



**2014 World Championship Qualification Tournament
Women's - Group R, Ponce, Puerto Rico
May 20-26, 2014**

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Organizer

- 1.1 For the organization of the **2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament, Women's Group R**, the Puertorrican 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 Puertorrican Volleyball Federation affiliated to the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) **will be responsible for the organization of the 2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament, Women's Group R**, programmed to be held from May 20-26, 2014, in the city of **Ponce, Puerto Rico**.

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The **2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament, Women's Group R** will be held in the city of **Ponce, Puerto Rico**. The event will be held from **May 20-26, 2014**.

2.2 International Airport of Arrival and Departure

The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the **NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament, Women's Group R** is the:

- **Aeropuerto Internacional Luis Muñoz Marín – SJU-**

2.3 **Competition & Training Venue**

The main competition and training venue for participating teams is the:

- **Auditorio Juan ‘Pachin’ Vicens**

The training venue for participating teams is the:

- **Multiusos –Albergue Olímpico de Puerto Rico – 2 courts-**

2.4 **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 **May 19-26, 2014**.

a) **Officials Event Hotel:**

Ramada Ponce Hotel

Calle Reina Esq. Méndez Vigo y Unión, Ponce, PR 00731
(787)813-5050 / www.ramadaponce.com

Teams Event Hotel:

Alberque Olímpico de Puerto Rico

Rt 712, Km 0.3, Salinas, Puerto Rico 00751
(787) 824-2200 / www.albergueolimpico.com

b) **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 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 **2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament, Women’s Group R** 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, Control Committee Members and Referees in the **2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament, Women's Group R**, the Host National Federation and /or the Organizing Committee must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into Puerto Rico of the participating team members registered in the FIVB O-2 Form.

4. Events Schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
May 19, 2014	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.
May 20, 2014	Arrival of Participating Teams and Referees. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00 Participating National Teams training, all day. 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.
May 21, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9:00 Participating National Teams training, all day• 10:00-12:00 Preliminary Inquiry for participating teams at the Teams Hotel.• 17:00-18:30 Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Competition Hall.• 20:00 General Technical Meeting in the Official Hotel.
May 22, 2014	Day 1 – Competition Round Robin Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format).
May 23, 2014	Day 2 - Competition Round Robin Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format).

- May 24, 2014** **Day 3 - Competition**
Round Robin Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format).
- May 25, 2014** **Day 4 - Finals**
Finals 1st vs 2nd for the first and second place and 3rd vs 4th for the third place. (Refer to the Official Competition Format).
- May 26, 2014** Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating teams.

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 NORCECA’S qualified National Federations for this tournament, are eligible to participate upon the completion of the FIVB Official Entry Form. For this event, four (4) national teams are qualified to the Third Round of the **2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament - Women’s Group R**, have confirmed their participation and completed their FIVB Official Entry Form in order to be eligible to participate in the **2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament - Women’s Group R**:

Puerto Rico	St. Lucia
Costa Rica	Barbados

5.2 **Team Composition**

Each team delegation will be composed of 19 persons, **plus** a FIVB Referee, FIVB International, or FIVB International Candidate or Continental Referee. (1 Delegate, 12 players, 1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coach, 1 FIVB accredited Doctor, 1 Physiotherapist/or trainer and 1 FIVB/NORCECA accredited Journalist or Statistician).

- **Note; Teams must cover the cost of accommodation and meals of any additional technical personnel and athletes other than the one’s covered by NORCECA, specifically for the World Championship Qualification Tournament, Norceca Group R, 3RD. Round, that is for a maximum of up to 15 persons per National Team Delegation. The established rate for additional personnel is US\$150.00 for double accommodations or US\$200.00 for single accommodations.**

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/or NORCECA, and the National Federation concerned must pay the amount of **US\$150.00** (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) daily per person for their registration based on double occupancy or **US\$200.00** (Two Hundred 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 or permanent residents (in accordance with the NORCECA Zonal Player Eligibility Regulation) 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**) 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 **Registration Fee:**

For this event, the registration fee for participating teams will be **US\$2,000.00** (Two Thousand Dollars 00/100). Additionally, each participating team must pay the Anti-Doping collection fee and laboratory test of **US\$500.00**, in accordance with the Regulations and Protocol of WADA/FIVB.

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. The O-2 form can contain up to 20 athletes, and no declaration of Captain or Libero(s) is required.

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.

- 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. Máximo Gómez, Esq. 27 de Febrero
Pabellón de Voleibol, 3ra Planta
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- 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 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 (norcaseassistant@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. 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**

For this event, the registration fee for participating teams will be **US\$2,000.00** (Two Thousand Dollars 00/100). **75%** of the registration fee of participating teams will be paid to the host National Federation and the remaining **25%** of the registration fee corresponds to NORCECA. Additionally, each participating team must pay the Anti-Doping collection fee and laboratory test of **US\$500.00**, in accordance with the Regulations and Protocol of WADA/FIVB.

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 the established deadline. Upon request, with the corresponding approval of NORCECA, the fees may be paid (**cash only**) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

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

8.1 The **2014 NORCECA World Championship Qualification Tournament, Women's Group R** 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 **Mikasa MVA-200**. NORCECA/FIVB will provide to the host National Federation a total of twenty (**20**) **Mikasa MVA-200 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 previous to completion of the publicity uniform form. The payment of the established fee of **US\$5,000.00** (Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) for this competition is waived by NORCECA. 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 prior to the start of the tournament.

