

*NORCECA Beach Volleyball
Commission*



*Competition Regulations
I NORCECA Beach
Volleyball Circuit 2007*

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1. Application to host a tournament

- 1.1 NORCECA Volleyball Confederation, affiliated National Federations interested in hosting a tournament must apply, in writing, as well as to complete the application form of NORCECA's Beach Volleyball Commission informing their intention to organize one or several tournaments of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit. The application form must be duly completed and remitted to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation on or before the 31 of December each year (Appendix I: NORCECA Beach Volleyball Commission Application form) to host one or several tournaments of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit.
- 1.2 If a National Federation hosting a tournament engages the organization of the tournament with a second party, the responsibilities established within this official regulations, as well as the technical requirements for the tournament, will be of the exclusive responsibility of the National Federation hosting the tournament. The agreements established between the National Federation hosting the tournament and the person, institution, firm and/or organization engaged will only have national jurisdiction among the parties, being the host National Federation of the tournament responsible before NORCECA Volleyball Confederation of its organization as well as to comply with the terms and conditions engaged with NORCECA for the organization of the tournament.

2. Control Committee

The Control Committee for the organization of each tournament of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit will be appointed by NORCECA Volleyball Confederation, taking into consideration the recommendations of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Commission.

2.1 National Federation Hosting a Tournament

The host National Federation of a tournament as supreme authority of volleyball and beach volleyball in the country where the tournament is to be held, is responsible before NORCECA Volleyball Confederation to guarantee all technical and organizational aspects of the tournament (venue, training and competition court step-up, scorers, beach volleyball information system BVIS, line judges, referees, technical and support personnel, transportation, board and lodging for participating teams, referees, NORCECA Supervisors and Officials, medical controls, security, accreditation, VIP service and facilities, press, protocol and awards), insuring the organization of the tournament before, during and after its conclusion. Must remit to NORCECA the final report of the tournament that must include, among other aspects, the technical report, BVIS, photograph memories, daily bulletins, press clippings and a DVD video resuming the tournament.

2.2 Promoters

The hosting National Federation of a tournament is entitled to engage and/or contract beach volleyball promoters for the organization of the tournament, but the host National Federation must strictly comply with the terms and conditions established in article 1.2 of this regulations.

2.3 NORCECA Supervisor

NORCECA Volleyball Confederation by recommendation of its Beach Volleyball Commission will designate one supervisor for each tournament of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit. This supervisor is responsible to ensure the respect of the FIVB/NORCECA Constitution, Code of Conduct and Regulations. NORCECA's Supervisor will also be the President of the Control Committee being responsible to coordinate the working groups for the competition and its organization.

2.3.1 Responsibilities of NORCECA Supervisor

- Represents NORCECA Volleyball Confederation during NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit.
- Will be the coordinator between NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and the host National Federations of the tournaments.
- Will carry out the inspection visits before each tournament (sport infrastructure available, equipment, board and lodging, transportation, airport and seaport facilities, security, press, medical service, accreditation, protocol, beach volleyball information system BVIS, VIP service and facilities, awards) and must remit a report to the Beach Volleyball Commission and to NORCECA Presidency.
- Must represent NORCECA Volleyball Confederation during the press conference, promotional activities, institutional and/or governmental authority's visits.
- In its absence, his responsibility will be assumed by the Technical Director of the competition.
- Will be responsible for the Preliminary Enquiry of participating teams.
- Will preside the Technical Meeting.
- Must guarantee that all marches be developed in accordance with the FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules of the Game in Force.
- Must ensure that the host National Federation complies with the terms and conditions, as well as, with the official regulation and technical requirements of the tournament.
- Must develop all necessary meetings with the host National Federation of the tournament in order to ensure the best organization.
- Must coordinate with the Technical Director and the Referee Supervisor their responsibilities.
- Must be present in the country where the tournament is to be held three days before the start of the tournament.

2.4 Technical Director

The Technical Director of the tournament will be designated by NORCECA Volleyball Confederation by recommendation of the Beach Volleyball Commission. The Technical Director will be responsible to follow the development of the competition and its organization. Must be present in the host country of the tournament three days before the start of the tournament.

2.4.1 Responsibilities of the Technical Director

- Together with NORCECA Supervisor must conduct the final inspection before the start of the tournament.

