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**PVE NATIONS LEAGUE**  
**GOLD/SILVER/BRONZE**  
**MEN & WOMEN**



**GENERAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS**



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## INTRODUCTION

*The PVE Nations League competition is open to the Women's and Men's Sitting Volleyball National Teams of the member nations affiliated to PVE/WPV and who respect their obligations and financial responsibilities towards PVE.*

*The PVE Sport Department will allocate the participating teams to the different league groups based on the Final Ranking at the 2021 PVE Sitting Volleyball European Championships held in Kemer (TUR), taking also into consideration the member nations applying to host the different groups.*

*The maximum number of teams per League is six.*

## COMPETITION

- *Participation in the respective Nations League will be through the Team Entry Forms for the 2022 PVE Nations League Men and Women*
- *Member nations can apply to host either a men's or women's tournament separately or apply to host both genders together.*
- *Member nations can apply to host a tournament of a different level to which they belong. In this case, the PVE Sport Department reserves the right to decide which teams will play in the different Nations Leagues according to need.*
- *The PVE Sport Department reserves the right to reduce the number of groups as proposed in this document.*
- *Member nations playing in the Golden or Silver Nations League can also apply to take part with a second team. However, the second team can take part only in the Bronze Nations League, and the players registered to play with one of the teams cannot be registered to play with the other team.*
- *A draft Competition weekend would be structured as follows:*

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

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

## TEAMS ELIGIBILITY

*The national team will be eligible to play if:*

- *The **PVE Teams Entry Form** is submitted by the National Federation by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**.*
- *The **PVE Team Information Form** and the **PVE Final Team Registration Form** as well as any other necessary documentation is submitted by the National Federation in due time.*
- *All the necessary PVE and LOC fees are paid by the deadlines as set by PVE and the LOCs*
- *Should a member nation withdraw its team from the competition after being allocated to one of the groups, the PVE Sports Department will decide on how the Pool will be organised.*
- *The penalty fee for the withdrawal of a National team after the Last Withdrawal date is of **€1,500.00**.*
- *Teams not complying with the Eligibility Rules defined in the PVE Nations Leagues General Regulations and who have not paid the required fees to PVE and the host, will not be allowed to compete.*
- *A team's voluntary withdrawal despite its prior formal entry will be fined by PVE and the team will be obliged to reimburse the Organiser with damages and expenses to the amount determined by the PVE Executive Board.*
- *Voluntary forfeit of a team before or during a match entails its exclusion from the competition with the following consequences:*
  - *from that moment the team must cover its own expenses*
  - *damages and other sanctions may be decided by the PVE Executive Board*

## PLAYERS' ELIGIBILITY

- *The players must have the nationality of the country they represent, justifying it with a passport.*
- *Naturalised players must have been proven residence in the country of their new nationality (passport required) ensuring that they have not been playing for at least two years for the national team of their former country of residence (up to the team arrival day of the competition).*
- *The international player transfers period (if any) shall apply after the last group has played until two weeks before the next PVE Nations League entry deadline. A PVE transfer fee is required.*
- *The maximum number of players approved on the PVE Final Team Registration Forms is 14.*
- *Once the passports have been checked and accepted, including the*



*confirmation of payment of all national team financial obligations to PVE and the host, the PVE Technical Delegate will allow the team's participation to the tournament.*

## COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION

*Each National team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 14 players as detailed on PVE Final Team Registration Form, as well as a maximum of 5 team officials (Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches, Medical Doctor and Physiotherapist) and 1 Head of Delegation. Up to two extra officials and one journalist may be added to the delegation of a team on the condition that the additional expenses have been paid before the tournament.*

*Any changes in the Final Team Registration Form would need to be approved by the Technical Delegate.*

## SITTING VOLLEYBALL REGULATIONS

- *The competitions shall be played in accordance with the 2022-2024 WPV Official Sitting Volleyball Rules. All necessary interpretations will be made before the different Tournaments during the Technical Meeting.*
- *However, the minimum number of VS1 players required per team will be as follows:*
  - *Golden Nations League*
    - *Men: A minimum of 5 VS1 classified players*
    - *Women: A minimum of 4 VS1 classified players*
  - *Silver Nations League*
    - *Men: A minimum of 4 VS1 classified players*
    - *Women: A minimum of 3 VS1 classified players*
  - *Bronze Nations League:*
    - *Men: A minimum of 3 VS1 classified players*
    - *Women: A minimum of 2 VS1 classified players*
  - *New Nations League*
    - *The requirements for New Nations will be specified in the Specific regulations.*
- *The above-mentioned minimum number would need to be adhered to even when the Libero is on court.*
- *There will be a 25% decrease of awarded ranking points for every non-eligible player entering the competition.*
- *The Molten V5M5000 will be the official ball for this competition.*
- *The team can appoint a different Libero player for each match ensuring*



