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Teams from seven countries ready to compete at Montelimar

MONTELIMAR, Nicaragua, January 27, 2011 - Teams from seven Central American countries are ready to start the AFECAVOL Sub Zonal Phase of the NORCECA Beach Volley Ball Continental Cup towards the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The beautiful Montelimar Beach of Nicaragua will host the Olympic qualifier from January 28-30, where 4 teams of each gender will advance to the next round of The Continental Beach Volley Ball Cup, the new qualifying system for London Games Fourteen teams of each gender are entering the sub zonal phase, representing Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.

The competition format consists of a first round country vs. country contest in best-of-five series with the match decided by a 15-point golden set in case of a tie at two-all. For the next round the match-up will be a best-of-three series with a golden set in case of a tie.

In the second round, teams will play through winners and losers brackets under a double-elimination system. The top four teams will represent AFECAVOL to the next phase of the Continental Cup.

Women's teams: Belize-1 (Barbara Cadle/Esther Middleton), Belize-2 (Shantell Arnold/Tisha Solis), Costa Rica-1 (Ingrid Morales/Natalia Alfaro), Costa Rica-2 (Betsy Cruz/Cindy Campos), El

Salvador-1 (Alejandra Manzur/Marcela Avalos), El Salvador-2 (Diana Romero/Laura Molina), Guatemala-1 (Maria Orellana-Lourdes Ramirez), Guatemala-2 (Nadia Galan/Ana Villagran), Honduras-1 (Claudia Elvir/Hyxe Napky), Honduras-2 (Gina Flores/Martha Euceda), Nicaragua-1 (Amalia Hernandez/Lolette Rodríguez), Nicaragua-2 (Elia Torres/Jacqueline Toruño), Panama-1 (Tanya White/Jenny Madrid), Panama-2 (Katherine Taju/Hashlyn Cuero).

Men's teams: Belize-1 (Arvid Arnold/Germaine Audinett), Belize-2 (Carlos Requeña/Ernest Broaster), Costa Rica-1 (Marcelo Araya/Jonathan Guevara), Costa Rica-2 (Gilberto Villegas/Alexander Villegas), El Salvador-1 (Carlos Leiva/David Vargas), El Salvador-2 (Arnoldo Quintanilla/Rafael Vargas), Guatemala-1 (Julio Recinos/Erick Garrido), Guatemala-2 (Luis Garcia/Alfredo Cabrera), Honduras-1 (Luis Baide/Wilfredo Vega), Honduras-2 (Randall Vigil/Manuel Serrano), Nicaragua-1 (Winston Calderon/Francisco Castro), Nicaragua-2 (Gerald Umana/Danny Lopez), Panama-1 (Domingo Avila/Edward Diaz), Panama-2 (Otto Penson/Gilberto Martinez