



## 2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship Caguas, Puerto Rico January 4-12, 2008

### Competition Regulations

#### 1. Organizer

- 1.1 For the organization of the 2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship, the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation accepts to comply with the terms and conditions established in this Competition Regulation that are the official statutes of the event.
- 1.2 The **Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation**, affiliated to the North, Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation, NORCECA, and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, **will be responsible for the organization of the 2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship**, qualifying event to the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing, China, programmed to be held on January 4-12, 2008, in the city of Caguas, Puerto Rico.
- 1.3 **Organization Addresses & Contacts:**

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**2. Host City and Competition Venue**

**2.1 Host City:**

The **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship** will be held in the city of Caguas, Puerto Rico. The event will be held on January 4-12, 2008.

**2.2 International Airports of arrival and departure:**

The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship** is the Luis Muñoz Marin International Airport in the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2.3 **Competition Venues:**

The competition venue will be the Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum, located in the Sport Complex in the city of Caguas, Puerto Rico. This Competition Venue has been inspected and homologated by NORCECA for this competition.

2.4 **Training Venues:**

The training venues for participating teams will be the following:

➤ **A) Roger Mendoza Court**

Sport Complex  
Caguas, Puerto Rico

➤ **B) Turabo University**

Av. El Turabo  
Caguas, Puerto Rico

2.5 **Accommodation, meals and internal transportation:**

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees will be covered by the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee, from January 4-12, 2008.

2.6 **Hotels**

The Hotel assigned for the accommodation of Participating Teams will be the:

**Four Points by Sheraton Caguas Real Hotel & Suites**

500 Alhambra en Granada Blvd.  
Caguas, 00726, Puerto Rico  
Tel.: + (787) 653-1111

**3. Statutes & Authority**

3.1 **Competition Regulations:**

These Regulations will be the statute that controls the competition. Any situation not covered by these Regulations will be decided according to NORCECA's Regulations and in the contrary by the FIVB Regulations, including its Constitution, Administrative, Sport, Financial, General Regulations, Complementary Statutes and Code of Conduct.

3.2 **FIVB Official Rules of the Games**

The **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship** will be played in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules of the Game in force.

3.3 **Control Committee**

The competition will be conducted by the Control Committee, which will be designated and appointed by the President of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.

### 3.4 VISA information:

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams in the **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship**, the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation must guarantee, throughout the correspondent governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry of participating team members, registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form, into Puerto Rico.

## 4. Event Schedule and Activities:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
<b>October 15, 2007</b>	Letter from participating National Federations confirming the participation of their National Team to the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and NORCECA.
<b>December 4, 2007</b>	Payment of Entry Fees of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to be remitted to NORCECA, together with the FIVB 0-2 Form that must be remitted to NORCECA and to the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation for the official registration of participating National Teams.
<b>January 3, 2008</b>	VIS equipment inspection, installation, testing and practical clinic for VIS support personnel and staff.
<b>January 3, 2008</b>	Arrival of Control Committee Members
<b>January 4, 2008</b>	Arrival of Referees and participating Teams Delegations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•<b>10:00</b> Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting, to be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Caguas Real Hotel &amp; Suites..</li><li>•<b>14:00</b> Inspection visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall, T.V. transmission and transportation.</li><li>• <b>08:00-20:00</b> Training of participating teams.</li></ul>
<b>January 5, 2008</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•<b>08:00-20:00</b> Training of participating teams.</li><li>•<b>09:00-13:00</b> Preliminary inquiry for participating teams at the Four Points by Sheraton Caguas Real Hotel &amp; Suites.</li><li>•<b>10:00</b> Final Inspection visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall, T.V. transmission and transportation.</li><li>•<b>14:00-16:00</b> Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum, in the city of Caguas, Puerto Rico..</li><li>•<b>17:30</b> Control Committee meeting at the Four Points by Sheraton Caguas Real Hotel &amp; Suites.</li></ul>

•**19:00** General Technical meeting at the Convention Center of the Four Points by Sheraton Caguas Real Hotel & Suites.

