



2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

July 10-21, 2012

COMPETITION REGULATIONS – v.2, June 27

1. Organizer

1.1 For the organization of the **2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup**, the Mexican 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 Mexican Volleyball Federation, affiliated to the Pan American Volleyball Union (PVU), to the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) **will be responsible for the organization of the 2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup**, programmed to be held from July 10-21, 2012, in the city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The 2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup will be held in the city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. The event will be held from July 10-21, 2012.

2.2 International Airports of Arrival and Departure

The International Airports for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the 2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup are:

- Aeropuerto Internacional de **Ciudad Juarez (Abraham Gonzalez) – CJS**
- Local transportation is available from the El Paso Airport, in the city of El Paso, Texas, USA, for a fee of US\$400.00 (Four Hundred Dollars). Cash payment must be provided during the Preliminary Inquiry.

2.3 Competition Venues

The main competition venues for participating teams are:

- Gimnasio Universitario (UACJ)
- Gimnasio Bachilleres (COBACH)

2.4 Training Venues

The training venues for participating teams are:

- [Gimnasio Josue Nery Santos](#)
- Gimnasio Instituto Tecnológico Ciudad Juarez

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 Organizing Committee from July 10-21, 2012.

a) **Team Hotels:**

Group B – BRA, CRC, ARG, PER, MEX, TRI

Hotel Maria Bonita

Ave Paseo de la Victoria 4451
Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico
32528

Group A - DOM, COL, USA, CAN, CUB, PUR

Best Western Hotel

Ave Lincoln 722
Zona Pronaf
CP 32315
Tel: 52-656-6131310

b) Referee Hotel:

Fiesta Inn

Paseo Triunfo de la Republica 3451
Circuito Pronaf
32315
Tel: 52-656-6860712

c) Control Committee Hotel:

Quality Inn

Paseo de la Victoria 3508
Col Partido Iglesias
32528
Tel: 52-656-6886000

d) Meal Services

Participating teams, members of the Control Committee, Referees and Officials will receive their meals in the official hotel 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 NORCECA, CSV and PVU 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 2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup 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 and the Pan American Volleyball Union (PVU).

3.4 VISA information

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees in the 2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup, the Host Organizing Committee must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into Mexico of the participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form. Participating National Federations are responsible for the submission of required documents to their respective Embassies and all related costs.

4. Events Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
July 9, 2012	Arrival of Control Committee Members. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 16:00 Inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation.• 20:00 Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting to be held at the Official Hotel.
July 10, 2012	Arrival of Referees, Officials and Participating Teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10:00 Final Inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation.• 15:30 – 21:30 Training of Participating Teams.• 17:00 Control Committee meeting in the Official Hotel.
July 11, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 09:00-16:30 Preliminary Inquiry for participating teams at the Teams Hotel.• 08:00-17:00 Training of Participating Teams.• 17:00-20:00 Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Competition Hall.• 18:00 General Technical meeting in the Best Western Hotel followed by the Team Medical Briefing.• 20:00 Welcome Dinner for Teams and Control Committee in the Salon de Convenciones Cibeles (Av Tomas Fernandez 8450)

- July 12, 2012** **Day 1 - Competition**
Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format). Opening Ceremony at 19:00 at COBACH Competition Venue.
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.
- July 13, 2012** **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.
- July 14, 2012** **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.
- July 15, 2012** **Day 4 - 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.
- July 16, 2012** **Day 5 - 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.
- July 17, 2012** **Day 6 - REST DAY**
- July 18, 2012** **Day 7 - 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.

- July 19, 2012** **Day 8 - 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.
- July 20, 2012** **Day 9 - 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 Medal and Gold Medal Championship matches of the tournament, which must be the last two matches, first the Bronze and finally the Gold Medal Match, scheduled to conclude the tournament.
- July 21, 2012** Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating teams.

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

- 5.1 A maximum of twelve (12) teams are invited to participate in the 2012 XI Senior Women’s Pan American Cup. The qualified teams are the Host Country (1), the top 7 teams in the NORCECA ranking and the top 4 teams in the CSV ranking:

Mexico	Republica Dominicana
Canada	United States of America
Cuba	Brazil
Puerto Rico	Argentina
Colombia	Peru
Costa Rica	Trinidad & Tobago

NOTE 1: In case one of above qualified teams withdraws their participation, the next team in the Continental ranking of their Confederation will be eligible to participate.

NOTE 2: If no team is available to participate from the Continental Ranking of their Confederation, then the next highest FIVB World Ranking team will

be eligible to participate, regardless of their Confederation (NORCECA or the CSV).

