



**2012 European Women's Junior Championship
Small Countries Division
Final Round: Limassol, 6-8 April**

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Dear Volleyball friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all the participating teams and officials to Cyprus and the city of Limassol for the finals of the 2012 Women's Junior European Championships - Small Countries Division.

We may be classified as 'small countries' in Europe, but our love for volleyball is as great as any of the superpowers of the sport and as organisers of this event we will do our utmost to provide you all with indelible memories of an unforgettable competition.

Please find in this Information Bulletin all the details relevant to the competition and don't hesitate to contact our Federation for any further information or assistance you may require.

I hope everyone will enjoy the traditional Cypriot hospitality that we will strive to provide, and will eventually return home with fond memories of their stay on our island.

Damianos Hadjidamianou
President
Cyprus Volleyball Federation

The Cyprus Volleyball Federation is proud to host the Final Round of the Small Countries Division of the 2012 Women's Junior European Championships, to be held in Limassol 6-8 April. In this document you will find all relevant information for the event, according to CEV regulations. A competition Handbook will be made available to all participating teams and officials upon their arrival in Cyprus. Daily Bulletins will be provided nightly, starting with the evening of the Technical Meeting and also after the conclusion of the matches of each day. A final Results Book will be issued at the completion of the tournament.

All the above material will also be available to download from our Euro2012 section of the official website of the Cyprus Volleyball Federation. The website will be 'live' at www.volleyball.org.cy/euro2012 and will also include photos, reports, links to live scores and stats and more before and during the competition.

For any further inquiries or assistance, please contact us:

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PARTICIPATING TEAMS & OFFICIALS

 Liechtenstein LIE	CEV Technical Delegate: P. Bakodimos	GRE 
 Luxembourg LUX	Referees: A. Sikanjic	LIE 
 Scotland SCO	Y. Sophocleous	CYP 
 Cyprus CYP	C. Hepp	LUX 
	G. MacIntyre	SCO 
	F. Tanti	MLT 

DATES & VENUE

The Final Round of the 2012 Women's Junior European Championships - Small Countries Division will be held in the city of Limassol, 6-8 April.

The old town of Limassol is the heart of the city with its narrow streets radiating out from the old fishing harbour. The medieval Limassol castle was the site of a royal wedding in the Middle Ages between Richard the lion heart, King of England, and Berengaria of Navarre and it now houses the Cyprus Medieval Museum. The town has grown in recent years and now covers a 15 kilometres coastline lined with hotels and apartment blocks, interspersed with eucalyptus groves and linked by a promenade popular with walkers and joggers.

The city's inhabitants are renowned for their love of fun so, not surprisingly, the city's nightlife is varied. All sorts of taverns, discos and clubs are open all the year round, while beach bars along the coastal walkway add to the choice. Visitors join in the Bacchian excesses at the Wine Festival in September, or have fun at the Carnival with its fancy dress chariot parade and parties during Carnival in February. In summer concerts are held under the stars in the Greco-Roman theatre of Kourion.

The "Spyros Kyprianou" Sports Centre, will be the venue of all matches and training sessions of Pool 2 of the 1st Round of the 2012 Men's Junior European Volleyball Championships. The venue, named after the late president of the Republic of Cyprus, is located on the outskirts of Limassol and has hosted numerous international sporting and cultural events since its opening in 2005. These include the gymnastics competitions of the 2009 Games of the Small States of Europe, FIBA Europe All-Star Basketball Games, international volleyball matches, the European, Commonwealth and World Masters Weightlifting Championships and, recently, the Eurovision Youth Song Contest. The Sports Centre incorporates a 6,300-capacity Centre Court plus media and telecommunications facilities, with and training rooms, conference halls, VIP areas, restaurants and cafeterias and office areas.

Travelling distance to the competition hall is approximately 20 minutes from the teams' hotel and 15 minutes from the officials' hotel.

CEV Venue ID: CYP 08-07.

PRACTICAL INFO

Entry Requirements: A valid passport is required for a stay of up to 90 days for all bonafide tourists except citizens of European Union countries, Switzerland, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, who may enter Cyprus with their national identity card provided it bears a photo. Some non-EU third country nationals require a visa. Further detailed information can be obtained from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Getting There: The main gateway to Cyprus is Larnaca International Airport, 50 kilometres south of the capital, Nicosia, and 70 kilometres east of Limassol. Cyprus is well-connected by air to most major centres of Europe and the Middle East. In addition to regular flights, dozens of daily holiday flights connect Cyprus with the rest of the world throughout the year. A second international airport operates in Paphos, but caters mostly to charter flights, with limited destinations on scheduled frequencies.

