



COMPETITION & COMMERCIAL GUIDELINES

SEASON 2023 – 2024

Dear Reader,

The Belgian Volley League is very proud of its Lotto Volley League Competition and the clubs who compete in them are a crucial part of our Volleyball family.

We appreciate that it takes a great amount of hard work and commitment to deliver organization fitting to this competition.

However without this effort we will miss out on some of the most memorable moments in our sport. This is the reason why we have fixed quality standards in both the marketing and the technical aspects of top volleyball games.

Committing to participate in this competition is a decision that cannot be taken lightly, so we thank you for doing your part in continuing the development of our sport.

Many thanks for your time, and all the best with your continued efforts with Volleyball.

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A. Lotto Volley League competition format

The statutes, the rules of procedure and the guidelines of the Belgian Volley League are applicable to the competition of the Liga A Men.

LOTTO Volley League Competition format 23 - 24

9 TEAMS with Play-offs

Regular Competition (RC): Double Round Robin.

- ✓ Ranking 1 to 9
- ✓ 16 games = 18 gamedays

Champion Play Offs

- ✓ 6 teams
- ✓ Numbers 1 – 6 of the regular competition
- ✓ Starting grid:
 - 1st regular competition 5 points
 - 2nd regular competition 4 points
 - 3th regular competition 3 points
 - 4th regular competition 2 points
 - 5th regular competition 1 point
 - 6th regular competition 0 points
- ✓ Double Round Robin
- ✓ 10 games = 10 gamedays

Challenge Play Offs

- ✓ 3 teams
- ✓ Numbers 7 – 9 of the regular competition
- ✓ Starting grid:
 - 7th regular competition 2 points
 - 8th regular competition 1 points
 - 9th regular competition 0 point
- ✓ Double Round Robin
- ✓ 4 games each = 6 gamedays

Qualification 5th European ticket (if needed)

- ✓ 5th and 6th ranked of Champion PO and 1th and 2th of Challenge PO
- ✓ One match
 - Match 1 : 5th CPO – 2th CHPO
 - Match 2 : 6th CPO – 1th CHPO

- ✓ Teams of Champion PO have the right to play at home

- ✓ Final Leg : Winner Match 1 / Winner Match 2
- ✓ One match
- ✓ Will have the right to play at home :
 - the team classified the highest in the Champion PO
 - the team classified the highest in the Challenge Play Off (if the two teams of the Challenge Play Off are the winners)

- ✓ The losers of match 1 & 2 will be classified in the classification as follows :
 - The team classified the highest in the Champion PO or Challenge PO will be classified as 7th in the end classification.

Champion PO Final

- ✓ The first two of Champion Play off
- ✓ Best of 5
- ✓ 3 to 5 games = 3 to 5 gamedays

Final Ranking if no Qualification for 5th European ticket:

1. Winner Champion Play Off Final
2. Loser Champion Play Off Final
3. 3rd Champion Play Off
4. 4th Champion Play Off
5. 5th Champion Play Off
6. 6nd Champion Play Off
7. 1st Challenge Play Off
8. 2nd Challenge Play Off
9. 3rd Challenge Play Off

Final Ranking if Qualification for 5th European ticket:

1. Winner Champion Play Off Final
2. Loser Champion Play Off Final
3. 3rd Champion Play Off
4. 4th Champion Play Off
5. Winner of the final of Qualification for 5th European ticket
6. Loser of the final of Qualification for 5th European ticket
7. Loser of the 1st round of the Qualification for 5th European ticket that is classified the highest in the Champion PO or Challenge PO
8. Loser of the 1st round of the Qualification for 5th European ticket that is classified the lowest in the Champion PO or Challenge PO
9. 3rd Challenge Play Off

Reason of difference between the two final rankings:

CEV is looking at the final ranking after all Play Off games to have the right of participating in the European Cups.

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If no Qualification for 5th European ticket

Regular Competition Double Round Robin	PLAY OFF Double Round Robin	Champion Play Off Final Best of 5	Final Ranking
#1	CHAMPION PLAY OFF First 6 of Regular Competition Calendar to be determined	#1 Champion Play Off <i>versus</i> # 2 Champion Play Off	1. Winner Champion Play Off Final
#2			2. Loser Champion Play Off Final
#3		3. 3rd Champion Play Off	
#4		4. 4th Champion Play Off	
#5		5. 5st Champion Play Off	
#6		6. 6nd Champion Play Off	
#7	CHALLENGE PLAY OFF 7th,8th and 9th of Regular Competition Calendar to be determined		7. 1st Challenge Play Off
#8			8. 2nd Challenge Play Off
#9			9. 3th Challenge Play Off

