CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024

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1.   General Information

After closing the registration process, we are able to release this document in order to update all participants regarding:

- Teams registered for participation in the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 Men & Women respectively
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- Updates in terms of marketing and commercial rights
- Useful information regarding the competition official branding.

2.   Participants

The confirmed list of participants for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 Men reads as follows:

No.	CEV Ranking	National Federation	Remarks
1	9	UKR	
2	11	BEL	
3	12	POR	
4	13	CZE	
5	14	ROU	
6	15	FIN	
7	16	CRO	
8	17	ESP	
9	21	MKD	
10	23	EST	
11	25	LUX	
12	26	AZE	

The confirmed list of participants for the CEV Volleyball European Golden League 2024 Women reads as follows:

No.	CEV Ranking	National Federation	Remarks
1	8	UKR	
2	10	BEL	
3	11	CZE	Final Four Organiser
4	12	SVK	
5	13	SLO	
6	14	SWE	
7	16	ESP	
8	18	ROU	
9	19	CRO	
10	20	AZE	
11	21	AUT	
12	29	EST	2023 Silver League Winners

3. League Round Matches Schedule

The Men's League Round Tournaments and relevant matches are scheduled as follows:

	1st weekend 17 – 19.05.2024			
	Tournament 1	**Tournament 2**	**Tournament 3**	**Tournament 4**
Organiser	AZE (12)	MKD (9)	FIN (6)	POR (3)
Opponents	UKR (1)	CZE (4)	BEL (2)	ESP (8)
	ROU (5)	EST (10)	CRO (7)	LUX (11)
Match Day 1	ROU (5) vs AZE (12)	EST (10) vs MKD (9)	CRO (7) vs FIN (6)	LUX (11) vs POR (3)
Match Day 2	UKR (1) vs ROU (5)	CZE (4) vs EST (10)	BEL (2) vs CRO (7)	ESP (8) vs LUX (11)
Match Day 3	AZE (12) vs UKR (1)	MKD (9) vs CZE (4)	FIN (6) vs BEL (2)	POR (3) vs ESP (8)

	2nd weekend 24 – 26.05.2024			
	Tournament 5	**Tournament 6**	**Tournament 7**	**Tournament 8**
Organiser	LUX (11)	ESP (8)	ROU (5)	BEL (2)
Opponents	CZE (4)	FIN (6)	POR (3)	AZE (12)
	UKR (1)	EST (10)	CRO (7)	MKD (9)
Match Day 1	CZE (4) vs LUX (11)	EST (10) vs ESP (8)	CRO (7) vs ROU (5)	AZE (12) vs BEL (2)
Match Day 2	UKR (1) vs CZE (4)	FIN (6) vs EST (10)	POR (3) vs CRO (7)	MKD (9) vs AZE (12)
Match Day 3	LUX (11) vs UKR (1)	ESP (8) vs FIN (6)	ROU (5) vs POR (3)	BEL (2) vs MKD (9)

	3rd weekend 31.05 – 02.06.2024			
	Tournament 9	**Tournament 10**	**Tournament 11**	**Tournament 12**
Organiser	EST (10)	CRO (7)	CZE (4)	*UKR (1)
Opponents	LUX (11)	ESP (8)	ROU (5)	BEL (2)
	AZE (12)	MKD (9)	FIN (6)	POR (3)
Match Day 1	AZE (12) vs EST (10)	MKD (9) vs CRO (7)	FIN (6) vs CZE (4)	POR (3) vs UKR (1)
Match Day 2	LUX (11) vs AZE (12)	ESP (8) vs MKD (9)	ROU (5) vs FIN (6)	BEL (2) vs POR (3)
Match Day 3	EST (10) vs LUX (11)	CRO (7) vs ESP (8)	CZE (4) vs ROU (5)	UKR (1) vs BEL (2)

*UKR – Please notice that due to the current situation, the men's national team of Ukraine is not able to play their home matches in their country. Therefore, the matches of Tournament 12 will be played on a neutral ground. The venue will be announced **no later than by Friday, 1st March 2024.**

The Women's Tournaments and respective matches are scheduled as follows:

1st weekend 17 – 19.05.2024				
	Tournament 1	**Tournament 2**	**Tournament 3**	**Tournament 4**
Organiser	EST (12)	CRO (9)	SWE (6)	CZE (3)
Opponents	UKR (1)	SVK (4)	BEL (2)	ROU (8)
	SLO (5)	AZE (10)	ESP (7)	AUT (11)
Match Day 1	SLO (5) vs EST (12)	AZE (10) vs CRO (9)	ESP (7) vs SWE (6)	AUT (11) vs CZE (3)
Match Day 2	UKR (1) vs SLO (5)	SVK (4) vs AZE (10)	BEL (2) vs ESP (7)	ROU (8) vs AUT (11)
Match Day 3	EST (12) vs UKR (1)	CRO (9) vs SVK (4)	SWE (6) vs BEL (2)	CZE (3) vs ROU (8)

2nd weekend 24 – 26.05.2024				
	Tournament 5	**Tournament 6**	**Tournament 7**	**Tournament 8**
Organiser	AUT (11)	ROU (8)	SLO (5)	BEL (2)
Opponents	UKR (1)	SWE (6)	CZE (3)	CRO (9)
	SVK (4)	AZE (10)	ESP (7)	EST (12)
Match Day 1	SVK (4) vs AUT (11)	AZE (10) vs ROU (8)	ESP (7) vs SLO (5)	EST (12) vs BEL (2)
Match Day 2	UKR (1) vs SVK (4)	SWE (6) vs AZE (10)	CZE (3) vs ESP (7)	CRO (9) vs EST (12)
Match Day 3	AUT (11) vs UKR (1)	ROU (8) vs SWE (6)	SLO (5) vs CZE (3)	BEL (2) vs CRO (9)

3rd weekend 31.05 – 02.06.2024				
	Tournament 9	**Tournament 10**	**Tournament 11**	**Tournament 12**
Organiser	AZE (10)	ESP (7)	SVK (4)	*UKR (1)
Opponents	AUT (11)	ROU (8)	SLO (5)	BEL (2)
	EST (12)	CRO (9)	SWE (6)	CZE (3)
Match Day 1	EST (12) vs AZE (10)	CRO (9) vs ESP (7)	SWE (6) vs SVK (4)	CZE (3) vs UKR (1)
Match Day 2	AUT (11) vs EST (12)	ROU (8) vs CRO (9)	SLO (5) vs SWE (6)	BEL (2) vs CZE (3)
Match Day 3	AZE (10) vs AUT (11)	ESP (7) vs ROU (8)	SVK (4) vs SLO (5)	UKR (1) vs BEL (2)

*UKR – Please notice that due to the current situation, the women's national team of Ukraine is not able to play their home matches in their country. Therefore, the of Tournament 12 matches will be played on a neutral ground. The venue will be announced **no later than by Friday, 1st March 2024.**

4. Final Phase competition system

<u>Final Phase Men – Final Four Tournament or Home & Away Matches (if no Final Four Organiser)</u>

If a Final Four tournament is organised, it will follow these principles:

The seeding of the Host Team will depend on their place in the final standing at the end of the League Round. If the Host Team is among the four highest ranked teams, they will be placed according to their place in the League Round final standing. If the Host Team finishes lower than fourth, the Host Team will replace the 4th ranked team.

The starting time of the semi-final matches will be confirmed in coordination with the local organisers and the CEV media agency.

General principles:

Semi-Final 1:   2nd Ranked team – 3rd Ranked team
Semi-Final 2:   1st Ranked team – 4th Ranked team

Final Matches:

3rd place match: Loser Semi-Final 1 – Loser Semi-Final 2
1st place match: Winner Semi-Final 1 – Winner Semi-Final 2

If there is no Final Four tournament, the competition will continue as follows:

Home Matches	Semi-Final 1	3rd Ranked team – 2nd Ranked team	Thursday, 6th June 2024
	Semi-Final 3	4th Ranked team – 1st Ranked team	Thursday, 6th June 2024
Away Matches	Semi-Final 2	2nd Ranked team – 3rd Ranked team	Sunday, 9th June 2024
	Semi-Final 4	1st Ranked team – 4th Ranked team	Sunday, 9th June 2024
Home Match	Final	Winner Semi-Final 1/2 – Winner Semi-Final 3/4	Thursday, 13th June 2024
Away Match	Final	Winner Semi-Final 3/4 – Winner Semi-Final 1/2	Sunday, 16th June 2024