**January 6, 2008**

**Day 1- Competition**

Group A- Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

Preliminary Round- Matches No. 1-4 •13:00 - 20:00

Group B- Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

Preliminary Round- Matches No. 2-3 •15:00 - 17:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**January 7, 2008**

**Day 2 - Competition**

Group A- Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

Preliminary Round- Matches No. 5-8 •14:00 - 20:00

Group B- Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

Preliminary Round- Matches No. 6-7 •16:00 - 18:00 The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**January 8, 2008**

**Day 3 - Competition**

Group A – Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

Preliminary Round- Matches No. 9-12 •14:00 - 20:00

Group B- Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

Preliminary Round – Matches No. 10-11 • 16:00 - 18:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**January 9, 2008**

**Day 4 – Competition**

**Quarter Finals**

Match No. 13 (2A vs 3B) • 18:00 Match No. 14 (2B vs 3A) • 20:00  
Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**January 10, 2008**

**Day 5 – Competition**

**Qualification Round 7/8**

Matches No. 15 (P/L P/M13 vs 4B or 4A) • 14:00

Match No. 16 (P/L P/M vs 4A or 4B) • 16:00

Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**Semifinals**

Matches No. 17 (1A vs G/W P/M13 or G/W P/M14) • 18:00

Match No. 18 (1B vs G/W P/M14 or G/W P/M13) • 20:00.  
Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**January 11, 2008 Day 6 – Competition**

**Final Qualification and Finals**

**Qualification 7/8 Match No. 19 (P/L P/M15 vs P/L P/M16) • 14:00**

**Qualification 5/6 Match No. 20 (G/W P/M15 vs G/W P/M16) • 16:00**

**Qualification 3/4 Match No. 21 (P/L P/M17 vs P/L P/M18) • 18:00**

**Finals Match No. 22 (G/W P/M17 vs G/W P/M 18) •20:00**

Hector Sola Bezares Coliseum.

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**January 12, 2008** Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating Teams.

**5. Participating Teams Delegation Composition**

5.1 A maximum of eight (8) teams will participate in the **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship.**

Barbados	Mexico
Canada	Panama
Cuba	Dominican Republic
USA	Puerto Rico, (Host Country)

5.2 **Team Composition:**

Each team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 19 persons, consisting of:

- Twelve (12) Players
- Four (4) Officials (Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Therapist, Team Manager)
- One (1) Doctor (FIVB accredited)
- One (1) Sports Journalist (FIVB accredited and/or NORCECA)
- One (1) Referee (FIVB, International FIVB and/or Continental Referee)

5.3 **Team Delegation additional personnel:**

All person that exceed the total stipulated in Article 5.2 will be considered as additional personnel and the National Federation (NF) that registers them will be responsible for the payment of their expenses, including lodging, meals and internal transportation. The names of these persons should be submitted in advance to the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or NORCECA. The National Federation concerned must pay the amount of US\$150.00 daily per additional person based on double occupancy and US\$200.00 daily per

person in single occupancy. The National Federation (NF) that registers additional personnel shall make the correspondent payment before but not later than the Preliminary Enquiry.

## **6. Player's Eligibility**

- 6.1 Participating players must be citizens of the country that they represent according to the FIVB Sports and General Regulations.

The official document to verify the player's eligibility is their valid passport, issued by the competent governmental authorities of their country.

- 6.2 The passports of all players must be presented to the Control Committee for its verification during the preliminary inquiry.  
Players whose original passport (no passport copies will be admitted) are not presented during the preliminary enquiry will not be accredited and therefore will not be able to participate in the competition.

## **7. Registration and participation fees:**

### **7.1 Registration:**

The registration of each National Team will consist in submitting the FIVB O-2 Form to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation together with the payment of the registration fee of US\$1,000.00 before but not after December 4, 2007. For the registration of participating teams the use of the official FIVB O2 form is required. These forms are available to be downloaded throughout NORCECA Confederation web page, [www.norceca.org](http://www.norceca.org)

- 7.1.1 The payment of the Registration fee could be made effective to NORCECA throughout an international bank transfer and/or throughout a check payment (administration bank check) to be remitted to NORCECA by courier.