- Must certify the conditions of the competition court every day before the start of the competition.
- With the agreement of the host National Federation of the tournament assigns the competition courts and establishes the match calendar.
- Will be responsible for the draw and for the competition program with the order of the matches.
- Will have the authority for:
 - a) Together with NORCECA Supervisor to change, if necessary, the tournament format and timing of the matches, being his decision final.
 - b) Together with NORCECA Supervisor in the technical aspect decides any protest.
 - c) Is responsible to maintain order and to implement the necessary disciplinary measures over players, officials, support personnel's and fans inside or outside the competition court and/or area.
- Will coordinate with the host National Federation the security of the tournament.
- Will coordinate with the Refereeing Supervisor all matters related with refereeing and court personnel.
- Must provide all necessary assistance to the Medical Delegate for the development of the antidoping control.
- Is entitled to stop any match during the tournament for security reasons of the participants and/or for security reasons of cause of nature. Before taking his decision he must consult NORCECA Supervisor and the host National Federation of the tournament informing his final decision to all participants.
- Must coordinate with the Press Delegate all press related issues (journalist tent, cameras and photographers positions in order to facilitate their work without interfering with the development of the matches). In case of television broadcasting he must coordinate with the responsible person in charge all relative issues for the broadcasting of the matches.
- Must remit to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and to its Beach Volleyball Commission the final report of the competition before but not after seven working days after the conclusion of the tournament.

2.5 Refereeing Supervisor

The Refereeing Supervisor of the tournament will be designated by NORCECA Volleyball Confederation by recommendation of its Beach Volleyball Commission. Will be the responsible coordinator between the Technical Director and the Referees Corp. Will designate the referees for each match and must ensure the strict respect of the Beach Volleyball Rules of the Game in Force.

2.5.1 Responsibilities of the Refereeing Supervisor

- Direct and coordinate the referees.
- During the practical clinic that will be mandatory before each tournament, must instruct the referees and players on the competition regulation.
- Must coordinate the program, activities and calendar of the referees.
- According to the established agenda, programs the daily meetings with the referees.
- Given the necessary instructions, must ensure the correct performance of the support and court personnel during the matches.

- Must inspect every day the equipment and court conditions informing the Technical Director his observations.
- Must prepare and review the match score sheet.
- Must evaluate the performance of the referees, scorer and line judges.
- Must prepare the final report with the evaluation of the referees and all refereeing issues of the tournament. This report must be presented to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation before but not after seven working days after the conclusion of the tournament.

3. Responsibilities of the host National Federation

3.1 General

- To confirm the organization of the tournament before the 31st of December of each year.
- To provide a medical insurance for NORCECA officials and participating players.
- To have the availability of a competition area of 14x14m with a minimum of 16 inch of sand.
- Availability to allocate three institutional banners FIVB, NORCECA and Molten (1m x 3.40m dimension).
- Availability of a meeting room for the preliminary inspection, technical meeting and refereeing meeting.
- Opening, award and closing ceremony.
- Cash award in US\$ dollars.
- To provide if necessary, the competition uniforms for participating teams. The uniforms to be provided must be of different colors and according to FIVB/NORCECA Regulations.
- Board and lodging, transportation, per diem and international transportation for NORCECA Officials.
- Payment of US\$60.00 dollars per day of per diem for referees and US\$100.00 dollars per day of per diem for NORCECA Supervisor, Technical Director, Refereeing Supervisor, Medical Delegate, Press Delegate and BVIS Supervisor from two days before and one day after the competition (the payment must be effective on the day of their arrival).
- The host National Federation is responsible for the payment of the per diem for national referees, scorers, line judges, court and support personnel. The payment of the local personnel must be established by the host National Federation according to the agreement set forward with the different persons engaged for the required services.
- Each court must be equipped with tents, chairs for the players, tables, umbrellas and thermals for the hydration of participants and must be allocated within the competition area according to the site plan of the competition area. (See appendix II).
- Must facilitate the necessary means for the Medical Delegate and Therapist (tents, massage table and disposable materials).
- Must provide the best working condition of the press and television host broadcasters.
- Must provide portable toilets.
- Must ensure a local press official in charge of coordinating with the national press.

- Must ensure the availability of a professional photographer well equipped.
- Must provide a room with internet connection and a photocopier.
- To produce and remit the daily bulletins with the results of the tournament and the competition photos.
- Must ensure an official announcer and disc jockey.
- Security Personnel.
- Set-up of training and warm up courts.
- Availability of a physiotherapist to provide first aid services.
- Availability of a well equipped local medical personnel.
- Ambulance Services.

