



## **2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship**

Tegucigalpa, Honduras

August 25 - September 2, 2018

### **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

#### **1. Organizer**

1.1 For the organization of the **2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship**, the **Honduras 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 **Honduras National Volleyball Federation**, affiliated to the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) **will be responsible for the organization of the 2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship**, programmed to be held from **August 25 - September 2, 2018**, in the city of **Tegucigalpa, Honduras**.

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## 2. Host City and Competition Venue

### 2.1 Host City

The **2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship** will be held in the city of **Tegucigalpa, Honduras**. The event will be held from **August 25 – September 2, 2018**.

### 2.2 International Airports of Arrival and Departure

The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams, Control Committee Members, Norceca Officials and International Referees in the **2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship** is:

- **Toncontin Internacional Airport/Teniente Coronel Hernan Acosta Mejia –(TGU)-**

### 2.3 Competition Venue; The main competition venue for participating teams is:

- **Tegucigalpa National Gymnasium, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.**

### 2.4 Training Venues; The training venues for participating teams are:

- **Tegucigalpa National Gymnasium, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.**

### 2.5 Accommodation, Meals and Internal Transportation

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for participating Nacional Teams, Control Committee and Referees will be covered by the **Honduras National Volleyball Federation** from **August 25-September 2, 2018**.

#### ACCOMMODATION FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS

2.5.1 From the day of arrival, **August 25**, until the day of departure, **September 2, 2018**, participating teams will be lodged at 3 or 4-stars hotels, Sport Village or Accommodation Quarters with the previous approval of Norceca. The following room distributions must be implemented;

- a) **Officials, Teams and Referees Hotel:** From the date of arrival, **August 25**, until the date of departure, **September 2, 2018** the **Honduras National Volleyball Federation**, host national federation of the event is responsible for the hotel accommodation of the Control Committee Members, Referees and participating National Teams.

#### b) **Meal Services**

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

#### **Team Room distribution;**

- Double room occupancy for Players and/or triple room occupancy, if the conditions are acceptable, with the previous approval of the NORCECA.
- Double room occupancy for Team Technical Staff.
- Single room occupancy for Team Manager.
- Single room occupancy for FIVB and/or NORCECA Accredited Team Doctor and Team Physiotherapist.

#### **The total maximum of rooms per Delegation and/or participating teams is:**

- Players: 6 double rooms or 4 triple rooms.
- Team Technical Staff: 2 double rooms.
- Team Manager, Doctor and Team Physiotherapist: 3 single rooms.

**Note;** In case that a Sport Village or Accommodation Quarters is foreseen to be used for the accommodation of the participating National teams, the room distribution will be determined during the site inspection visit to be performed and according to the rooms facilities in place.

#### **2.5.2 NORCECA's Officials, Referees and Technical Personal**

- NORCECA President (or representative) requires single room occupancy.
- Competition Director, Venue Operations Delegate and Administrative Director requires single room occupancy.
- Members of the Appeal and Refereeing Sub-Commissions, as well as International Referees require double room occupancy.
- Technical and Support Staff, VIS Delegate, Press Delegate and Photographer require double room occupancy.
- Medical Delegate requires single room occupancy.

**NOTE:** The lodging of NORCECA Officials, Members of the Control Committee, Referees, Technical, Support Staff, Press and Medical Delegate must be in a different hotel or accommodation quarters of that where the participating National Teams are accommodated. **If there is only one accommodation facility available, it is necessary that the officials stay on a different building or floor where the teams are accommodated.**

### **2.5.3 MEALS**

The host National Federation must provide meals to the participating National Teams, Norceca Officials and Staff, from the day of arrival to the day after the competition.

#### **Participating Teams**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus one snack, to be provided to the participating National Teams before or after each match according to the request of the Team Manager, for a total of 19 person's maximum per National Team Delegation. Meals must be provided in the hotel, Sport Village or Accommodation Quarters destined for the lodging of the participating National Teams. The hotels, Sport Village or Accommodation Quarters must be approved during the site inspection visit and must comply with the sanitary quality/conditions, provide the necessary meals according to the International Competition Standards for High Performance Athletes (IFQS)

#### **NORCECA Officials, Referees, Technical and Support Staff**

NORCECA Officials, Members of the Control Committee, Referees, VIS Delegate, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, Technical and Support Staff must be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner in the hotel, Sport Village or Accommodation Quarters destined for their lodging. The dining location must be approved during the site inspection visit and must comply with the sanitary quality/conditions, provide the necessary meals according to the International Food Quality Standards (IFQS). During the competition days, a snack shall be provided in the Control Committee, Referee and Technical Personnel Meeting Rooms.

### **2.5.4 INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION**

The host National Federation is responsible to provide internal transportation to all participating National Teams from the day of their arrival, **August 25** to the day of departure, **September 2, 2018**, as follows:

**Participating National Teams:** internal transportation in buses with a minimum capacity of 30 persons. Transportation of two participating National Teams in the same bus **is not permitted**.

