



2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship
Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico
September 25 – October 3, 2015

Competition Regulations

1. Organizer

- 1.1 For the organization of the 2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship, first qualification continental competition to the 2016 Rio Olympic Games, the Mexican National Volleyball Federation, with the endorsement of Norceca and the supervision of Norceca North Central Zone, NCVA, accepts to comply with the terms and conditions established in these Competition Regulations that are the official statutes of the event.

- 1.2 The Mexican National Volleyball Federation, with the endorsement of Norceca and the supervision of Norceca North Central Zone, NCVA, affiliated to NORCECA and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) **will be responsible for the organization of the 2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship** programmed to be held from September 25 – October 3, 2015, in the city of Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico.

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The 2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship will be held in the city of Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico. The event will be held from September 25 – October 3, 2015.

2.2 International Airport of Arrival and Departure

The International Airport for the arrival and departure for participating National Teams in the 2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship will be the following:

- Aeropuerto Internacional General Francisco Mujica – **Code: MLM**

2.3 Competition Venues

The main competition venue for participating teams is:

- **Auditorio de usos Múltiples de la Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolas de Hidalgo** – Ave. Francisco J. Mújica S/N Ciudad Universitaria C.P. 58030, Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico

2.4 Training Venues

The training venues for the participating teams will be:

- *A court* - **Auditorio Universitario Ing. César Nava Miranda** – Universidad Vasco de Quiroga, Blvd Juan Pablo II 555, 58090 Morelia, Michoacán, México
- *B court* - **Auditorio de usos Múltiples de la Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolas de Hidalgo** – Ave. Francisco J. Mújica S/N Ciudad Universitaria C.P. 58030, Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico

2.5 Accommodation, Meals and Internal Transportation

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees, will be covered by the Host National Federation from September 24 with the arrival of the Control Committee Members and September 25 with the arrival of the participating National Teams, until October 3, 2015, day of departure.

a) Hotel Accommodations and Meals

The Hotels assigned for the accommodation of participating National Teams, Control Committee and International Referees, are the following:

- **Hotel Alameda** – Av. Madero Pte. 313, Centro Histórico, 58000 Morelia, Mich., México – Tel. +52 443 312 2023
<http://www.hotel-alameda.com.mx/>
- **Hotel Misión** – Ignacio Zaragoza 37, Centro, 58000 Morelia, Michoacán, México – Tel. +52 443 313 0406
<http://www.hotelcatedralmorelia.com/index.htm>

- **Hotel Virrey de Mendoza** – Av. Madero Poniente #310, Centro Histórico, 58000 Morelia, Michoacán, México – Tel. +52 443 312 0045
<http://www.hotelvirrey.com/>

b) Meal Services

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

3. Statutes & Authority

3.1 Competition Regulations

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

3.2 FIVB Official Rules of the Game

The 2015 Women’s NORCECA Continental Championship will be played in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules of the Game in force.

3.3 Control Committee

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

3.4 VISA information

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams in the 2015 Women’s NORCECA Continental Championship, the Host Organizing Committee must guarantee through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into Mexico of the participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form. Participating National Federations are responsible for the submission of required documents to their respective Embassies and all related costs.

4. Events Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
September 24, 2015	Arrival of Control Committee Members.
September 25, 2015	Arrival of Referees and Participating Teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 Control Committee and Organizing Committee Meeting to be held at Control Committee Hotel. • 14:00 Inspection visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall, T.V. transmission and transportation. • 14:00-20:00 Training of participating teams, according to their arrival schedule

September 26, 2015

- **08:00-20:00** Training of participating teams.
- **09:00-13:00 Preliminary Inquiry** for participating teams at the official Team Hotel.
- **10:00 Final Inspection** visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall, T.V. transmission and transportation.
- **15:30-17:30 Practical Clinic** for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Competition Hall.
- **18:00 Control Committee Meeting** in the Convention Room of the official Team Hotel.
- **19:00 Press Conference** in the Convention Room of the official Team Hotel.
- **20:00 General Technical Meeting** in the Convention Room of the official Team Hotel, followed by the Team Medical Briefing.
- **Team Medical Briefing:** It is mandatory that all participating teams be represented during the Team Medical Briefing by their registered Team Doctor, or registered Physiotherapist/Trainer or by their Team Manager.

