

# United States book ticket to Rio Olympic Games

LINCOLN, Nebraska, January 9, 2016 – The United States won the NORCECA Olympic Qualification Tournament by defeating the Dominican Republic 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-18) on Saturday evening in front of 10,213 fans at the Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The United States, which also clinched an Olympic Games spot on domestic soil back in 2000, finished the tournament 3-0, while Dominican Republic ended the competition at 2-1. The Dominican Republic will channel its focus on Olympic qualification with a last opportunity in May at the World Olympic Qualifier in Japan.

Foluke Akinradewo ignited the American offense with 12 points, while Nicole Fawcett added 10 points and Jordan Larson nine points. Brayelin Martinez led Dominican Republic with 15 points, while Prissilla Rivera and Gina Mamburu added seven points.

The U.S. held a 45-37 advantage in kills and benefited from 26 Dominican Republic errors.

## Puerto Rico 3, Canada 0

Puerto Rico claimed the NORCECA Olympic Qualification Tournament bronze medal by defeating Canada 32-30, 25-17, 25-20.

Puerto Rico ended the tournament with a 1-2 record and in third-place in the four-team round-robin event. By finishing with the bronze, Puerto Rico remains alive in the Olympic qualification process and will play in the Intercontinental Olympic Qualification Tournament in May.

Puerto Rico was led by Karina Ocasio's 23 points and Aurea Cruz added 12 points in the victory. Canada was paced by Tabitha Love's 14 points and Jaimie Thibeault added 10 points.

Puerto Rico's serve kept Canada out-of-system much of the match with an 8-2 ace advantage. Both teams finished with seven blocks. Puerto Rico held a 41-35 advantage in kills.

## Summary of Stats

Dominican Republic d Puerto Rico 3-1 (17-25, 25-13, 25-23, 25-23) on January 7  
 United States d Canada 3-0 (25-18, 25-18, 25-15) on January 7

Dominican Republic d Canada 3-1 (25-27, 25-16, 26-24, 25-20) on January 8  
 United States d Puerto Rico 3-1 (25-14, 24-26, 25-12, 25-14) on January 8

Puerto Rico d Canada 3-0 (32-30, 25-17, 25-20) on January 9  
 United States d Dominican Republic 3-0 (25-19, 25-19, 25-18) on January 9

## Top Scorer by Day

19- Karina Ocasio of Puerto Rico v Dominican Republic on January 7  
 23- Karina Ocasio of Puerto Rico v United States on January 8  
 23- Karina Ocasio of Puerto Rico v Canada on January 9

## Top Scoring Performances

23- Karina Ocasio of Puerto Rico v United States on January 8  
 23- Karina Ocasio of Puerto Rico v Canada on January 9  
 21- Gina Mamburu of Dominican Republic v Canada on January 8  
 19- Karina Ocasio of Puerto Rico v Dominican Republic on January 7

## Top Blocking Performances

5- Karina Ocasio of Puerto Rico v Canada on January 9  
 4- Brayelin Martínez of Dominican Republic v Puerto Rico on January 7  
 4- Candida Arias of Dominican Republic v Canada on January 8

## Top Serving Performances

4- Prissilla Rivera of Dominican Republic v Canada on January 8  
 3- Gina Mamburu of Dominican Republic v Puerto Rico on January 7

3- Gina Mamburu of Dominican Republic v Canada on January 8  
 3- Karina Ocasio of Puerto Rico v Canada on January 9  
**Top Team Blocking Performances**  
 10- Dominican Republic v Puerto Rico on January 7  
 9- Puerto Rico v Dominican Republic on January 7  
 9- Dominican Republic v Canada on January 8  
 9- United States v Puerto Rico on January 8

## Top Team Serving Performances

13- Dominican Republic v Canada on January 8

## Highest Scoring Sets

27-25 Canada v Dominican Republic (1st Set) on January 8  
 26-24 Dominican Republic v Canada (3rd Set) on January 8  
 26-24 Puerto Rico v United States (2nd Set) on January 8

## Highest Scoring Matches

188- Dominican Republic d Canada 3-1 (25-27, 25-16, 26-24, 25-20) on January 8  
 176- Dominican Republic d Puerto Rico 3-1 (17-25, 25-13, 25-23, 25-23) on January 7

