



# 2016 Men NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualification Tournament

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## Canada Host the Mens Olympic Qualification in January

Volleyball Canada is excited to announce that the 2016 Men's NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualification Tournament will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, from January 8 to 10, 2016, at the Saville Community Sports Centre.

There is a lot at stake as the winner of this tournament goes to the Rio 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

"We're very excited that Edmonton is the site of the Olympic qualifier," said Canada's men's team head coach Glenn Hoag. "We are eager to again showcase international volleyball on home soil, and most importantly our goal is to secure a berth in the 2016 Olympic Games for the first time since 1992. The City of Edmonton has proven to be an excellent host in the past, and Alberta has an excellent tradition of volleyball."

Canada, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico have earned the right to participate in the qualifier. The Canadian men's team won the pre-qualification event in Mexico in October, and is currently ranked 10th according to the FIVB World Rankings. Cuba is ranked 15th; Puerto Rico is 22nd and Mexico is 24th.

Out of the NORCECA (North, Central America and Caribbean) countries, only the U.S. men's team has already qualified for the 2016 Games as winners of the 2015 World Cup.

"Edmonton is proud to welcome some of the world's best volleyball players to our city in 2016," said Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson. "With an impressive facility like the Saville Centre, a strong volunteer base and enthusiastic fans, this international

competition is sure to be a great success and build on our reputation as an exceptional host city."

Edmonton hosted a World Cup warm-up event earlier this year that saw Canada face Brazil in two friendly matches.

"Edmonton has a rich history hosting international events, and we are excited to host the 2016 Men's NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualification tournament," said Maggie Davison, vice president of Edmonton Tourism. "We are extremely proud of our reputation, providing superior venues and value, plus totally original, authentic and unique experiences to our visitors."

The round-robin format match schedule is the following: January 8 – CUB-PUR / CAN – MEX; January 9 – CUB – MEX / CAN – PUR; January 10 – PUR – MEX / CAN – CUB