September 27, 2015

Day 1 - Competition

Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format)

The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

September 28, 2015

Day 2 - Competition

Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format)

The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

September 29, 2015

Day 3 - Competition

Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format)

The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

September 30, 2015

Day 4 - Competition

Quarterfinals (Refer to the Official Competition Format)

The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

October 1, 2015

Day 5 - Competition

Semifinal & Qualification Round

(Refer to the Official Competition Format)

The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

October 2, 2015

Day 6 - Competition Finals

(Refer to the Official Competition Format)

The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule, except for the Gold Medal Championship match of the tournament, one that must be scheduled to conclude the tournament.

October 3, 2015

Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating teams.

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 A minimum of nine (9) teams to a maximum of twelve (12) teams will participate in the **2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship**. They are the top six (6) teams from the NORCECA Continental Ranking and the three (3) Zonal Champions from AFECVOL, ECVA and CAZOVA. In addition to these nine (9) qualified teams, the host may invite up to three (3) more teams, the Vice Champion of each Zonal Association, but is not obligated to host more than the nine (9) qualified teams. The qualified teams are:

USA	Cuba	Dominican Republic
Costa Rica	Canada	Puerto Rico
St. Lucia	Trinidad & Tobago	Mexico

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

5.2 Team Composition

Each team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 22 persons, consisting of:

- Twelve (12) or fourteen (14) Players
- Four (4) Officials (One Team Manager, One Head Coach and Two Assistant Coaches/Athletic Trainers)
- One (1) Physiotherapist (FIVB accredited)
- One (1) Doctor (FIVB accredited)
- One (1) Sports Journalist or Team Statistician (FIVB or NORCECA accredited)
- One (1) Referee (FIVB, International FIVB, International FIVB Referee Candidate and/or Continental Referee) to be approved by NORCECA President

5.3 **Additional Team Personnel**

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

Note; Any Participating National Team arriving or departing before or after the official established dates as indicated in the official Competition regulations, are subject to the payment of the rates indicated in article 5.3 above without any exception.

6. **Player's Eligibility**

6.1 Participating players must be citizens of the country that they represent according to the FIVB Sports and General Regulations.

The official document to verify the player's eligibility is their valid passport, issued by the competent governmental authorities of their country. Team Managers must submit, for control and database purposes, color copies of the National Team players' passports during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

6.2 The original valid passports of all players must be presented to the Control Committee for verification during the Team Preliminary Inquiry. Players whose original passport (no passport copies will be admitted) is not presented during the Preliminary Inquiry will not be accredited and therefore, will not be able to participate in the competition.

7. **Registration and Participation Fees**

The registration of each National Team will consist of submitting the FIVB O-2 Form to NORCECA together with the payment of the registration fee of **US\$2,500.00** (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) before the established deadline. The O-2 Form can contain up to 25 athletes and no declaration of Captain or Libero(s) is required. No substitutions or changes of athletes are permitted after the submission of the O-2 Form. The final list of 12 participating athletes on the O-2bis Form must be constituted from among the 25 players listed in the O-2 Form.

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

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

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

- 7.1.2 For the payment of fees through an international bank transfer, the transfer payment should be made to the following bank account and must be received by NORCECA at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the event:

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

Beneficiary Bank: Banco BDI SA
Address of Bank: Av. Sarasota #27, La Julia
Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana.

For further credit to: Confederación NORCECA de Voleibol
Account No.: 4010048081

Address: Av. Máximo Gómez, Esq. 27 de Febrero
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Centro Olímpico Juan Pablo Duarte
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- 7.1.3 The payment of the fees through a check (bank administration check), must be remitted to NORCECA at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the event, together with the original of the FIVB 0-2 Form, by certified express mail and/or DHL, FED EX, etc., to the following address:

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

7.1.4 A copy of the FIVB O-2 Form, one (1) team photo and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegation (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) must be remitted by email to the NORCECA Sport Events Department (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-2bis Form with a maximum of 12 players (comprised only of the players registered in the O-2 form). In the case that the FIVB O-2bis Form is not provided to the Control Committee, the first 12 players in the FIVB O-2 Form will constitute the team. Also for Control Committee registration and VIS Data Control, the players positions (**Outside Hitter, OH, Middle Blocker, MB, Opposite, OP, Setter, S and Libero, L**) must be indicated in the final O2bis Form.

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The **2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship** will be played under the current FIVB Rules of the Game in force at the time of the competition. All necessary interpretations are to be clarified during the Referee Clinic, the Teams Preliminary Inquiry and/or the General Technical Meeting.

