



2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship

Caguas, Puerto Rico

September 10-18, 2011

Competition Regulations

1. Organizer

- 1.1 For the organization of the 2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship, the Puerto Rican National Volleyball Federation accepts to comply with the terms and conditions established in these Competition Regulations that are the official statutes of the event.
- 1.2 The Puerto Rican National Volleyball Federation, affiliated to NORCECA and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) **will be responsible for the organization of the 2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship** programmed to be held from September 10 - 18, 2011, in the city of Caguas, Puerto Rico.

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The 2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship will be held in the city of Caguas, Puerto Rico. The event will be held from September 10-18, 2011.

2.2 International Airport of Arrival and Departure

The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the 2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship will be the following:

- Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport – **Code: SJU**

2.3 Competition Venues

The main competition venue for participating teams is the Héctor Sola Bezares Coliseum in the Angel O. Berrios Sports Complex.

2.4 Training Venues

The training venue for participating teams is the Roger Mendoza Gymnasium in the Angel O. Berrios Sports Complex, **Court A** and **Court B**.

2.5 Accommodation, Meals and Internal Transportation

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees, will be covered by the Host National Federation from September 10-18, 2011.

a) Hotel Accommodations and Meals

The Hotels assigned for the accommodation of Teams, Control Committee and Referees is:

Four Points Sheraton Hotel & Casino

500 Alhambra en Granada Boulevard

Caguas, Puerto Rico 00726

Phone (787) 653-1111

infocaguas@fourpointspr.com

b) Meal Services

Participating teams, members of the Control Committee, Referees and Officials will receive their meals in the official hotels designated for their accommodation.

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 the NORCECA 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 Game

The 2011 Women's NORCECA Continental 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.

3.4 VISA information

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams in the 2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship, the Puerto Rican National Volleyball Federation and/or the Organizing Committee must guarantee through the corresponding USA governmental authorities; the entry VISA that will permit the entry into USA territory of the participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form.

4. Events Schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
April 30, 2011	Letter from participating National Federations confirming the participation of their National Team to the Puerto Rican National Volleyball Federation and NORCECA.

- August 15, 2011** Payment of Entry Fees of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) in addition to the Anti-Doping fee of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) to be remitted to NORCECA, together with the FIVB 0-2 Form that must be remitted to NORCECA and to the Puerto Rican National Volleyball Federation for the official registration of participating National Teams.
- Sept 9, 2011** Arrival of Control Committee Members.
- Sept 10, 2011** Arrival of Referees and Participating Teams.
- **10:00** Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting to be held at Control Committee Hotel.
 - **14:00** Inspection visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall, T.V. transmission and transportation.
 - **16:00-21:00** Training of participating teams.
- Sept 11, 2011**
- **08:00-15:00** Training of participating teams.
 - **09:00-13:00** Preliminary Inquiry for participating teams at the official Team Hotel.
 - **10:00** 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.
 - **15:30-17:30** Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Competition Hall.
 - **17:00** Control Committee meeting in the Convention Room of the official Team Hotel.
 - **19:00** Press Conference in the Convention Room of the official Team Hotel.
 - **20:00** General Technical meeting in the Convention Room of the official Team Hotel, followed by the Team Medical Briefing.
 - **Team Medical Briefing:** It is mandatory that all participating teams be represented during the Team Medical Briefing by their registered Team Doctor, or registered Physiotherapist/Trainer or by their Team Manager.
- Sept 12, 2011** **Day 1 - Competition**
Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format)
The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
- Sept 13, 2011** **Day 2 - Competition**
Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format)
The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

- Sept 14, 2011** **Day 3 - Competition**
Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format)
The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
- Sept 15, 2011** **Day 4 - Competition**
Quarterfinals (refer to the Official Competition Format)
The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
- Sept 16, 2011** **Day 5 - Competition**
Semifinal & Qualification Round
(refer to the Official Competition Format)
The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
- Sept 17, 2011** **Day 6 - Competition Finals**
(refer to the Official Competition Format)
The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule, except for the Bronze and Medal Gold Medal Championship match of the tournament, which must be the last two matches scheduled to conclude the tournament.
- Sept 18, 2011** Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating teams.