3.2 NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit

Terms and Conditions

- Official Calendar: from April to May of each year.
- Gender: Men and Women.
- Cash Awards: USD \$5,000.00 per gender.
- NORCECA host fee: USD\$1,000.00 per tournament.
- Registration fee per team: USD\$100.00 per team per tournament.
- Participation: up to 16 teams per gender.
- Qualification tournament if required.
- Availability of courts: 4 courts are required (two for competition and two for training).
- The main competition court must be set-up with stands with a minimum capacity of 500 seats.
- Lodging in double occupancy for participating team players, referees and NORCECA's Officials.
- Lodging in single occupancy for NORCECA's Supervisor (Tournament Supervisor, Technical Director and Refereeing Supervisor).
- Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for participating team players, referees and NORCECA Officials. Internal transportation must be provided to all participants from the day of their arrival until the day of their departure, including team players, referees and NORCECA Officials.
- One NORCECA Tournament Supervisor.
- One NORCECA Technical Director.
- One NORCECA Refereeing Supervisor.
- 4 International Referees (FIVB, International, International and/or Continental Referee Candidate).
- 3 Day Competition (Preliminary, Semifinal y Final).
- 1 Day Qualification Tournament (if necessary).

4. Calendar of Activities for each tournament of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit.

Date	Activity	Participants
Tuesday	Arrival	NORCECA Supervisor, Technical Director and Refereeing Supervisor
Wednesday	Arrival Hotel and meals inspection, competition area and transportation. Preliminary Enquiry of participating teams (in order of arrival).	Referees and participating teams NORCECA Supervisor, Technical Director and Refereeing Supervisor. NORCECA Supervisor, Technical Director and participating teams.
Thursday	Training for participating teams. Refereeing Practical Clinic. Continuation of the preliminary enquiry for participating teams by order of arrival. Technical Meeting.	Participating teams. Refereeing Supervisor, line judges, scorer, support and technical personnel, BVIS personnel, court assistance, disc jockey and announcer. NORCECA Supervisor and Technical Director. Participating teams, referees, host National Federation and NORCECA Officials.
Friday	First Day of Competition: (Preliminary Round)	
Saturday	Second Day of Competition: (Preliminary Round)	
Sunday	Third Day of Competition: (Semifinals and Finals) Awards and Closing Ceremony	
Monday	Departure	Participating teams, referees and NORCECA Officials.

5. Participating team rights.

All National Federations affiliated to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation, are eligible to register their national teams for their participation in the tournaments of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit. In order to be eligible, participating National Federations must comply with the terms and conditions established in the competition regulations, as well as, to complete the procedure for the registration of their national teams in each tournament.

6. Participating player's rights

Players wishing to participate in the tournaments of NORCECA's Beach Volleyball Circuit must fulfill the following requirements:

- a) Be a citizen of the country they represent in accordance with the FIVB Sport Regulations.
- b) Be registered by their National Federation.

7. Confirmation of Participating Teams

Participating National Federations in NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit must confirm the participation of their teams (men and women) before but not after the 15 of February each year. In order to complete their final registration the NORCECA BV-02 Form must be remitted to NORCECA Headquarters with the names of the participating players. The NORCECA BV-02 Form must be remitted before but not after March 1 of each year. National Federations teams that do not participate, after the confirmation of their National Federation, the National Federation in concern will be subject of a fine of USD\$500.00.

8. Competition Format

- 8.1 The competition format will be based on tournaments of double elimination with the two winner semifinalists and the two loser semifinalists.
- 8.2 Men and Women: A maximum of 16 teams per gender in each tournament.
- 8.3 In each tournament participating National Federations have the right to register one team in each gender. The host National Federation has the right to register two teams of each gender. For the qualification tournament the host National Federation of the tournament is entitled to register an additional team per gender.
- 8.4 The host National Federation of the tournament is also entitled to complete, with its additional national teams, the available vacancies until the total of 16 teams per gender foreseen to participate in each tournament of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit is completed.
- 8.5 The tournament must be developed during three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).
- 8.6 Participating teams will be distributed according to their position in the FIVB World Ranking, first, the Pan-American Ranking, second, and NORCECA's Ranking, third.
- 8.7 In each tournament the first eight teams will be distributed according to the serpentine system.
- 8.8 The matches will be developed according to the FIVB Beach Volleyball Rules of the Game in Force. The Technical Director, by his own criteria and decision is entitled to modify the matches, taking into consideration the weather conditions and any other issue of the force of nature.
- 8.9 A team shall not play more than four matches per day, unless other wise required by the Technical Director.
- 8.10 Between two consecutive matches to be played by one team, a minimum 45 minutes recuperation and resting period must exist, except for extreme circumstances (weather conditions or force of nature) that the time can be reduced to a minimum of 30 minutes.