8.2 Official Ball

The official competition game ball will be the **Molten V5M-5000**. NORCECA will provide to the host National Federation a total of thirty (30) Molten V5M-5000 volleyballs.

8.3 Uniforms

Player's uniforms should be 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 in case that is of a different color design of the standard team uniform. The player's names and numbers on the uniforms must be the same as on the FIVB O-2 and O-2bis Forms. Teams uniform accessories and injury prevention devices, (compression pads, knee pads, elbow pads, etc.) must be of the same color design as the uniform jersey. Neutral colors, black and white, are also accepted. Teams players wearing injury prevention devices must be all uniformed (same color /design) and must be presented at the team preliminary inquiry for inspection and approval.

8.4 Publicity on Uniforms

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

8.5 Dress Code for Officials on the Bench

All Officials on the bench (**maximum of five officials on the bench to be decided by the team manager**) 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. Each participating team manager is entitled to determine the officials to be on the bench, but must declare and register them for the entire competition during the Preliminary Inquiry. In addition, team medical staff is allowed to be seated behind the team bench, as foreseen by the regulations site plan.

9. Competition Format and Team Distribution

9.1 The **2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship** will be played under one of the following competition formats:

- a) With twelve (12) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups of six (6) teams each. Option B) four (4) groups of three (3) teams each. Option C) three (3) groups of four (4) teams each.
- b) With eleven (11) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups will be formed; one of five (5) teams and one (1) group of 6 teams. Option B) three (3) groups will be formed, two (2) groups of four (4) teams each and one (1) group of three (3) teams.
- c) With ten (10) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups of five (5) teams each. Option B) three (3) groups will be formed; two (2) groups of three (3) teams each and one (1) group of four (4) teams.
- d) With nine (9) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups will be formed; one (1) group of four (4) teams and one (1) group of five (5) teams. Option B) three (3) groups of three (3) teams each will be formed.
- e) With eight (8) teams, two (2) groups of four (4) teams each will be formed.
- f) With seven (7) teams, two (2) groups will be formed: one (1) of four (4) teams and one (1) of three (3) teams.
- g) With six (6) teams, two (2) groups of three (3) teams each will be formed. Also, one single Pool of six (6) teams could be formed to play a Round Robin. The first four (4) teams ranked in the Preliminary Round will advance to compete in the Semifinal Round. (1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd). Winners of the Semifinal Round will play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play one match to determine the 3rd and 4th place. The 5th and 6th place teams of the preliminary round, will play one match among each other to determine their final ranking in the event.
- h) With five (5) teams, a Round Robin will be played. The first four (4) teams ranked in the Preliminary Round will advance to compete in the Semifinal Round. (1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd). Winners of the Semifinal Round will play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play one match to determine the 3rd and 4th place.

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

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

9.2 **Classification, Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds**

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

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

9.4 **Round Robin Ranking**

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 won 3-1 = 4 points

Match won 3-2 = 3 points

Match forfeited = 0 points (0-25, 0-25, 0-25)

Match lost 0-3 = 0 point

Match lost 1-3 = 1 points

Match lost 2-3 = 2 points

9.5 **Tie Breaking Procedure**

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

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

9.6 **Team Distribution**

For the **2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship**, teams will be distributed according to their position in the Norceca Continental Ranking, as of January 1st, 2015, using the Serpentine system for their distribution.

10. **Rights of the Host Country**

- 10.1 The host country has the right to choose the group for their positioning of their National Team. The remaining teams will be distributed using the Serpentine System in accordance with their position in the Norceca Continental Ranking, starting with the highest Norceca Continental Ranking team as head of Group A/B/C or D, as the case may be. The host country has the right to choose one (1) match in the Competition Schedule of the Preliminary Round.
- 10.2 Once the Preliminary, Classification, Quarterfinals, Semifinal and Final Rounds matches are established, the host National Federation will propose to the Control Committee the time and order of all matches to be played. All matches are established in the Official Competition Schedule/Format of the event.
- 10.3 The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB General Regulations.

