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BEACH VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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1. Organizer

1.1 For the organization of the **XXII Central American & Caribbean Games, 2014**, the Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 and the Mexican National Volleyball Federation accepts to comply with the terms and conditions established in these Competition Regulations that are the official statutes of the event.

1.2 The Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 and the Mexican National Volleyball Federation, affiliated to Norceca Volleyball Confederation, the Pan American Volleyball Union (PVU) and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) **will be responsible for the organization of the XXII Central American & Caribbean Games, 2014**, programmed to be held from November 11-30, 2014, in the city of Cordoba, Veracruz, Mexico.

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The XXII Central American & Caribbean Games, 2014, will be held in the city of **Boca del Rio , Veracruz, Mexico**. The event will be held from **November 26-30, 2014**.

2.2 International Airport of Arrival and Departure

The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the XXII Central American & Caribbean Games, 2014, is;

- General Heriberto Jara International Airport (VER)

2.3 Competition Venues and training venues

The main competition and training venues for participating teams is:

- **Playa Marti:**
Address: Ciudad Boca de Rio, Veracruz, Mexico

2.4 Accommodation, Meals and Internal Transportation

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees will be covered by the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 from November 22 to December 1, 2014.



a) **Team Sport Villa:**

- **Villa Deportiva Centroamericana y del Caribe in the city of Veracruz.**

b) **Officials Hotels:**

- **Hotel Holiday Inn.**

City Boca del Rio

c) **Meal Services**

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

3. Statutes & Authority

3.1 Competition Regulations

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

3.2 FIVB Official Rules of the Game

The **XXII Central American & Caribbean Games** Beach Volleyball competitions will be played in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules of the Game in force.

3.3 Control Committee

The competition will be conducted by the Control Committee, which will be designated and appointed by the President of NORCECA and the Pan American Volleyball Union (PVU).

3.4 VISA information

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees in the XXII Central American & Caribbean Games, the Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 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 BV/0-2 Form. Participating National Federations through their National Olympic Committee, (NOC) are responsible for the submission of required documents to their respective Embassies and all related costs.



4. Events Schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
November 21, 2014	<p>Arrival of Control Committee Members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Day • 16:00 First inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation. • 18:00 Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting to be held at the Official Hotel.
November 22, 2014	<p>Inspection of training and competition venues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 Second inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation. • 18:00 Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting to be held at the Official Hotel. <p>Arrival of Referees, Officials and Participating Teams..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Day, training of participating teams according to their arrival itinerary/schedule. • 18:00 Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting to be held at the Official Hotel.
November 23-24, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Day, training of participating teams according to their arrival itinerary/schedule. • 10:00 Third and fourth (if necessary) inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation. • 18:00 Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting to be held at the Official Hotel
November 25, 2014	<p>Preliminary Inquiry 15:00 - 18:00</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 Final inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting



Rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation.

- **All Day, training of participating teams according to the training schedule.**

November 26, 2014

Day 1 - Competition

Round Robin (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.

November 27, 2014

Day 2 - Competition

Round Robin (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.

November 28, 2014

Day 3 - Competition

Round Robin (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.

November 29, 2014

Day 4 – 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.

November 30, 2014

Day 5 – Final 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.

December 1st, 2014

Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating teams.



5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

- 5.1 A maximum of eight (16) teams are qualified to participate in the **XXII Central American and Caribbean Games , Veracruz, 2014, Beach volleyball Competitions**. The qualified teams are the Host Country (1), the top 13 teams in the Norceca ranking in addition to the two South American Countries affiliated to **CACSO**:

	MUJERES / WOMEN	HOMBRES / MEN
1-	MEXICO	MEXICO
2-	COSTA RICA	PUERTO RICO
3-	PUERTO RICO	GUATEMALA
4-	GUATEMALA	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
5-	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
6-	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	COSTA RICA
7-	CUBA	CUBA
8-	NICARAGUA	ST. LUCIA
9-	CAYMAN ISLANDS	NICARAGUA
10-	EL SALVADOR	EL SALVADOR
11-	ST. LUCIA	ARUBA
12-	ST. KITTS	US VIRGIN ISLANDS
13-	HONDURAS	CAYMAN ISLANDS
14-	US VIRGIN ISLANDS	JAMAICA
15-	COLOMBIA	HONDURAS
16-	VENEZUELA	VENEZUELA

