



# Newsletter

## Dominican Republic and Peru are semifinalists

LIMA, Peru, August 16, 2018 – Three-time defending champions Dominican Republic and host Peru are the first semifinalists of the Fourth U23 Women's Pan American Cup taking place at Manuel Bonilla Coliseum of Miraflores.

The Dominicans won Pool B with 3-0 record and 15 points while Peru won Pool A with 14 points and also undefeated in three outings. In the quarterfinals of Friday, Mexico will play Chile and Cuba meets Colombia.

### Dominican Republic 3, Colombia 0

Dominican Republic sealed its direct qualification to the semifinals after defeating Colombia with a convincing 3-0 (25-13, 25-13, 25-15). Controlling from the serving area, the Dominican Republic showed all the variants of their effective attack by their top scorers Gaila Gonzalez, Brayelin Martínez and Jineiry Martínez who had 17, 13 and 10 points, respectively. While for Colombia the opposite Ana Karina Olaya led with 13 points.

### Perú 3, Cuba 1

Peru qualified undefeated to the semifinal after defeating Cuba 3-1 (25-22, 21-25, 25-20, 27-25) in the last match of Pool A. Brenda Lobatón was the figure of the match tying the record of 35 points for Peru, followed by Maricarmen Guerrero with 11 units. On the Cuban side, Ailama Cese, Diaris Pérez and Thalia Moreno stood out with 19, 17 and 11 points, respectively. Lobaton tied the mark of 35 points established in 2016 by her compatriot Angela Leyva and equaled this year by the Mexican Uxue Guereca

### Chile 3, Guatemala 0

Chile ended the losing streak and qualified to quarterfinals after defeating the Guatemala team 3-0 (25-14, 25-8, 25-19) in its last match of Pool A. Beatriz Novoa and opposite Maike Bertens were the top scorers for Chile with 16 and 10 points, respectively. The best for Guatemala was Maria Garcia with 6 points.

### Mexico 3, Costa Rica 0

Mexico secured its place in the quarterfinals as second placed in Pool B, after beating Costa Rica 3-0. The score in favor of Luis Alberto León's team was (25-17, 25-13, 25-13) in 1 hour 12 minutes, with spiker Melanie Parra, who is only 15 years old, standing out as the top scorer with 11 points, followed by Daniela Sillier with 10. For Costa Rica, Isayana Soto exceeded the two digits getting 11 units.