<u>Final Phase Women – Final Four Tournament in CZE (venue TBC)</u>

General principles:

Semi-Final 1:   2nd Ranked team – 3rd Ranked team
Semi-Final 2:   1st Ranked team – 4th Ranked team

The match to be played by the CZE national team (as Host Team) depends on their place in the final standing after the end of the League Round. If CZE will be among the four highest ranked teams, Team CZE will be placed according to their position in the final standing of the League Round. If Team CZE finishes lower than fourth, they will replace the 4th ranked team.
The starting time of the semi-final matches will be confirmed in coordination with the local organisers and the CEV media agency.

Final Matches:

3rd place match: Loser Semi-Final 1 – Loser Semi-Final 2
1st place match: Winner Semi-Final 1 – Winner Semi-Final 2

5. Administrative deadlines

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
Application for advertising on uniforms	April 12th 2024	If applicable, all participating National Federations having advertisement on team uniforms are required to request the Certificate of Approval for advertising on uniforms.	The form can be found inside the CEV database "download area" and must be sent to: marketing@cev.eu
LED system application form (if used by Organiser for League Round) **& mandatory for Final Phase matches**	April 19th 2024 for League Round May 31st 2024 for Final Phase	Organising National federations can apply for the use of LED system around the court.	The form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud: https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20
PLAYER LICENSES (minimum 14 players)	April 15th 2024	All participating National Federations are required to register all potential players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database.
PLAYER LICENSES (remaining players)	May 29th 2024	All participating National Federations are required to register any additional players by applying for player licenses using the CEV 04 form within the set deadline.	The CEV 04 Form can be found inside the CEV Database under: Federation Area – Form List for each National Federations.
PLAYERS 'LONG LIST' CEV 05 Form	10 to 14 days before the respective tournament	All participating National Federations are required to duly complete and close the CEV 05 Form ('TEAM REGISTRATION').	The CEV 05 Form can be found inside the NF user areas of the CEV Database under: Federation Area – Form List. After it is approved, the CEV 05bis will be automatically created listing up to 14 players confirmed for the respective tournament.
COMPETITION HANDBOOK	On the arrival of the Teams and CEV Officials at the Competition Site	Organisers are obliged to issue a Competition Handbook. The Competition Handbook can only be released after it has been approved by the	

Item:	Deadline:	Action:	Other information:
		appointed CEV Supervisor.	
CEV 05bis Form	Before each team's Preliminary Inquiry	Before attending their PI, each team must complete and close the CEV 05bis form inside the CEV database. (FINAL TEAM REGISTRATION)	

For further information on any meetings required onsite, please see the CEV Volleyball Competitions Regulations and the Volleyball Guidelines for National Team Competitions.

Meeting	When	Main items to be covered
GENERAL ORGANISATION MEETING	On the arrival day of the CEV Supervisor	• Introduction • Information about the Competition Site(s) • Time schedule for pre-competition days • General Items • Financial Matters • Can be linked with the 'INITIAL COMPETITION HALL INSPECTION'
TEAM PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES	On the arrival day of the teams	• Final team/player participation • Accreditation Cards (*if applicable*) • Team Uniforms • Advertising on Team Uniforms Certificate • Health Certificates (M-3 Forms) • Anti-Doping Diplomas (FIVB Play Clean) • FIVB Manipulaton Course (certificates) • Team Medical Doctor/Team Physiotherapist accreditations *Note: the Team Manager must have its National Federation's login credentials for the CEV database in order to "sign" the relevant forms.*

6.   Challenge System

In case an organiser will be using the Challenge System for the League Round, they must inform the CEV Office (referee@cev.eu) accordingly, **no later than by Friday, 1ˢᵗ March 2024.**

7. Marketing & Commercial Rights

Marketing and commercial rights were shared through the Official communication n°1.

The use of the LED system boarding is optional for League Round matches, but mandatory for semi-final, final and Final Four matches.