9. Ranking System and Points

- 9.1 Based upon the results of each tournament, participating players will accumulate points.
- 9.2 All participating players are eligible to receive points based upon their performance.
- 9.3 The point system is individual.
- 9.4 For points and ranking purposes of participating teams, the total amount of individual points accumulated by both players of the team will be taken into consideration. The ranking and point system to be awarded in each tournament would be as follows :

Men and Women			
Qualification	Points	Qualification	Points
1	150	7	60
2	135	8	45
3	120	9	30
4	105	10	15
5	90	11	10
6	75	12	5

- 9.5 The points to be awarded will be valid for 365 days. At the end of this period the points awarded would be subtracted based upon the date that the tournament was held during the previous year and new points will be added based upon the date that the tournament is held in the year in course.
- 9.6 The ranking will be based upon the results of the total points obtained in each tournament and accumulated during the circuit.
- 9.7 Teams without a previous participation will be positioned according to the highest possible ranking.
- 9.8 NORCECA Volleyball Confederation, by recommendation of its Beach Volleyball Commission is entitled, by invitation, to award two wild cards with direct entry.

10. Participating team's uniforms

- 10.1 Each participating National Federation has the right to provide the uniforms for their national team, as long as the sponsors being promoted in their uniforms do not conflict with the sponsors of the host National Federation of the tournament. In case of conflict of sponsors, the host National Federation of the tournament will provide the uniform to those teams that require them. Uniforms are mandatory in order to enter the competition and playing area, during the warm up prior to the match, during the match, during the award ceremony, press conference and any other official presentation to be held during the tournament.
- 10.2 Teams whose uniform are provided by the host National Federation of the tournament, are not allowed to modify them or to cover the logos of the sponsors and logos of the tournament.
- 10.3 Participating team uniforms (sleeveless jersey and shorts for men and two or one piece bathing suit for women) must be of the same color, style and design and must comply with the FIVB Beach Volleyball Uniform Regulation.
- 10.4 Participating teams have the right to promote their sponsors in the front of their uniform, reserving the back of their uniform for the main sponsor of NORCECA

Beach Volleyball Circuit and the sponsor of the host National Federation. Also, participating teams are allowed to promote their sponsors on the shorts for men, the lower part of the one piece bathing suit for women, as well as, in the bikini bathing suit for women. The exact position and size of the sponsor logo to be allocated in the Beach Volleyball Uniform of participating team must be in accordance with the FIVB/ NORCECA Beach Volleyball Uniform Regulations (See Appendix III).

10.5 Participating players are also allowed to use the following accessories:

- a) Caps, visors, head band.
- b) Sunglasses.
- c) One watch.
- d) Beach volleyball shoes or socks.
- e) Therapeutic support braces for knee/elbow, etc.
- f) Provisional tattoos, arm band (maximum one per arm).

11. Protest for Violation of the Rules of the Game

- 11.1 Protest for violation of the rules of the games will be accepted as long as they are presented to the Technical Director of the tournament by the captain of the team within one hour after the end of the match.
- 11.2 All protest for violation of the Rules of the Game must be presented in writing to the Technical Director together with a deposit of US\$100.00 dollars cash.
- 11.3 If the protest proceeds the deposit will be reimbursed.
- 11.4 After hearing the parties involved in the action that originated the protest and after deliberating, the Technical Director and the Refereeing Supervisor must decide in accordance with the Rules of the Game in Force within one hour after having received the protest. The decision adopted by the Technical Director and the Refereeing Supervisor will be final and unappealable and must be communicated to the captain of the team that presented the protest.

