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1st Baltic Youth Volleyball Championship 2008 for Sports schools/clubs

REGULATIONS

1. Goals

- 1.1. Popularize volleyball in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania (Baltic States) among youth and improve young volleyball player's skills.
- 1.2. Determine the best Sports school/club volleyball teams in the Baltic States for youth born in 1991 and later.
- 1.3. To develop friendly relations between youth teams in the Baltic States.
- 1.4. Give Sports schools/club team's International experience.

2. Competition organizers

- 2.1. The competition is managed by the Latvian Volleyball Federation and its youth coordinator Sandra Budkēviča (ph.+371 26188150, fax +371 7334359, lvf@volejbols.lv, Rīga, Grostonas St 6b, LV1012.
- 2.1. The boy's competition will be organized by the Estonian Volleyball Federation and the girl's competition by the Latvian Volleyball Federation.

3. Place and Time

- 3.1. Competition takes place:
 - Boys - 4-6 April Estonia, Pärnu
 - Girls - 11-13 April Latvia, Kuldīgā.

4. Participants

- 4.1. Participants will be the four best sports schools/clubs teams from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia.
- 4.2. Girls – born in 1991 or later, Boys – born 1991 or later.
- 4.3. Participating players of the each sports schools or clubs must be registered/licensed by the Latvian, Lithuanian or Estonian Volleyball Federation.
- 4.4. Participating teams must be in the same composition, like in national competitions and cannot be supplemented by players from other schools or clubs.
- 4.5. Delegations consist of 12 players, 1 coach, 2 team officials: together maximum 15 persons
- 4.6. Each NF must send with team's also one National category referee.

5. Applications

- 5.1. Preliminary applications for boys teams (Form No1), which can include up to 16 players, must be sent to the Latvian Volleyball Federation by March 21st, 2008, girls applications by March 31st 2008.
- 5.2. Team final application CH-05bis form (12 players) team representatives submit to the secretariat at the games venue.
- 5.3. The National Federation's Secretary General's signature and NF Seal guarantees that the player is licensed to the respective sport school or club.**

6. Financial conditions.

6.1 Expenses related to participation in the tournament (travel, lodging, meals) are paid by the participating teams themselves directly to organizer.

6.2. Competition organizational expenses (gym rent, awards etc) for the girl's competition will be paid by the organizer school/club and/or Latvian Volleyball Federation and the boy's tournament by the organizer school/club and/or Estonian Volleyball Federation.

6.3. National Federations cover expenses for their referees (travel, meals, lodging).

7. Rules.

7.1. The games will be played according to FIVB International Volleyball rules. There will be no technical timeouts.

7.2. Official game ball – Mikasa MVP 200.

7.2. Games to be played in system - best of five sets.

7.3. Teams receive: for a win – 2 points, for a loss – 1 point, for not arriving – 0 points (0:25; 0:25; 0:25).

7.4. If teams are tied in points the following tiebreakers are used:

- Ratio of won-lost sets in all games;
- Ratio of won-lost points in all games;
- Head to head scores.

7.5. Net height: girls – 2,25 m, boys – 2,43 m.

8. System of play

8.1. Based on the ratings submitted by the National Federations (1.-4. places), teams will be split into three round robin groups of 4 teams each.

8.2. Teams with first place (based on NF ratings) are split into separate groups. 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams are drawn by lot into the groups. No more than two teams from one country is allowed in one group.

8.3. **Main draw.** Three Groups (1-3) play round robin – six games in each group.

8.4. **Play-off.** After the Main draw:

8.4.1. 1st place teams of three groups and the best 2nd place team with the best coefficient (points, all sets won-lost, all points won-lost) form **Group A** and plays crossed semifinals in follows – 1) Group 1 winner against Group 3 winner, Group 2 winner against 2nd best 2) two winners play for 1st place against each other and two losers play for 3rd place;

8.4.2. The other two 2nd place teams and two best 3rd place team with the best coefficient (points, all sets won-lost, all points won-lost) form **Group B** and play crossed semifinals like in Group A for places 5.-8.;

8.4.3. The other 3rd and all 4th place teams form **Group C** and play crossed semifinals like in Group A for places 9.-12.

10. Protests

10.1. The Sports schools/clubs coach or heads of delegations must notify the game's head referee of the protest after the game.

10.2. The submission of the protest will be noted in the score sheet within 15 minutes of the game's conclusion, in accordance with FIVB International Volleyball rules.

10.3. Protests will be reviewed by the competition's Head Referee, Head Secretary and competition coordinator or by Jury (three NF Secretary General's).

11. Awards

11.1. The top three teams receive a cup and a team diploma, other 9 teams received team diploma, showing their place in the competition.

11.2. Top three team's players receive medals. (12 players, up to 3 team officials).

11.3. The one best player from each team, nominated by coach of the team, (12 together) received a special price.