



2021-2022 PVE EuroLeague Competition

Men & Women

General Regulations

The PVE EuroLeague competition is open to Club teams registered with their member nations. PVE Member Nations "in good standing" are eligible to apply for their clubs to participate in and host the PVE EuroLeague competition.

There will be two separate competitions, one for each gender. Member nations/national responsible bodies/clubs can apply to host either a men's or women's event separately or apply to host both genders together.

National Federations/Associations who are not WPV members in the European Zone are also encouraged to apply. PVE will contact these new members to discuss the process to become WPV members.

Conditions

Competition

Each EuroLeague competition will be played over a number of rounds according to the number of teams applying to take part in this event. The minimum number of teams required to be able to play this competition is 3, whilst the maximum number of teams is 48.

It is envisaged that for this first season, 2021-2022, the number of clubs taking part will require a minimum of 3 rounds including the qualifying rounds and final round. More information regarding the competition system can be found in this document.

The PVE Sport Department reserves the right to reduce the number of rounds as proposed in this document according to the number of teams taking part. The proposed programme for the qualifying and final rounds is as follows:

January to March 2022	First Qualifying Round
April to May 2022	Second Qualifying Round
June 2022	Final Round

A draft Competition weekend would be structured as follows:

Friday by 12pm *	Latest arrival of PVE ITOs, Teams and NTOs
Friday morning/afternoon	Classification/Medical Consultancy Preliminary Inquiry
Friday afternoon	PVE Technical Meeting
Friday evening (if necessary), Saturday & Sunday	Opening Ceremony Competition Days, Awards Ceremony
Sunday after 3pm/Monday	Departure Days

*Should official classification be done, teams/players might need to arrive earlier than Friday.

The qualifying groups, tournament structure, match schedule and hosts will be determined through a **Drawing of Lots** taking place after the deadline for the NFs and national responsible bodies to submit the **Club Teams Entry Forms** and the **Form N2 - Expression of Interest**, but no later than **31st December 2021**. The PVE Sports Department reserves the right to propose the structure of the competitions after the Club Teams Entry Forms have been received.

Club teams withdrawing after the Drawing of Lots has been done will incur a PVE penalty fee of **€1,000.00** which will result in the member nation not being "in good standing" until the penalty fee is paid.

Should no organisers be available for a particular pool, PVE will issue another call for Hosts after 1st January 2022.

The host club of the Final Round is guaranteed a place in the Final round; however, the team would need to take part in the preliminary rounds as well.

Teams Eligibility:

The club team is eligible to play if:

- The **PVE Club Teams Entry Form** is submitted by the National Federation by **12th December 2021**.
- The **PVE Final Team Registration Form** is submitted by the club team by **31st December 2021**.
- The **PVE Final Team Registration Form (licence)** is approved by the PVE Sport Department
- The **Club team registration fee** for the 2021-2022 season is paid by **15th January 2022**.

The Member nation/national responsible body has the right to prevent any club team from participating in the competition based on internal decision, and PVE shall accept the decision as final.

It is the national responsible body's decision which national scheme is to be used to decide which club teams participate in the PVE EuroLeague competition.

A club team which is participating in the PVE Champions Cup can also take part in the PVE EuroLeague competition.

Players' Eligibility:

- *Players can only be registered with **one club team** for the duration of the 2021-2022 European Sitting Volleyball Clubs' Competitions.*
- *Players cannot play with two different teams in two different competitions.*
- *Players who are already registered with a club pertaining to another zone cannot take part as long as the player is still registered with the non-PVE club.*

Sitting Volleyball Regulations:

The competitions shall be played in accordance with the 2022-2024 WPV Official Sitting Volleyball Rules.

However, the minimum number of VS1 players required per team will be as follows:

- *A minimum of 1 VS1 classified player is required on court at all times.*
- *If a team has a Libero the same requirement applies to the team.*

Classification:

It is recommended that all clubs contact their relevant National Federations/NPCs/national bodies to upload medical documentation to the PVSAS database and for players to be approved for the official National competitions.

Medical documentation for new athletes must be uploaded as soon as possible in the PVSAS database. Since this documentation will also be used for other competitions, it is very important that all preparations for classification are finalised immediately. Nations are required to send an email to classifiers@paravolley.eu and classification@worldparavolley.org once this procedure has been finalised for all athletes. All details regarding classification can be found at <https://www.worldparavolley.org/classification/>

Should Classification during the pool tournaments not be possible, PVE will work with WPV to offer the teams the opportunity of an online Medical Consultancy.