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

- 5.1 A minimum of nine (9) teams to a maximum of twelve (12) teams will participate in the **2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship**. They are the Host Country (1), top five (5) teams from the NORCECA Continental Ranking and the three (3) Zonal Champions from AFECAVOL, ECVA and CAZOVA. In addition to these nine (9) qualified teams, the host may accept up to three (3) more teams, the Vice Champion of AFECAVOL, CAZOVA, followed by the next highest continental ranking team in order to complete twelve (12) national teams, but the host national federation is not obliged to host more than the mandatory first nine (9) qualified teams. The participating teams are:

USA	Cuba	Dominican Republic
Costa Rica	Canada	Puerto Rico (Host)
Panama	Trinidad & Tobago	Mexico

NOTE 1: In case one of above qualified teams withdraws their participation, the next following team in the NORCECA ranking is eligible to participate.

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, Physiotherapist/Trainer, and Team Manager)
- One (1) Doctor (FIVB accredited)
- One (1) Sports Journalist (FIVB or NORCECA accredited)
- One (1) Referee (FIVB, International FIVB, International FIVB Referee Candidate and/or Continental Referee)

5.3 **Additional Team Personnel**

All persons that exceed what is stipulated in Article 5.2 above will be considered as additional personnel and the National Federation (NF) that registers them will have to cover all their expenses, including lodging, meals and internal transportation. The names of these persons should be submitted in advance to the host National Federation, and the National Federation concerned must pay the amount of US\$150.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) daily per person. The NF that registers additional personnel shall make the corresponding payment before or during the Preliminary Inquiry.

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. Team Managers must submit, for control and database purposes, color copies of the National Team players' passports (provided on a CD) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

- 6.2 The passports of all players must be presented to the Control Committee for verification during the Team Preliminary Inquiry. Players whose original passport (no passport copies will be admitted) is not presented during the Preliminary Inquiry 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 of submitting the FIVB O-2 Form to NORCECA together with the payment of the registration fee of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) before August 15, 2011. Additionally, an Anti-Doping control test fee of USD\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars), per participating team must be paid to cover the Anti-Doping test control to be performed during the competition. For the registration of participating teams the use of the official FIVB O2 form is required. These forms are available to be downloaded on the NORCECA Confederation website, www.norceca.org. Also, in order to complete the registration of the participating

teams, each participating National Federation must complete the online O-2VIS, necessary for the database of the VIS system of the event.

7.1.1 The payment of the registration fee can be made to NORCECA through an international bank transfer and/or DHL, FED EX, etc.

7.1.2 For the payment of the registration fee through an international bank transfer, the transfer payment should be made to the following bank account:

Name of Bank: CITIBANK
Account No: 36265289
Swift Code: CITIUS33
Bank Address: New York, N.Y., 10013
United States of America

Beneficiary Bank: Banco BDI SA
Address of Bank: Av. Sarasota #27, La Julia
Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana
For further credit to: Confederación NORCECA de Voleibol

Account No.: 4010048081

Address: Av. Maximo Gomez, Esq. 27 de Febrero
Pabellón de Voleibol, 3ra Planta
Centro Olimpico Juan Pablo Duarte
Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana

7.1.3 The payment of the Registration fee through 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 DHL, FED EX, etc., 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 email or express certified mail, and/or DHL, FEDEX, etc., to NORCECA and the host National Federation at the following addresses:

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7.2 Player Final Registration (FIVB O-2 bis Form)

During the Preliminary Inquiry, the Team Manager must submit, to the Control Committee, the FIVB O-2 Bis Form with a maximum of 12 players. In the 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) in addition to the payment of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) that corresponds to the Anti-Doping test control fee.

7.3.1 This payment should be made through 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 August 15, 2011. Upon request, with the corresponding approval of NORCECA, the registration fee may be paid (only in cash) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The **2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship** will be played under the current FIVB Rules of the Game 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 competition game ball will be the **Molten V5M-5000**. NORCECA will provide to the host National Federation a total of thirty (30) Molten V5M-5000 volleyballs.

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 white in color. The team Captain and Libero uniforms should be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry 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 player's uniforms must be authorized by NORCECA previous to completion of the publicity uniform form and the payment of the established fee of US\$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars). These forms are available to be downloaded through the NORCECA Confederation website, www.norceca.org. Publicity on players' uniforms must be in accordance with the FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment and Advertising Guidelines.