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 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 **2014 World Championship Qualification Tournament Women's Group R** will be played under the following competition format:

- a. (4) Teams, a Round Robin will be played. All teams will advance to compete in the Final Round. (1st vs 2nd and 3rd vs 4th).
- b. First place team will qualify to the FIVB Women World Championship 2014 to be held in Italy.
- c. Second place team will qualify and advance to the Norceca Play-Off for the last vacancy available to the FIVB Women World Championship 2014 to be held in Italy.

NOTE: The official competition format of the event will determine the distribution of teams in the Preliminary Round. No changes to the official competition format of the event will be permitted after it has been approved by NORCECA.

9.2 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 point's 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 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.

10. Rights of the Host Country

- 10.1 The host country has the right to choose one (1) match in the Competition Schedule of the Preliminary Round.
- 10.2 Once the 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 the Control Committee: Members of the Appeal and Referee Sub-Commission, Medical Delegate, and Photographer.
 - **US\$150.00** (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the President of the Control Committee, 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 six (6), including the host team Referees, neutral and reserve local Referee, one referee per participating national team.

NOTE 1: The payment of the 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 during the Preliminary Inquiry.

NOTE 2: The payment of the 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 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 Board of Administration. All participating NFs must provide the Referees' Per Diem during the Team Preliminary Inquiry or present a receipt for the corresponding payment.

d) **Hosting Fee:** The host National Federation must cover the following financial responsibilities towards NORCECA:

- **US\$20,000.00** (Twenty Thousand Dollars 00/100) to cover the payment of the hosting fee of the event.

Sponsorship and Marketing:

- **US\$10,000.00** (Ten Thousand Dollars 00/100) is to be paid to NORCECA, in order to cover the Marketing and/or sponsorship rights of local sponsorship and TV transmission, establishing a minimum fee of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars 00/100) for each sponsor promoting their products inside or outside the Main Competition Venues or throughout the 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 rights of the Continental and international sponsorship, as well as, the Continental international marketing and the radio, TV Broadcasting, internet and other international marketing, sponsorship and publicity means.

Note 3: NORCECA reserves the right to allocate the following official sponsor banners on the court: NORCECA, FIVB, MIKASA and SPORT COURT.

e) **Registration Fee:** For this event, the registration fee for participating teams will be **US\$2,000.00** (Two Thousand Dollars 00/100). **75%** of the registration fee of participating teams will be paid to the host National Federation and the remaining **25%** of the registration fee corresponds to NORCECA. Additionally, each participating team must pay the Anti-Doping collection fee and laboratory test of **US\$500.00**, in accordance with the Regulations and Protocol of WADA/FIVB.

- 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 eight (8) air tickets:

- 1 round-trip flight for President of NORCECA
- 1 round-trip flight for Competition Director
- 1 round-trip flight for the Member of the Appeal Sub-Committee
- 1 round-trip flight for the Member of the Referee Sub-Committee
- 1 round-trip flight for the Press Delegate
- 1 round-trip flight for the Medical Delegate
- 1 round-trip flight for the VIS Delegate
- 1 round-trip flight for the Official Photographer

Event Tickets: the Host National Federation and/or Organizing Committee must provide up to a maximum of thirty (30) tickets per match to NORCECA: ten (10) VIP tickets and (20) General Admission tickets.

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\$2,000.00** (Two Thousand Dollars). Additionally, each participating team must pay the Anti-Doping collection fee and laboratory test of **US\$500.00**, in accordance with the Regulations and Protocol of WADA/FIVB.
- 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) by email before the established deadline.
- 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) **Referee Per Diem:** National Federations must pay **50%** of the Per Diem of **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) to their Referee. The remaining **50%** of the referee's Per Diem must be covered by the Hosting National Federation. The Per Diem is to be provided prior to the completion of the team's Preliminary Inquiry.
- g) To present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:
 - FIVB O-2 VIS Form
 - FIVB O-2 bis Form

- 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

11.3 The following are the responsibilities of the **NORCECA Volleyball Confederation:**

a) **Tournament Equipment;** NORCECA will be responsible to provide the following tournament equipment:

- ❖ **20 Mikasa MVA-200 balls**
- ❖ **1 Official Volleyball Net**
- ❖ **1 Official Volleyball Set of Antennas**

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 nominate one (1) Referee from one of the following categories (in order of preference):

- a) **FIVB International Referee**
- b) **International Referee Candidate**
- c) **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 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 President or his Representative and must be composed by members of the National Federations affiliated to NORCECA, whose representatives are members of the NORCECA Executive Committee, Board of Administration, Sport Organizing, Technical, Refereeing, VIS, Press and Medical Commissions of NORCECA.

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

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, 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, and function of the accreditation holder.

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| 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 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 AND QUALIFICATION:

Awards will be as follows;

The host National Federation and/or the Organizing Committee must provide trophies and medals for the award of participating teams as follows:

- 1st Place: Gold Medals and Team Trophy (**Qualifies to the FIVB Women's World Championship 2014**)
- 2nd Place: Silver Medals and Team Trophy
- 3rd Place: Bronze Medals and Team Trophy

19. 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:

Two Best Spiker	Best Digger
Two Best Blocker	Best Setter
Best Receiver	Best Libero
Best Server	Best Scorer
Best Opposite	
Most Valuable Player (MVP)	

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 two of the three above indicated awards according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS) and her team is the Champion Medal Gold Team of the event, she is eligible for the Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event.

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, her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event and registers a minimum average of 5.0 per set, according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

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 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 above, as well as, for the individual award of the event.

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