If Qualification for 5th European ticket				
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#2				2. Loser Champion Play Off Final
#3				3. 3rd Champions Play Off
#4				4. 4th Champions Play Off
#5		5th and 6th ranked of Champions PO and 1th and 2th of Challenge PO One match Match 1 : 5th CPO – 2th CHPO Match 2 : 6th CPO – 1th CHPO Final Leg : Winner Match 1 versus Winner Match 2 One match		5. Winner of the final of Qualification for 5th European ticket
#6				6. Loser of the final of Qualification for 5th European ticket
#7	CHALLENGE PLAY OFF 7th,8th and 9th of Regular Competition Calendar to be determined			7. Loser of the 1st round of the Qualification for 5th European ticket that is classified the highest in the Champions PO or Challenge PO
#8				8. Loser of the 1st round of the Qualification for 5th European ticket that is classified the lowest in the Champions PO or Challenge PO
#9				9. 3th Challenge Play Off

CEV Tickets: (if we still have five tickets, finalize after confirmation CEV)

1. Qualified Champions League: Champion
2. Qualified Champions League: Vice Champion
3. Qualified CEV Cup: Winner Federation Cup
4. Qualified CEV Cup: 3th ranked team
5. Qualified CEV Challenge: 4th ranked team

In case the winner of Federation Cup has a ticket for the CEV Champions League than:

- 3th ranked team takes the CEV Cup of the winner of the Federation Cup
- 4th ranked team takes the second CEV Cup ticket
- There will be a qualification phase for the CEV Challenge Ticket

B. Standards LOTTO Volley Competition

1. Competition Halls

According to the stages in competition there are minimum standards required for the Competition Hall as shown in the table below:

Table 1

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Regular Competition ▫ Challenge PO ▫ Qualification 5th European ticket 	▫ Champion PO	▫ Champion PO Final
Playing Court	18 x 9 m	18 x 9 m	18 x 9 m
+ Free Zone	>=5 x 3 m	>=6,5 x 5 m	>=6,5 x 5 m
= Playing Area	>=28 x 15 m	>=31 x 19 m	>=31 x 19 m
+ Free Passage way	optional	>=1m optional	>=2m
= Competition Area	>=28 x 15 m	>=33 x 21 m	>=35 x 23 m
Height	>=7m	>=9m	>=9m
Sub Floor	Wood/Synthetic	Wood/Synthetic	Wood/Synthetic
+Flooring: Gerflor or Overtaping	optional	optional	Gerflor or Complete Line Overtaping
Colored Playing court	yes	yes	yes
Lighting	>=750	>=750	>=1000
Seats	>=500	>=750	>=1500
Scoreboard	1 Manual and 1 Electronic	1 Manual and 1 Electronic	1 Manual and 1 Electronic
LED boarding	optional	optional	45m
Camera platform	optional	Yes	Yes
Video Challenge	Optional but Mandatory for: Aalst/Maaseik/Roeselare	Optional but Mandatory for: Aalst/Maaseik/Roeselare	Yes
Web Stream Cameras	Yes	Yes	Yes
E Score/Scout	Yes	Yes	Yes
Video Sharing	Yes	Yes	Yes
VIP Area	Optional	Yes	Yes
Large Video Screen	Optional	optional	Yes
Wireless Headsets	Yes (Volley Belgium)	Yes	Yes
ES Bench Tablets	Yes	Yes	Yes

2. Regulations CEV

Competition hall category	Minimum height	Minimum surface of the Competition area	Minimum lighting	Minimum seating capacity
1	12.5 meters	35 x 24.5 meters	1,500 lux	5,000
2	9 meters	35 x 23 meters	1,500 lux	2,500
3	9 meters	35 x 23 meters	1,500 lux	1,500
4	8 meters	33 x 21 meters	1,000 lux	1,000
T	7 meters	31 x 19 meters	500 lux	-

CEV competition	Category	Playing surface			Sub floor
		Synthetic surface	Volleyball lines only	Playing court and Free zone in different colours	Wooden floor on beams
CEV EuroVolley					
Final phase	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Phases	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CEV U21/22, U19/U20, U17/U18 Volleyball European Championship					
Final phase	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Rounds	3	Optional	Optional	Optional	Yes
CEV U16/U17 Volleyball European Championship					
Final phase	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Rounds	3	Optional	Optional	Optional	Yes
CEV Volleyball European Golden and Silver Leagues					
Final phase	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other phases	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CEV Champions League Volley					
Super Finals	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
From 4 th Round	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other phases	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CEV Volleyball Cup					
Final Phase	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional
Other matches	3	Optional	Optional	Yes	Optional
CEV Volleyball Challenge Cup					
Final Phase	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Optional
Other matches	4	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional

3. Homologation of the Belgian Competition Halls

Every Competition Hall has been inspected by the Homologation Commission of the Belgian Volleyball League in coordination with the responsible of the homologation of Volley Belgium.

The accommodations must be ready and available 60 minutes before the established starting time. The necessary balls must also be available to both teams from that moment on.

4. Additional requirements LOTTO Volley League Competition

Some competition Halls need additional requirements according to the stages of the LOTTO Volley Competitions.