8.5 Dress Code for Officials on the Bench

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

9. Competition Format and Team Distribution

9.1 The **2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship** will be played under one of the following competition formats:

- a) With twelve (12) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups of six (6) teams each. Option B) four (4) groups of three (3) teams each. Option C) three (3) groups of four (4) teams each.
- b) With eleven (11) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups will be formed; one of five (5) teams and one (1) group of 6 teams. Option B) three (3) groups will be formed, two (2) groups of four (4) teams each and one (1) group of three (3) teams.
- c) With ten (10) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups of five (5) teams each. Option B) three (3) groups will be formed; two (2) groups of three (3) teams each and one (1) group of four (4) teams.
- d) With nine (9) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups will be formed; one (1) group of four (4) teams and one (1) group of five (5) teams. Option B) three (3) groups of three (3) teams each will be formed.
- e) With eight (8) teams, two (2) groups of four (4) teams each will be formed.
- f) With seven (7) teams, two (2) groups will be formed: one (1) of four (4) teams and one (1) of three (3) teams.
- g) With six (6) teams, two (2) groups of three (3) teams each will be formed.
- h) 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. (1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd). Winners of the Semifinal Round will play a

match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play one match to determine the 3rd and 4th place.

- i) With four (4) teams, a Round Robin will be played. All teams will advance to compete in the Semifinal Round. (1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd). Winners of the Semifinal Round will play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play one match to determine the 3rd and 4th place.

NOTE: The official competition format of the event will determine the distribution of teams in the Preliminary Rounds, Classification Rounds, Quarterfinal Round, Semifinal Round and Final Round. No changes to the official competition format of the event will be permitted after it has been determined by the host organizer and approved by NORCECA.

9.2 **Classification, Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds**

For the Classification, Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds, according to the FIVB General Competition Regulations, it must be avoided that teams from the same group play each other as established in the competition format.

- 9.3 According to the established competition format and the FIVB General Regulations, for the Classification, Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds, if three teams from the same group qualify, the match between the highest ranked team and the lowest ranked team of their Preliminary Round will be repeated.

9.4 **Round Robin Ranking**

The ranking of teams will be determined by the results of matches won and lost, then, as required, by the number of points gained among teams of the same group during the Preliminary Round. The following points will be awarded per match to each team:

Match won 3-0 = 6 points	Match lost 0-3 = 1 point
Match won 3-1 = 5 points	Match lost 1-3 = 2 points
Match won 3-2 = 4 points	Match lost 2-3 = 3 point
Match forfeited = 0 points (25-0, 25-0, 25-0)	

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 points ratio 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 points 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 **2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship**, teams will be distributed according to their position in the NORCECA Continental Ranking, as of January 1st, 2011, using the Serpentine system for their distribution.

10. **Rights of the Host Country**

10.1 The host country has the right to choose the group for their positioning of their National Team. The remaining teams will be distributed using the Serpentine System in accordance with their position in the NORCECA Continental Ranking, starting with the highest NORCECA Continental Ranking team as head of Group A/B/C or D. The host country has the right to choose one (1) match in the Competition Schedule of the Preliminary Round.

10.2 Once the Preliminary, Classification, Quarterfinals, Semifinal and Final Rounds matches are established, the host National Federation will propose to the Control Committee the time and order of all matches to be played. All matches are established in the Official Competition Schedule/Format of the event.

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 host National Federation:

a) **Internal Transportation, lodging, and meals** for Control Committee, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival to date of departure.

b) **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 medical services that may be required by the members of their delegation).

c) **Payment of Per Diem** to Control Committee Members, Technical, Support Staff and Referees, according to what has been established by NORCECA, as follows:

- **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the Members of Control Committee, Medical Delegate, Venue Operation Manager, Members of the Appeal and Referee Sub-Commissions and the official Photographer, according to the established Regulations.

- **US\$150.00** (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the Control Committee President, Competition Director, Press Delegate, and VIS Delegate.
- **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition to be paid to the FIVB Referees, International Referees, Candidates to International Referee and Continental Referees per participating team. Maximum participating Referees is fourteen (14) including the host team Referees, neutral and reserved local Referee.

NOTE 1: The payment of Per Diem for the Members of the Control Committee, Competition Director, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, VIS Director, Technical, Support Staff and participating Referees must be covered before the conclusion of the Preliminary Round of the competition.