Court layout commercial rights: see the layout and check carefully all court layout conditions:

- Net Advertising: 100 % CEV (net band remains empty)
- Net Post Advertising: 100 % CEV (net post covers remain empty)
- Referee chair advertising: 20 % CEV, 80 % NF or 100% empty (CEV approval required)
- Scorer table: NF
- Player benches advertising (backside): NF
- Floor-stickers: 4 positions for NF. In case only 2 are used, they must be symmetrical (2 positions have been ceded by CEV to NF: F1 and F6)
- Floor stickers F3 and F4 are mandatory and have to always be displayed together (5m x 1m)
- Static advertising around the court: see commercial court layout
- In case of LED System use: visibility split is 20% CEV, 80 % NF
  - ➔ The LED playlist (after the LED system application is approved) has to be downloaded from the CEV Cloud, completed and uploaded into the NF folder for CEV approval, please send an email to marketing@cev.eu to inform us about the upload and to seek approval).

CEV protected product categories:

- Betting & gambling*
- Sports equipment: Volleyballs

*For the avoidance of doubt, although the "Betting & gambling services" sector and/or category is reserved by the CEV, the Organiser may exploit, based on prior agreement of the CEV, the category for the "National lottery", provided that their sports betting operations are in no way presented under the same brand as their National lottery operations. Thus, gambling and betting services are prohibited and the category will not be released by the CEV. The CEV partner is the ultimate betting rights holder on a global basis in relation to the CEV Competitions.

Exception: Participating teams may position one sponsor logo of the "betting & gambling" category on the official player jersey. Approval will be given through the certificate for advertising on uniforms.

Organisers wishing to acquire "betting & gambling" advertising rights shall contact the CEV partner AMI as stipulated in the Official Communication n°1.

Approval procedure for LED system playlist (only after the LED system application is approved):

- ➢ List of all sponsors with brand name, product category, website, to be uploaded into the Organiser folder on the CEV Cloud.
- ➢ LED playlist duly filled in to be uploaded into the folder as well.
- ➢ Email to be sent to marketing@cev.eu to notify CEV of the upload
- ➢ The files will be approved on the CEV Cloud directly.
- ➢ In case any changes need to be made, organisers will be informed by email.
- ➢ NO FILES ARE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL.

8. Branding and Graphics

The CEV Cloud is an optimised file sharing and storage solution.
All Organisers have direct access to all resources via a web service interface. The CEV Cloud supports drag and drop file managing. **No logins or passwords are needed.**

Special links take you directly to the CEV online Competition storage with two main folders:

Download, which contains all necessary files / templates you need to use for production of any possible material related to the competition: https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown

and

Upload, where all files have to be uploaded, checked and approved by CEV before producing. After uploading any files, the Graphics Department (graphics@cev.eu) has to be notified via a short e-mail. No automatic notification is sent to the CEV Office when files are uploaded. The upload folder is structured by organisers: https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl

Graphics whose production is mandatory:
- Court banners in case of static court layout
- Backdrop
- Poster (printed or electronic versions)
- Podiums (for Final Four or final away match in case there is no Final Four)

If any additional graphics (social media, web promotions, billboards, etc.) are used, they must also be approved in the same way as described above.

All graphics (Banner, Net, backdrop, poster, etc.) shall be downloaded from the CEV Cloud
https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsdown
Branding guidelines published on the CEV cloud must be followed by all organisers.

The CEV institutional brand can be downloaded from the CEV Cloud as well:
https://cloud.cev.eu/url/cevbranding.

LED system information:

Using of LED system boarding:
- League Phase matches – optional
- Final Four – mandatory
- Semi-Final and Final matches – mandatory

The LED system application form must be downloaded from the download folder in the CEV Cloud
https://cloud.cev.eu/url/ledapplform20
(We recommend reading all the requirements for the use of the LED system and all the information in the application very carefully).