Table 2

Competition Halls	<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Competition <input type="checkbox"/> PO Qualification <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Play Off	<input type="checkbox"/> Champion PO	Play Off Final
Knack Roeselare	OK	OK	Line overtaping
Greenyard Maaseik	OK	OK	OK
Lindemans Aalst	OK	OK	Line overtaping
Caruur Gent	OK	OK	OK
Decospan Menen	OK	TBD	Unsuitable
Waremmе Volley	OK	TBD	Unsuitable
VHL Haasrode	OK	OK	OK
Tectum Achel	OK	TBD	Unsuitable
AxisGuibertin	OK	TBD	Unsuitable

The Board of Directors, dated 05/06/2023, has decided that the teams Decospan Menen, Waremmе Volley, Tectum Achel and AxisGuibertin (if they are qualified) may participate at their own choice in the Champion PO in their own hall or move for all these matches to a hall that fulfill the requirements.

For the Champion PO Finals, the halls of those teams are not suitable. If they are qualified for the Champion PO Finals, they have to play their home matches in a hall that fulfill the conditions mentioned in table 1.

5. Method of asking match change

- ✓ Send application to competition manager BVL, who will first judge the application (TV, commercial, etc.)
- ✓ Competition manager forwards confirmation to both teams and MNC
- ✓ Submission of application in Volleyadmin2 and approval therein by opponent
- ✓ Approval/Disapproval by MNC
- ✓ MNC will not approve a match change if it has not obtained approval from the competition manager

6. Match change for teams playing European Competitions

For the semifinals and finals of European Cup competitions the following rules will apply with respect to a potential change of match dates within the Lotto Volley League competition :

- ✓ A LVL team, playing a home match, will be entitled to request a change of match date if there is no time gap of at least 48 hours between the end of the first game and the start of the second game.
- ✓ A LVL team, playing an away match, will be entitled to request a change of match date if there is no time gap of at least 72 hours between the end of the first game and the start of the second game.
- ✓ Such requests will be automatically approved, without possibility of appeal by the adversary team. However, the request will have to be introduced to the LVL competition manager at the latest 3 days after the date of the European Cup game is officialized.

7. Participant lists

- ✓ All data concerning players-staff should be delivered to the League Competition Manager on the official league forms and sent to vbivolley@telenet.be before **01/10/23**.
- ✓ The list of players must state for each player: surname and first name, height, position on the field, date of birth, nationality, affiliation number and date of affiliation.
- ✓ There is no obligation in the Liga A Men regarding the core players that appear on the core player list. They must not have competed three (3) times before December 31st.
- ✓ Every change of player or staff must be send immediately to the competition manager.

8. Last matchday

For the Liga A Men, the regulations regarding postponement are only valid for the last match day of the regular competition and the play-offs. The Executive Board of the BVL may allow exceptions to this.

9. Overtaping Court

- ✓ ATA Sports is one of the official dealers: atasport@skynet.be

- ✓ If during the Live TV games the competition court has more than one extra court line, the lines should be overtaped by an official dealer.
- ✓ During the Champion PO Finals no extra line is permitted and the court should be Gerflor or overtaped

10. Bench Application: Tablets

- ✓ The clubs have to use portable tablet devices for the team benches and the referees to deliver their starting line ups, time outs, substitutions and challenges.
- ✓ The tablets of the referees will have a display from the E-score
- ✓ A secured wireless LAN internet is required courtside

11. Challenge System

- ✓ The teams of Knack Roeselare, Greenyard Maaseik and Lindemans Aalst has the disposition of a Challenge Video Full system
- ✓ The Challenge Video System will be optional for Regular competition, Champion PO and Challenge PO but mandatory for the matches between Knack Roeselare, Greenyard Maaseik and Lindemans Aalst
- ✓ Those clubs must have a Video Challenge Technician who will assist in adjusting the cameras before and during the game.
- ✓ In case that the competition hall has a big screen, there will be a relay with the challenge system.
- ✓ The Challenge system requires a 45m ledboarding
- ✓ All League clubs agree that the Video Challenge System shall also be used in Regular and Live TV Matches

C. Publicity

1. Competition Ball

- Official ball: Mikasa V200W
- Ball-trolleys: free to choose
- Material yearly provided by the League: 18 Mikasa-Balls / Club

2. Players Outfit

The outfit has to be conform the competition regulations of the Federation.

Players

A player playing an official match must take the prescribed dress code:

- ✓ The equipment must be uniform and of the same color; also publicity.
- ✓ From the toss, the warm-up must take place in uniform clothing.
- ✓ The numbering from 1 to 99 in contrasting color with a minimum height of min. 10 cm and max. 15 cm in the middle of the chest and minimum 15 cm and max. 20 cm in the middle of the back according to the International Rules,

the width of the strip used must be at least 2 cm (in accordance with the international game rules).

Liberos

- ✓ The libero(s) wear a shirt (sweater), numbered and with a clear contrasting color compared to the colors of the rest of the team.
- ✓ The publicity on the outfit of the libero(s) may differ from that of others players

Shirt color

Each team has to have two outfits of a different color. If the first color of both teams is not sufficiently contrasting, the home team plays with its first color and the visiting team with its second color.