**Note; The host National Federation will only be responsible for the transportation, from and to the airport of arrival and departure for participating National Team Delegation, all members together, according to the main arrival and departure flight itinerary. Individual members arriving or departing with a different flight itinerary from that of the National Team Delegation, will be responsible for their own transportation and cost.**

### **2.5.5 International and Internal Transportation for NORCECA Officials, Members of the Control Committee, Referees, VIS Delegate, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate and Technical and Support Staff:**

- i. The host national federation is responsible to provide the airline tickets for the designated Control Committee Members and Neutral Referee for the event, as the case may be.
- ii. The international airline tickets must include one (1) piece of luggage.

### **b) INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION**

- i. One vehicle for the NORCECA President (or his representative)
- ii. One vehicle for the Competition Director
- iii. One van and/or a minibus with a capacity of 12 passengers to be provided for the Members of the Appeal and Referee Sub-Commission, VIS Delegate, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, Technical and Support Staff.
- iv. One van and/or minibus with a capacity of 12 passengers to be provided for the International Referees.

## **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 **2018 NORCECA U18 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, Control Committee Members and Referees in the **2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship**, the Host National Federation must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into **Honduras** of the participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form, Control Committee Members, Officials, and Referees.

**NOTE:** Participating National Federations are responsible for the submission of required documents to their respective Embassies in their country and all related costs.

## 4. Events Schedule:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>August 24, 2018</b>	<b>Arrival of Control Committee Members.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>16:00</b> Inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation.</li><li>• <b>20:00</b> Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting to be held at the Official Hotel.</li></ul>
<b>August 25, 2018</b>	<b>Arrival of Referees, Officials and Participating Teams.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>10:00</b> 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.</li><li>• <b>09:00 – 21:30</b> Training of Participating Teams according to their arrival schedule.</li><li>• <b>18:00</b> Control Committee meeting in the Official Hotel.</li></ul>
<b>August 26, 2018</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>09:00-15:00</b> Preliminary Inquiry for participating teams at the Teams Hotel.</li><li>• <b>09:00-17:00</b> Training of Participating Teams.</li><li>• <b>17:00-19:00</b> Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Competition Hall.</li><li>• <b>20:00</b> General Technical meeting in the Team's Hotel followed by the Team Medical Briefing.</li></ul>

**August 27, 2018**

**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.

**August 28, 2018**

**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.

**August 29, 2018**

**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.

**August 30, 2018**

**Day 4 - Competition**

**Quarterfinals** 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.

**August 31,2018**

**Day 5 – Competition**

**Semifinal & Qualification Round**

(Refer to the Official Competition Format, matches to be played in the evening section)

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 1, 2018**

**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 Bronze Medal and Gold Medal Championship matches of the tournament, which must be the last two matches, first the Bronze and finally the Gold Medal Match, scheduled to conclude the tournament.

**September 2, 2018**

Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating teams.

**5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition**

5.1 A minimum of nine (9) teams are qualified to participate in the **2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship**. The qualified teams are the Host Country (1), **Honduras**, the top five (5) teams from the NORCECA U 18 Continental Ranking and the three (3) Zonal Champions from the AFECAVOL, ECVA and CAZOVA, U-18 Zonal Zonal Championships.

**5.2 Qualified National Teams are;**

<b>Honduras</b> (host)	<b>United States</b>
<b>Puerto Rico</b>	<b>Dominican Republic</b>
<b>México</b>	<b>Cuba</b>
<b>Costa Rica</b> (Afecavol Vice Champion)	<b>Barbados</b> (By Continental Ranking)
<b>Guatemala</b> (By Continental Ranking)	

**NOTE 1:** In case one of above qualified teams declines to participate, the next team in the Continental ranking will be eligible to participate.

5.3 In addition to these nine (9) qualified teams, the host may accept up to three (3) more teams, the additional teams to be accepted are reserved to the next highest continental ranking team in order to complete twelve (12) national teams, but the host national federation is not obliged to host more than the mandatory first nine (9) qualified teams. Additional participating teams' national federations, must cover the total cost of their participation (hotel accommodations, meals and referees per diems of their national team delegation) at a cost of **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) daily per person for their registration based on double occupancy or **US\$150.00** (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) daily per person in single occupancy.

The additional participating NF shall make the corresponding payment before, but not later, than the Preliminary Inquiry by bank transfer to the Norceca bank account or in cash during the preliminary inquiry.

#### 5.4 **Team Composition**

Each team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 20 persons, consisting of:

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

#### 5.5 **Additional Team Personnel**

All persons that exceed what is stipulated in Article 5.4 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/or NORCECA, and the National Federation concerned must pay the amount of **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) daily per person for their registration based on double occupancy or **US\$150.00** (One Hundred Fifty Dollars) daily per person in single room occupancy. The NF that registers additional personnel shall make the corresponding payment before, but not later, than the Preliminary Inquiry.