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

5.2 Team Composition

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

- Two (2) Players
- One Coach
- One (1) Referee (FIVB, International FIVB Referee, or Continental Referee) to be approved and designated by NORCECA and the Pan American Volleyball Union President



5.3 **Additional Team Personnel**

All persons that exceed what is stipulated in Article 5.2 above will be considered as additional personnel and the National Federation (NF) and its National Olympic Committee that register them will have to cover all their expenses, including lodging, meals and internal transportation , in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Organizing Committee of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games, Veracruz , 2014. The names of these persons should be submitted in advance to NORCECA.

6. **Player's Eligibility**

6.1 **The eligibility of participating players in the Beach Volleyball Competitions of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games , Veracruz 2014;** participating players must be citizens of the country that they represent according to the FIVB Sports and General Regulations. The official document to verify the player's eligibility is their valid passport, issued by the competent governmental authorities of their country. Team Managers must submit, for control and database purposes, color copies of the National Team players' passports (provided on CD or paper color copy) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

6.2 The passports of all players and ID Credential provided by COVER 2014, must be presented to the Control Committee for verification during the Team Preliminary Inquiry. Players whose original passport (no passport copies will be accepted) is not presented during the Preliminary Inquiry will not be register and therefore, will not be eligible to participate in the competition.

7. **Registration**

7.1 The registration of each participating National Team will consist of submitting the BV-2 Form to NORCECA before the established deadline. No substitutions or changes of athletes are permitted after the submission of the BV-02 Form.

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

8.1 The XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Beach Volleyball Competition will be played under the current FIVB Rules of the Game at the time of the competition. All necessary interpretations are to be clarified during the Referee Clinic and/or the General Technical Meeting.



8.2 Official Ball

The official competition game ball will be the **Molten BV5000**. The Pan American Volleyball Union/NORCECA will provide to the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 a total of thirty (30) **Molten BV5000** beach volleyball balls.

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 two (2) sets of playing uniforms of different colors, one of which should be based white in color. The team 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 BV-02 Form.

8.4 Publicity on Uniforms

Publicity on player's uniforms must be authorized by CACSO, the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 and approved by NORCECA/PVU previous to completion of the publicity uniform form and in accordance with the FIVB/Norceca publicity format for uniforms. Publicity on players' uniforms must be in accordance with the FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment, and Advertising Guidelines. Teams presenting uniforms that are not in compliance with the FIVB regulations will not be able to use those uniforms during the event, therefore, new uniforms that comply with the FIVB Uniform Regulations and FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment and Advertising Guidelines must be presented to the Control Committee of the event for approval.

9. Competition Format and Team Distribution

9.1 The XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Beach Volleyball Competition will be played under the following competition format:

- a) With sixteen (16) teams, in a round robin format with four (4) group of four (4) composed as follow:
 - Group A/E: team seeded 1,8,9 and 16
 - Group B/F: team seeded 2,7,10 and 15
 - Group C/G: team seeded 3,6,11 and 14
 - Group D/H: team seeded 4, 5 12 y 13
- b. A total of 24 matches per gender are going to be played in the preliminary round, the top two (2) teams from each group will pass to the final and the 3rd and 4th position of each group will play as follow:



- For position 9-16
 - aa.** 3rd group A/E vs 4th Group D/H
 - bb.** 3rd group D/H vs 4th Group A/E
 - cc.** 3rd group B/F vs 4th Group C/G
 - dd.** 3rd group C/G vs 4th Group B/F
 - ee.** Winner match **aa** vs winner match **bb**
 - ff.** Winner match **cc** vs winner match **dd**
 - gg.** Winner match **ee** vs winner match **ff**: *W= Position 9, L= Position 10.*
 - hh.** Loser match **aa** vs Loser match **bb**: *W= Position 11, L= Position 12.*
 - ii.** Loser match **aa** vs Loser match **bb**
 - jj.** Loser match **cc** vs Loser match **dd**
 - kk.** Winner match **ii** vs Winner **jj**: *W= Position 13, L= Position 14*
 - X.** Loser match **ii** vs Loser match **jj**: *W=Position 15, L= Position 16*