*This Medical Consultancy is **NOT** a classification, but a non-binding assessment based on the handbook related to the 2018 WPV classification. Athletes cannot derive any rights towards future classification decisions from this Medical Consultancy. This assessment will be used for eligibility to play in this tournament only.*

Online Medical Consultancies will be done during the week/s preceding the event. Athletes would need to be accompanied by the team doctor/coach/team leader for their appointment.

During the EuroLeague pool rounds, the PVE Medical Department and/or Technical Delegate reserve the right to confirm the players' class and status only by the medical documentation and "on sight" if there is an evidence of a player's VS1 class. The class and status decided as such shall apply only to this competition.

Fees:

PVE Team Registrations for 2021-2022 Clubs Competitions:

Women's & Men's EuroLeagues: €100.00 per participating team

PVE Player Registrations for 2021-2022 Clubs Competitions:

National Federations/Clubs are to register the players on the PVE IT system. The player registration fee is €10.00 per participating player per year. The maximum number of players registered per club is 20 players.

PVE reserves the right to charge an administration fee of €50.00 per player should the NF/Club Admin not register the players correctly.

Fees to be collected by the pool/round host country/club (LOC):

- *Organisation/Administration fee.*
- *Accommodation fee: should the guest club/s accept the host club team's accommodation costs*
- *Transport fee: Transport fees will be charged by the LOC if it needs to organise transport for club teams staying at alternative accommodation.*

Other Expenses:

- *Expenses related to international travel, medical insurance, visas, and team uniforms to be covered by the participating teams.*
- *Each participating team must bring along one WPV Referee (Level 2 or Level 3) or pay to the organisers the cost of one local WPV Referee. Club teams are allowed to invite WPV Referees from their country of origin as long they pay for their travel costs, visas and medical insurance. The PVE Referee Commission would need to approve all the WPV Referees participating in the competition. This decision is to be communicated to the*

pool/round host team to plan for the sufficient number of domestic referees.

Host Clubs Responsibilities

The pool/round host club shall have to cover the following:

- *International and local travel costs, full Board and Accommodation for each ITO nominated by PVE (at minimum 1 Technical Delegate, 1 neutral WPV Referee, Classifiers (if needed)), PVE will try to nominate ITOs from neighbouring countries to reduce costs.*
- *Local travel costs, full board and accommodation for all referees, including local referees*
- *Arrival arrangements for all*
- *Accommodation arrangements for all (guest club teams are allowed to find alternative accommodation on their own)*
- *Event Management*
- *Competition*
- *Departure arrangements for all*
- *Awards costs (at a minimum a Participation diploma for qualifying rounds – design to be provided by PVE; Medals and trophies for the first three classified teams are to be awarded at the end of the Final Round).*
- *First Aid Medical Treatment at the Venue*
- *Water supply during matches and training sessions – an eco-friendly, sustainable method needs to be used instead of plastic water bottles.*
- *Promotion and publicity*
- *National Technical Officials such as Line Judges, Scorers (minimum 2 Line Judges are required for each match) as well as Court Assistants (Quick Moppers and Ball Retrievers)*
- *12 Molten balls per court*

More details about the host club responsibilities can be found in the Form N-2 Expression of Interest – clubs 2021-2022.

1st Round Teams Selection

The EuroLeague competition is open to a maximum of forty-eight (48) teams per gender qualifying through the PVE Rankings (Nations) updated after the last PVE official nations' competition from the previous year (for the 2021-2022 PVE EuroLeague competition, the most up-to-date PVE Nation Rankings are dated November 2021).

Based on the proposed competition formula, 36 club teams will qualify directly according to the PVE National Rankings scheme (see below), whilst 12 other club teams may qualify by application (a first come, first served system will be used for these 12 club teams).