- 7.1.2 For the payment of the Registration fee throughout an international bank transfer, the transfer payment should be made to the following bank accounts:

Name of Bank:	Wachovia Bank NA.
Account No:	2000192003379
Swift Code:	PNBPUS3NNYC
ABA No.:	026005092
Bank Address:	200 S Biscayne Blvd. 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Miami, FL. 33131 United States of America

Beneficiary Bank:	Banco BDI SA
Address of Bank:	Av. Sarasota #27, La Julia Santo Domingo, República Dominicana

For further credit to: Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz  
President NORCECA Volleyball Confederation  
Account No.: 4010019231  
Address: Av. Maximo Gomez, Esq. 27 de Febrero  
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7.1.3 The payment of the Registration fee throughout a check (bank administration check), must be remitted to NORCECA, together with the original of the FIVB 0-2 Form, by certified express mail and/or courier to the following address:

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7.1.4 A copy of the FIVB 0-2 Form, one (1) team photo and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegation (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) must be remitted by express certified mail, courier and/or email to the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation with a copy to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation to the following address:

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**7.2 Team final registration (FIVB O-2 bis Form)**

During the Preliminary Enquiry, the Team Manager must submit to the Control Committee the FIVB O-2 bis Form with a maximum of 12 players. In case that the FIVB O-2 bis Form is not provided to the Control Committee, the first 12 players in the FIVB O-2 Form will constitute the team.

**7.3 Registration Fee**

Each participating team must pay an entry fee of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand



Dollars).

7.3.1 This payment should be made throughout a certified check, made and payable to the order of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation. The Registration fee should be remitted together with the original of the FIVB O-2 Form before but not after December 4, 2007.

## **8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms**

8.1 The **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship** will be played under the current FIVB rules at the time of the competition. All necessary interpretations are to be clarified during the Referee Clinic and/or the General Technical Meeting.

### **8.2 Official Ball:**

The official ball will be the Molten IV5XC. NORCECA Confederation will provide to the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation a total of 25 volleyballs Molten IV5XC.

### **8.3 Uniforms:**

Player's uniforms should be in accordance with FIVB Official Rules. Each team should have available a minimum of two (2) sets of playing uniforms of different colors, one of which should be based colored white. The team Captain and Libero uniforms should be presented at the preliminary enquiry for Control Committee inspection. The player's names and numbers on the uniforms must be the same as on the FIVB O-2 and O-2 bis Forms.

### **8.4 Publicity on uniforms:**

Publicity on players' uniforms must be authorized by NORCECA previous to the payment of the established quota.

### **8.5 Dress code for Officials on the Bench:**

All Officials on the bench must be properly dressed according to the dress code of the current FIVB Regulations. Those Officials that do not comply with the established dress code will not be allowed to seat on the bench.

## **9. Competition Format and Teams Distribution:**

9.1 The **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship** will be played under the following competition format:

- a) With eight (8) Teams two (2) groups of four (4) will be formed.
- b) With seven (7) Teams two (2) groups will be formed, one of four (4) and one (1) of three (3).
- c) With six (6) Teams a Round Robin will be played. The first four (4) teams of the Preliminary Round will advance to compete in the Final Round. (1<sup>st</sup> Vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vs. 4<sup>th</sup>). The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place teams of the Preliminary Round will play one match between each other to determine

their final ranking.

- d) With Five (5) Teams a Round Robin will be played. The first four (4) teams ranked in the Preliminary Round will advance to compete in the Semifinal Round. (1<sup>st</sup> Vs. 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vs. 3<sup>rd</sup>). Winners of the Semifinal Round would play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round would play one match to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

## 9.2 **Semifinal Round**

For the Qualification Round 5-8 and Semifinal Round, according to the FIVB General Competition Regulations, it must be avoided that teams from the same group play each other.

