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5th USPE European Police Championship Volleyball Women 2024

Preliminary Round - Group A

14th to 17th February 2024
Spa/Belgium

Invitation to Enter

The German Police Sports Board (DPSK) was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d' Europe (USPE) with the organisation of the 5th USPE European Police Championship (EPC) Volleyball Women from 8th to 15th September 2024 in Saarbrücken/Germany.

The Belgische Politiesportbond (BPSB) was entrusted by the Union Sportive des Polices d' Europe with the organisation of the Preliminary Round Group A from 14th to 17th February 2024 in Spa/Belgium.

The following regulations are issued for the Preliminary Round Group A of the 5th USPE EPC Volleyball Women 2024.

They have been adopted on the basis of the Statutes, Rules and Regulations, Competition Rules and Anti-Doping-Regulations of the USPE.



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1. **General organiser**

Union Sportive des Polices d'Europe (USPE)

2. **Organiser**

Belgische Politiesportbond (BPSB)

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3. **Date**

- Arrival: 14th February 2024
- Departure: 17th February 2024

4. **Venue**

The matches for the Preliminary Round Group A will be played at:

Centre Sportif de Warfaaz
Avenue Amédée Hesse, 41
4900 SPA - Belgium

The organiser is responsible for the competition area. The competition area has to fit the provisions of the USPE Competition Rules.

The minimum standards are:

- Height of ceiling: 7 m
- Release postpones 5 m
- Side Release: 3 m

5. **Accommodation**

The teams will be accommodated at:

Résidence Olympic
Avenue Amédée Hesse, 15
4900 SPA

<https://www.am-sport.cfwb.be/adepts/iframe.asp?m=page&i=322>



The meals for the teams will start with dinner on 14th February 2024 and end with breakfast on 17th February 2024. The schedule will be specified in the information "Welcome" upon arrival.

6. Travelling

6.1 Travel information

The organiser will provide transport from Brussels Airport (BRU) at Zaventem as well as Liège-Guillemins railway station according to the travelling details of the delegations. Teams arriving by their own car/bus are requested to go directly to the hotel.

6.2 Shuttle service

The Sport Center is 100 meters far from the Hotel Résidence Olympic - so there is no need for shuttles during the Preliminary Round.

6.3 Visa procedure

Delegations which need a VISA are requested to contact the host in time.

7. Safety Requirements

The organiser will ensure that all safety requirements are met according to the rules of the respective sports discipline. The organiser will ensure that a medical first aid will be present at the matches. The organiser is responsible for a safety and security analysis of the risks during the Preliminary Round to determine the necessary precautions and measures.

8. Insurance

Everyone involved in the USPE EPC Volleyball Women 2024 is responsible for his/her own insurance cover. The participating member countries are responsible for and undertake to conclude all necessary and adequate insurance cover (e.g. accident and health insurance) for their whole delegation members at their own expense for the whole duration of the USPE EPC. Claims for damages against the USPE are expressly excluded.

9. Competition Rules

There must be a minimum break of 5 hours between the matches (ending/beginning).

In addition, no match on the arrival day shall be played.



The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, paragraph 4.4 shall apply.

Please find them on the USPE Website under the following link:

https://www.uspe.org/statuten/2023_01_01_USPE_Compitions_Rules_ENG.pdf

9.1 Participants

Group A	
14 th –17 th Februray 2024, Spa/Belgium	
A1	Belgium
A2	Finland
A3	United Kingdom

The Teams of Belgium, Finland and the United Kingdom are playing in Group A according to the draw.

According to item 4.4.2 of the USPE Competiton Rules, each member union may enter up to 14 players as well as up to three attendants in the Preliminary Round.

The list of the players is closed during the accreditation. No changes will be allowed after.

9.2 Equipment

The Official ball for the Preliminary Rounds and the Final Round will be: "MIKASA V200W".

Teams must have a minimum of 2 sets of shirts and:

- All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblems of their individual member union.
- The first team named in the schedule shall wear light-coloured shirts.
- The second team named in the schedule shall wear dark-coloured shirts.
- If the 2 teams agree, they may interchange the colours of the shirts.
- The shirts of the players must have numbers according to the international rules.



- Every player has to play with the same number during the whole Preliminary Round of the USPE EPC Volleyball Women 2024.