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| <i>1 club team for nations ranked 1st -18th</i> | <i>(in total 18)</i> |
| <i>2nd additional club team for nations ranked 1st -9th</i> | <i>(in total 9)</i> |
| <i>3rd additional club team for nations ranked 1st -6th</i> | <i>(in total 6)</i> |
| <i>4th additional club team for nations ranked 1st -3rd</i> | <i>(in total 3).</i> |

Drawing of Lots for 1st Qualifying Round

- *Maximum 8 pools X 6 teams per pool (A-H).*
- *1st draw (member nations ranked 1st – 18th) starting from A1 to H1, then H2 to A2, then A3 to B3*
- *2nd draw (18 club teams qualified by above-described scheme) starting from C3 to H3, then A4 to H4, then A5 to D5*
- *3rd draw (12 club teams by scheme 'first come first served') starting from E5 to H5, then A6 to H6*

Pool scheme:

A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H	
A1	1 st draw	B1	1 st draw	C1	1 st draw	D1	1 st draw	E1	1 st draw	F1	1 st draw	G1	1 st draw	H1	1 st draw
A2	1 st draw	B2	1 st draw	C2	1 st draw	D2	1 st draw	E2	1 st draw	F2	1 st draw	G2	1 st draw	H2	1 st draw
A3	2 nd draw	B3	2 nd draw	C3	2 nd draw	D3	2 nd draw	E3	2 nd draw	F3	2 nd draw	G3	2 nd draw	H3	2 nd draw
A4	2 nd draw	B4	2 nd draw	C4	2 nd draw	D4	2 nd draw	E4	2 nd draw	F4	2 nd draw	G4	2 nd draw	H4	2 nd draw
A5	2 nd draw	B5	2 nd draw	C5	3 rd draw	D5	3 rd draw	E5	3 rd draw	F5	3 rd draw	G5	3 rd draw	H5	3 rd draw
A6	3 rd draw	B6	3 rd draw	C6	3 rd draw	D6	3 rd draw	E6	3 rd draw	F6	3 rd draw	G6	3 rd draw	H6	3 rd draw

A maximum of two club teams from the same country can play in the same qualifying pool. However, if there are more than 3 teams pertaining to a particular country in the qualifying pools, then this rule may not be used if it is not possible to put all the teams in separate pools.

Competition System

The Competition system explained below takes into consideration the participation of 48 teams. If there are fewer than 48 teams per gender taking part, the PVE Sport Department reserves the right to modify the number of pools/rounds as proposed in this document according to the number of teams taking part.

All pools play on a round robin basis. If there are only three teams in a pool, a double round robin system may be used.

- **First Round** *(maximum 8 pools X maximum 6 teams per pool)*
 - *Host*
 - *5 guest club teams*

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- *Pool winners and 2nd placed teams (max: 16 teams) qualify for the PVE EuroLeague second round (4 pools X 4 teams each)*
- **Second Round (qualifications as per first round pool position)**
 - **PVE EuroLeague Second Round:** *maximum 4 pools X 4 teams each (host + 3 teams):*
 - *Pool winners from these 4 pools qualify for the PVE EuroLeague Final Round (1 pool X 4/5 teams)*
- **Final Round (qualifications as per second round pool position)**
 - **PVE EuroLeague Final Round:** *1 pool X 4/5 teams (host + 3/4 teams – Final Round host is guaranteed place in the Final Round):*
 - *1st placed team is the PVE EuroLeague Champion*
 - *2nd to 4th placed teams play for rankings in the PVE Euro League Final 4*

Ranking Points:

The PVE Sport Department shall award club teams with ranking points as per the ranking points scheme for the Club competitions as described below:

PVE EuroLeague Champion	<i>250</i>
<i>2nd placed PVE EuroLeague Final Round</i>	<i>225</i>
<i>3rd placed PVE EuroLeague Final Round</i>	<i>203</i>
<i>4th placed PVE EuroLeague Final Round</i>	<i>183</i>
<i>5th placed PVE EuroLeague Final Round</i>	<i>165</i>
<i>Teams eliminated from 2nd Round Pools</i>	<i>149</i>
<i>Teams eliminated from 1st Round Pools</i>	<i>135</i>

Note: the PVE EuroLeague competition ranking points shall not be added to PVE Nations Ranking Points.

Education:

It is ParaVolley Europe's intention that events held as part of the 2021-2022 European Sitting Volleyball Clubs' Competitions are also used for education purposes. Host NFs/Clubs may be asked to hold courses before or during the tournaments.

Covid-19:

PVE will take a decision as to whether each pool is to take place or not at least 3 weeks prior to the pool itself.

All participating athletes and officials might be asked to take a Covid-19 PCR test prior to departure from their home country. Only athletes and officials with a negative result will be allowed to gain access to the competition site.

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Club teams will be allowed to change team members (officials and athletes) should any of these have a positive Covid-19 PCR test result.