12. Inappropriate Conduct and Behavior

- 12.1 Members of a delegation (team managers, players and/or member) that commit antisport and/or inappropriate behavior towards supervisors, directors, referees, organizers, players, court personnel, technical and support personnel, press and fans during the tournaments will be subject to sanction according to the scale established in the FIVB/NORCECA Code of Conduct, as well as and according to the prohibitions established in the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Handbook.
- 12.2 The Technical Director is empowered to disqualify any player from a match and/or a tournament, according to the seriousness of the offense committed. Also he is empowered to expel a team delegation from the tournament in case of serious aggressions and/or antisport behavior. The Technical Director must report to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation, in detail, the measures adopted for possible additional future sanctions.
- 12.3 Any team that refuses to play against another team will be automatically expelled from the tournament and their results, as well as their cash award, will be cancelled. From that moment on all expenses incurred by the team expelled must be totally covered by the team delegation (board, lodging, transportation, etc).

13. NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit Awards

- 13.1 At the end of each tournament teams will be awarded based upon their final position. The award ceremony will be conducted on Sunday, after the final match, within the facilities of the main competition court.
- 13.2 In both genders the first eight teams of the tournament will be awarded.
- 13.3 The percentage of the cash awards to be paid in taxes to the government of the host country of the tournament, will be deducted and retained by the host National Federation of the tournament who will be responsible for the payment of the taxes.
- 13.4 Cash awards in each tournament will be distributed as follows:

<u>Men \$5,000.00</u>		<u>Women \$5,000.00</u>	
1 st place	\$1,500.00	1 st place	\$1,500.00
2 nd place	\$1,000.00	2 nd place	\$1,000.00
3 rd place	\$ 750.00	3 rd place	\$ 750.00
4 th place	\$ 550.00	4 ^h place	\$ 550.00
5 th place	\$ 400.00	5 th place	\$ 400.00
6 th place	\$ 350.00	6 th place	\$ 350.00
7 th place	\$ 250.00	7 th place	\$ 250.00
8 th place	\$ 200.00	8 th place	\$ 200.00

14. Preliminary Enquiry and Technical Meeting

- 14.1 During the preliminary enquiry for participating teams the players and members of the delegation will receive their official accreditation and if necessary their playing uniforms.
- 14.2 The General Technical Meeting will be held one day before the tournament. Before the start of the meeting participating team players must sign the list of attendance.
- 14.3 Foreseen draws will be carried out during the General Technical Meeting.
- 14.4 In case the men and the women tournaments begin in different dates, it will be necessary to host two independent technical meetings.
- 14.5 NORCECA Supervisor, Technical Director, Refereeing Supervisor, host National Federations officials and representatives, Referees, Medical Delegate, Press Delegate, Players, participating team members delegation, Sponsors, accredited National and/or International Journalist, as well as special guest, must attend the General Technical Meeting.

15. Decision Taking Procedures

- 15.1 Decision to stop a tournament due to weather conditions:
 - a) The decision to suspend a match and/or a tournament will be based upon if the competition level of the match could be maintained, if so the match should continue.
 - b) The decision to stop a tournament will be at the soul discretion of the Control Committee. Players must stay at the competition area or were otherwise requested, according to the situation, waiting and ready to immediately return to the match when the conditions make it possible.

Players will be informed immediately the decision taken by the Control Committee.

- c) The decisions taken by the Control Committee will be based upon the following conditions:

§ **Wind.** The match will be stopped when the wind is so strong that does not permit a good competition level.

§ **Rain.** The match will be stopped when the rain is so strong that does not permit a good competition level, but the players must be always ready to play under rain.

§ **Poor Visibility (day light).** The match will be stopped when the day light does not permit a good level of competition.

Note: Players must be always ready and waiting to return to the match immediately it is possible.

16. Responsibilities of Participating Players

- 16.1 The FIVB/NORCECA Constitution, Code of Conduct and Regulations will be applied to all participating players during NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit. The registration of participating teams constitutes a voluntary acceptance of the terms and conditions established that will rule the development of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit.
- 16.2 In consequence of the established in article 16.1 above, all participants accept the application of the FIVB/NORCECA Constitution, Code of Conduct and Regulation in addition to the sanctions that for violation of the Rules of the Game in Force will be imposed by the referees during the match, as well as, in addition to the sanction to be applied by the disciplinary institutions of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.
- 16.3 Disqualifications will be applied to the teams, nevertheless, sanctions will be applied individually to the player in fault.
- 16.4 The behavior of participants in NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit, inside or outside the competition area, must reflect an example of the sport values. Following this principle all participants must avoid, by all means, aggressive attitudes, antisocial and antisport behavior.
- 16.5 Participants must refrain from being involved in bets over the results of a match or tournament of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit. Also, it is not allowed to promise economical compensation or of any other type to players for their performance in a tournament as well as, it is forbidden to agree upon or distribute cash awards.
- 16.6 Matches must be played without delay and according to the order of the matches established, one that should be exposed for the players in a visible place. Players must be always ready to play when called upon. They must enter the competition court at least 15 minutes before the start of the match. Not doing so, will be subject to confiscate the match due to the player's non appearance. The Technical Director by his own judgment and criteria has the right to accept a valid circumstance that caused the delay if considered appropriate.
- 16.7 Players must always wear their competition uniforms, cloths and/or sport gears for beach volleyball in accordance to the FIVB/NORCECA Beach Volleyball Uniform Regulation.