9.3 Official Training

Official training will be arranged on the 1st day with 60 minutes for each team in the competition area.

9.4 Classification in each group:

1. Match points

- Match won (3-0 or 3-1) 3 points
- Match won (3-2) 2 points
- Match lost (2-3) 1 point
- Match lost (0-3 or 1-3) 0 points

2. Set quotient

3. Set points quotient

4. The winner of the match opposing the two concerned teams is classified above the loser.

Qualified for the Final Round:

The winner of each group as well the two best second teams of the three Preliminary Rounds are qualified for the Final Round.

If a team is not present at the Preliminary Round or cancel the participation after the draw has been proceeded, the two remaining teams have to play twice against each other.

Both matches will be scored.

10. Referees

The provisions of the USPE Competition Rules, item 2.4, shall apply.

The organiser is in charge of ensuring that there is a sufficient number of referees. The minimum standard for the referees is the highest national level. Exceptions to this must be approved by the competent member of the Technical Commission in charge for the respective sport and the USPE Secretary General.

The minimum number of referees for a Preliminary Round are 4. Furthermore, 2 referees are required for the mark table. If the venue does not have an electronic scoreboard, two manual scoreboards are required. Line Referees are not mandatory.

The scores have to be on official FIVB sheets or official sheets of the national Volleyball Federation.

11. Provisional Timetable

Wednesday, 14th February 2024

During the day	Arrival and Accreditation
14:00 – 18:00	Training
19:00	Dinner
20:30	Technical Meeting

Thursday, 15th February 2024

07:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
12:00	Opening Ceremony
13:30	Match 1: Belgium – United Kingdom
19:00	Dinner

Friday, 16th February 2024

06:30 – 07:30	Breakfast
09:30	Match 2: United Kingdom – Finland
12:30	Lunch
16:30	Match 3: Belgium – Finland
20:00	Social dinner for all participants

Saturday, 17th February 2024

07:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
Departure	

12. Jury of Appeal

The provisions of the USPE Rules and Regulations, Article R 19, shall apply.

The appeal jury is installed at each European Police Championship. It is responsible for all appeals concerning the organisation and the regular course of events of the championship in question.



It is comprised of:

1. USPE President Georgios Tzatzakis or his appointed deputy as chairperson,
2. USPE Secretary General Andreas Röhner or his appointed deputy as chairperson,
3. Dirk Weninger, responsible member of the USPE Technical Commission.

In the case where the Jury of Appeal cannot reach consensus, the vote of the chairperson shall be final.

All appeals have to be made in writing by the delegate or one of the attendants of the member union in question within one hour of the posting or publication of the results unless the respective international sport rules specify different.

The delegate or one of the attendants of the member union has to enclose an appeal fee with the appeal in order for the appeal to be valid. The deposited sum will be refunded to its owner if the appeal proves to be justified. If the appeal is rejected the sum deposited shall be retained by the USPE. The appeal fee will be a total of 100,00 €, paid in cash.

13. Eligibility to start

The provisions of the Statutes, the Rules and Regulations, the Competition Rules as well as the Anti-Doping Regulations of the USPE shall apply. They have to satisfy the provisions set out in Article 23 of the USPE Statutes.

The participation in USPE Championships and Preliminary Rounds is restricted to athletes, who

1. meet the starting requirements of their international union,
2. belong to a national sports organisation that is a member of the USPE,
3. actually is a member of police organisation/force at the time of the championship or
4. are police students at a public police academy,
5. have reached the age of 18 at the time of the Championships or the Preliminary Rounds,
6. have signed the Anti-Doping Declaration and
7. submit the USPE Declaration of Participation signed by the respective President/Secretary General to the competent member of the Technical Commission.



The police are a set of all bodies and institutions in charge of maintenance of public law and order (administrative police and crime investigation departments).

Military police, members of the military, members of the fire brigades and civil servants that do not belong to the police are excluded from the European Police Championships and the Preliminary Rounds.

Competitors suspended from sports contests by the USPE or by the respective sports association due to having violated the relevant doping regulations are not eligible to enter.

14. Accreditation/Verification of eligibility to enter

For verification of a person's eligibility, the police ID and passport or national ID-card (including a photo) must be presented to the Delegate of the USPE. In case of a document deficiency, the permission to start may be refused.