Each team has to send the two chosen colors before the 1st of August to the competition manager who will distribute the overview to all clubs.

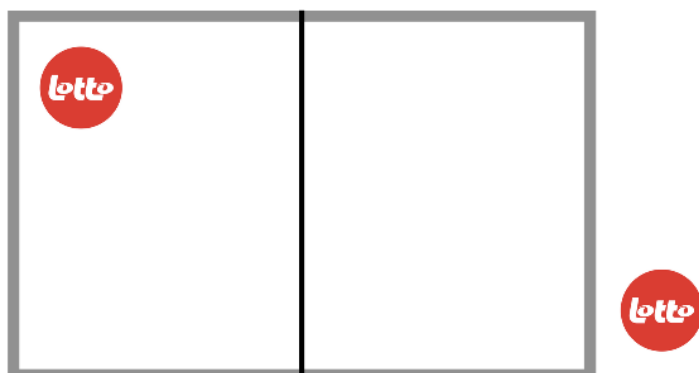
3. Publicity on Players Outfit

The LOTTO Logo should be positioned at the BOTTOM OF THE LEFT SLEEVE.

- ✓ The logo has to be 8cm length and 6cm width. Around the logo a free zone of 2,5 cm is required, except from the bottom of the sleeve where the free zone may be smaller. Another logo can be used above the Lotto logo if the distance of 2,5 cm is respected.
- ✓ The logo must be worn on all (also libero) shirt for every Lotto Volley League game.
- ✓ The logo can be printed directly on the shirt using the EPS file and respecting the size of 8cm.

4. Court Lay Out

- ✓ Only 2 positions will be reserved for the league sponsor Lotto
- ✓ The format of the sticker is 3.40m x 1m
- ✓ These stickers will be provided by the League
- ✓ The League floor stickers have to be placed in every game of the Lotto Volley League
- ✓ Besides the position of the 2 Lotto stickers a club can organize the court layout
- ✓ The club can choose either removable or fixed stickers



The court lines should be in a contrasting color with the color of the floor stickers

5. Backdrop

- ✓ Interviews for TV (official broadcaster/Regional TV) and “Star of the Game” must be taken in front of the interview backdrop positioned in the Mixed Zone straight after the end of the game.
- ✓ The Interview Backdrop will be delivered by the League.
- ✓ Club logo’s should be delivered in high resolution
- ✓ before 01/09/2023

6. Roll Up

- ✓ The league will provide 2 welcome roll-ups: these must be present at every entrance (VIP/public) of the venue.

7. Clubs with Led Boarding

- ✓ If the duration of the loop is 25 - 30 minutes, a maximum of 10 slots is occupied per loop for the league. Each slot will be 15 sec.
- ✓ The led animation will delivered by the League
- ✓ Season 2023-2024
 - Lotto: 6 slots
 - Lotto Volley League: 4 slots

8. Lotto banners/boards

- ✓ All clubs will install minimum 3 Lotto banners (2 pop up banner - 80 cm h x 180 cm w – and a banner to hang on the wall - 80 cm h x 430 cm w) in front of the main camera
- ✓ Banners will be delivered by the League

9. Ceremonies

Star of the Game

- ✓ From the start of the competition, every E.M. contest a player selected as "Star of the Game". (not in matches from Beker van België)
- ✓ We use the following procedure: The coach of the losing team selects a player from the winning team
- ✓ The choice is based on the following criterion: "Which player of the winning team has had the greatest influence on the course of the match"?
- ✓ This may be the best scoring player or a substitute who has tipped the course of the game or a libero who took care of all receptions or a game distributor, center blocker,..
- ✓ Immediately after the match, the prize (chosen by the home club) is handed over by the losing coach to the chosen player.

Champions Ceremony

- ✓ The Ceremony at the end of the season for the champion/runner up and awarding of players should take place after the 3, or 4th, or 5th match of the final of the Play Offs by the organizer of that last game.

- ✓ Requirements and format in special document.

10. New League sponsors

- ✓ The league has the right to attract new partners and give them the necessary exposure, also during the season. When it comes to co- and main sponsors, this should not go against the already existing club sponsors.

D. TV / Statistics and Social Media

1. Statistics & Videosharing & e-score

Concerning the videosharing

- ✓ Each Lotto Volley League-game will be shared with the scouters via the 360 Sports Intelligence system
- ✓ The home team is responsible for recording each LOTTO Volley game from the end of the court with a HD 1280x720 camera
- ✓ The camera should be placed in the rear of the Competition Hall and should cover the whole playing area
- ✓ The home-team sends the capture video footage within 12 hours after the game to the server of the videosharing company. The compression of the film can be done with the enclosed program

Concerning the statistics

- ✓ All teams will scout the Lotto-games with DATA VOLLEY (2007 or DV4)
- ✓ All teams will use the official team-files
- ✓ In official games the home team will use the scout-file of the server
- ✓ 15 minutes after the game the scout-file has to be mailed to the server
- ✓ Minimum requirements of the scout-file
 - Starting positions/Rotations of each set
 - Serves (spinner or float)
 - Receptions
 - Side-out attacks
 - Transition attacks
 - Scoring blocks
 - If possible:
 - Block and defense
 - Attack tempo's with tips/shots
 - Amount of blockers
 - Codes of attack
 - Setter calls

Collaboration:

- Scouters can exchange by using Google Drive
- Scouters will send the non-corrected file as soon as possible
- Scouters will upload the corrected file within 24 hrs
- Scout-file should be synchronized with the video

Requirements:

- The home team provides a table at either end of the court with enough space for two people where they can complete statistics (electricity should be available).

