



## **VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009 Miami, Florida, USA June 24 - July 5, 2009**

### **Competition Regulations**

#### **1. Organizer**

1.1 For the organization of the VIII Pan American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009, the United States of America Volleyball Federation, in their condition of Organizing Committee, accepts to comply with the terms and conditions established for this Competition Regulation that are the official statutes of the event.

1.2 The **United States of America Volleyball Federation**, affiliated to the North, Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation, NORCECA and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, FIVB, in their condition of Organizing Committee, **will be responsible for the organization of the VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009**, qualifying event to the FIVB 2010 World Grand Prix, programmed to be held on June 24 – July 5, 2009, in the city of Miami, Florida, USA.

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**2. Host City and Competition Venue**

**2.1 Host City:**

The **VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009** will be held in the city of Miami, Florida, USA. The event will be held on June 24 – July 5, 2009.

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

The International Airports for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the **VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009** will be the following:

- Miami International Airport in the city of Miami, Florida.

- Fort Lauderdale International Airport in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

### 2.3 **Competition Venue:**

The competition venues are the following:

- A) Bank United Center at the University of Miami
- B) Pharmed Arena at the Florida International University

This Competition Venue has been inspected and homologated by NORCECA for this competition.

### 2.4 **Training Venues:**

The training venues for participating teams will be the following:

#### **A) At the University of Miami**

- § Training Court No. 1 at the new training facility & courts
- § Training Court No. 2 at the new training facility & courts

#### **B) At the Florida International University**

- § Two training courts available
- § One warm up court available

Note: For additional information please contact Mr. Mike Chandler at:  
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### 2.5 **Accommodation, meals and internal transportation:**

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees will be covered by the United States of America Volleyball Federation in their condition of Organizing Committee, from June 24 to July 5, 2009.

### 2.6 **Residence Hall**

The Residence Hall assigned for the accommodation of Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees are the following:

#### **A) Participating Team's:**

- University of Miami Eaton & Stanford Residential Colleges
- Florida International University Lakeview Residence Hall

#### **B) Control Committee Members:**

- Marriott Lodging at Miami International Airport  
1201 N.W. Lejeune Road  
Miami, Florida 33126 USA  
Tel: +305 649 5000  
Fax: +305 644 1168

#### **C) Referees and Officials:**

- University of Miami, Official Residential Halls
- Florida International University, Official Residential Halls

## 2.7 Meal Services

- Participating teams, Referees and Officials will receive their meals in the Cafeteria and Dining Room at the University of Miami and at the Florida International University, destined for their accommodation.
- Control Committee members will receive a separate meal per diem upon arrival.

## 3. Statutes & Authority

### 3.1 Competition Regulations:

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

### 3.2 FIVB Official Rules of the Games

The **VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009** will be played in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules of the Game in force.

### 3.3 Control Committee

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

### 3.4 VISA information:

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams in the **VIII Pan American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009**, the United States of America Volleyball Federation, in their condition of Organizing Committee, must guarantee throughout the correspondent governmental authorities of the State Department, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into the United States, of participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form.

## 4. Event Schedule and Activities:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>March 18, 2009</b>	Letter from participating National Federations confirming the participation of their National Team to the United States of America Volleyball Federation and NORCECA.
<b>April 24, 2009</b>	Payment of Entry Fees of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) in addition to the Anti-Doping fee of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) to be remitted to NORCECA, together with the FIVB 0-2 Form that must be remitted to NORCECA and to the United States of America Volleyball Federation for the official registration of participating National Teams.
<b>June 22, 2009</b>	Arrival of VIS Instructor
<b>June 22-25, 2009</b>	VIS equipment inspection, installation, testing and practical clinic for VIS support personnel and staff.