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

**6.1 The 2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship is a competition exclusively reserved for female-born players. The age eligibility is for players born on January 1, 2002 and after.** Participating players must be citizens or permanent residents (in accordance with the NORCECA Zonal Player Eligibility Regulation) of the country or territory that they represent according to the FIVB Sports and General Regulations. The official document to verify the player's eligibility is their valid passport (Residents also require proof of residency and working permits as outlined in the NORCECA Zonal Player Eligibility Regulation Regulation), 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) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

6.2 The passports (and related residency documents) 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 accepted) is not presented during the Preliminary Inquiry will not be accredited and therefore, will not be eligible to participate in the competition.

## 7. Registration

7.1 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\$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) before the established deadline. The O-2 form may 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 uniform shirt number of the participating national team players must be numbered from 1 to 25, no other uniform shirt numbers will be admitted.

The O-2 Form submission must be completed online ([www.fivb.org/vis/login.aspx](http://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 tests to be performed during the competition.

7.1.1 The payment of registration and Doping Control fees must be made in **USD\$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
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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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7.1.4 Payment of fees during the Preliminary Inquiry must be made in cash (**USD\$Dollars only**) to the Control Committee President prior to the start of the event.

7.1.5 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 ([norcecasportevents@gmail.com](mailto:norcecasportevents@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-2 bis 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-2 bis Form is not provided to the Control Committee, the first 12 players in the FIVB O-2 Form will constitute the team. Teams registering more than 12 players must register two Libero players. 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, form that is available for use in the Norceca Website. The uniform shirt number of the participating national team players must be numbered from 1 to 25, no other uniform shirt numbers will be admitted.

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

8.1 The **2018 NORCECA U18 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 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. The player's names and numbers on the uniforms must be the same as on the FIVB O-2 and O-2 bis Forms. The uniform shirt number of the participating national team players must be numbered from 1 to 25, no other uniform shirt numbers will be admitted. Player's 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\$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars). This form is available for download through the NORCECA Confederation website, [www.norceca.org](http://www.norceca.org). 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.

#### **8.5 Dress Code for Officials on the Bench**

All Officials on the bench 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 national team manager is entitle to determine up to five (5) officials to be on the team bench, but must declare and register then for the entire competition during their National Team 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 **2018 NORCECA U18 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.
- 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 will play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play one match to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- i) With four (4) teams, a Round Robin will be played. All teams 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 will play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play one match to determine the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

**NOTE:** The official competition format of the event will determine the distribution of teams and match schedule 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 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 and match schedule.

9.3 According to the established competition format, match schedule 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 with the following criteria, in order of importance:

- A) **Point Quotient:** In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or more 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 **2018 NORCECA U18 Continental Championship**, teams will be distributed according to their position in the NORCECA U18 Confederation Rankings as of January 1, 2018, 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 the positioning of their National Team. The remaining teams will be distributed using the Serpentine System in accordance with their position in the NORCECA **U-18** ranking (**as of January 1, 2018**), starting with the highest ranked team as head of Group A, B, or C. 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 in the competition format /match schedule, 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. The host National Federation will only be responsible for the transportation, from and to the airport of arrival and departure for participating National Team Delegation, all members together, according to the main arrival and departure flight itinerary. Individual members arriving or departing with a different flight itinerary from that of the National Team Delegation, will be responsible for their own transportation and cost.
- 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 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, Administrative 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 or International 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, Administrative Director, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, VIS Director, Technical, Support Staff and participating Referees must be covered before the start 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 with the person contracted for the required services.

**NOTE 3:** For the payment of the Per Diem for the FIVB Referees, International Referees, or Continental Referees, the Host National Federation 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 Board of Administration. All participating NFs must pay the Referees' Per Diem in cash (US Dollars) to the President, Control Committee during the Team Preliminary Inquiry, or to provide evidence of payment to their referee, dully signed by the referee designated for the event.

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

- ✦ **US\$35,000.00** (Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars) to cover the payment of the hosting fee of the event.

**Sponsorship and Marketing**

- ✦ **US\$10,000.00** (Ten Thousand Dollars) is to be paid to NORCECA, to cover the Marketing and/or sponsorship rights of Local and TV transmissions, establishing a minimum fee of USD\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) for each sponsor promoting their products inside or outside the Main Competition Venues or throughout the TV 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 and SPORT COURT.

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

**Note 4:** The host national federation has the rights of the local national radio transmission, TV Broadcasting, internet streaming, digital media and other transmission means within the territory of the host national federation country, **Honduras.**

For an additional fee of **USD\$10,000.00** to be paid to NORCECA, the host national federation reserves the exclusive rights for the international radio transmission, TV Broadcasting, internet streaming, digital media and other transmission means of the event for its resales.

