DOB

MEVZA League 2026/27 – Women's League Phase

	Week #1 09–11 October 2027	Week #2 17–19 November 2026
	Tournament 1	Tournament 2
Organiser	OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR	ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA
Opponents	Mladost ZAGREB	OK HERCEG NOVI
	ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA	Buducnost PODGORICA
Match Day 1	OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR vs ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA	ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA vs OK HERCEG NOVI
Match Day 2	Mladost ZAGREB vs ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA	OK HERCEG NOVI vs Buducnost PODGORICA
Match Day 3	OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR vs Mladost ZAGREB	ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA vs Buducnost PODGORICA
Individual Match	x	ŽOK Ribola KAŠTELA vs OK Dinamo (date by mutual agreement)

	Week #3 08–10 December 2026	Week #4 9–11 February 2027
	Tournament 2	Tournament 4
Organiser	OK Dinamo	Mladost ZAGREB
Opponents	OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR	OK Dinamo
	OK HERCEG NOVI	Buducnost PODGORICA
Match Day 1	OK Dinamo vs OK HERCEG NOVI	Mladost ZAGREB vs Buducnost PODGORICA
Match Day 2	OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR vs OK HERCEG NOVI	OK Dinamo vs Buducnost PODGORICA
Match Day 3	OK Dinamo vs OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR	Mladost ZAGREB vs OK Dinamo
Individual Match	Mladost ZAGREB vs OK HERCEG NOVI	OTP Banka Branik MARIBOR vs Buducnost PODGORICA

6. Bidding for the Final Four Organisers

The bidding process for the organisation of the Final Four Tournament for each gender is open for all participating federations. The bidding documents will be communicated in next Official Communication.

7. MEL Regulation

All MEL competitions in the 2026/27 season shall be conducted in accordance with the approved MEL Regulations 2026/27.

In case of any situation not covered by the valid MEL Regulations, the final decision shall be taken by the MEVZA Executive Committee.

The valid MEL Regulations 2026/27 are published on the MEVZA website and are available at the following link:

https://mevza.org/live/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/MEL-Official-Regulation-2026_2027.pdf

8. 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 and dates of Individuals 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: - Club logo (.jpg format) - Uniform colors (shirts and shorts); all sets - Official Team photo (.jpg format) - 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

9. Contact List

The up-to-date contact list of all teams is published on the MEVZA website and is available at the following link:

<https://mevza.org/live/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/MEL-Contact-List-MEL-2026-27-26-08-07-2.pdf>