*that the Technical Delegate is informed about the appointment at least one hour before the next match.*

## CLASSIFICATION

- It is recommended that all national teams 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](mailto:classifiers@paravolley.eu) and [classification@worldparavolley.org](mailto: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/>*
- PVE is working with World ParaVolley to provide classification during Classification Tournaments/Weekends. It is envisaged that one classification weekend would have already been organised prior to the start of the Nations Leagues.*
- Should Classification during the 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 Nations Leagues tournaments, 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

### Fees to be collected by PVE

- PVE Registration Fee of **€500.00** per team (Golden League); **€250.00** per team (Silver League); **€200.00** per team (Bronze League)*
- Social Media team fee of **€100.00** per team*



- *PVE Player Registrations for 2022 Nations League: National Federations are to register the participating players on the PVE IT system. The player registration fee is **€10.00** per participating player. PVE reserves the right to charge an administration fee of **€50.00** per player should the NF not register the players correctly.*

#### Fees to be collected by LOC

- *Organisation/Administration Fee*
- *Board and Accommodation Fee (maximum of **€ 80.00** per person per day comprising Full Board on double room basis)*
- *Classifiers' Travel Fee (a fee of **€ 200.00** will be collected from each participating team ONLY if classification is going to take place.)*

#### Other Expenses:

- *Expenses related to international travel, medical insurance, visas, and team uniforms to be covered by the participating teams.*

#### Host Clubs Responsibilities

*The host club shall have to cover the following:*

- *International and local travel costs for each ITO nominated by PVE. PVE will try to nominate ITOs from neighbouring countries to reduce costs. The list below gives the minimum number of ITOs which will be nominated.*
  - *1 Technical Delegate*
  - *1 Media Delegate*
  - *1 Referee Delegate (if 5 or more teams are participating),*
  - *WPV Referees (a mix of neutral and local WPV referees will be nominated according to the number of teams. The LOC would need to nominate National Level Sitting Volleyball Referees to supplement the WPV Referees nominated by PVE)*
  - *Classifiers (if needed)*
  - *1 Photographer (if the LOC cannot provide a local professional photographer).*
- *Full Board and Accommodation for each ITO nominated by PVE according to the following standards:*
  - *PVE/WPV Officials   Single bedrooms*
  - *WPV Referees       Single/Double bedrooms*
- *Local travel costs, full board and accommodation for all local referees and ITOs*
- *Arrival arrangements for all*
- *Board and Accommodation arrangements for all members of each Delegation according to the information submitted in the Teams Information form (It may not be possible to provide any single rooms for teams.)*



- *Provision of the staff, volunteers, facilities, and equipment needed for the planning, organisation, and delivery of the competition*
- *Departure arrangements for all*
- *Awards costs (at a minimum medals and trophies for the first three classified teams)*
- *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*
- *Live streaming of all matches*
- *National Technical Officials such as Scorers, Line Judges (minimum 2 Line Judges are required for each match) as well as Court Assistants (Quick Moppers and Ball Retrievers)*
- *12 Molten balls per court (Molten V5M5000 Flistatec)*
- *The Per Diem of € 35.00 per ITO per day*

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

## COMPETITION SYSTEM

*All tournaments will be played on a round robin basis. If there are only three teams in a pool, a double round robin system may be used.*

*The order of matches is assigned by the PVE Sports Department, and all groups are played according to the Berger table system.*

*However, the Organiser has the right to choose the first opponent in the tournament, and the order of the matches of the other opponents, with the order of the remaining matches being decided according to the Berger table system.*

*The daily timetable of matches is set by PVE based on the proposal submitted by the Organiser in agreement with (national/local TV and) public needs.*

*The Organiser has the right to change the timetable and order of matches for TV broadcasting reasons only with the approval of the PVE Technical Delegate. Each team must be informed of the timetable changes at least 24 hours before the match.*