Getting Around: All major cities of Cyprus are connected with an extensive motorway system that runs along the southern coast between Aghia Nappa in the east and Paphos in the west (via Larnaca, Larnaca International Airport, Limassol and Paphos International Airport), as well as inland to Nicosia. Public transportation is limited to a few intercity buses serving the major centres. Taxis are widely available and can be hailed on the street, or ordered by phone or online. Numerous car-hire outlets, including all the major international chains, operate in Cyprus and most have desks at the airports. Driving is on the left.

Weather and Climate: Cyprus enjoys an intense Mediterranean climate of hot dry summers starting in mid-May and lasting until mid-September and rainy, quite mild winters from November to mid-March. Spring and autumn are effectively short intervals in between, characterised by smooth weather. With almost year-round clear skies and sunshine, daylight length ranges from 9.8 hours in December to 14.5 hours in June. In January, the coolest month, the indicative daily temperature is 10°C on the central plain and 3°C on the higher parts of the Troodos Mountains while the average minimum temperatures are 5°C and 0°C.

Money: As of 1 January 2008, the official currency of Cyprus is the euro (replacing the Cyprus Pound), divided into 100 cents. The euro comes in banknotes of €500, €200, €100, €50, €20, €10 and €5, and coins of €2, €1, €0.50, €0.20, €0.10, €0.05, €0.02, €0.01. Most major currencies may be exchanged at banks (open Monday to Friday 08:30-13:00), as well as at the larger hotels. Round-the-clock exchange facilities are available at both Larnaca and Paphos International Airports. Outside most bank branches, ATM's dispense local currency. Most major credit cards are widely accepted at almost every tourist-oriented establishment.

Time: Cyprus time is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time during the summer months (the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in September). Shop opening hours vary depending on type and location, but are generally open from between 07:00 and 09:00 until between 19:00 and 20:00 Monday to Saturday. Wednesday is generally early-closing day. Most regular shops are closed on Sundays. Mini Markets and Kiosks keep longer hours and 24-hour service is available in all major cities.

Electricity: Electricity in Cyprus is 230V, 50Hz, with UK-style, square-pin plugs. Adaptors are widely available at supermarkets, grocery stores, kiosks etc. Hotel receptions may also be able to provide assistance.

Weights & Measures: Cyprus uses the metric system of weights and measures. Temperatures are reported in degrees Celsius, petrol is sold by the litre, grocery items are in grams and kilograms, fabric lengths in metres, and road speeds and distances posted in kilometres.

Telephones: Direct dial phone service is available between Cyprus and all countries of the world. International calls may be placed from any private or public phone. Public payphones come in three types: Coinphones, outdoor cardphones and indoor cardphones. All public phones have instructions posted in English and other languages. Telephone cards are widely available at kiosks and newsagents. To call overseas, dial 00 + country code + area code + local number. The international code for Cyprus (when calling from abroad) is 357. Mobile phone networks in Cyprus are compatible with the European-wide GSM 900/1800 standards. Cytamobile-Vodafone and MTN are the two mobile phone service providers in Cyprus. Both offer roaming in cooperation with foreign providers, as well as cheap PAYG (Pay-As-You-Go) local phone numbers and pre-paid cards.

Internet: Broadband Internet is available practically everywhere in Cyprus. Internet cafés provide access and other computer-related services to visitors. Internet cafés can be found in all cities and towns of Cyprus. Most hotels also offer either wired or wireless access.

ARRIVALS / DEPARTURES & VISAS

Arrival of the CEV Technical Delegate will be on 4 April 2012. The referees and delegations will arrive in Cyprus on 5 April 2012. All participants (officials and delegations) will depart on 9 April 2012.

The official arrival / departure venues of this competition are the International Airports of Larnaca (LCA) or Paphos (PFO), both about 70 kilometres (or an hour's drive) from Limassol. Larnaca Airport offers direct connections to most major European airports on scheduled flights. Paphos Airport has limited scheduled flights but a very wide selection of holiday and charter flights.

Visas for entry into Cyprus are not necessary for nationals of Liechtenstein, Luxembourg or the United Kingdom. Should you have persons of other nationalities in your delegations, kindly contact your nearest embassy or consulate of Cyprus as soon as possible for further information. Please contact the Cyprus Volleyball Federation should you require an official invitation for any such persons.