- Quarterfinal and semifinal will be play as per the direct elimination system as follow:
 - A)** 1st group A/E vs 2nd Group B/F
 - B)** 1st group D/H vs 2nd Group C/G
 - C)** 1st group B/F vs 2nd Group A/E
 - D)** 1st group C/G vs Group D/H

- Position 1-8
 - E)** Winner match A vs Winner match B- Semifinal
 - F)** Winner match C vs Winner match D - Semifinal
 - G)** Winner match E vs Winner match F - Oro
 - H)** Loser match E vs Loser match F - Bronze
 - I)** Loser match A vs Loser match B
 - J)** Loser match C vs Loser match D
 - Q)** Winner match I vs Winner match J: *W= Position 5, L= Position 6*
 - K)** Loser match I vs Loser match J: *W=Position 7, L=Position 8*

NOTE: No changes to the official competition format of the event will be permitted after it has been determined and approved by Norceca and the Pan American Volleyball Union.



9.5 **Seeding tie breaking procedure**

In case of tie between two NF teams the seeding will be determine by draw.

9.6 **Team Distribution**

NORCECA ranking is to be used for the seeding, the two South American countries will be seed by draw, but it must be avoided to be seeded in the same pool.

10. **Rights of the Host Country**

10.1 The host country has the right to choose the group for the positioning of their National Team. The remaining teams will be distributed using the Serpentine System in accordance with their position in the NORCECA (as of January 1, 2014) and the results of the draw for the two CSV NF Teams, starting with the highest ranking team as head of Group A, B, C or D. The host country has the right to choose one (1) match in the Competition Schedule of the Preliminary Round.

10.2 Once the Preliminary, Quarterfinals, Semifinal and Final Rounds matches are established, the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 or the host National Federation will propose to the Control Committee the time and order of all matches to be played. All matches are established in the Official Competition Schedule/Format of the event.

10.2 The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB General Regulations.

11. **Financial Responsibilities**

11.1 The following will be the financial responsibilities of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014:

- 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 and Medical Service** must be provided during the Competition. (International Medical Insurance is recommended for participating teams in order to cover the payment of their medical services if needed that may be required by the members of their delegation).



c) **Payment of Per Diem** to Control Committee Members, Technical, Support Staff and Referees, according to what has been established by NORCECA and the PVU in the Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, as follows:

- **US\$125.00** (One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the Members of Control Committee, Medical Delegate, Venue Operation Manager, Members of the Appeal and Referee Sub-Commissions and the official Photographer, according to the established Regulations.
- **US\$150.00** (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the Control Committee President, Competition Director, Press Delegate, and VIS Delegate.
- **US\$125.00** (One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition to be paid to the FIVB International Referees or Continental Referees per participating team. Maximum participating Referees is fourteen (14) which includes the participating team Referees, neutral and reserved local Referees.

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

NOTE 2: The payment of Per Diem to local officials, technical and support personnel, Medical and local Press Delegate, is to be made in accordance with the established agreement between the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 or the Mexican National Volleyball Federation with the person contracted for the required services.

d) The XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 must cover the following financial responsibilities toward the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation:

Air Fare: (economical class) for Control Committee Members and Technical Staff and one (1) Neutral Referee (as needed) as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding, MOU.



Event Tickets: the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 must provide to Norceca/Pan American Volleyball Union fifteen (15) VIP tickets & thirty-five (35) General Admission tickets per match and/or per day of competition, in case that the event tickets are valid for each day of competition, as established in the Memorandum of Understanding, MOU.

