



Scottish
Volleyball

Selection Policy

CEV SCA Zonal Tour Event Ayr - 2025



Introduction

This document sets out the selection policy for the CEV SCA Beach Championships 2025. The policy has been written without favour and is designed to be open and transparent. It is aligned to the Performance Plan 2025-2031 targets and objectives.

The overriding principles concerning athlete selection are as follows:

- 1) The athlete is eligible to compete for Scotland under CEV/FIVB eligibility rules which can be found here – [Link to FIVB Sports Regulations](#)
- 2) The athlete is a current member of Scottish Volleyball and has signed athlete code of conduct and funding agreement prior to the event and agrees to engage fully with Performance and Coaching Hub staff.
- 3) The athlete is currently on the Scottish Volleyball Beach Programme.
- 4) The athlete is available to attend the relevant event.

Ayr, Scotland on 17th to 20th July 2025

Athletes will be expected to confirm their availability by email to beachperformance@scottishvolleyball.org by 0900 on Friday the 13th of June 2025.

Due to Scotland hosting the event and receiving a combination of guaranteed host nation spaces and reserve spaces, pairs will not be selected or not selected for the event but instead ranked. The top three pairs in both the men's and women's competitions will initially be entered but those beyond the top three may receive an entry where space allows following the closing of entries for pairs from other participating Federations. It is expected that there may be space for as many as five Scottish Pairs per competition.

The selection criteria are divided into four pillars:

1. Selection policy

- a. A ranking in the top 200 FIVB world team rankings between 1st February 2025 and 16th June 2025.
- b. Proven success in international Beach Volleyball during the period 1st February 2024 to 16th June 2025, demonstrated by winning a match / matches at a CEV and/or FIVB homologated event.
- c. Proven success in competitive, domestic Beach Volleyball during the period 1st February 2024 to 16th June 2025, demonstrated by achieving a finish at a UKBT event.
- d. Assessment of current ability and potential to perform by Scotland Beach Head Coaches and engaged support in training and competitive environments in the 2025 season.

2. Assessment of Current Performance

This assessment will include an analysis of both competitive and non-competitive environments by the Scotland Beach Head Coaches, Head of Performance and Coaching, and any external support engaged by the Programme. This also includes

head-to-head competition within organised environments against other Scottish Volleyball Beach Programme athletes.

Athlete may submit any evidence of current performance* in a competitive* or training environment which they deem to be eligible by email before 0900hrs on Monday 16th June 2025 directly to beachperformance@scottishvolleyball.org.

*Within past 18 months * This includes but is not limited to the UK Beach Tour

3. Assessment of performance

The Scotland Beach Head Coaches (SBHC) will make nomination recommendations to the Head of Performance and Coaching. Appointed coaches and engaged external support may also be asked to make nomination suggestions based on their experience and knowledge of players within the programme. These will be considered and added to the selection recommendations of the Head of Performance and Coaching which will be passed to the Scottish Volleyball Performance Advisory Group (PAG) for review and approval.

Timeline for Selection

The proposed timeline for informing athletes of the selection and pre-selection activity is as follows:

Aspect	Date
Selection Policy Published	30 th May 2025
Submission of selection availability	13 th June 2025
Submission of evidence of current performance to Scottish Volleyball	16 th June 2025
Scotland Beach Head Coach recommendations made to Head of Performance	19 th June 2025
Head of Performance submits initial ranking to PAG	20 th June 2025
Head of Performance submits any remaining evidence to PAG	23 rd June 2025
PAG Meeting	23 rd June 2025
Athletes informed of final ranking in selection	25 th June 2025
Initial Entries submitted	25 th June 2025
Final entries submitted and confirmed	27 th June 2025

Times are 0900hrs (BST) unless otherwise stated with the exception of Athletes being Informed and Final entries submitted and confirmed.

Selection Group

The selection group is the Scotland Beach Head Coaches, the Head of Performance and Coaching, appointed Coaches, and engaged external advisors.

Injury & Illness

In the circumstance where injury and/or illness has been identified as impacting on any athletes' ability to participate or perform, a "Fitness to Compete" assessment may be carried out. The format of the aforementioned test will be determined by Scottish Volleyball in collaboration with the Performance Advisory Group. The framework of the assessment will include evaluation of Health Risk (Medical Factors) and evaluation of Participation Risk (Sport Risk Modifiers i.e. Beach Volleyball); additional relevant evidence will also be considered.

The results of the "Fitness to Compete" assessment will then be shared with key stakeholders including the athlete, Scotland Beach Head Coaches, the Head of Performance and Coaching, and the Scottish Volleyball Performance Advisory Group. Decisions around the athlete's ability to return to participation, return to sport, return to full performance, or removal from selection will be taken in collaboration with all the above stakeholders and the athlete.

Reserve Athlete Replacement

The replacement of a first athlete or athletes due to injury and/or illness will be decided by the Head of Performance and Coaching after discussion with the appointed Coaches and engaged external support and ratified by the Scottish Volleyball Performance Advisory Group and will be final.