11. **Financial Responsibilities**

- 11.1 The following will be the financial responsibilities of the host National Federation:
 - a) **Internal Transportation, lodging, and meals** for Control Committee, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival to date of departure.
 - b) **First Aid Medical Service** must be provided during the Competition. (International Medical Insurance is recommended for participating teams in order to cover the payment of medical services that may be required by the members of their delegation).
 - c) **Payment of Per Diem** to Control Committee Members, Technical, Support Staff and Referees, according to what has been established by NORCECA, as follows:

- **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the Members of Control Committee, Medical Delegate, Venue Operation Manager, Members of the Appeal, Referee Sub-Commissions and the official Photographer, according to the established Regulations.
- **US\$150.00** (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the Control Committee President, Competition Director, Press Delegate, and VIS Delegate.
- **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition to be paid to the FIVB Referees, International Referees or Continental Referees per participating team. Maximum participating Referees is eleven (11) which includes the participating team Referees, neutral and reserved local Referees.

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

NOTE 2: The payment of Per Diem to local officials, technical and support personnel, including the members of the Control Committee of the host country, Medical and local Press Delegate, is to be made in accordance with the established agreement between the host National Volleyball Federation or Local Organizing Committee with the person contracted for the required services.

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

d) The host National Federation must cover the following financial responsibilities toward the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation:

- **US\$40,000.00** (Forty Thousand Dollars) to cover the payment of the hosting fee of the event.

Sponsorship and Marketing

- **A fee of USD\$3,000.00** (Three Thousand Dollars) is to be paid to **NORCECA by the host Organizing Committee** for each incidence of commercial advertising or promotion in or outside the main competition venue or through the TV Transmission of the event, establishing a maximum fee of **USD\$30,000.00**. When the maximum fee is paid, the

host organizer has unlimited rights for the marketing and/or sponsorship rights of all local and TV local broadcasting of the event.

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

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

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

- e) **REGISTRATION FEE:** For this event, the registration fee for participating teams will be **US\$2,500.00** (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars). **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.
- 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 twelve (12) air tickets.
- g) **Event Tickets:** the Host National Federation and/or Organizing Committee must provide up to a maximum of fifty (50) tickets to NORCECA: fifteen (15) VIP tickets & thirty-five (35) General Admission tickets.

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

- a) To remit a letter confirming the participation of their National Team to NORCECA and the host National Federation before the established deadline.
- b) Payment of Entry Fee of **US\$2,500.00** (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) in addition to the Anti-Doping control test fee of **US\$500.00** (Five Hundred Dollars) before the established deadline.
- c) Payment of **50% of the Per Diem** of the FIVB, FIVB International or Continental Referee representing their National Federation.
- d) Remit together with a copy of the FIVB 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) by email before the established deadline.
- e) **Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.**
- f) Payment of international transportation, as well as visa fees, and airport taxes.

- g) To present the following documents, team gear and equipment during the Preliminary Inquiry:
- FIVB O-2 Form (hard copy and the online VIS copy)
 - FIVB O-2bis Form (hard copy and the online VIS copy)
 - FIVB M-3 form
 - NORCECA L-1 Form
 - FIVB M-8 (if necessary)
 - NORCECA Publicity Form and publicity payment receipt (if necessary)
 - Original passports of all players
 - Color copy of all players' passports (provided on a CD)
 - Country Flag (official size 4 feet x 6 feet)
 - Country National Anthem (with a maximum duration of two minutes)
 - Captain & Libero Uniforms
 - Injury prevention devices team gear for approval

12. Sanctions and Complaints

12.1 Complaints:

- a) All complaints must be presented in writing to the Control Committee. The procedure established to present a complaint must be according to 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) or a sanction of **USD\$1,000.00** per each set of uniforms not complying with the FIVB Official Uniform Regulations.
- c) All sanctions established by the FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Administrative, Financial, Sport, General Regulations and Complementary Statutes would be applicable.
- d) The non-fulfillment of Article 11.2 , a), b), c), d), and g) of these regulations , will apply a sanction of **USD\$500.00** (Five Hundred Dollars) for each individual case as it may be.
- e) All participating national teams and players must be available for the closing and award ceremony of the event. Participating national teams refusing or not participating in the closing and award ceremony will be eligible to be applied a sanction of USD\$20,000.00. Also, individual players to be awarded, refusing or not participating in the individual award ceremony will be eligible to be applied a sanction of USD\$5,000.00 and will also lose their award, one that will be awarded to the next player in the final result of its individual performance.

13. Referees

- 13.1 Each participating National Federation must nominate (mandatory) one (1) Referee from one of the following categories:
 - a) FIVB International Referee
 - b) International Referee Candidate
 - c) Continental Referee
- 13.2 **The NORCECA President** with the advice of the NORCECA Refereeing Commission will evaluate, for approval, the nomination of the Referees presented by each participating National Federation.
- 13.3 **Other Officials**
 - 13.3.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that the **2015 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship**, is a 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 representative of the National Federations affiliated to NORCECA, that are members of the Executive Committee & Board of Administration, Sport Organizing, Development, Coaches & Technical, Refereeing, Finance, Legal, VIS, Press and Medical Commissions of Norceca Confederation.