11.2 The following are the responsibilities for participating National Federations:

- a) To remit a letter confirming the participation of their National Team to NORCECA and the host National Federation before the established deadline.
- b) Be responsible, together with their National Olympic Committee for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.
- c) Payment of international transportation, as well as visa fees, and airport taxes.
- d) To present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:
 - BV-02 Form
 - BV-04 Form
 - BV-08 Form
 - Original passports of the players
 - Players ID Card official Accreditation
 - Color copy of the players' passports
 - Country National Anthem
 - Country National Flag

12. Complaints and Sanctions

12.1 Complaints:

- a) All complaints must be presented in writing to the Control Committee. The procedure established to present a complaint must be according to Article 9 of the FIVB Beach Volleyball Regulations. Complaints will be resolved according to the FIVB General, Beach Volleyball regulations 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. 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.



12.2 Sanctions:

For this competition the following sanctions have been established:

- a) Negligence to provide the BV-02 Form 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\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars). Also, teams presenting less than the mandatory two (2) sets of uniforms, as established in Article 8.3 above of these regulations, will be sanctioned with a USD\$1,000.00 fine for each set of uniforms not presented.
- c) All sanctions established by the FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Administrative, Financial, Beach Volleyball Regulation (Manual), General Regulations and Complementary Statutes would be applicable.

13. Referees

13.1 It is mandatory that each participating National Federation propose one (1) Referee from one of the following categories:

- a) FIVB Beach Volleyball International Referee
- b) FIVB Beach Volleyball Continental Referee

13.2 The NORCECA and the PVU President, with the advice of the NORCECA and CSV Refereeing Commission Presidents, will evaluate (for approval) the proposal of the Referees presented by each participating National Federation.

13.3 Other Officials

13.3.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that this event is an Inter-Continental Event approved by the FIVB, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission) will be designated by the NORCECA and PVU President or his Representative and must be composed by members of the National Federations affiliated to the NORCECA, CSV and PVU, whose representatives are members of the NORCECA and CSV Executive Committees, Boards of Administration, Beach Volleyball, Technical, Refereeing, VIS, Press and Medical Commissions of their Confederations.



13.3.2 Line Judges, Scorekeepers, Statisticians, VIS, Ball Retrievers, Sweepers, Scoreboard Operators, Announcers and other supporting personnel shall be presented by the representative of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014, and /or the Mexican National Volleyball Federation to the Control Committee President and/or his/her Representative for approval.

13.3.3 The XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 and the Mexican National Federation will present these personnel to the Control Committee during the Refereeing Clinic for evaluation and approval.

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

14. Training Facilities

14.1 The Host Organizing Committee of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014, must provide training facilities with appropriate conditions for the daily training of the participating teams, from their arrival until the end of the competition.

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

15. Security

The Organizing Committee of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014 must guarantee the security of all participating team delegations members, from their arrival until their departure, including in the hotel, main competition venues, training venues, during official matches as well as during their internal transportation.

16. Accreditation

The XXII Central American and Caribbean Games Organizing Committee, COVER 2014, must provide the corresponding accreditation to all participating teams delegation members through their corresponding National Olympic Committee, NOC. In addition, NORCECA Officials as well as Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff must be provided with the necessary accreditation according to the standards and regulations established by the Central American and Caribbean Sport Organization, CACSO.



17. Medical Services

- 17.1 The host Organizing Committee will provide first aid medical services during the competition. Further, the host will also provide access to clinic/hospital facilities for the physical assessments of the Referees.
- 17.2 All team delegations shall be responsible together with their National Olympic Committee for their own medical expenses. It is recommended that all participating teams provide their own international medical insurance. The Organizing Committee of the XXII Central American and Caribbean Games, COVER 2014, will provide the necessary medical assistance and services to all participating players and team officials.
- 17.3 **Anti-Doping control test will** be performed during the competition und the responsibility of WADA/CACSO and will be perform according to the WADA/FIVB protocol. Anti-Doping test may be perform during the competition and outside the competition as established in the WADA CODE and Procedures.

18. Awards:

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

- 1st Place:** Gold Medals
- 2nd Place:** Silver Medals
- 3rd Place:** Bronze Medals

These Competition Regulations have been prepared by Ms. Indhira Ramirez, NORCECA Beach Volleyball Director, and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA and the Pan American Volleyball Union.

In Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, October 11, 2014.

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NORCECA and PVU President