A fully compiled form must be uploaded to the CEV Cloud into your respective folder
https://cloud.cev.eu/url/natteamsupl **by 19th April 2024.** When uploaded, please send an email to graphics@cev.eu to inform us and request approval.
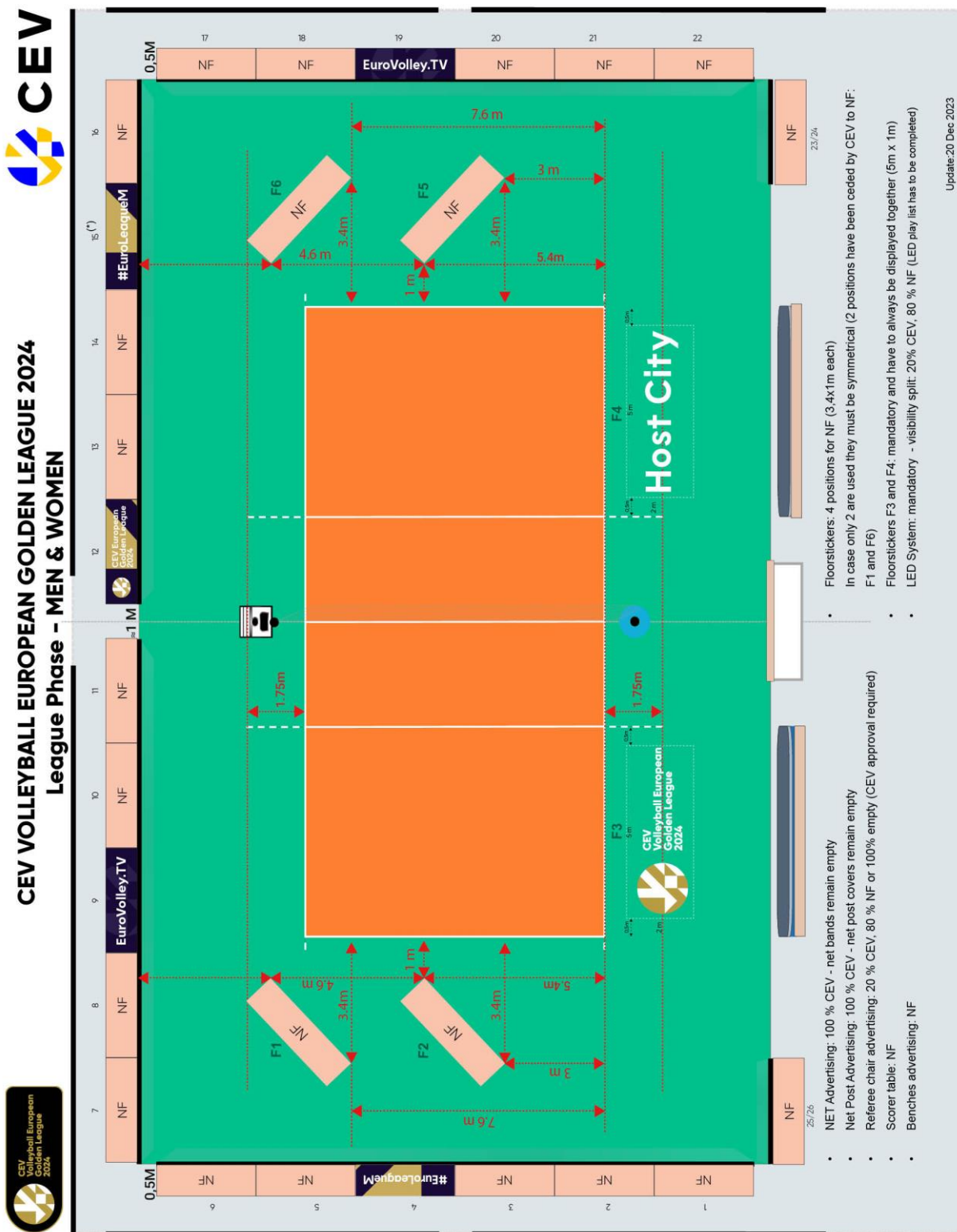
Approval procedure for any branding material:

➢ If not already done so for the LED system, the list of all sponsors with brand name, product category, website, to be uploaded into the Organiser folder on the CEV Cloud.
➢ Branding files /graphics to be uploaded into the folder as well.
➢ Email to be sent to graphics@cev.eu to inform us about the upload.