13.3.2 Line Judges, Scorekeepers, Statisticians, VIS, Ball Retrievers, Sweepers, Scoreboard Operators, Announcers and other supporting personnel shall be presented by the representative of the host National Volleyball Federation to the Control Committee President and/or his Representative for approval.

13.3.3 The host National Federation will present these personnel to the Control Committee during the Refereeing Clinic for evaluation and approval.

13.3.4 The Refereeing Sub-Commission will assist the Control Committee, supervising the officials and support personnel, being responsible for their performance.

14. Training Facilities

14.1 The host National Federation must provide training facilities with appropriate conditions for the daily training of the participating teams, for at least 1.5 hours, from their arrival until the end of the competition.

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

15. Security

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

16. Accreditation

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

FIVB This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB officials.

NORCECA This accreditation is reserved strictly for NORCECA officials.

CC This accreditation is reserved for Control Committee members assigned to the competition.

NF This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Executive & Board of Administration of the Host National Federation.

OC This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Organizing Committee of the host country of the event.

- G** This accreditation is reserved for all governmental officials of the host country of the event.
- D** This accreditation is reserved for accredited Diplomats of the host country of the event.
- VIP** This accreditation is reserved for special guests.
- TP** This accreditation is reserved for the technical personnel and staff assigned to specific areas of the organization of the event. (VIS, Statisticians, Line Judges, Scorekeepers, and Scoreboard Operators)
- SP** This accreditation is reserved for the support personnel assigned to specific areas for the organization of the event. (Ball Retrievers, Sweepers, Flag Holders, Announcers, and venue staff).
- P** This accreditation is strictly reserved for accredited Journalists, Press, Host Broadcasters, International Press Agencies and Local Press Agencies.
- A** This accreditation is strictly reserved for participating players. (Athletes Only). Players accreditation must include the competition number of the player as well as the number of the accreditation and the anti-doping test control code for the Anti-doping protocol process according to the WADA/FIVB Protocol Regulations.
- TS** This accreditation is strictly reserved for the staff of participating teams. (Team Staff: Team Manager, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Registered FIVB Team Doctor, Physiotherapist and Team Statisticians).
- S** This accreditation is strictly reserved for security personnel only.
- R** This accreditation is exclusively reserved for participating Referees.
- MD** This accreditation corresponds to the medical personnel assigned to the event.

17. Medical Services

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

18. Awards:

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

1st Place: Gold Medal and Team Trophy

2nd Place: Silver Medal and Team Trophy

3rd Place: Bronze Medal and Team Trophy

NOTE: QUALIFICATION TO THE 2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES: THE TOP FOUR (4) NATIONAL TEAMS IN THE FINAL RANKING OF THE EVENT, WILL AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY TO THE 2016 RIO OLYMPIC GAMES CONTINENTAL OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT, FINAL FOUR.

18.1 Individual Awards

NORCECA 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
Most Valuable Player (MVP)	Best Opposite

18.2 Best Outside Hitters (OH);

The best two Outside Hitters will be awarded from among the previously declared players as Outside Hitters, based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.3 Best Middle Blocker (MB)

The best two Middle Blockers, MB, will be awarded from among the previously declared Middle Blocker players, based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.4 Best Defense, Service, Reception and Scorer

The players with the best defense, best service, best reception and best scorer (the player who registers more points in attack, serve and block during the competition), will be awarded the best in each individual performance no matter the position the player was previously declared during her Team Preliminary Inquiry. The awards will be presented based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.5 Libero Player

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 Gold Medal Team of the event, she is eligible for the Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event.

18.6 Opposite Player (OP)

The best opposite player will be selected from among the previously declared opposite players. If the best opposite player results to be the Most Valuable Player (MVP), resulting her team as the Champion Gold Medal of the event, the next best opposite player will receive the Best Opposite Award, regardless of the team that she belongs to, based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.7 Setter Players

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).

18.8 Most Valuable Player (MVP)

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). In addition, the Setter and Libero players will be eligible for Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event as outlined in Article 18.5 and 18.7 above.

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).

These Competition Regulations have been prepared by Riquel Matos, NORCECA Sport Event Coordinator and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA.

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