- June 23, 2009** Arrival of Control Committee Members
- June 24, 2009** Arrival of Referees and participating Teams Delegation.  
 •**10:00** Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting, to be held at the Miami Marriott Dadeland, Control Committee Meeting Room.  
 •**14:00** Inspection visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall, T.V. transmission and transportation.  
 • **14:00-20:00** Training of participating teams.
- June 25, 2009** •**08:00-20:00** Training of participating teams.  
 •**09:00-12:00** Preliminary inquiry for participating teams at the University of Miami and at the Florida International University.  
 •**10:00** Final Inspection visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall, T.V. transmission and transportation.  
 •**14:00-16:00** First Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Florida International University.  
 •**17:00-19:00** Second Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the University of Miami.  
 •**18:00** Control Committee meeting to be held at the University of Miami Control Committee Room.  
 •**20:00** General Technical meeting at the Main Convention Hall at the University of Miami.
- June 26, 2009** **Day 1- Competition**  
 Group A- .Bank United Center, at the University of Miami.  
 Preliminary Round- Matches No. 1-3-5 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
 Group B- Pharmed Arena, at the Florida International University  
 Preliminary Round- Matches No. 2-4-6 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
 The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the United States of America Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
- June 27, 2009** **Day 2 - Competition**  
 Group A- .Bank United Center, at the University of Miami.  
 Preliminary Round- Matches No. 7-9-11 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
 Group B- Pharmed Arena, at the Florida International University  
 Preliminary Round- Matches No. 8-10-12 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
 The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the United States of America Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
- June 28, 2009** **Day 3 - Competition**

Group A- .Bank United Center, at the University of Miami.  
Preliminary Round- Matches No. 13-15-17 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
Group B- Pharmed Arena, at the Florida International University  
Preliminary Round- Matches No. 14-16-18 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the United States Of America Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**June 29, 2009**

**Day 4 - Competition**

Group A- .Bank United Center, at the University of Miami.  
Preliminary Round- Matches No. 19-21-23 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
Group B-Pharmed Arena, at the Florida International University  
Preliminary Round- Matches No. 20-22-24 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the United States of America Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**June 30, 2009**

**Day 5 - Competition**

Group A- .Bank United Center, at the University of Miami.  
Preliminary Round- Matches No. 25-27-29 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
Group B- Pharmed Arena, at the Florida International University  
Preliminary Round- Matches No. 26-28-30 •15:00 - 17:30 - 20:00.  
The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the United States of America Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

**July 1, 2009**

**Rest and Training Day**

Transfer and training of participating teams according to the established training schedule. All teams housed at Florida International University will be transferred to the University of Miami.

**July 2, 2009**

**Day 6 – Competition**

University of Miami

**Classification 11/12**

Match No. 31 • 15:00

**Classification Round 1/8 of Finals**

Match No. 32-33 • 17:30 - 20:00

University of Miami

**Quarter Finals**

Matches No. 34/35 • 17:30- 20:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the United States of America Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule

**July 3, 2009**

**Day 7 – Competition**

University of Miami

**Classification 9/10**

Match No. 36 • 15:00

**Classification Round 5/8**

Match No. 37-38 • 17:30 - 20:00

University of Miami

**Semifinals**

Matches No. 39/40 • 17:30- 20:00.

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the United States of America Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule

**July 4, 2009**

**Day 8 – Competition**

University of Miami

**Classification 7/8**, Match No. 41 15:00

University of Miami

**Classification 5/6**, Match No. 42 15:00

**FINALS**

Matches No. 43-44 • 17:30 20:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the United States of America Volleyball Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule

**July 5, 2009**

Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating Teams.

**5. Participating Teams Delegation Composition**

5.1 A maximum of twelve (12) teams will participate in the **VIII Women's Pan-American Cup 2009**. They are the Tops twelve (12) teams of the FIVB World Ranking Teams in America (NORCECA and South American Volleyball Confederation), including their final ranking in the past VII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup:

Argentina	Peru
Brazil	Puerto Rico
Canada	Dominican Republic
Costa Rica	Colombia
Guatemala	Trinidad & Tobago
Mexico	USA, (Host Country)

**5.2 Team Composition:**

Each team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 21 persons, consisting of:

- Twelve (12) Regular Players and up to two (2) Libero Players. Teams registering more than 12 players in their final registration Form O-2 Bis, will be

responsible to cover their expenses.

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

### 5.3 **Team Delegation additional personnel:**

All person that exceed the total stipulated in Article 5.2 will be considered as additional personnel and the National Federation (NF) that registers will be responsible for the payment of their expenses, including lodging, meals and internal transportation. Additionally, teams registering more than 12 players are responsible to cover their expenses, including lodging and meals. The names of these persons should be submitted in advance to the United States of America Volleyball Federation and/or NORCECA. The National Federation concerned must pay the amount of US\$125.00 daily per additional person based on double occupancy and US\$125.00 daily per person in single occupancy. The National Federation (NF) that registers additional personnel shall make the correspondent payment before but not later than the Preliminary Enquiry.