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 local Press Delegate, is to be made in accordance with the established agreement between the host National Volleyball Federation or Local Organizing Committee with the person contracted for the required services.

NOTE 3: For the payment of the Per Diem for the FIVB Referees, International Referees, Candidates to International Referees and Continental Referees, the Organizing Committee is responsible to cover 50% and the remaining 50% is to be covered by the Referee's participating National Federation of origin and/or the National Federation that the Referee represents, according to the decision of NORCECA. All participating NFs must cover the Referees' Per Diem during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

- d) The host National Federation must cover the following financial responsibilities toward the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation:
- **US\$30,000.00** (Thirty Thousand Dollars) to cover the payment of the hosting fee of the event.

Sponsorship and Marketing

- **US\$20,000.00** (Twenty Thousand Dollars) is to be paid to NORCECA, in order to cover the Marketing and/or sponsorship rights of Local and TV transmissions, establishing a minimum fee of USD\$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) for each sponsor promoting their products inside or outside the Main Competition Venues or throughout the TV Broadcasting of the event.

Note 1: Government, State and/or Provincial financial support and/or contribution will not be considered as sponsorship, commercialization and/or marketing.

Note 2: NORCECA reserves the right to allocate the following official sponsor banners on the court: NORCECA, FIVB, MOLTEN and SPORT COURT.

Note 3: NORCECA reserves the rights of the international sponsorship, as well as, the international marketing, radio transmission, TV Broadcasting, internet and other international marketing, sponsorship and publicity means.

- e) **REGISTRATION FEE:** For this 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 host National Federation and the remaining 50% of the registration fee corresponds to NORCECA.
- f) **Air Fare:** The host National Federation will be responsible to cover the payment of the air fare (economical class) for Control Committee Members and Neutral Referee(s), up to a maximum of fourteen (14) air tickets.
- g) **Event Tickets:** the Host National Federation and/or Organizing Committee must provide up to a maximum of fifty (50) tickets per match to NORCECA: fifteen (15) VIP tickets & thirty-five (35) General Admission tickets.

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

- a) To remit a letter confirming the participation of their National Team to NORCECA and the host National Federation before April 30, 2011.
- b) Payment of Entry Fee of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) in addition to the Anti-Doping control test fee of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) before August 15, 2011.
- c) Remit together with a copy of the FIVB O-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) before August 15, 2011 through express courier or email.
- d) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.
- e) Payment of international transportation, as well as visa fees, and airport taxes.
- f) To present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:
 - FIVB O-2 Form
 - FIVB O-2 bis Form
 - FIVB O-2 VIS online Registration Form
 - FIVB M-3 form
 - NORCECA L-1 Form
 - FIVB M-8 (if necessary)
 - NORCECA Publicity Form (if necessary)
 - Passports of all players
 - Color copy of all players' passports (provided on a CD)
 - Country Flag (4x6)
 - Country National Anthem
 - Captain & Libero Uniforms

12. Sanctions and Complaints

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 resolved according to the FIVB General, Sports and Rules of the Games in force.
- b) Complaints related to a technical issue (violation of the FIVB Rules of the Game) must be resolved by the acting Control Committee of the match where the violation of the Rules of the Game has been verified. The procedure must be in accordance with the FIVB Sports Regulation (**Judges Conference**). Violation of the Rules of the Game must be claimed by the affected team, during the development of the match in course and must be resolved during the match by the Control Committee.
- c) All complaints and appeals not related to a technical issue and/or violation of the Rules of the Game 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 (Five Hundred Dollars) cash; if the complaint and/or appeal proceeds, 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 and the O-2 VIS online registration by the deadline established will apply a sanction of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars).
- b) Negligence to provide the Registration Fee by the deadline established will apply a sanction of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars).
- 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 a sanction of US\$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars).
- d) All sanctions established by the FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Administrative, Financial, Sport, General Regulations and Complementary Statutes would be applicable.

