



2018 World Championships

CAZOVA Zonal

World Championship Qualification Tournament

WOMEN GROUP A

US Virgin Islands

5-8 August, 2016

Competition Regulations

1. Organizer:

1.1 The US Virgin Islands Volleyball Association, USVI, affiliated to the CAZOVA to the North, Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation, NORCECA and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, FIVB, will be responsible for the organization of Women Group A **CAZOVA ZONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT** to be call WCQT Women Group A from here forward, to be held from 5-8 August, 2016 on the island of, St. Croix, USVI.

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2. Host City and Competition Venues

2.1 Host City:

The WCQT- **Women** Group A will be held in St. Croix, USVI. The dates for the event are **5-8 August, 2016**.

2.2 Airport of Arrival and Departure:

The airport for arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the WCQT **Women** Group A will be the following:

- Saint Croix Henry Rohisen Airport , STX

2.3 Competition Venue:

The main competition venue for participating teams is the: **RONALD CHARLES ARENA**

2.4 Training Venues:

The training venues for participating teams are the: **TIMOTHY DUNCAN GYMNASIUM**

2.5 Accommodation, Meals and Internal Transportation

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees, will be covered by the Host National Federation from the date of arrival until the date of departure. The Control Committee arrival is foreseen on August 4, 2016, participating National Teams and their Referees are programmed to arrive on August 5, 2016. Departure date is foreseen on August 8, 2016.

a) Accommodations; Control Committee and Referees

Control Committee Members and Referees will be accommodated at their designated hotel in: **KING CHRISTIAN HOTEL**

b) Accommodation; Participating Teams

Participating teams will be accommodated at the; **COMPANY HOUSE HOTEL**

c) Meal Services

Participating Control Committee Members, Referees and participating National Teams will receive their meals services at the official hotel designated for their accommodations.

3. Statutes & Authority

3.1 Competition Regulations

These Regulations will be the statute that controls the competition. Any situation not covered by these regulations will be decided according to NORCECA, Regulations and in the contrary, by the FIVB Regulations, including its Constitution, Administrative, Sport, Financial, General Regulations, Complementary Statutes and Disciplinary Regulations.

3.2 FIVB Official Rules of the Game

The **WCQT Women Group A** CAZOVA ZONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT will be played in accordance with the FIVB Official Rules of the Game in force.

3.3 Control Committee

The competition will be conducted by the Control Committee, which will be designated and appointed by the President of CAZOVA with the corresponding approval of the NORCECA President.

3.4 VISA information

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees in the In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees in the **Women Group A** CAZOVA ZONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT, the Host National Federation and/or the Organizing Committee must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into the US Virgin Islands of the participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form, Officials , Control Committee Members and Referees. Participating National Federations are responsible for the submission of required documents to their respective Embassies and all related costs.

4. Calendar of Events

DATES	ACTIVITIES
July 25, 2016	Payment of Entry Fees of USD\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) to be remitted to CAZOVA together with the FIVB 0-2 Form that must be remitted to CAZOVA and to the USVI Volleyball Association for the official registration of participating National Teams.

August 4, 2016	Arrival of Control Committee and Hotel, Competition & Training Venue Inspection.
August 5, 2016	Arrival of Participating Teams & Referees
August 6, 2016	Preliminary Inquiry, Teams Training, Referees Clinic (Morning)
August 6, 2016	Matches – Two matches – Afternoon Session
August 7, 2016	2 matches- Morning Session and 2 Matches Evening Session
August 8, 2016	Control Committee, Referees and Teams departure

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 Four (4) Teams will participate in the WCQT- Group A as follows:
Barbados, Curacao, Turks and Caicos Islands and Host US Virgin Islands

5.2 Team Composition:
Delegations must comprise of a maximum of fifteen (15) persons

- Twelve (12) players per gender
- Two (2) Team Officials
- One (1) Referee

5.3 Additional personnel on the teams:

All persons that exceed what is stipulated in 5.2 will be considered as additional personnel and the National Federation (NF) that registers them will have to pay all their expenses including lodging, meals and internal transportation. The names of these persons should be submitted in advance to the Host Organizer and/or CAZOVA, and shall have paid before registration the amount of US\$150.00 daily per person based on double occupancy or Two Hundred Dollars (**US\$200.00**) daily per person in single room occupancy. The NF that registers additional personnel shall make the corresponding payment before, but not later, than the Preliminary Inquiry. The National Federation (NF) that registers additional personnel shall make the correspondent payment before or during the Preliminary Enquiry. Note: Extra persons that turn up without notification with not be the responsibility of the Host.