- 9.3 According to the established competition format and the FIVB General Regulations, for the Qualification Round 5-8, in case that three teams from the same group qualify, the team with the highest qualification of their Preliminary Round will play the team with the lowest qualification. For the Semifinal Round, in case that three teams from the same group qualify match between 1st place and 3rd place of their preliminary round will be repeated (A-1 or B-1 Vs A-3 or B-3).

## 9.4 **Round Robin Ranking**

The ranking of teams will be determined by the results of the matches on the basis of matches won and lost and according to the number of points gained among teams of the same group. The following points will be awarded per match to each team:

Match Won	=	2 points
Match Lost	=	1 point
Match Forfeited	=	0 point

## 9.5 **Tie Breaking Procedure**

In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or more teams, the tie will be broken by the point's ratio according to Article 8.3 of the FIVB Sport Regulations, with the following criteria in order of importance:

- A) **Point Quotient:** In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or several teams they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost.
- B) **Set Quotient:** If the tie persists as per the point's quotient the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.
- C) **If the tie continues as per the set quotient between two teams,** the priority will be given to the team which won the last match between them.
- D) **When the tie is between three or more teams** a new classification of these teams will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.

## 9.6 Team Distribution:

For the **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship** teams will be distributed according to their position in the FIVB World Ranking as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 using the Serpentine System for their distribution as follow:

### **Group A**

Host Country  
3<sup>rd</sup> Order World Ranking  
4<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
7<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking

### **Group B**

1<sup>st</sup> Order World Ranking  
2<sup>nd</sup> Order World Ranking  
5<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
6<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking

## 10. Rights of the Host Country

- 10.1 The host country has the right to choose the group for their National Team. The remaining teams will be distributed using the Serpentine System in accordance with their position in the FIVB World Ranking, starting with the highest World Ranking team as head of Group A or B. The host country has the right to choose one (1) match in the Competition Schedule of the Preliminary Round.
- 10.2 Once the Preliminary, Quarterfinals, Semifinal and Final Round matches are established, the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation will propose to the Control Committee the time and order of all matches to be played.
- 10.3 The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB General Regulations.

## 11. Financial Responsibilities

- 11.1 The following will be the financial responsibilities of the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee:
  - a) **Internal Transportation, lodging, and meals** for Control Committee members, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival to date of departure.
  - b) **Medical Services:** First Aid Medical Service must be provided during the Competition (International Medical Insurance is recommended for participating teams in order to cover the payment of the medical services required by the members of their delegation).
  - c) **Payment of Per Diem** for Control Committee Members, International Referees, Press and Medical Delegate: US\$50.00 per day, from two (2) days before and one (1) day after the competition and US\$75.00 for the VIS Delegate, according to the Regulations established by NORCECA Confederation. The Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee will be able to establish the corresponding agreements for the payment of the per diem for local officials, technical and support personnel.

**NOTE 1:** The payment of Per Diem to the Control Committee members, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, VIS Delegate, Technical Personnel and Referees, should be effective before the conclusion of the Preliminary Round.

**NOTE 2:** The payment of Per Diem to local officials, technical and support personnel, including the members of the Control Committee of the host country, medical and press delegate, is to be made in accordance with the established agreement between the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and the person contracted for the required services.

- d) The Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee, must cover the following financial responsibilities towards NORCECA:

#### **Event Host Fee**

- **US\$10,000.00** (Ten Thousand Dollars) to cover the payment of the hosting fee of the Event.

#### **Registration Fee**

- **50%** of participating teams Registration Fee. For this event in particular and due to the category (Senior) of the event, the Registration Fee for participating teams will be US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars). 50% of the Registration Fee of participating teams will be paid to the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and the remaining 50% of the Registration Fee corresponds to NORCECA.

#### **Sponsorship and Marketing**

- **US\$10,000.00** (Ten Thousand Dollars) of Marketing and/or sponsorship of Local and International Radio and TV transmissions, as well as for the Marketing rights of Local and International Sponsorships is to be paid to NORCECA, establishing a minimum fee of **US\$1,000.00** (One Thousand Dollars) for each sponsor promoting their products inside or outside the Main Competition Venues.