- e) **REGISTRATION FEE:** For this event, the registration fee for participating teams will be US\$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).
- 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 one (1) Neutral Referee (as needed) as outlined in the Financial Regulations.
- g) **Event Tickets:** The Host National Federation must provide to NORCECA 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.

**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) Payment of Entry Fee of US\$1,500.00 (One Thousand 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 International Referee representing their National Federation.
- d) Remit together with 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) 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 during the Preliminary Inquiry:
  - FIVB O-2 VIS Form
  - FIVB O-2 bis Form
  - FIVB M-3 form
  - NORCECA L-1 Form
  - NORCECA L-2 Form
  - NORCECA L-3 Form
  - FIVB M-8 (if necessary)
  - NORCECA Publicity Form and publicity payment receipt (if necessary)
  - Passports of all players
  - Color copy of all players' passports (provided on a CD)
  - Country Flag (4 feet x 6 feet)
  - Country National Anthem
  - Captain & Libero Uniforms
  - Injury prevention devices for approval (Compression pads, undershorts and arms calf's, socks)

## **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 the FIVB Sports Regulations. Complaints will be resolved according to the Norceca and 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 Norceca 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. Also, the acting match Jury President and the Refereeing Delegate, may intervene when a technical violation to the Rules of the Game is verified in order to resolve the situation and to ensure the proper continuation of the match.
- 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:

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) in each case as foreseen individually. The non-fulfillment of Article 11.2 g) will apply a sanction of USD\$500.00 for each non-fulfillment, as the case may be.

- e) All participating national teams and players must be available for the opening, closing and award ceremony of the event. Participating national teams refusing or not participating in the opening, closing and award ceremony, their National Federation 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, their National Federation 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.
- f) The non-fulfillment of Article 6.1 of these Regulations, that correspond to the eligibility of participating players, will apply a four-year (4) sanction to the player in fault from all NORCECA competitions and a fine of USD\$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) sanction to the National Federation that declares an ineligible player in the roster of their National Team.

### **13. Referees**

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

- a) FIVB International Referee
- b) FIVB International Refereeing Candidate
- c) FIVB Continental Referee

13.2 The NORCECA President, with the advice of the NORCECA Refereeing Commission President, 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 this event is an Continental Event approved by the FIVB, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal SubCommission) will be designated by the NORCECA President or his

Representative and must be composed by members of the National Federations affiliated to NORCECA, whose representatives are members of the NORCECA Executive Committee, Board of Administration, Sport Organizing, Technical, Refereeing, VIS, Development, Finance, Technical Coaches, Legal, Press and Medical Commissions of NORCECA.

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/her 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. The minimum recovery time between competition matches and training sessions of participating teams is five (5) hours.

14.2 Each team will have a minimum of one training session of 1.5 hours in the official competition venue playing court 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, main competition venues, training venues, during official matches as well as on 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 and Norceca sponsors; Molten, Sport Court and Mizuno.

<b>FIVB</b>	This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB officials.
<b>Norceca/CC</b>	This accreditation is reserved for Control Committee members assigned to the competition.
<b>NF</b>	This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Executive & Board of Administration of the Host National Federation.
<b>OC</b>	This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Organizing Committee of the host country of the event.
<b>G</b>	This accreditation is reserved for all governmental officials of the host country of the event.
<b>D</b>	This accreditation is reserved for accredited Diplomats of the host country of the event.
<b>VIP</b>	This accreditation is reserved for special guests.
<b>TP</b>	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)
<b>SP</b>	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).
<b>P</b>	This accreditation is strictly reserved for accredited Journalists, Press, Host Broadcasters, International Press Agencies and Local Press Agencies.
<b>A</b>	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 procedure and 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 for their own medical expenses. **It is recommended that all participating teams provide their own international medical insurance.**
- 17.3 During the course of the, participating National Teams Players may be selected for Anti-Doping test, one that will be performed following the FIVB-Wada Protocol. Participating National Teams will be requested a payment of USD\$500.00 to cover part of the cost of the Anti-Doping Control Test and Laboratory expenses.
- 17.4 Medical gender verification test may be performed to participating register National Team Players in order to ensure the compliance of the established Article 6.1 of these regulations.

## **18. Awards:**

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

- 1<sup>st</sup>Place:** Trophy and Gold Medals (**Qualifies to the FIVB U-18 World Championship**)  
**2<sup>nd</sup>Place:**Trophy and Silver Medals(**Qualifies to the FIVB U-18 World Championship**)  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Trophy and Bronze Medals

### 18.1 Individual Awards

The Control Committee 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 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), based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS), will be awarded the best in each individual performance no matter the position the player was previously declared during his Team Preliminary Inquiry.

### 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.

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