16.8 The player's beach volleyball uniform consists of:

- a) Men's:
 - Sleeveless Jersey
 - Shorts
- b) Women's:
 - Athletic top and/or blouse
 - Bikini and/or
 - One piece bathing suit

The top part of the playing uniforms must be numbered by No. 1 and No. 2 and must have the FIVB and NORCECA logos printed in addition to the country code. All printed logos and numbers must be exposed in the front and back of the playing uniforms.

NOTE: Printing on the uniforms of participating teams must be in accordance to the FIVB/NORCECA Beach Volleyball Uniform Regulation (See Appendix III).

16.9 It is forbidden to cover with tape or any other similar material the promotion of unauthorized sponsors and brands.

16.10 When in a tournament of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit the host National Federation provides the playing uniforms to the teams, the players are obliged to use them during the development of the matches as well as, in any other official activity of the tournament that is required to be properly uniformed. The official logos and sponsorship promotion printed on the uniforms provided by the host National Federation must be maintained visible at all moments and is not allowed to cover them with tape and any other material that will difficult their visibility.

16.11 Participating players must conclude the match that they are playing. All unforeseen circumstances that avoid a player to continue in a match will be taken into consideration. The Technical Director of the tournament will decide, case by case, the situation claimed by the player that avoids his or hers participation.

16.12 Players must always be available for press, radio and television interview, after each match or when it is required.

16.13 Players must be available to submit themselves to the antidoping test as foreseen and in accordance with the FIVB/NORCECA Medical Code.

16.14 Player must refrain from using products, gear and/or equipment that conflicts with NORCECA Beach Volleyball Sponsors, such as towels, bags, chairs, umbrellas, shirts, caps, sun block creams, tattoos, head band, key chains, back pack, wrist band, arm band, sports drinks, water, juice, colas and any other products that conflicts with the official sponsor of the tournaments and/or NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit, in the designated playing, resting and/or competition area.

16.15 With their registration and participation, participating players authorize NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and the host National Federation of the tournament to use their name, voice, photos and biographic material for the promotion, publicity and marketing of the tournament and of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit, declining the right of compensation.

16.16 With their registration and participation, participating players authorize NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and the host National Federation of the tournament to use their videos for the promotion, publicity and marketing of the tournament and of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit, declining the right of compensation.

- 16.17 During the tournaments of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit, participating team players will be responsible for:
- 1) To comply with the registration procedure and competition format.
 - 2) To be aware of the time foreseen for their match and the court assigned. This will be achieved by receiving the official information and time schedule of the matches at the technical tent and/or by the information to be announced over the speaker. In the General Technical meeting of each tournament the double elimination competition format will be distributed in order for the participating players to follow the tournament.
 - 3) Participating player must be ready to play, if for any reason the match played before theirs is cancelled. This provision means that when for any reason a match is cancelled the next one must be played immediately.
 - 4) Players must warm up prior to their match taking into consideration a maximum time of 15 minutes including the 5 minutes foreseen of the official warm up.

NOTE: Players behavior must be proper at all moments, inside and outside the competition area. Their behavior and conduct must not affect negatively the image and/or be prejudice towards the sponsorship and marketing of the tournaments and/or NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit.

17. Press and Communications

- 17.1 NORCECA Press Delegate and/or Coordinator responsible for National Press.
- 17.1.1 Each host National Federation of a tournament must designate a coordinator responsible for national press. Also, NORCECA Volleyball Confederation is entitled to designate a NORCECA Press Delegate if necessary. The National Press coordinator designated by the host National Federation of the tournament must be notified to NORCECA Beach Volleyball Commission 30 days before the tournament.
- 17.1.2 The National Press coordinator of the host National Federation must speak English and Spanish fluently, have experience in writing sport news and must communicate with NORCECA Press Commission to establish communication and his working plan before, during and after each tournament.
- 17.1.3 NORCECA Press Delegate and/or the National Press Coordinator designated by the host National Federation of the tournament must submit to the Technical Director and/or remit to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation his detailed report of the tournament, one that must include all national press published articles, photos and videos in DVD. This report must be submitted to NORCECA's Supervisor at the end of each tournament.