6. Player's Eligibility

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6.1 Participating players must be citizens of the country that they represent according to the FIVB/NORCECA Sports and General Regulations. The official document to verify the player's eligibility is their valid passport, issued by the competent governmental authorities of their country. Team Managers must submit, for control and database

purposes, color copies of the National Team players passports (provided on CD or paper color copy) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

- 6.2 The passports of all players must be presented (including the Host National Team passports) to the Control Committee for verification during the Team Preliminary Inquiry. Players whose original passport (no passport copies will be accepted) is not presented during the Preliminary Inquiry will not be accredited and therefore, will not be eligible to participate in the competition.

7. Registration and participation fees

Registration

- 7.1 The registration of each National Team will consist of submitting the FIVB O-2 Form to NORCECA and CAZOVA together with the payment of the registration fee of Five Thousand Dollars (**US\$500.00**) before the established deadline. The O-2 Form can contain up to 18 athletes and no declaration of Captain or Libero(s) is required. No substitutions or changes of athletes are permitted after the submission of the O-2 Form. The final list of 12 participating athletes on the O-2bis Form must be constituted from among the 18 players listed in the O-2 Form.

The O-2 Form submission must be completed online (www.fivb.org/vis/login.aspx) for the implementation of the FIVB Live Score System (O-2 VIS). A printed copy of the completed form must be sent to the NORCECA Sport Events Department and to CAZOVA prior to the established deadline. If you require assistance, please visit the webpage above or contact the FIVB VIS Webmaster.

7.2 Player Final Registration (FIVB O-2 bis Form)

During the Preliminary Inquiry, the Team Manager must submit, to the Control Committee, the FIVB O-2 bis Form with a maximum of 12 players, only (comprised only of the players registered in the O-2 form). In the case that the FIVB O-2 bis Form is not provided to the Control Committee, the first 12 players in the FIVB O-2 Form will constitute the team. Also for Control Committee registration and VIS Data Control, the players positions (**Outside Hitter, OH, Middle Blocker, MB, Opposite, OP, Setter, S and Libero, L**) must be indicated in the final O2bis Form available in the Norceca Website.

7.3 Fees

Each participating team must pay the Registration fee of Five Hundred Dollars (USD\$500.00)

- 7.3.1.1 Registration fee must be made through wire transfer to Caribbean Zonal Volleyball Association (CAZOVA) Bank Account.



INTERMEDIARY BANK
(PAY THRU BANK)

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BANK OF AMERICA
100 WEST 33rd STREET
NEW YORK
NEW YORK 10001, USA
SWIFT ADDRESS: BOFAUS3N

ACCOUNT WITH INSTITUTION ACCOUNT NO. 65503 52163
REPUBLIC BANK LIMITED
SWIFT ADDRESS: RBNKTPX

NAME OF ACCOUNT: CARIBBEAN ZONAL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

ACCOUNT NO. 00 021 30772 96
GULF VIEW BRANCH
REPUBLIC BANK LIMITED
SAN FERNANDO. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

7.3.1.2 The Registration fee should be remitted together with the original O-2 Form before July 25, 2016.

7.3.1.3 A USD\$40.00 per person/day as an accommodation cost for members listed on the official O-2 bis form up to a maximum of fourteen (14) persons, including the team staff must be paid to the host during the preliminary inquiry.

This sum must be paid in USD\$ cash. A bank draft may be remitted, but must be sent to the USVI Volleyball Association no later than July 25, 2016.

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The WCQT-WGA will be played under the current FIVB rules in force at the time of the competition. All necessary interpretations are to be clarified during the Referee Clinic and/or the General Technical Meeting.

