



## Dominican Republic won its fourth gold medal

LIMA, Peru, August 19, 2018.- The Dominican Republic won its fourth gold medal after defeating Peru 3-0 in front of 3,000 volleyball fans who filled the Manuel Bonilla Coliseum in Miraflores to experience the grand finale of the Fourth U23 Women's Volleyball Pan American Cup.

The score in favor of the four-time champion was 25-10, 25-17, 25-18 in 1 hour 14 minutes of play. Despite the outstanding work of the Peruvian defense, the blockade was not enough to stop the main Dominican attackers.

The captain Brayelin Martinez and Gaila Gonzalez were the top scorers of the match with 16 points each, while for Peru the young Kiara Montes led with 10 points. The Dominicans got 8 points in blocking, dominated in attack (32-43) and the two teams were tied in services (1-1).

Peru registered 23 unforced errors while the winning team reduced them to 12.

### Cuba wins bronze medal

Cuba defeated Mexico 3-1 (25-15, 25-23, 22-25, 28-26) and won their third bronze medal. Cuba had Laura Suárez (15), Ailama Cese (15), Jessica Aguilera (12) and Moreno Thalia (11) as main attackers. In Mexico Melanie Parra, 15 years old, was the top scorer with 17 points, followed by Sofia Maldonado who finished with 15 points and Grecia Castro with 12.

### Colombia takes fifth place

Colombia swept Chile 3-0 in the South American duel for fifth place. In 1 hour 14 minutes those led by Bryan Silva got triumph with partial scores of 25-17, 25-21, 25-13. Despite the solid blocking work done by Colombia, the losing team had the top scorers of the game, Maike Mertens and Beatriz Novoa with 16 and 10 points each. The best Colombians were Ana Karina Olaya and Valerin Carabali with 13 and 12 units respectively.

### Guatemala finishes in seventh place

Guatemala won the battle for the seventh place by overcoming Costa Rica by 3-2 (20-25, 20-25, 29-27, 25-17, 15-9). For Guatemala, the top attacker Maria Villagran exceeded the two digits getting the maximum of 22 points; María García and Astrid González added 19 and 10 points. For Costa Rica, the individual score was led by Edya Espinoza with 16 points, while Isayana Soto, Ariana Porras and Susan Alpizar recorded 12, 11 and 10 points, respectively.