**Note:** Government, State and/or Provincial economical support and/or contribution will not be considered as sponsorship, commercialization and/or marketing.

- e) **Air Fare** the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee will be responsible to cover the payment of the air fare

(economical class) for Control Committee Members and Neutral Referee, up to a maximum of 12 air tickets.

11.2 The following are the financial responsibility for participating National Federations:

- a) To remit a letter confirming the participation of their National Team to the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and NORCECA before but no after October 15, 2007.
- b) Payment of Registration Fee US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to NORCECA before but not after December 4, 2007.
- c) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.
- d) Payment of international transportation, as well as airport taxes.

## 12. Complaints and Appeals

### 12.1 Complaints:

- a) All complaints must be presented in writing to the Control Committee. The procedure established to present a complaint must be according to Article 9 of the FIVB Sports Regulations. Complaints will be solved according to the FIVB General, Sports and Rules of the Games in force.
- b) Complaints related with a technical issue (violation of the FIVB Rules of the Games) must be solved by the acting Control Committee of the match where the violation of the Rules of the Games has been verified. The procedure must be in accordance with the FIVB Sports Regulation (**Judges Conferences**). Violation of the Rules of the Games must be claimed, by the affected team, during the development of the match in course and must be solved during the match by the Control Committee.
- c) All complaints and appeals not related with a technical issue and/or violation of the Rules of the Games must be presented in writing to the Control Committee President within 60 minutes after the conclusion of the match. Complaints and appeals must be presented with a deposit of US\$500.00 cash; if the complaints and/or appeals proceed the deposit will be reimbursed. The Control Committee President must announce the verdict within 12 hours after the presentation of the complaint and/or appeal.

### 12.2 Sanctions:

For this competition the following sanctions have been established:

- a) Negligence to provide the FIVB O-2 Form by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$500.00.

- b) Negligence to provide the Registration Fee by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$500.00.
- c) The non-fulfillment of Article 8.3 of these Regulations, corresponding to the uniforms of Participating Teams, in accordance with the FIVB Official Uniform Regulations, will apply to a US \$3,000.00 sanction.
- d) The inadequate presentation during the preliminary enquiry of the required documents of participating teams (FIVB O2, FIVB O2 bis, M4 and M8) these forms must be presented duly completed and without errors, containing all the information required. The non-fulfillment of this requirement will apply a sanction of US\$500.00.
- e) All sanctions established by FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Administrative, Financial, Sport and General Regulations would be applicable.

### 13. Referees

13.1 Each participating National Federation must nominate one (1) Referee from one of the following categories:

- FIVB
- FIVB International Referee
- Continental Referee

13.2 **NORCECA'S President** or his **Representative**, with the advice of NORCECA's Refereeing Commission, will evaluate the nomination of the Referees presented by each participating National Federation to approve or reject them.

#### 13.3 Other Officials:

13.3.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that the **2008 Men's Continental Olympic Qualification Championship** is an International Event, approved by FIVB as a Qualification Championship to the 2008 Olympic Games that will be celebrated in Beijing, China, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission) will be composed by representatives of NORCECA assigned by NORCECA President.

13.3.2 Line judges, scorekeepers, statisticians, VIS, ball retriever, sweepers, scoreboard operators, announcers and other supporting personnel shall be presented by the representative of the Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation to the Control Committee President and/or his representative for approval.

13.3.3 The Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation will present these personnel to the President of the Control Committee or his representative (President of the Refereeing Sub-Commission) during the Refereeing Clinic, for evaluation and approval.

13.3.4 The Refereeing Sub-Commission will assist the Control Committee with officials and support personnel and will be responsible for their supervision.

#### **14. Training Facilities**

14.1 The Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee will provide training facilities with appropriate conditions for the daily training of the participating teams, for at least 1.5 hours from their arrival until the end of the competition.

14.2 Each Team will have a minimum of one training session of 1.5 hours in the official competition venue prior to the event.