- A secure free wireless internet connection should be available for the competing teams.
- A suitable location must be provided for the opponent team video camera, they should be in a raised position behind the end line of the competition court.

Concerning E-score

- ✓ The E-score shall be done by the system of DATAVOLLEY. Program can be downloaded as follow :
<https://www.dataproject.com/Products/EU/en/Volleyball/eScoresheet>
- ✓ Update will be done automatically by opening the program.
- ✓ The club official has to connect the eScoresheet online no later than 20 minutes prior to the start of each match and shall remain connected until the official data has been checked and confirmed post-match.

2. Video & photo content - social media - website

Streaming the Lotto Volley League competition

A new streaming infrastructure will be set up by 360 Sports Intelligence:

- ✓ 3 fixed cameras, both live and on demand
- ✓ a fourth camera will be provided for interviews before and after the game
- ✓ a commentators post will provided
 - the club will be responsible to have minimum one commentator per game, and preferably two commentators
- ✓ possibility to add sponsors to the livestream
 - the Lotto Volley League must always be present
 - the Lotto logo will be added (to determine when and where)
- ✓ The live streaming and the summary of the game will also be made available (free of charge) to the regional and national TV broadcasts

Video content & media manager

With the 360 Sports Intelligence system, we are able to make a lot more video content ourselves.

It is the responsibility of the club to appoint someone for this. He or she must be able to install the camera for the interviews, conduct interviews and transfer the images if necessary.

Social Media

- ✓ Every Club should have at least an active Facebook, Instagram and Twitter account.
- ✓ The Lotto Volley League logo is added to the header photo
- ✓ The Lotto Volley League logo is as much as possible added to all content shared on the club accounts
- ✓ All activations of Lotto, foreseen during a home game of the club, are announced on all used social media channels of the club.
- ✓ Every club shares as much as possible the Lotto related social media posts
- ✓ The sponsors of the Lotto Volley League have the opportunity to propose a message on the social media of the club when of interest for the Belgian volleyball community.
- ✓ Social media is an important part of the value determination of the sponsorship contracts. It is therefore important for the clubs to build a comprehensive community through social media.
- ✓ The performance of the social media and reach of the website will be measured using tools

such as Google Analytics.

Club Website

- ✓ Every Club-website should contain the logo of Lotto as a main partner
- ✓ Every Club website should contain the Lotto Volley League logo in the header (where the menu is) or a header image (one of the carousel)
- ✓ Every Club-website should contain the up-to-date Competition and Cup Results with the Logo of the Lotto Volley League.
- ✓ Every Club-website should contain the up-to-date competition ranking with the Logo of the Lotto Volley League.
- ✓ Every Club-website includes a link to Live Score.
- ✓ Every club-website includes a link to the Leagues website and links to the Leagues Sponsors websites.
- ✓ Links to the sponsors of Lotto Volley League are mentioned on the Club-website.
- ✓ Activations or actions of Lotto Volley League Sponsors, foreseen during a home game of the club are announced on the Club website.

Info Google/FB Analytics

- ✓ An important part of the valuation of the agreements with our sponsors is based on measurable results.
- ✓ Based on the number of spectators, social media followers and website visitors the league can prove the size and growth of our total community.
- ✓ Most of the figures are publicly available. For the monitoring of the website of each club we need some support.
- ✓ To be able to check, on a regular base, the evolution of the number of visitors during the season, the club should provide the League the rights to consult the clubs Google Analytics account.
- ✓ Each club should provide an access to the CEO of the Belgian Volley League with password and login.

Television

- ✓ For all matches displayed on TV, national or regional there are fixed requirements.
- ✓ For all matches the "League TV manuals1-2-3" apply. In this way the league wants to bring volleyball to the fans in a fixed format

Club database and GDPR

- ✓ Club data emails must have an "opt in" to use them for commercial purposes and the reporting asks the community managers to make a monthly count of the available addresses that are "GDPR ready".