8.2 Official Ball

The official competition game ball will be the **Molten V5M-5000**. The NORCECA will provide to the host National Federation a total of 15 Molten V5M-5000 volleyballs.

8.3 Uniforms

Player's uniforms should be FIVB Homologated and in accordance with FIVB Official Rules. Each team should have available a minimum of two (2) sets of playing uniforms of different colors, one of which should be based white in color. The team Captain and Libero uniforms should be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry for Control

Committee inspection. The player's names and numbers on the uniforms must be the same as on the FIVB O-2 and O-2 bis Forms. Teams uniform accessories and injury prevention devices, (compression pads, knee pads, elbow pads, etc.) must be of the same color design as the uniform jersey. Neutral colors, black and white, are also accepted. Teams players wearing injury prevention devices must be all uniformed (same color /design) and must be presented at the team preliminary inquiry for inspection and approval.

8.4 Publicity on Uniforms

Publicity on player's uniforms must be authorized by NORCECA previous to completion of the publicity uniform form and the payment of the established fee of Five Hundred Dollars (USD\$500.00). This form is available for download through the NORCECA Confederation website, www.norceca.org. Publicity on players' uniforms must be in accordance with the FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment, and Advertising Guidelines. Teams presenting uniforms that are not in compliance with the FIVB regulations will not be able to use those uniforms during the event, therefore, new uniforms that comply with the FIVB Uniform Regulations and FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment and Advertising Guidelines must be presented to the Control Committee of the event for approval.

8.5 Officials on the Bench and dress code

All Officials on the bench (**maximum of five officials on the bench to be decided by the team manager**) must be uniformed according to the dress code of the current FIVB Sport Regulations. Those Officials that do not comply with the dress code established will not be allowed to sit on the bench. Each participating team manager is entitle to determine the officials to be on the bench, but must declare and register then for the entire competition during the Preliminary Inquiry. In addition, team medical staff is allowed to be seated behind the team bench, as foreseen by the regulations site plan.

9. Competition Format and Teams Distribution.

9.1 The WCQT-WGA will be played under the following competition format:

Four (4) Teams – Pool Play

NOTE: The official competition format of the event will determine the playing schedule for participating national Teams. No changes to the official competition format of the event will be permitted after it has been determined and approved by CAZOVA/NORCECA.

9.2 Round Robin Ranking

To establish the ranking of teams for the competition for the teams will be determined as follows:

1. By the results of matches won and lost.
2. In case of equality in the number of matches won and lost, among two or more teams of the group, the final ranking of the teams will be determined by the number of points gained among teams of the group during the Preliminary Round.
3. The following points will be awarded to each team per match, according to the number of sets won/lost:

Match won 3-0 = 5 points

Match won 3-1 = 4 points

Match won 3-2 = 3 points

Match forfeited = 0 points (0-25, 0-25, 0-25)

Match lost 0-3 = 0 point

Match lost 1-3 = 1 points

Match lost 2-3 = 2 points

9.5 Tie Breaking Procedure

In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or more teams, the tie will be broken by the points ratio with the following criteria, in order of importance:

- A) **Point Quotient:** In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or several teams they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost.
- B) **Set Quotient:** If the tie persists as per the points quotient the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.
- C) **If the tie continues as per the set quotient between two teams,** the priority will be given to the team, which won the last match between them.
- D) **When the tie is between three or more teams** a new classification of these teams will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.

10. Rights of the Host Country

- 10.1 The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB/NORCECA Sport and General Regulations. The host National Federation has the right to choose their opponent team for each match.

11. Financial Responsibilities

- 11.1 The following will be the financial responsibilities of the Organizer:

- a) Internal Transportation, lodging, and meals for Control Committee, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival to date of departure.

- b) Medical Services during the Competition (Medical Insurance is recommended for participating teams).
- c) Payment of Per Diem 50% of the payment of International and Candidate Referees Per Diem of USD\$75.00 per day, from one (1) day before and one (1) day after the competition. Other Referees must be covered in full by each participating National Federation that they represent.

