

# RULES OF THE 2019 EVS TOURNAMENT PILSEN

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## General rules of the game

1. All matches in all categories (A, B) will be played according to the FIVB Volleyball Rules.
2. Any exceptions and modifications to the FIVB Volleyball Rules applied for the 2019 EVS Tournament in Pilsen are specified here below.
3. The net height is 2.43 m in the Category A and 2.35 m in the Categories B.
4. If a team is or becomes incomplete, the 2019 EVS organisers and the leaders of opponent teams have to consult possibilities to add other player(s) to the team concerned.
5. Teams may play with 6, 5, and/or 4 players on the court on condition that two players on the court, at least, are women. There may be just women on a team, yet the minimum number of female players on the court at any time during the game is two.
6. Each team has the right to designate up to two specialist defensive players: Liberos.
7. The Libero player(s) must wear a dress which has a different dominant colour from any colour of the rest of the team. The uniform must clearly contrast with the rest of the team.
8. Only one Libero may be on court at any time. However, there must be two playing women on the court at any time.
9. The Libero is allowed to replace any player in a back row position.
10. He/she is restricted to perform as a back row player and is not allowed to complete an attack hit from anywhere (including playing court and free zone) if at the moment of the contact the ball is entirely higher than the top of the net.
11. He/she may not serve, block or attempt to block.
12. Teams changes the court sides after the first set.
13. There is a 2-minute-long interval in between sets.
14. The referee and leaders of both the teams have to verify and sign the match record of every match once it has been finished.
15. The time schedule is just preliminary to provide information on start times of the matches.
16. Each match is expected to finish within 25 minutes. All teams are urgently asked to be at the court immediately after the previous match has finished in order to be able to start their match earlier, should the previous match has finished sooner than expected.
17. The maximum interval in between two matches is 5 minutes (warm-up time).
18. The tournament organisers reserve the right to adjust the tournament playing mode during the tournament in case of a time delay, or for other reasons.
19. In all cases not foreseen by these rules, the tournament organisers will make the final and indisputable decision.

**Each team must have at least two women  
at the same time playing in any game on the court!!!**

## Specific rules of the game in basic groups

1. Each team plays against every other team in the group.
2. All matches in groups and majority of play-offs of both categories (A, B) are played for two sets (may finish with a 2:0 victory or a 1:1 tie). The set ends when one of teams reaches 21 points. The final matches (and maybe semi-finals too) will be played for two winning sets.

3. In basic groups no time-out is allowed. Play-off matches allow one time-out, the finals two of them in one set are possible.
4. If any team in the basic groups is not present on the court at the time, when a referee starts the match, the team shall forfeit the first set with score 0 : 21.
5. If any team in the basic groups has not presented on the court for 10 minutes after the referee started the match, the team shall forfeit the match with score 0 : 2 (0 : 42)
6. The tournament starts with 8 basic groups in the B pool (3 teams each) and 3 basic groups in the A pool (3 teams each)
7. After the basic groups are finished the teams will be put into the second round of groups by 3 teams – to give a chance for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams from the first round to improve their position and give them a chance to reach the play-off for a tournament winner.
8. After the second round of groups the play-off of the B pool starts (individually for the group winners; for the second and for the third). The A pool will be divided into three groups respectively – the winners' group will end with a super-final match – the first team against the second (we hope the time will allow us to do that :-) ).
9. Each team in the pool A will play 6 matches (+ first two teams super-final) and in the pool B 7 matches.

### **Teams ranking in the basic groups**

1. For the victory 2:0 the winner gets 3 points, the loser gets 0 point.
2. For the tie 1:1 the team, which won more ball points in the aggregate of both the sets, gets 2 points, the other team gets 1 point.
3. In the case the total numbers of points are equal, both teams gets 1.5 points.

### **Final ranking in basic groups is determined based on:**

1. Higher number of points won in all matches in the group;
2. Higher quotient of points (won : lost) in all matches;
3. Result of the match (matches) of the tied teams; and
4. Result of drawing lots;
5. In case of a total draw during play-offs, the one extra "golden" point decides!

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**When basic group games have been finished definitive standing will be determined in the play-off (play-up and play-down) according to the tournament scheme.**

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