League Features

- ✓ Club Presentation: each team provides the requested items on the official form provided by the League. The club-logo must be provided in .eps or .ai format
- ✓ Team Presentation: each team provides the requested items on the official form provided by the League

E. Charter termination competition

Charter stopzetten competitie - Nederlandse versie

- ✓ Het is niet onmogelijk dat maatregelen een normaal verloop van de Competitie kunnen verstoren.
- ✓ De eventuele aanpassingen die daaruit voortvloeien zoals uitstel, afgelasting van wedstrijden en competitiefasen of een voortijdige competitiestop, met eventueel onvolledige rangschikkingen, enz. , zijn mogelijk en kunnen leiden tot beslissingen die door één of meerdere ligaclubs als nadelig beschouwd worden.
- ✓ Om bepaalde ongekende en uitzonderlijke situaties het hoofd te bieden, ondertekenen alle Ligaclubs dit charter waarin ze elkaar plechtig beloven (to pledge) zich uitermate constructief, flexibel en wendbaar op te stellen om het verloop van de competitie te vrijwaren.
- ✓ In deze omstandigheden is het noodzakelijk om niet alleen mondeling de collegialiteit en solidariteit uit te spreken (vluchtig en interpreteerbaar), maar dit ook in deze tekst vast te leggen en te ondertekenen (formeel en duidelijk) en als een gedragscode te beschouwen.
- ✓ Enkel bij wijze van voorbeeld geven we hierbij een opsomming van mogelijke gevallen die de competitie kunnen verstoren of beïnvloeden. Het is onmogelijk om hiervoor een sluitende en limitatieve lijst op te stellen. Dit charter heeft dan ook niet de ambitie, noch de bedoeling een 2^{de} of aanvullend competitiereglement te zijn. De onderstaande lijst van artikels werd opgesteld in de "IF" – "THEN" vorm en wil vooral inspirerend en richtinggevend werken.

Artikels:

- 1. IF: omstandigheden verhinderen de competitiestart, verplichten tot uitstel en eventueel stopzetting van de competitie.**
 - THEN: de RvB Liga heeft de volmacht, weliswaar na consultatie van de Algemene Vergadering die ten laatste 48 uren na kennisname van de omstandigheden via videoconference zal samenkomen, de nodige beslissingen te nemen om een competitie te plannen die rekening houdt met de beschikbare tijdsperiode, de beschikbaarheid van spelers, zalen en andere nog ongekende factoren. De RvB kan hiermede maatregelen nemen die afwijken van het bestaande competitieverloop en of –formule, indien daarvoor een gegronde reden is.
- 2. IF: omstandigheden verhinderen een normaal verloop van de competitiekalender waardoor wedstrijden moeten verplaatst worden.**
 - THEN: een 'Competitieraad' samengesteld uit leden aangesteld door de RvB en bevestigd door de AV, zal (na consultatie van de betrokken partijen en binnen de 24h) een beslissing nemen over de aanpassingen in de kalender.
 - De uitgestelde wedstrijden moeten gespeeld worden binnen de periode van de respectievelijke competitiefase (Reguliere, Play Off's, Kwalificatie Europees ticket, Finale Best of).
 - De Liga clubs engageren zich om zich uitermate soepel op te stellen ten opzichte van de verplaatsing van wedstrijden naar midweek en/of in dubbele weekends; waarbij het vlot afwerken van de competitie voorrang heeft op eigen organisatorische problemen van welke aard dan ook (beschikbaarheid van de zaal of van de spelers).

3. IF: omstandigheden verhinderen een normale eindrangschikking voor het einde van de Reguliere Fase door een definitieve stop of omdat er onvoldoende ruimte in de kalender is om matches nog te verplaatsen binnen deze fase. Deze regel geldt enkel indien minstens de helft van de wedstrijden van de Reguliere Fase effectief gespeeld zijn. Zoniet valt de beslissing onder Art. 1 van dit charter.

- THEN: een eindrangschikking zal gebaseerd zijn op het aantal behaalde punten gedeeld door het aantal gespeelde wedstrijden. Bij gelijke stand telt in volgorde:
 - het aantal gewonnen wedstrijden
 - het 'average gewonnen/verloren sets'
 - 'average van gewonnen/verloren punten'.

Deze rangschikking is bepalend voor de Play Off's, indien deze gespeeld worden.

4. IF: omstandigheden verplichten tot de stop van de competitie 'voor aanvang' van de Play Off's

THEN: Indien "voor aanvang van de Play Off's" er een definitieve stop is telt de rangschikking van de Reguliere Competitie als eindrangschikking

5. IF: omstandigheden verplichten tot de stop 'tijdens' de Play Off fase

- THEN: de eindrangschikking zal gebaseerd worden op het aantal behaalde punten gedeeld door het aantal gespeelde wedstrijden. Bij gelijke stand telt in volgorde:
 - het aantal gewonnen wedstrijden
 - het 'average gewonnen/verloren sets'
 - 'average van gewonnen/verloren punten'.
- Deze regel is niet van toepassing indien de heenronde van deze fase niet volledig gespeeld werd; in dit laatste geval zal de rangschikking binnen de poules rekening houden met de rangschikking van de Reguliere fase.