17.2 Official Photographer

- 17.2.1 Each National Federation hosting a tournament must designate an official sport photographer. He will be the only photographer with free direct access into the competition area in order to be able to produce the best action photos. The official photographer of the tournament must be properly identified with a photographer vest.

17.2.2 The official photographer is responsible to daily provide a CD with professional high resolution action photos in a JPG format. Also, the photographic memories of the tournament must include, in addition to the action photos, photos of the expectators, photos of the opening, award and closing ceremonies, preliminary enquiry, technical meeting and competition area photos.

18. Players Image Rights

Participating player's registration in a tournament organized by NORCECA Volleyball Confederation, gives NORCECA and the host National Federation of the tournament, the right to use the image of the player registered. NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and the host National Federation is entitled to use the player's image and/or provide it to a third party for promotional and marketing purposes of the tournaments and of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit. Within these rights it is included the obligation of the players to pose for photographers with or without the official playing gears (uniform) of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit and in front of the official publicity board.

19. Award Ceremony.

Players who are foreseen to participate in the award ceremony, due to their performance and/or for any other reason, must assist and participate in the ceremony according to the protocol, unless NORCECA's Supervisor excuses them from participating for just cause. In case that they do not participate they will automatically lose the rights to receive the corresponding award.

20. Ethic and Conduct

Based upon a professional and responsible behavior philosophy of the player and considering the development of beach volleyball and that NORCECA's Beach Volleyball Circuit depends on the image that the participating players project towards the public and sponsors, all participants (teams, players, officials, court, support and technical personnel, National Federation officials, etc) in NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit must always conduct themselves in a reasonable, acceptable and proper form, avoiding inappropriate behavior and/or anti-sport conduct that would be prejudice to the image of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit, the host National Federation of the tournament and/or NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.

Any offensive behavior according to the terms established in the FIVB/NORCECA Constitution, Code of Conduct and Regulations, the team and/or the player in fault will be sanctioned according to the established scale with its disqualification, suspension, fines and/or cancellation of the award. Additionally:

- a) A team could be sanctioned and/or disqualified for not being on time or absent from meetings and/or matches.
- b) A team could be disqualified if:
 - Does not arrive on time for their scheduled match.
- c) All sanctions depend on:
 - Previous Faults.
 - Seriousness of the fault.

NOTE: All anti-sport and improper behavior, abusive, gross, anti-social and/or aggression will be sanctioned.

21. FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules in Force

21.1 The FIVB Beach Volleyball Official Rules in Force 2004-2008, approved and published by FIVB will be the official rules for all the tournaments of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit unless it is otherwise stipulated in these regulations, taking into consideration the terms and conditions under which the tournaments of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit are held.

The National Federation of _____ confirms and guarantees to comply with the terms and conditions established in the Regulations of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit, ensuring also to provide to NORCECA Beach Volleyball Commission the following information in order to host one or several tournaments:

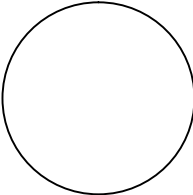
- Official letter of the National Federation hosting a tournament confirming its organization.
- Letter of support from the governmental authorities of the country where the tournament is to be held.
- Organizational Chart of the tournament.
- Payment to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation of US\$1,000.00 per tournament to cover the hosting fee.
- List of tournament sponsors.
- Cash deposit and/or financial bank guarantee to cover the cash award of each tournament.
- Photograph of the beach and/or the area chosen for the tournament, informing the measure in meters of the area to be used for the tournament.

NOTE: With the presentation of this application, duly completed with all the information requested, signed and sealed by the host National Federation of the tournament, the National _____ Federation _____ of _____ compromises and guarantees to strictly comply with the terms and conditions established by NORCECA Volleyball Confederation for the organization of a tournament of NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit.

In acceptance of the terms and conditions established in **NORCECA Beach Volleyball Circuit** Tournament Competition Regulations:

National Federation of _____

President Signature



General Secretary signature

Date _____