11.2 The following will be the financial responsibilities of CAZOVA/NORCECA:

- a) Payment of Per Diem for Control Committee Members of US\$100.00 per day from two (2) days before and one (1) day after the competition.
- b) To cover the travel cost for the Control Committee members and Staff to be designated for each tournament.

11.3 The following are the financial responsibility for participating National Federations:

- a) Payment of Registration Fees Five Hundred Dollars (USD\$500.00) to CAZOVA before June 25, 2016.
- b) The USD\$40.00 per person/day for members listed on the official 0-2 bis form up to a maximum of Fourteen (14) persons must be paid to the host during the preliminary inquiry. **This sum must be in USD\$ cash.** A bank draft may be remitted to the USVI Volleyball Association no later than June 25, 2016.
- c) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of the delegation that may apply.
- d) Payment of international transportation, as well as airport taxes.
- e) For the payment of the Per Diem for the, International Referees, Candidates to International Referees and Continental Referees, the Organizing Committee is responsible to cover 50% and the remaining 50% is to be covered by the Referee's participating National Federation of origin and/or the National Federation that the Referee represents, according to the decision of the NORCECA/CAZOVA. All participating NFs must cover the Referees' Per Diem during the Team Preliminary Inquiry. National Federations nominating a National Referee will pay 100% of the Referees per diem.

12. Sanctions and Complaints

12.1 Complaints:

Complaints must be presented in writing to Control Committee. The procedure for complaints should be according to the established FIVB Sport and General Regulations.

Complaints submitted to the Control Committee must be accompanying with a deposit of USD\$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) which will be refund in case the complaint proceeds.

All complaints must be presented in writing to the Control Committee. The procedure established to present a complaint must be according to the FIVB Sports Regulations. Complaints will be resolved according to the FIVB General, Sports and Rules of the games in force.

Complaints related to a technical issue (violation of the FIVB Rules of the Game in Force) must be resolved by the acting Control Committee of the match where the violation of the Rules of the Game has been verified. The procedure must be in accordance with the Norceca Sports Regulation (**Judges Conference**). Violation of the Rules of the Game must be claimed by the affected team, during the development of the match in course and must be resolved during the match by the Control Committee. Also, the acting match Jury President and the Refereeing Delegate, may intervene when a technical violation to the Rules of the Game is verified in order to resolve the situation and to ensure the proper continuation of the match in course.

All complaints and appeals not related to a technical issue and/or violation of the Rules of the Game must be presented in writing to the Control Committee President within 60 minutes after the conclusion of the match. Complaints and appeals must be presented with a deposit of US\$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) cash; if the complaint and/or appeal proceeds, the deposit will be reimbursed. The Control Committee President must announce the verdict within 12 hours after the presentation of the complaint and/or appeal.

12.2 Sanctions: For this competition the following sanctions have been established:

- a) Negligence to provide the FIVB O-2 Form by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$100.00.
- b) Negligence to provide the Registration Fee by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$100.00.
- c) The non-fulfillment of Article 8.3 of these Regulations, corresponding to the uniforms of Participating Teams, which will have to be fulfilled according to the established FIVB Official Regulations, will apply a US\$1,000.00 sanction.
- d) All sanctions established in FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct and Regulations would be applicable.

13. Referees

13.1 Each participating team must nominate one (1) Referee with at least one of following qualifications:

- International Referee
- International Referee Candidate
- National Referees approved by CAZOVA referee's Commission.

Any Country that is unable to nominate a referee as stated in 13.1 one will be appointed for them but the following would still apply.

For the payment of the Per Diem for the International Referees, Candidates to International Referees and Continental Referees, the Organizing Committee is responsible to cover 50% and the remaining 50% is to be covered by the Referee's participating National Federation of origin and/or the National Federation that the Referee represents, according to the decision of the CAZOVA. All participating NFs must cover the Referees' Per Diem during the Team Preliminary Inquiry. National Federations nominating a National Referee will pay 100% of the Referees per diem.

13.2 CAZOVA'S President or his representative, with the advice of CAZOVA's Refereeing Commission, will evaluate the nomination of Referees, to approve or reject them.