5.2 **Team Composition**

Each team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 20 persons, consisting of:

- Twelve (12) Players
- Four (4) Officials (One Team Manager, One Head Coach and Two Assistant Coaches/Athletic Trainers)
- One (1) Doctor (FIVB accredited)
- One (1) Physiotherapist (FIVB accredited)
- One (1) Sports Journalist or Team Statistician (FIVB, NORCECA or CSV accredited)
- One (1) Referee (FIVB, International FIVB Referee, or Continental Referee) to be approved and designated by NORCECA and the Pan American Volleyball Union President

5.3 **Additional Team Personnel**

All persons that exceed what is stipulated in Article 5.3 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/or NORCECA, and the National Federation concerned must pay the amount of US\$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) daily per person for their registration based on double occupancy or US\$150.00 (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) daily per person in single occupancy. The NF that registers additional personnel shall make the corresponding payment before, but not later, than 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 CD or paper color copy) 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 accepted) is not presented during the

Preliminary Inquiry will not be accredited and therefore, will not be eligible to participate in the competition.

7. Registration

- 7.1 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 the established deadline. The O-2 form can contain up to 25 athletes, and no declaration of Captain or Libero(s) is required. No substitutions or changes of athletes are permitted after the submission of the O-2 Form. The final list of 12 participating athletes on the O-2bis Form must be constituted from among the 25 players listed in the O-2 Form.

The O-2 Form submission must be completed online (www.fivb.org/vis/login.aspx) for the implementation of the FIVB Live Score system (O-2 VIS). A printed copy of the completed form must be sent to the NORCECA Sport Events Department prior to the established deadline for each event. If you require assistance, please visit the webpage above or contact the FIVB VIS Webmaster.

Additionally, an **Anti-Doping control test fee of USD\$500.00** (Five Hundred Dollars), per participating team must be paid to cover the Doping Control test to be performed during the competition.

- 7.1.1 The payment of registration and doping test fees must be made in US Dollars to NORCECA through one of the following options:
- through an international bank transfer
 - through a bank administration check sent by DHL, FED EX, etc.
 - paid in cash at the Preliminary Inquiry
- 7.1.2 For the payment of fees through an international bank transfer, the transfer payment should be made to the following bank account and must be received by NORCECA at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the event:

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
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- 7.1.3 The payment of the fees through a check (bank administration check), must be remitted to NORCECA at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the event, together with the original of the FIVB O-2 Form, by certified express mail and/or DHL, FED EX, etc., to the following address:

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- 7.1.3 Payment of fees can be made in cash (US Dollars only) to the Control Committee President during the Preliminary Inquiry prior to the start of the event.

- 7.1.4 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) must be remitted by email to the NORCECA Sport Events Department (norcecasporteevents@gmail.com) prior to the established deadline.

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 (comprised only of the players registered in the O-2 form). 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.

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The 2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup 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**. The Pan American Volleyball Union/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 FIVB Homologated and in accordance with FIVB Official Rules. Each team should have available a minimum of three (3) 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/PVU previous to completion of the publicity uniform form and the payment of the established fee of US\$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars). This form is available for download 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. Teams presenting uniforms that are not in compliance with the FIVB regulations will not be able to use those uniforms during the event, therefore, new uniforms that comply with the FIVB Uniform Regulations and FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment and Advertising Guidelines must be presented to the Control Committee of the event for approval.

8.5 Dress Code for Officials on the Bench

All Officials on the bench (**maximum of five officials on the bench**) must be uniformed according to the dress code of the current FIVB Sport 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 2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup 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 and approved by the Pan American Volleyball Union.

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

To establish the ranking of teams after Preliminary Round, the ranking of the teams will be determined as follows:

1. By the results of matches won and lost.
2. In case of equality in the number of matches won and lost, among two or more teams of the same group, the final ranking of the teams will be determined by the number of points gained among teams of the same group during the Preliminary Round.
3. The following points will be awarded to each team per match, according to the number of sets won/lost:

Match won 3-0 = 5 points	Match lost 0-3 = 0 point
Match won 3-1 = 4 points	Match lost 1-3 = 1 points
Match won 3-2 = 3 points	Match lost 2-3 = 2 points
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 2012 XI Senior Women's Pan American Cup, teams will be distributed according to their position in the FIVB Senior Women's Ranking as of January 4, 2012, and the final result rankings of the 2011 X Women's Pan American Cup, 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 the positioning of their National Team. The remaining teams will be distributed using the Serpentine System in accordance with their position in the FIVB World Ranking (as of January 4, 2012), starting with the highest 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.
- 10.2 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 and the PVU, 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 or Continental Referees per participating team. Maximum participating Referees is fourteen (14) which includes the participating team Referees, neutral and reserved local Referees.

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, or 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 and the PVU. All participating NFs must pay the Referees' Per Diem in cash (US Dollars) to the President, Control Committee 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 and the PVU reserves the right to allocate the following official NORCECA and the PVU's sponsors' banners in the court: PVU, NORCECA, FIVB, CSV, MOLTEN and SPORT COURT.

Note 3: NORCECA and the PVU 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 Organizing Committee will be responsible to cover the payment of the air fare (economical class) for Control Committee Members and one (1) Neutral Referee (as needed) as outlined in the Financial Regulations.
- g) **Event Tickets:** the Host National Federation and/or Organizing Committee must provide to the Pan American Volleyball Union fifteen (15) VIP tickets & thirty-five (35) General Admission tickets per match and/or per day of competition, in case that the event tickets are valid for each day of competition.