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

- 6.1 Participating players must be citizens of the country that they represent according to the FIVB Sports and General Regulations. The official document to verify the player's eligibility is their valid passport, issued by the competent governmental authorities of their country.
- 6.2 The passports of all players must be presented to the Control Committee for its verification during the preliminary inquiry. Players whose original passport (no passport copies will be admitted) are not presented during the preliminary inquiry will not be accredited and therefore will not be able to participate in the competition.

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

### 7.1 **Registration:**

The registration of each National Team will consist in submitting the FIVB O-2 Form to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation together with the payment of the registration fee of US\$1,000.00 before but not after April 24, 2009. Additionally, an Anti-Doping fee of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars), per participating team must be paid, to cover the Anti-Doping test control to be performed to the participating teams during the competition. For the registration of participating teams, the use of the official FIVB O2 form is required. These forms are available to be downloaded throughout NORCECA Confederation web page, [www.norceca.org](http://www.norceca.org).

- 7.1.1 The payment of the Registration fee and the Anti-Doping test control fee could be made effective to NORCECA throughout an international bank<sub>8</sub>

transfer and/or throughout a check payment (administration bank check) to be remitted to NORCECA by courier.

- 7.1.2 For the payment of the Registration fee and the Anti-Doping test control fee, made effective throughout an international bank transfer, the transfer payment should be made to the following bank accounts:

Name of Bank:	Wachovia Bank NA.
Account No:	2000192003379
Swift Code:	PNBPUS3NNYC
ABA No.:	026005092
Bank Address:	200 S Biscayne Blvd. 12 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Miami, FL. 33131 United States of America
Beneficiary Bank:	Banco BDI SA
Address of Bank:	Av. Sarasota #27, La Julia Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana
For further credit to:	Mr. Cristobal Marte Hoffiz President NORCECA Volleyball Confederation
Account No.:	4010019231
Address:	Av. Maximo Gomez, Esq. 27 de Febrero Pabellón de Voleibol, 3ra Planta Centro Olimpico Juan Pablo Duarte Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana

- 7.1.3 The payment of the Registration fee and the Anti-Doping test control fee made effective throughout a check (bank administration check), must be remitted to NORCECA, together with the original of the FIVB 0-2 Form, by certified express mail and/or courier to the following address:

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- 7.1.4 A copy of the FIVB 0-2 Form, one (1) team photo and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegation (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) must be remitted by express<sub>9</sub>

certified mail and/or courier to the United States National Volleyball Federation to the following address:

**Mr. Mike Chandler**

Director Of Events  
United States National Volleyball Federation  
715 South Circle Drive  
Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80910-2368, USA.

**NOTE:** Also, the photos and FIVB O-2 Form and team information could be remitted by **email** to: [mike.chandler@usav.org](mailto:mike.chandler@usav.org)

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

During the Preliminary Enquiry, the Team Manager must submit to the Control Committee the FIVB O-2 bis Form with a maximum of 14 players. In case that the FIVB O-2 bis Form is not provided to the Control Committee, the first 12 players in the FIVB O-2 Form will constitute the team.

**7.3 Registration Fee**

Each participating team must pay an entry fee of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) in addition to the payment of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) that corresponds to the Anti-Doping test control fee.

7.3.1 This payment should be made throughout a certified check, made and payable to the order of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation. The Registration fee should be remitted together with the original of the FIVB O-2 Form before but not after April 24, 2008.

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

8.1 The **VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009** will be played under the current FIVB rules at the time of the competition. All necessary interpretations are to be clarified during the Referee Clinic and/or the General Technical Meeting.

**8.2 Official Ball:**

The official ball will be the Molten IV5XC. NORCECA Confederation will provide to the United States of America Volleyball Federation a total of 30 volleyballs Molten IV5XC.

**8.3 Uniforms:**

Player's uniforms should be in accordance with FIVB Official Rules. Each team should have available a minimum of two (2) sets of playing uniforms of different colors, one of which should be based colored white. The team Captain and Libero uniforms should be presented at the preliminary 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 players' uniforms must be authorized by NORCECA previous to the payment of the established quota.