13.3 Other Officials:

13.3.1 Line judges, scorekeepers, statisticians, VIS, ball retriever, moppers, scoreboard operators, announcers and other supporting staff will be presented, for approval, by the representative of the hosting National Federation and / or Organizing Committee to the Control Committee President and/or its representative.

13.3.2 The Host Organizer will present these staff to the Control Committee during the Refereeing Clinic, for evaluation and approval.

13.3.3 The Refereeing Sub-Committee will assist the Control Committee with the officials and supporting staff and will be responsible for their supervision

14. Training Facilities

14.1 Within the possibilities and taking into consideration the competition schedule of the event, the Host Organizer will provide appropriate training facilities and conditions for at least 1 hour daily for the training of all participating teams from their arrival until the end of the competition.

14.2 Within the possibilities and taking into consideration the competition schedule of the event, each Team will have a minimum of one training session of 1 hour in the competition court prior to the event.

15. Medical Services

The host Organizing Committee will provide first aid medical services during the competition. Further, the host will also provide access to clinic/hospital facilities for the physical assessments of the Referees.

All team delegations shall be responsible for their own medical expenses. **It is recommended that all participating teams provide their own international medical insurance.**

16. Security

The host National Federation and /or the Organizing Committee must guarantee the security of all participating team delegations, from their arrival until their departure, including in the hotel, main competition venues, training venues, during official matches as well as on internal transportation.

17. Awards:

The first three (3) teams qualified will be awarded as follow:

- 17.1 1st Place: Gold Medal and Team Trophy
(Qualify to 2nd Round Tournaments in 2017)
- 17.2 2nd Place: Silver Medal and Team Trophy
(Qualify to 2nd Round Tournaments in 2017)
- 17.3 3rd Place: Bronze Medal and Team Trophy

NOTE: Qualification Process to the 2017 FIVB World Grand Prix

The 2 Highest Ranked Teams in the Final Ranking will qualify to participate in the Second Round of Cazova/World Championship Qualification Tournament to be held in 2017.

- 17.4 Individual Awards: The Control Committee will provide individual awards (A Recognition Certificate Award) to the following Players, taking into consideration the final result of the VIS System. Awards to be presented are:

Two Best Spiker	Best Digger
Two Best Blocker	Best Setter
Best Receiver	Best Libero
Best Server	Best Scorer
Most Valuable Player (MVP)	Best Opposite

18.1 Best Outside Hitters (OH);

The best two Outside Hitters will be awarded from among the previously declared as Outside Hitters, based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.2 Best Middle Blocker (MB)

The best two Middle Blockers, MB, will be awarded from among the previously declared Middle Blocker players, based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.3 Best Defense, Service, Reception and Scorer

The players with the best defense, best service, best reception and best scorer (the player who registers more points in attack, serve and block during the competition), based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS), will be awarded the best in each individual performance no matter the position the player was previously declared during her Team Preliminary Inquiry.

18.4 Libero Player

The Libero players will compete among each other for the best Libero award of the event. Additionally the Libero players will be eligible for the Best Digger and Best Receiver awards of the event. If a Libero player obtains two of the three above indicated awards according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS) and her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event, she is eligible for the Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event.

18.5 Opposite Player (OP)

The best opposite player will be selected from among the previously declared opposite players. If the best opposite player results to be the Most Valuable Player (MVP), resulting her team as the Champion Gold Medal of the event, the next best opposite player will receive the Best Opposite Player Award, regardless of the team that she belongs to, based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.6 Setter Players

The Setter players will compete among each other for the Best Setter Award of the event. Additionally, the Setter players will be eligible for Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event, if she obtains the Best Setter Award of the event, her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event and registers a minimum average of 5.0 per set, according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).



18.8 Most Valuable Player (MVP)

The Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) will be awarded to the player that from among the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event registers the highest amount of points scored and accumulated in Attack, Block and Serve during the competition, according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS). In addition, the Setter and Libero players will be eligible for Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event as outlined in Article 18.5 and 18.7 above.

The Control Committee members will be responsible to evaluate and select the Most Valuable Player of the event, based solely on her individual performance according to the statistics of the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

These Competition Regulations have been prepared by Mr. Mushtaque Mohammed, CAZOVA President and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA.

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