11.2 The following are the 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 the established deadline.
- 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 the established deadline.
- c) Payment of 50% of the Per Diem of the FIVB, FIVB International or Continental Referee representing their National Federation.
- d) 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) by email before the established deadline.
- e) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.
- f) Payment of international transportation, as well as visa fees, and airport taxes.
- g) To present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:
 - FIVB O-2 VIS Form
 - FIVB O-2 bis Form (hard copy and the online VIS copy)
 - FIVB M-3 form
 - NORCECA L-1 Form
 - FIVB M-8 (if necessary)
 - NORCECA Publicity Form and publicity payment receipt (if necessary)
 - Passports of all players
 - Color copy of all players' passports (provided on a CD)
 - Country Flag (4 feet x 6 feet)
 - Country National Anthem
 - Captain & Libero Uniforms

12. Complaints and Sanctions

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) 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).
- c) 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 It is mandatory that each participating National Federation assign one (1) Referee from one of the following categories:

- a) FIVB
- b) FIVB International Referee
- c) FIVB Continental Referee

13.2 The NORCECA and the PVU President, with the advice of the NORCECA and CSV Refereeing Commission Presidents, 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 this event is an Continental Event approved by the FIVB, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission) will be designated by the NORCECA and PVU President or his Representative and must be composed by members of the National Federations affiliated to the NORCECA, CSV and PVU, whose representatives are members of the NORCECA and CSV Executive Committees, Boards of Administration, Sport Organizing, Technical, Refereeing, VIS, Press and Medical Commissions of their Confederations.

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/her 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 Organizing Committee 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. The

minimum recovery time between competition matches and training sessions of participating teams is five (5) hours.

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

15. Security

The host National Federation and /or the Organizing Committee must guarantee the security of all participating team delegations, from their arrival until their departure, including in the hotel, main competition venues, training venues, during official matches as well as on internal transportation.

16. Accreditation

The host National Federation must provide the corresponding accreditation to all participating teams, FIVB, PVU, NORCECA and CSV Officials as well as Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff. Accreditations must be designed according to the standards established by the Pan American Volleyball Union and must include the logos of FIVB, NORCECA, CSV and PVU, 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.
NORCECA, CSV, PVU	This accreditation is reserved strictly for NORCECA , CSV and Pan American Volleyball Union 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 Organizing Committee 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 Medals and Trophy

2nd Place: Silver Medals and Trophy

3rd Place: Bronze Medals and Trophy

NOTE: Qualification Process to the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix

From NORCECA: If eight (8) NORCECA teams participate in the 2012 XI Women's Pan American Cup, the four (4) top placing NORCECA teams in the final ranking of the event will automatically qualify to the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix. If less than eight (8) NORCECA teams participate in the 2012 XI Women's Pan American Cup, only the three (3) top placing NORCECA teams in the final ranking of the event will qualify to the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix. In this case, the remaining vacancy for the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix which corresponds to NORCECA, will be awarded to the highest placing team in the final ranking of the event not already qualified to the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix, regardless of their Confederation affiliation.

From the CSV: If four (4) CSV teams compete in the 2012 XI Women's Pan American Cup, the top placing CSV team in the final ranking of the event, other than Brazil, will automatically qualify to the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix. Brazil, due to their commercial contract, is automatically entitled to participate in the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix. If less than four (4) CSV teams participate in the 2012 XI Women's Pan American Cup, only Brazil, due to their commercial contract, is entitled to participate in the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix. In this case, the remaining vacancy for the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix which corresponds to the CSV will be awarded to the highest placing team in the final ranking of the event not already qualified to the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix, regardless of Confederation affiliation.

NOTE: If neither Confederation enters the required number of participants in the 2012 XI Women's Pan American Cup, the two vacancies will be awarded to the two highest placing teams in the final ranking of the event not already qualified to the 2013 FIVB World Grand Prix, regardless of Confederation affiliation.

18.1 Individual Awards

NORCECA and the Pan American Volleyball Union 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
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, if her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the Event, according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).
- 18.3 The Setter players will compete among each other for the Best Setter Award of the event. Additionally, the Setter players will be eligible for Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event, if she obtains the Best Setter Award of the event and her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event and registers a minimum average of 7.0 per set, according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).
- 18.4 The Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) will be awarded to the player that from among the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event 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). 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 18.2 (Best Libero, Best Digger and Best Receiver) and her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the Event. Also, the Setter players will be eligible for the Most Valuable Player award of the event if she obtains the awards indicated in the above article 18.3 and her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event.
- 18.5 The Control Committee members will be responsible to evaluate and select the Most Valuable Player of the event, based solely on her individual performance according to the statistics of the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS), from among the players indicated in articles 18.2, 18.3, and 18.4.

These Competition Regulations have been prepared by Ms. Chrissy Benz, NORCECA Sport Event Director, and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA and the Pan American Volleyball Union.

In Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, June 11, 2012 and revised on June 27, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz
NORCECA and PVU President