HOTELS & MEALS

All officials (CEV Technical Delegate and referees) will be accommodated in single rooms at the Ajax Hotel in Limassol:

All participating delegations will be accommodated in 7 double and two single rooms at the Arsinoe Beach Hotel in Limassol:

Ajax Hotel****

✉ Georgiou Neofytou Street
P.O BOX 56988
CY 3311 Limassol
☎ +357 25 590000
☎ +357 25 591222
💻 www.ajaxhotel.com

Time to Competition Hall: 15 minutes

Arsinoe Beach Hotel***

✉ Amathous Avenue
P.O.Box 51389
CY-3504 LIMASSOL
☎ +357 25 321444
☎ +357 25 329908
💻 www.arsinoe-hotel.com

Time to Competition Hall: 20 minutes

See the chapter FINANCIAL MATTERS for information on extra persons of a delegation.

Accommodation for all will be on a full board basis, including breakfast, lunch and dinner. All meals, in both hotels are served buffet-style. In addition, participating teams will be served a snack each afternoon on match days. Details on meal times will be provided in the competition Handbook that will be delivered to all participants upon their arrival.

For any special dietary requirements, for the composition of snacks on match days and for any further matters concerning meals, please let us know, or come in contact directly with the hotel's restaurant manager, upon arrival in Cyprus.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Friday, 6 April 2012	16:00	LUX		v		LIE
	19:00	SCO		v		CYP
Saturday, 7 April 2012	16:00	SCO		v		LUX
	19:00	CYP		v		LIE
Sunday, 8 April 2012	16:00	LIE		v		SCO
	19:00	LUX		v		CYP

TRAINING SCHEDULE

	 LIE	 LUX	 SCO	 CYP
Thursday, 5 April 2012	To be determined according to arrivals			
Friday, 6 April 2012	10:00-11:00	09:00-10:00	11:00-12:00	12:00-13:00
Saturday, 7 April 2012	12:00-13:00	10:00-11:00	09:00-10:00	11:00-12:00
Sunday, 8 April 2012	09:00-10:00	11:00-12:00	10:00-11:00	12:00-13:00

PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES & TECHNICAL MEETING

The Preliminary Inquiries for all teams will be held at the 'Spyros Kyprianou' official competition hall on 5 April 2012. The schedule of the Preliminary Inquiries will be finalised once all participating delegations have submitted their travel itineraries, depending on their arrival in Cyprus and the training schedules of 5 April 2012. Further information will be provided in the competition Handbook that will be delivered to all delegations upon their arrival.

The Technical Meeting will be held in the evening of 5 April 2012. The location and precise time of the Technical Meeting will be announced in the competition Handbook that will be delivered to all delegations upon their arrival.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

All airport transfers and transportation between hotels and competition hall will be with private cars for officials and buses for teams, according to the official match and training schedule. Full details will be available in the competition Handbook that will be delivered to all delegations upon their arrival.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

According to CEV regulations, each visiting team must pay to the organisers €140 per person for each member of its delegation, up to a maximum of 17 persons. Additionally there is a fee of €168 per team.

Extra persons and/or extra nights will be charged as follows:

€50 per person per night (double room, full board at the Arsinoe Hotel)

€65 per person per night (single room, full board at the Arsinoe Hotel)

Delegations are responsible for settling any outstanding extras (bar consumptions, telephones, etc) directly with the hotel.

Any money due may be forwarded by bank transfer to the Cyprus Volleyball Federation (see below) or paid in cash only upon arrival in Cyprus. All financial obligations to the Organisers must have been settled before the Preliminary Inquiry.

Cyprus Volleyball Federation Bank Account Number:

Bank of Cyprus	Phaneromenis Branch
Account number	0110-01-195729-00
IBAN	CY73 0020 0110 0000 0001 1957 2900
SWIFT	BCYPCY2NA

MEDICAL MATTERS

Medical facilities for therapies and any first aid necessary will be available at all times in the official competition hall.

An official competition doctor will be present in the competition hall during all matches.

The Limassol General Hospital, a 10-minute drive from the competition hall, will handle any serious incidents.

PRESS MATTERS

The 'Spyros Kyprianou' Sports Centre offers special Press Stands and Press Working Rooms, with Wi-Fi internet access available throughout.

Press Conferences will be not be held after each match of the competition. Nonetheless, Head Coaches and Team Captains are kindly requested to cooperate with Press Office staff for 'flash quotes' after the end of their matches.