6. IF: omstandigheden verplichten tot de stop van de competitie "na" de Play Off's en "voor aanvang" aanvang van de Champions Final en eventuele kwalificatie Europees ticket

THEN: Indien "na de Play Off's" en "voor" aanvang van de Champions Final en eventuele kwalificatie Europees ticket, er een definitieve stop is telt de rangschikking van de Play Off's als eindrangschikking

7. IF: omstandigheden verplichten tot de stop van de competitie "tijdens" eventuele kwalificatie Europees ticket

THEN: Indien "tijdens" eventuele kwalificatie Europees ticket er een definitieve stop is telt:

- ✓ De ploeg die tijdens de de Play Off's het hoogst geëindigd is, bekommt het eventuele ticket

8. IF: omstandigheden verplichten een definitieve stop tijdens Champions Final Best of...

- THEN: de eindrangschikking zal gebaseerd worden op de rangschikking in die fase. Bij gelijke stand telt in volgorde:
 - het aantal gewonnen wedstrijden
 - het 'average gewonnen/verloren sets'
 - 'average van gewonnen/verloren punten'.

Bemerking: Deze eindrangschikkingen bepalen de toekenning van de kampioentitel alsook die van de CEV tickets, met uitzondering van het ticket voorzien voor de bekerwinnaar.

- 9. IF: omstandigheden isoleren speler(s), coaches, begeleiders, voor een bepaalde periode (of buitenlandse spelers geraken niet op tijd in België voor de competitiestart).**
- THEN: de betrokken teams zijn verplicht de competitie verder te spelen indien een minimum van 9 aangesloten spelers op het wedstrijdblad kan ingevuld worden. Minstens 1 van die 9 spelers heeft een spelverdelersfunctie. De 'Competitieraad' zal indien mogelijk de match verplaatsen binnen de fase van de competitie waar het in hoort en indien dit niet mogelijk is zal de ploeg, die niet kan spelen, de wedstrijd verliezen met 3-0.
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- 10. IF: omstandigheden verhinderen een team (s) de toegang en gebruik van de competitie/trainingshal.**
- THEN: de club wordt verplicht in een andere zaal zijn competitie matches en trainingen te organiseren. Het verloren thuisvoordeel is geen argument voor uitstel. De matches kunnen dan ook gespeeld worden bij de ploegen die oorspronkelijk op bezoek moesten spelen.
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- 11. IF: omstandigheden verbieden de inrichting van Catering activiteiten die doorgaan voor/tijdens/na een match**
- THEN: Deze maatregel heeft geen gevolg voor de organisatie van een Liga match en is ook geen reden tot een aanvraag voor uitstel, zelfs indien beide clubs het hierover eens zijn.
- 12. IF: omstandigheden verbieden gehele of gedeeltelijke aanwezigheid van publiek voor/tijdens/na een match**
- THEN: Deze maatregel heeft geen gevolg voor de organisatie van een Liga match en is ook geen reden tot een aanvraag voor uitstel, zelfs indien beide clubs het hierover eens zijn.

Charter Version Française

- ✓ Il n'est pas impossible que des mesures ne permettent un déroulement normal de la Compétition.
- ✓ Les éventuelles adaptations qui en découleront comme la remise, l'annulation de rencontres et de phases de la compétition ou un arrêt temporaire de la compétition, avec éventuellement des classements incomplets, etc..., peuvent conduire à des décisions qui seraient considérées comme désavantageuses par un ou plusieurs clubs.
- ✓ Pour faire face à un certain nombre de situations inconnues et exceptionnelles, tous les clubs de Ligue A signent cette charte, dans laquelle ils s'engagent mutuellement à être extrêmement constructifs, flexibles et ouverts pour garantir le déroulement de la compétition.
- ✓ Dans ces circonstances, il ne faut pas seulement exprimer oralement sa collégialité et sa solidarité (ce qui est volatil et interprétable) mais aussi le formaliser dans ce texte et le signer (formellement et clairement) et le considérer comme un code de conduite.
- ✓ Uniquement à titre d'exemple, nous énumérons ci-dessous les cas qui peuvent perturber ou affecter la compétition. Il est impossible d'établir une liste exhaustive. Cette charte n'a donc pas l'ambition, ni la vocation d'être un second ou supplémentaire règlement de compétition. La liste des articles ci-dessous est construite sous la forme "IF" – "THEN". Elle veut donner des lignes directrices et être source d'inspiration.

1. Articles :

- 1. IF: les circonstances empêchent le démarrage de la compétition, imposent une remise et un arrêt éventuel de la compétition.**
- THEN: le CA de la Ligue a le pouvoir, certes après consultation de l'Assemblée Général qui se réunira par vidéoconférence au plus tard 48 heures après avoir pris connaissance des circonstances, de prendre les décisions nécessaires pour planifier une compétition qui tient compte

de la période disponible, de la disponibilité des joueurs, salles et autres facteurs encore inconnus. Le CA peut prendre des mesures qui s'écartent du déroulement actuel de la compétition et/ou de la formule, pour autant qu'il y ait une raison valable.