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Declaration of Participation for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without the Declaration the participation at the Preliminary Round is not possible!

The competent member of the USPE Technical Commission, Mr. Dirk Weninger, or the USPE Official in charge will supervise the verification during the accreditation.

To ensure an effortless procedure, the teams must complete the Declaration of Participation Form prior to accreditation.

15. Anti-Doping

According to the USPE Statutes, all participating countries must present the USPE Anti-Doping Declaration for each athlete who will participate, signed by the respective President or Secretary General.

Without this Declaration, the participation in the Preliminary Round is not possible!

Please note the data protection notices for the Anti-Doping Declaration:



https://www.uspe.org/AntidopingDokumente/Data_protection_notices_USPE_Anti_Doping_Declaration.pdf

Each athlete can apply for TUE, i.e. permission to use, for therapeutic purposes, substances or methods contained in the list of prohibited substances or methods where use would otherwise be prohibited.

Please note the data protection notices for the TUE Application Form:

https://www.uspe.org/AntidopingDokumente/Template_USPE_TUE_Application_Form.pdf

More information is available on the USPE website under: www.uspe.org.

16. Financial provisions

16.1 Travelling expenses

Each member union will pay for its own travelling expenses.

16.2 Board and lodging

- USPE Technical Delegate/USPE Observer
The organiser will pay for the expenses incurred by the USPE Technical Delegate/USPE Official in charge.
- Delegate
The organiser will pay for the expenses incurred by the delegate (Article R 11 of the USPE Rules and Regulations) of the participating member union.
- Team
For every other participant (athlete/attendant) 60,00 € per person/per night must be paid to the organiser (Article R 14/3 of the Rules and Regulations).
- Guests
In case a member country intends to be accompanied by guests and the organiser is able to provide the respective accommodation, each guest has to pay the actual costs incurred by themselves.



16.3 Registration fee

Prior to a championship, each participating country has to pay a registration fee to the USPE before the opening of the championship.

The registration fee per team is 500,00 €. The USPE General Treasurer will send the respective invoices in time.

17. Registration

Each participating member country is requested to send the enclosed forms by e-mail to:

1. Office of the USPE Secretary General
(office@uspe.org)
2. Belgische Politiesportbond
(luc.smeyers@police.belgium.eu),
(vincent.marchal@police.belgium.eu)
3. Dirk Weninger, member of the USPE Technical Commission
(dirk.weninger@polizei.berlin.de)
(dirk.weninger@uspe.org)

Please meet the following deadlines:

Form 2: Number of participants

14th November 2023

Form 3: Names of the participants

14th December 2023

Form 4: Traveling details

14th January 2024

Data protection notice:

The member countries are responsible for the data protection of their participants' data. Sending these forms by unencrypted e-mail is not a secure way of transmission. It is recommended to send the forms by post, fax or encrypted e-mail.

18. Restriction of personality rights

The corresponding agreement (art. 6, par. 1 lit, and art. 7 European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)) of all participants (athletes, delegates, attendants) allowing the use of personal data during the competition, during the preparation for the competition, as well as after the competition and follow-up documentation of the competition in pictures and video sequences as PR procedures, for example by the USPE, has been obtained by the participating member country and is at hand in the original.



All needed documents referring to Data protection are available to download on the USPE website:

https://www.uspe.org/data_protection.php.

It is the responsibility of the participating member country to ensure that every participant from their member country has consented to the GDPR agreement and the original consent document should be held by the member country.

19. Downloads

All needed documents are available to download on the USPE website under:

<https://www.uspe.org/downloadcenter.php>.

It is in the responsibility of all participating countries to present all needed documents to the responsible USPE Technical Delegate for Volleyball, Mr. Dirk Weninger, or the USPE official in charge during the accreditation.

20. Disclaimer

The USPE and the hosts shall not assume any liability in the event of accidents, theft and other events of damage or loss.

The disclaimer shall be recognised upon registration for the event.

21. Notes

One contestant per team must wear **the police uniform** of their respective country at the opening ceremony.

As to the Social Dinner all participants are requested to attend adequately dressed to suit the occasion.

All teams shall wear uniform sportswear displaying the emblem of their individual member union.

Signed in the original

Andreas Röhner
USPE Secretary General