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

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

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

9.1 The **VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009** will be played under the following competition format:

- a) With twelve (12) Teams two (2) groups of six (6) will be formed.
- b) With eleven (11) Teams two (2) groups will be formed; one of five (5) and one of six (6).
- c) With ten (10) Teams two (2) groups of five (5) will be formed.
- d) With nine (9) Teams two (2) groups will be formed, one (1) of four (4) and one (1) of five (5).
- e) With eight (8) Teams two (2) groups of four (4) will be formed.
- f) With seven (7) Teams two (2) groups will be formed, one of four (4) and one (1) of three (3).
- g) With six (6) Teams a Round Robin will be played. The first four (4) teams of the Preliminary Round will advance to compete in the Semifinal Round. (1<sup>st</sup> Vs. 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vs. 3<sup>rd</sup>). The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place teams of the Preliminary Round will play one match between each other to determine their final ranking. Winners of the Semifinal Round would play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round would play one match to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- 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. (1<sup>st</sup> Vs. 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vs. 3<sup>rd</sup>). Winners of the Semifinal Round would play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round would play one match to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### 9.2 **Semifinal Round**

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

9.3 According to the established competition format and the FIVB General Regulations, for the semifinal round, in case that three teams from the same group qualify, the match between 1st place and 3rd place of their preliminary round will be repeated (A-1 or B-1 Vs A-3 or B-3).

### 9.4 **Round Robin Ranking**

The ranking of teams will be determined by the results of the matches on the

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

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

## 9.5 Tie Breaking Procedure

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

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

## 9.6 Team Distribution:

For the **VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009** teams will be distributed according to their position in the FIVB World Ranking, as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and their final ranking in the past VII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2008, using the Serpentine System for their distribution as follows:

### Group A

1<sup>st</sup> Order World Ranking  
4<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
5<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
8<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
9<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
12<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking

### Group B

2<sup>nd</sup> Order World Ranking  
3<sup>rd</sup> Order World Ranking  
6<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
7<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
10<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking  
11<sup>th</sup> Order World Ranking

## 10. Rights of the Host Country

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

- 10.2 Once the Preliminary, Quarterfinals, Semifinal and Final Round matches are established, the United States of America National Volleyball Federation will propose to the Control Committee the time and order of all matches to be played.
- 10.3 The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB General Regulations.

## 11. Financial Responsibilities

11.1 The following will be the financial responsibilities of the United States of America Volleyball Federation, in their condition of Organizing Committee:

- a) **Internal Transportation, lodging and meals** for Control Committee members, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival to date of departure.
- b) **Medical Services:** First Aid Medical Service must be provided during the Competition (International Medical Insurance is recommended for participating teams in order to cover the payment of the medical services required by the members of their delegation).
- c) **Payment of Per Diem** for Control Committee Members, International Referees and Medical Delegate: US\$100.00 per day, from two (2) days before and one (1) day after the competition and US\$150.00 for the VIS Delegate, Press Delegate and Competition Director according to the Regulation established by NORCECA Confederation. The United States of America Volleyball Federation, in their condition of Organizing Committee will be able to establish the corresponding agreements for the payment of the per diem for local officials, technical and support personnel.

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

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

- d) The United States of America Volleyball Federation in their condition of Organizing Committee, is responsible to cover the following financial responsibilities towards NORCECA:

### Event Host Fee

§ **US\$20,000.00** (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to cover the payment of the hosting fee of the Event.

## Registration Fee

§ **50%** of participating teams Registration Fee. For this event in particular and due to the category (Senior) of the event, the Registration Fee for participating teams will be US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars). 50% of the Registration Fee of participating teams will be paid to the United States of America Volleyball Federation and the remaining 50% of the Registration Fee corresponds to NORCECA. Additionally, each participating team must cover the fee of us\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) for the **WADA** Anti-Doping test control to be performed during the competition, according to the **WADA/FIVB** Protocol Regulations.

## Sponsorship and Marketing Rights

§ Marketing fee of US\$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) and/or sponsorship of Local and International Radio and TV transmissions rights, as well as for the Marketing rights of Local and International Sponsorships is to be paid to NORCECA, establishing a minimum fee of US\$1,500.00 (One Thousand five hundred Dollars) for each sponsor promoting their products inside or outside the Main Competition Venues.

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

e) **Air Fare** the United States of America Volleyball Federation, in their condition of Organizing Committee, will be responsible to cover the payment of the air fare (economical class) for Control Committee Members and Neutral Referee, up to a maximum of 17 air tickets.

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

- a) To remit a letter confirming the participation of their National Team to the United States of America Volleyball Federation and NORCECA before but no after March 18, 2009.
- b) Payment of Registration Fee US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to NORCECA before but not after April 24, 2009. Also cover the fee of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) for the **WADA** Anti-Doping test control.
- c) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.
- d) Payment of international transportation, as well as airport taxes.