## UNIFORMS

- *The playing uniforms must be in conformity with the WPV/PVE Regulations.*
- *Each team must have at least two sets of playing uniforms of different colour. The players' numbers must be the same on all uniforms.*
- *The playing uniform print out on the back should be marked with at least the name of the participating national team however the name of each player on the back of the player uniform is preferable as per WPV*





### *Sports Regulations.*

- *The playing uniforms of the team captain and Libero must be presented during the preliminary inquiry, along with shorts, long trousers, and leggings.*
- *Teams are reminded that socks ARE part of the uniform.*
- *The officials on the bench should wear either their official training suit or a jacket/suit with tie.*
- *Teams may apply for PVE authorisation to wear publicity during the tournament. A fee can be fixed by the PVE.*

### **CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS**

*Ranking after Pool stages will be decided as follows:*

- *Matches Won*
- *Set Quotient*
- *Points Quotient*
- *Matches between the teams.*

*In the case of a tie between two teams:*

- *Sets quotient: in the case of equality in the number of matches won and lost by two teams, the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.*
- *Points quotient: in the case of equality in the number of sets gained and lost by two tied teams, they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of all points lost during all sets.*
- *Should the tie continue as per the point's quotient between the two teams, the ranking priority will be given to the team that won the last match between them.*

*In the case of a tie between three or more teams:*

- *When the tie in matches won, sets and points quotients is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.*

*Should a team voluntarily declares its forfeit during a match, it will be excluded from the competition and all the results of the matches it has already played*

during the respective round will be nullified. The National Association/Federation will be sanctioned by the PVE.

## RUNNING OF THE COMPETITIONS

The PVE Technical Delegate appointed by the PVE Sports Department will run the Competition.

A sufficient number of WPV Referees, appointed by the ERC, will officiate in the Competition.

The Competition will end with the confirmation of participating teams' rankings.

## RANKING POINTS

The PVE Sport Department shall award the participating National teams with ranking points as per the ranking points scheme described below:

PVE European Nations League Ranking	Ranking Points	PVE European Nations League Ranking	Ranking Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	375	11 <sup>th</sup>	133
2 <sup>nd</sup>	338	12 <sup>th</sup>	120
3 <sup>rd</sup>	305	13 <sup>th</sup>	108
4 <sup>th</sup>	275	14 <sup>th</sup>	98
5 <sup>th</sup>	248	15 <sup>th</sup>	88
6 <sup>th</sup>	224	16 <sup>th</sup>	79
7 <sup>th</sup>	202	17 <sup>th</sup>	71
8 <sup>th</sup>	182	18 <sup>th</sup>	64
9 <sup>th</sup>	164	19 <sup>th</sup>	58
10 <sup>th</sup>	148	20 <sup>th</sup> onwards	At 90% of previous

### Notes:

There will be a 25% decrease of awarded ranking points for every non-eligible player entering the competition

## MEDICAL SERVICES AND CONTROL

All players are obliged to present a classification certificate issued by the competent authority.

The Organiser will provide first aid medical treatment only. The team concerned will pay hospitalisation costs.

All team delegations are recommended to take out their own liability, medical and



*accident insurance, even those with European Health Insurance (EHIC) cards. It is strongly recommended that all participants bring their EHIC card. Those from outside the EU should ensure they have medical insurance.*

## COMPLAINTS

*All complaints and protests must be presented in writing in English to the PVE Technical Delegate no later than 1 hour after the end of the match.*

*A deposit of € 250.00 must accompany complaints about the result of a match or protest.*

## EDUCATION

*It is ParaVolley Europe's intention for the Nations Leagues Tournaments to also be used for education purposes. The host Member Nation may be asked to hold courses before or during the tournament.*

*This will include providing the necessary meeting rooms/classrooms and lecturing equipment for the theoretical part of the course which is normally held prior to the tournament, as well as all the logistical requirements (such as arrival arrangements, local transport, board and accommodation, departure arrangements) for the course tutors and the course participants.*

*A separate fee structure would need to be issued in relation to any courses being held.*

## COVID-19

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

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

*The host Member Nation might be asked to prepare any documents related to Covid-19 which would be needed for the tournament to take place.*

## UNFORESEEN ITEMS

*With regard to specific items not expressly foreseen in these regulations, reference is to be made to the general rules and guidelines contained in the PVE Regulations.*