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- 2. IF: les circonstances empêchent un déroulement normal de la compétition induisant que des rencontres doivent être déplacées.**
 - **THEN:** un "Conseil de compétition" composé de membres désignés par le CA et confirmés par l'AG, (prendra (après consultation et endéans les 24 heures) une décision à propos des adaptations au calendrier.
 - Les rencontres concernées devront se jouer endéans la période des phases respectives de compétition (régulière, Play Off's, qualification ticket Européenne, finale best of).
 - Les clubs de la Ligue s'engagent à faire preuve de souplesse en ce qui concerne le déplacement de rencontres en milieu de semaine et/ou au cours de doubles weekends; le bon déroulement de la compétition prime sur les propres problèmes d'organisation de quelle que nature que ce soit (disponibilité de la salle ou des joueurs).

- 3. IF: les circonstances empêchent un classement final normal avant la fin de la phase régulière à cause d'un arrêt définitif ou parce qu'il reste trop peu d'espace-calendrier pour déplacer ces rencontres à l'intérieur de cette phase. Cette règle ne s'applique que si au moins la moitié des matches de la phase régulière ont effectivement été joués. Sinon, la décision relève de l'art. 1 de cette charte.**
 - **THEN:** un classement final sera établi sur base du nombre de points obtenus divisé par le nombre de rencontres jouées. En cas d'égalité, le départage se fera dans l'ordre selon:
 - le nombre de rencontres gagnées
 - le set-average 'sets gagnés/sets perdus'
 - la division des points gagnés par les points perdus.

Ce classement est défini pour la participation aux Plat Off's, si celle-ci peut avoir lieu.

- 4. IF: les circonstances obligent à arrêter la compétition « avant le début » de la phase de Play Off.**
 - **THEN:** Si un arrêt définitif intervient 'pendant' la phase de Play Off, le classement de la compétition régulière fait office de classement final.

- 5. IF: les circonstances obligent à arrêter 'pendant' la phase de Play Off**
 - **THEN:** le classement final sera basé sur le nombre de points obtenus divisé par le nombre de rencontres jouées. En cas d'égalité, le départage se fera dans l'ordre selon:
 - le nombre de rencontres gagnées
 - le set-average 'sets gagnés/sets perdus'
 - la division des points gagnés par les points perdus.
 - Cette règle n'est pas d'application si les matches 'aller' de cette phase ne sont pas tous joués; dans ce dernier cas, le classement des poules tiendra compte du classement de la phase régulière.

- 6. IF: les circonstances obligent à arrêter la compétition « après » de la phase de Play Off et « avant le début » de la Champion Final et éventuellement la qualification ticket Européenne**
 - **THEN:** Si un arrêt définitif intervient « après » la phase de Play Off et « avant le début » de la Champion Final et éventuellement la qualification ticket Européenne, le classement des Play Off's fait office de classement final.

- 7. IF: les circonstances obligent à arrêter la compétition « pendant » la phase éventuelle de qualification ticket Européenne.**

THEN: Si un arrêt définitif intervient « pendant » la phase éventuelle la qualification ticket Européenne compte :

- L'équipe qui a terminé la meilleure pendant les Play Offs recevra le ticket

8. IF: les circonstances imposent un arrêt définitif pendant la phase Champions Final Best of ...

- **THEN:** le classement final sera basé sur le classement de cette phase. En cas d'égalité, le départage se fera dans l'ordre selon:
 - le nombre de rencontres gagnées
 - le set-average 'sets gagnés/sets perdus'
 - la division des points gagnés par les points perdus.

Remarque: ces classements finaux déterminent le titre de champion ainsi que les tickets CEV, à l'exception du ticket prévu pour le vainqueur de la Coupe.

9. IF: les circonstances isolent pour une certaine période des joueurs, coaches, accompagnants (ou si des joueurs étrangers ne reviennent pas à temps en Belgique pour le début de la compétition).

- **THEN:** les équipes concernées sont obligées de continuer la compétition si un minimum de 9 joueurs valides peuvent être consignés sur la feuille de match. Au moins 1 de ces 9 joueurs a une fonction de distributeur (setter). Le 'Conseil de compétition déplacera si possible le match au sein de la phase en cours et si ce n'est pas possible, l'équipe qui ne peut pas jouer perdra la rencontre par 3-0.

10. IF: les circonstances empêchent à une ou plusieurs équipes l'accès et l'utilisation des salles de compétition/entraînements

- **THEN:** le club est obligé d'organiser ses matches de compétition et ses entraînements dans une autre salle. La perte de l'avantage de jouer à domicile n'est pas un argument pour une remise.

11. IF: les circonstances interdisent l'organisation des activités catering avant/pendant/après un match

- **THEN:** Cette mesure n'a aucune incidence sur l'organisation d'un match de la Ligue et ne justifie pas une demande de report, même si les 2 clubs sont d'accord.

12 IF: les circonstances interdisent la présence de tout ou partie du public avant/pendant/après un match

- **THEN:** Cette mesure n'a aucune incidence sur l'organisation d'un match de la Ligue et ne justifie pas une demande de report, même si les 2 clubs sont d'accord.