

Two FIVB World Championship tickets up for grabs at Women's NORCECA



GUADALAJARA, Mexico, August 25, 2021. - Two tickets for the 2022 FIVB World Championship are up for grabs between seven national teams at the 2021 Women's NORCECA Continental Championship that starts August 26 in Guadalajara, Mexico. Head coaches gave their first insights about the competition and their teams' preparation.

Shannon Winzer, Head Coach of Canada: "We've had a really good preparation leaning into NORCECA. We have a very young team and obviously there's been a change of players between 2019 and now, so we have really young players with a lot of energy and they can compete. We're going to make errors for two reasons, because of our lack of focus or because it's just where we are in our journey right now and the team really understands that".

Pablo Acuña, Head Coach of Costa Rica: "We are excited to be back competing at a senior NORCECA event. The team consists of mostly U23 players that recently competed in Aguascalientes, so the teams' dynamic and chemistry is really good. These twelve players and 10 others have been working since the beginning of the year preparing for the Central American Championship in Nicaragua at the end of this year and this will be an opportunity to compete, measure our team against teams with good level and make a diagnosis of how we are, decide what to work on and improve for that event".

Marcos Kwiek, Head Coach of Dominican Republic: "We have a good group, it's a mix of young experienced players and others are veterans, and other young players that recently won the NORCECA U23, it's an interesting team. When we go to competitions our goal is always to win the competition, we will work hard to reach our first goal that is to qualify to the world championship and then we'll see what happens".

Rafael Petry, Head Coach of Mexico: "Mexico has been preparing since April, we had small working sessions and held preparation matches against Colombia. The

team is focused on three goals, reaching the final, qualifying to Worlds' and winning a medal. México is thinking big, in having better results and the players are really motivated, I consider we can reach our goals by working, doing our side respecting all our opponents".

Fernando Morales, Head Coach of Puerto Rico: "Our Professional League is being held at the moment so we only had three practices together before coming here, we are at a disadvantage against Mexico who has been training all summer with a new coach, Canada played in VNL and United States at their training Center. Our advantage is that individually they are in good rhythm of play because of the Professional League, and I expect to improve with each match".

Courtnee Mae Clifford, Head Coach of Trinidad and Tobago: "Part of the team stayed here in Mexico after the U23 competition and we worked only in the gym and swimming pool, but not on court; the rest of the team that just arrived here trained three times that week. We expect to try to compete and use it as a measuring stake to figure out what we need to do both with the administrative side and on the volleyball court. Hopefully this tournament will be an example of things to do and not for the future; but with the addition of the senior players we hope to put up a better showing".

Joseph Trinsey, Head Coach of United States: "We know this is the start of the World Championship qualifications and our players are excited to be here. We have a young group of players that are hoping to break through with the USA national team, most just graduated and this is their biggest event ever representing USA and is really excited after the success of the Olympics".