#### **15. Security**

The Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee must guarantee the security of the participating team delegations, from their arrival until their departure, including hotels, main competition venue, training venues, during official matches as well as for their internal transportation.

#### **16. Accreditation**

The Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee must provide the correspondent accreditation to all participating teams, NORCECA's Officials, Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff. Accreditations must be designed according to the standards established by NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and must include the logos of FIVB, NORCECA, Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation, title of the competition, photo and function of the accreditation holder.

**FIVB** This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB officials.

**NORCECA** This accreditation is strictly reserved for NORCECA Volleyball Confederation Officials.

**CC** This accreditation is reserved for Control Committee members assigned to the competition.

**NF** This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Executive & Board Administration of the Host National Federation.

**OC** This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Organizing Committee of the hosting country of the event.

**G** This accreditation is reserved for all governmental officials of the host country of the event.

- D** This accreditation is reserved for accredited members of the Diplomatic Corp. of the host country of the event.
- VIP** This accreditation is reserved for special guests.
- TP** This accreditation is reserved for the technical personnel and staff assigned to specific areas of the organization of the event. (VIS statisticians, Line Judges, Scorekeepers, Scoreboard Operators).
- SP** This accreditation is reserved for the support personnel assigned to specific areas of the organization of the event. (Ball retrievers, sweepers, Flag holders, announcers, venues working staff).
- P** This accreditation is strictly reserved for accredited Journalists, Press, Host Broadcaster, International Press Agencies and Local Press Agencies.
- A** This accreditation is strictly reserved for participating players. (**Athletes Only**).
- TS** This accreditation is strictly reserved for the staff of participating teams. Team Staff: Team Manager, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Registered FIVB Team Doctor, Therapist and Team Statisticians.
- S** This accreditation is strictly reserved for security personnel only.
- R** This accreditation is exclusively reserved for participating International Referees.
- MD** This accreditation corresponds to the medical personnel assigned to the event.

## **17. Medical Services**

- 17.1 The Puerto Rican Volleyball Federation and/or Organizing Committee will provide first aid medical services during the competition.
- 17.2 All team delegations shall be responsible for their medical expenses. (It is recommended that all participating teams be provided by their own international medical insurance in order to cover the medical services provided, if necessary, to the members of their delegation).

## **18 Awards:**

The first three (3) ranked teams will be awarded as follow:

- 18.1 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gold Medal and Team Trophy (Qualify to the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing, China)



18.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Silver Medal and Team Trophy (Option to participate in the Olympic Intercontinental Championship and in the World Olympic Qualification Tournament, Qualification Tournaments to the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing, China)

18.3 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bronze Medal and Team Trophy (Option to participate in the Olympic Intercontinental, Qualification Tournaments to the 2008 Olympic Games, Beijing, China)

**18.4 Individual Awards:**

The Control Committee will present individual awards to the following players, taking into consideration the final result of the VIS System. The awards to be presented are:

Best Spiker	Best Blocker
Best Reception	Best Defense
Best Server	Best Libero
Best Scorer	Most Valuable Player (MVP)
Best Setter	

18.5 The libero players will compete among each other for the best libero award of the event. Additionally the libero players will be able to opt for the best defense and reception award of the event. If a libero player obtains the three above indicated awards, he has an option to the Most Valuable Player Award, (MVP) of the event.

18.6 The Most Valuable Player, MVP, of the event will be awarded to the player that, from among the two finalist teams that will compete for the first place, Gold Medal of the event, will register the highest amount of points scored and accumulated in attack, block and serve during the competition, according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System, VIS. Also, the libero player will be able to opt for the Most Valuable Player award of the event, if obtains the three awards indicated in the above article (best libero, best defense and best reception) and his team is in the final for the first place, Gold Medal of the event.

The Control Committee members will be responsible to evaluate the Most Valuable Player of the event, taking as reference his individual performance according to the statistics of the Volleyball Information System, VIS.

These Competition Regulations have been reviewed by Prof. Nelson J. Ramirez, NORCECA's Executive Director and Competition Director and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.

In Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, September 17, 2007.

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