

## USA Claim gold, Dominican Republic finish with silver



The United States claimed the Gold Medal at the Women's U18 Continental Championship after beating the Dominican Republic at the final 3-1 (21-25, 25-17, 25-23 y 25-15).

Simone Lee totalizad 18 puntos for the American team while Carli Snyder, who became the MVP registered 17. Christian Jones was the champion team best scorer with 10 points.

On the Dominican side Brayelin Martínez, who claimed honors as best scorer finished with 24 puntos, while Gaila Ceneida González concluded with 12 and Natalia Martínez, team's captain ended with 11. Both teams qualified to the FIVB Womens U18 World Championship that will be played next year in Thailand.

Mexico qualify to FIVB U18 World Championship, win bronze medal Mexico qualified to the FIVB Women's U18 World Championship after winning over Puerto Rico in five sets (25-23, 22-25, 25-17, 21-25, 15-13) for the bronze medal. Fernanda Guitron had a match high of 18 points. Jocelyn Urias scored 17, Fernanda Bañuelos 13, Melissa Romero and Diana Valdez, scored 12 apiece on the Mexican side. Bañuelos and Romero registered four aces apiece, while Urias was

For Puerto Rico, Genesis Miranda was the leading scorer with 19 points, followed by Jocelyn Quilan with 18 and Julymar Otero with 17. Mexico became the third team to qualify to the FIVB World Championship in this category. The championship will be played in Thailand in 2013. The other two teams already qualified are Dominican Republic and USA, that played for the gold medal.

Final competition ranking 1 USA 2-Dominican Republic 3-México 4-Puerto Rico 5-Guatemala 6-Trinidad & Tobago 7-Costa Rica Individual Awards MVP – Carli Snyder, Estados Unidos Best Receiver – Kimberly Gutiérrez Best Server – Fernanda Bañuelos, Mexico Best Setter – Taylor Tashima, Estados Unidos Best Digger - Kimberly Gutiérrez, Mexico Best Spiker - Brayelin Martínez, República Dominicana Best Blocker - Daniela Vargas, Costa Rica Best Scorer – Brayelin Martínez, República Dominicana Best Libero - Kimberly Gutierrez, Mexico



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