## 12. Complaints and Appeals

### 12.1 Complaints:

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

### 12.2 Sanctions:

For this competition the following sanctions have been established:

- a) Negligence to provide the FIVB O-2 Form by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$500.00.
- b) Negligence to provide the Registration Fee by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$500.00.
- c) The nonfulfillment of Article 8.3 of these Regulations, corresponding to the uniforms of Participating Teams, in accordance with the FIVB Official Uniform Regulations, will apply to a US \$3,000.00 sanction.
- d) All sanctions established by FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Administrative, Financial, Sport and General Regulations would be applicable.

## 13. Referees

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

- FIVB
- FIVB International Referee
- FIVB International Referee Candidate

- FIVB Continental Referee

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

13.3 **Other Officials:**

13.3.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that the **VIII Pan-American Women's Volleyball Cup 2009** is an Intercontinental Event, approved by FIVB as a Qualification Tournament to the 2010 FIVB World Grand Prix, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission) will be composed by representatives of NORCECA and the South American Volleyball Confederations.

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

13.3.3 The United States of America Volleyball 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 with officials and support personnel and will be responsible for their supervision.

**14. Training Facilities**

14.1 The United States of America Volleyball Federation, in their condition of Organizing Committee, will provide training facilities with appropriate conditions for the daily training of the participating teams, for at least 1.5 hours from their arrival until the end of the competition.

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

**15. Security**

The United States of America Volleyball Federation, in their condition of Organizing Committee, must guarantee the security of the participating team delegations, from their arrival until their departure, including hotels, main competition venue, training venues, during official matches as well as for their internal transportation.

**16. Accreditation**

The United States of America Volleyball Federation, in their condition of Organizing Committee, must provide the correspondent accreditation to all participating teams, NORCECA's / CSV Officials, Referees, National and International Technical and

Support Staff. Accreditations must be designed according to the standards established by NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and must include the logos of FIVB, NORCECA, United States of America Volleyball Federation, title of the competition, photo and function of the accreditation holder.

- FIVB** This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB officials.
- NORCECA** This accreditation is strictly reserved for NORCECA Volleyball Confederation Officials.
- CC** This accreditation is reserved for Control Committee members assigned to the competition.
- NF** His accreditation is reserved for the members of the Executive & Board Administration of the Host National Federation.
- OC** This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Organizing Committee of the hosting country of the event.
- G** This accreditation is reserved for all governmental officials of the host country of the event.
- D** This accreditation is reserved for accredited members of the Diplomatic Corp. of the host country of the event.
- VIP** This accreditation is reserved for special guests.
- TP** This accreditation is reserved for the technical personnel and staff assigned to specific areas of the organization of the event. (VIS (statisticians), Line Judges, Scorekeepers, Scoreboard Operators)
- SP** This accreditation is reserved for the support personnel assigned to specific areas of the organization of the event. (Ball retrievers, sweepers, Flag holders, announcers, venues working staff)
- P** This accreditation is strictly reserved for accredited Journalists, Press, Host Broadcaster, International Press Agencies and Local Press Agencies.
- A** This accreditation is strictly reserved for participating players. (Athletes Only). Players accreditation must include the competition number of the player as well as, the anti-doping test control code to be provided by NORCECA 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, Therapist and Team Statisticians.

- S** This accreditation is strictly reserved for security personnel only.
- R** This accreditation is exclusively reserved for participating International Referees.
- MD** This accreditation corresponds to the medical personnel assigned to the event.

## 17. Medical Services

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

## 18 Awards:

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

- 18.1 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gold Medal and Team Trophy (Qualify to the 2010 World Grand Prix and Final Four Intercontinental Cup)
- 18.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Silver Medal and Team Trophy
- 18.3 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bronze Medal and Team Trophy

**NOTE: Through the 2009 Women's Pan American Cup, the following National Teams qualify to the FIVB 2010 World Grand Prix:**

- The top three ranked participating national teams from NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.
- The top ranked participating national team from the South America Volleyball Confederation, CSV.

**NOTE: Through the 2009 Women's Pan American Cup, the following National Teams qualify to the 2009 Final Four Intercontinental Women's Cup:**

- The host country national team, Brazil.
- The top two (2) ranked national teams from NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.
- The top ranked national team from the South American Volleyball Confederation, CSV.

### 18.4 Individual Awards:

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

Best Spiker

Best Blocker

Best Reception	Best Defense
Best Server	Best Libero
Best Scorer	Rising Star
Best Setter	Most Valuable Player (MVP)

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

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

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

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

In Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, December 31, 2008.

**Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz**  
President

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