- ➢ The files will be approved on the CEV Cloud directly.
- ➢ In case any changes need to be made, organisers will be informed by email.
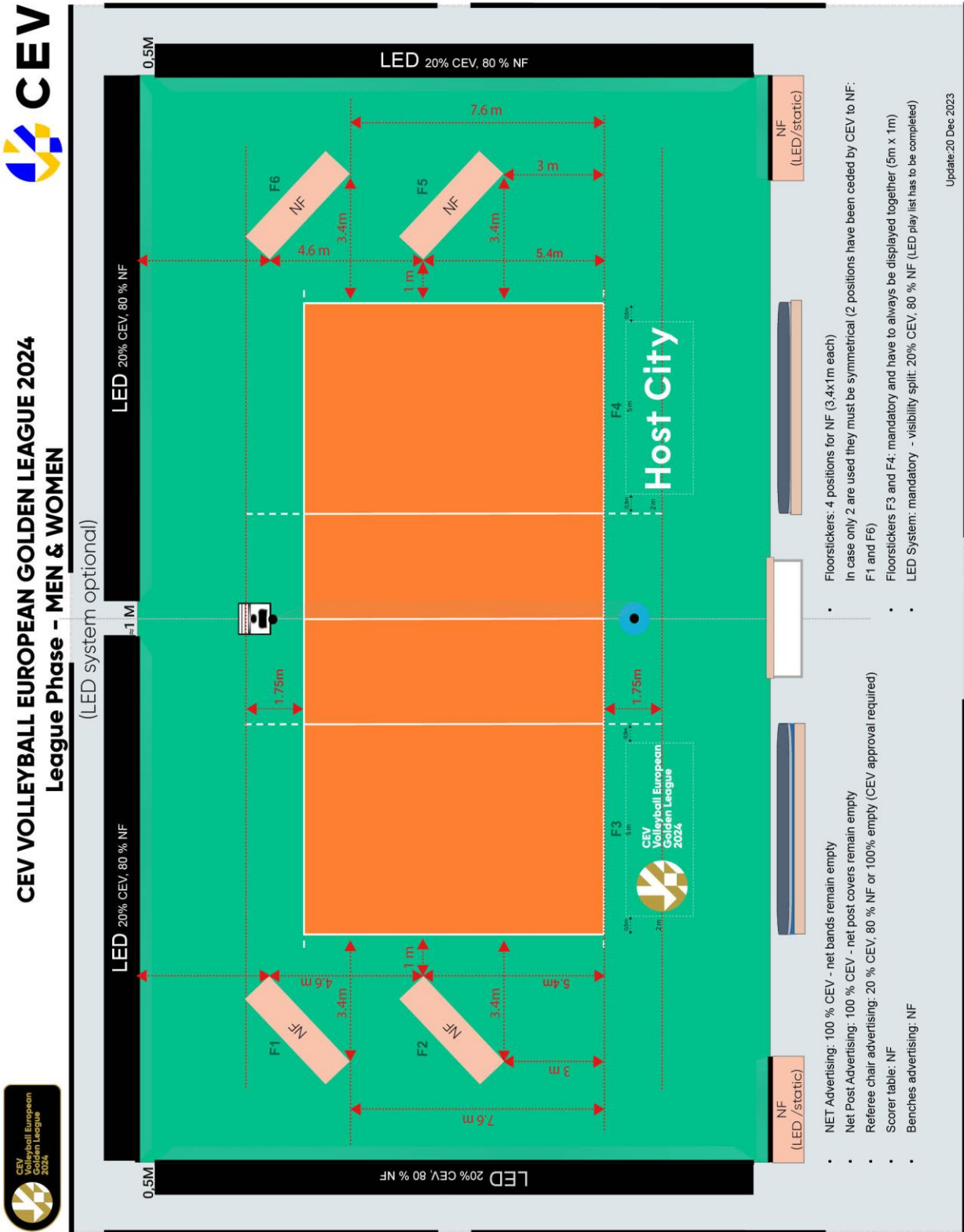- ➢ NO FILES ARE ACCEPTED BY EMAIL.

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- Scorer table: NF
- Benches advertising: NF

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