13. Referees

- 13.1 Each participating National Federation must nominate (mandatory) one (1) Referee from one of the following categories:
- a) FIVB
 - b) FIVB International Referee
 - c) International Referee Candidate
 - d) Continental Referee
- 13.2 **The NORCECA President** with the advice of the NORCECA Refereeing Commission President, will evaluate, for approval, the nomination of the Referees presented by each participating National Federation.
- 13.3 **Other Officials**
- 13.3.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that the **2011 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship**, is a Continental Event, approved by the FIVB as the qualification event to FIVB 2011 World Cup, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission) will be designated by the NORCECA President or his Representative and must be composed by members of the National Federations affiliated to NORCECA, whose representatives are members of the Executive Committee/Board of Administration, Sport Organizing, Technical, Refereeing, VIS, Press and Medical Commissions of the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.
- 13.3.2 Line Judges, Scorekeepers, Statisticians, VIS, Ball Retrievers, Sweepers, Scoreboard Operators, Announcers and other supporting personnel shall be presented by the representative of the host National Volleyball Federation to the Control Committee President and/or his Representative for approval.
- 13.3.3 The host National Federation will present these personnel to the Control Committee during the Refereeing Clinic for evaluation and approval.
- 13.3.4 The Refereeing Sub-Commission will assist the Control Committee, supervising the officials and support personnel, being responsible for their performance.

14. Training Facilities

- 14.1 The host National Federation must 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 host National Federation must guarantee the security of all participating team delegations, from their arrival until their departure, including in the hotel, in the main competition venues, in the training venues, during official matches as well as for their internal transportation.

16. Accreditation

The host National Federation must provide the corresponding accreditation to all participating teams, FIVB, NORCECA, Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff. Accreditations must be designed according to the standards established by the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and must include the logos of FIVB, NORCECA, the host National Federation, title of the competition, unique identification number, photo and function of the accreditation holder.

FIVB	This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB 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 of Administration of the Host National Federation.
OC	This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Organizing Committee of the host 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 Diplomats 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, and Scoreboard Operators)
SP	This accreditation is reserved for the support personnel assigned to specific areas for the organization of the event. (Ball Retrievers, Sweepers, Flag Holders, Announcers, and venue staff).
P	This accreditation is strictly reserved for accredited Journalists, Press, Host Broadcasters, International Press Agencies and Local Press Agencies.
A	This accreditation is strictly reserved for participating players. (Athletes Only). Players accreditation must include the competition number of the player as well as the number of the accreditation and the anti-doping test control code for the Anti-doping protocol process according to the WADA/FIVB Protocol Regulations.

- TS** This accreditation is strictly reserved for the staff of participating teams. (Team Staff: Team Manager, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Registered FIVB Team Doctor, Physiotherapist and Team Statisticians).
- S** This accreditation is strictly reserved for security personnel only.
- R** This accreditation is exclusively reserved for participating Referees.
- MD** This accreditation corresponds to the medical personnel assigned to the event.

17. Medical Services

- 17.1 The host National Federation will provide first aid medical services during the competition. Further, the host will also provide access to clinic/hospital facilities for the physical assessments of the Referees.
- 17.2 All team delegations shall be responsible for their own medical expenses. (It is recommended that all participating teams provide their own international medical insurance).

18. Awards:

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

1st Place: Gold Medal and Team Trophy (Qualify to FIVB 2011 World Cup)

2nd Place: Silver Medal and Team Trophy

3rd Place: Bronze Medal and Team Trophy

18.1 Individual Awards

The Control Committee will present individual awards to the following players based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS). The awards to be presented are:

Best Spiker	Best Digger
Best Blocker	Best Setter
Best Receiver	Best Libero
Best Server	Best Scorer
Eugenio George Award (Best Coach)	Most Valuable Player (MVP)

- 18.2 The Libero players will compete among each other for the best Libero Award of the event. Additionally the Libero players will be eligible for the Best Digger and Best Receiver awards of the event. If a Libero player obtains the three above indicated awards, she is eligible for the Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event.

- 18.3 The Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the event will be awarded to the player that, from among the two finalist teams for the Gold Medal Match, registers 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 eligible for the Most Valuable Player award of the event if she obtains the three awards indicated in the above article (Best Libero, Best Digger and Best Receiver) and her team is in the final for the Gold Medal match of the event.

The Control Committee members will be responsible to evaluate the Most Valuable Player of the event, based solely on her individual performance according to the VIS statistics.

These Competition Regulations have been prepared by Ms. Chrissy Benz, NORCECA Sport Event Coordinator, and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.

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