



**2018 World Championships
ECVA Zonal
World Championship Qualification
Tournament
WOMEN GROUP C
French St. Martin
October 21 - 24, 2016**

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Organizer

1.1 The French St. Martin Volleyball Association, FSM, affiliated to the ECVA to the North, Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation, NORCECA and recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, FIVB, as a regional Member of Norceca, will be responsible for the organization of the Women's Group C **ECVA ZONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT** to be held from 21st to 24th October, 2016 on **Jamaica.St.** Martin, FWI

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The World Championship Qualifier will be held in the city of :

Marigot, St. Martin.

2.2 **International Airport of Arrival and Departure**

The Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the World Championship Qualifier is the:

Princess Juliana International Airport (**Code: SXM**)

2.3 **Competition & Training Venue**

The main competition and training venue for participating teams is the:

Matthew Francois Sports Auditorium, Galisbay, St. Martin

2.4 **Accommodation, Meals and Internal Transportation**

Accommodation, meals, and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee, and Referees will be covered by the Host Organizing Committee from October 20th (for Control Committee) and 21st to 24th September 2016 for all others.

a) **Team Hotels:**

Le Flamboyant Hotel located at Marigot, St. Martin

b) **Meal Services**

Participating teams, members of the Control Committee, Referees, and Officials will receive their lunch and dinner at the Matthew Francois Sports Auditorium. Breakfast is included in the accommodations at the respective hotel.

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 using the relevant NORCECA Regulation, including its Constitution, Administrative, Sport, Financial, General Regulations, Complementary Statutes and Code of Conduct.

3.2 **FIVB Official Rules of the Game**

The World Championship Qualifier 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 the ECVA 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 World Championship Qualifier, the Host Organizing Committee must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into St. Maarten of the participating team members registered in the FIVB O-2 Form. Participating National Federations are responsible for required application processes and related fees of acquiring the necessary entry visa.

4. Events Schedule:

DATES	ACTIVITIES
Sept 21 2016	Completion of O2 form online
Oct 20, 2016	Arrival of Control Committee & Referees. Hotel and competition venue Inspection.
Oct 21, 2016	Arrival of Participating Teams
Oct 21, 2016	Payment of registration fees of USD\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) to be paid at the Preliminary Enquiry.
Oct 21, 2016	Preliminary Inquiry, Teams Training
Oct 22, 2016	Matches, morning and afternoon sessions
Oct 23, 2016	Matches, morning and afternoon sessions
Oct 24, 2016	Control Committee, Referees and Teams departure

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5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 A maximum of four (4) Teams will participate in the WCQT- Group A as follows:
St. Kitts & Nevis (SKN), St. Eustatius (EUX), Saba (SAB), French St. Martin (FSM)

5.2 Team Composition

Each delegation will be allowed the following maximums with the understanding that **the host country is only responsible for thirteen (13) INCLUDING the accompanying referee.** Teams that have more than 13 persons will be responsible for all extra costs.

Each participating National team may be composed of;

- Twelve (12) Players
- Four (4) Team staff per – Team Manager, Head Coach, Assistant Coach/Trainer
- One (1) International/Continental/National Referee

5.3 **Additional Team Personnel**

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 ECVA, and shall have paid before registration the amount of US\$150.00 daily per person based on double occupancy or US\$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) 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**

6.1 Players must be FEMALE Gender by birth.

6.2 Participating players must be citizens (or permanent residents in accordance with the NORCECA Zonal Player Eligibility Regulation) of the country that they represent according to the FIVB Sports and General Regulations. The official document to verify the player's eligibility is their valid passport (Residents also require proof of residency and working permits as outlined in the NORCECA Zonal Player Eligibility Regulation Regulation), 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) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

6.2.1 In order to be considered for eligibility, a non-national or non-citizen must be a legal resident of the country or territory that they represent. **This facility is ONLY AVAILABLE for the Overseas Dependent Territories of Great Britain.**

6.2.2 Nationals of France and the Netherlands are eligible to participate once they possess a valid French or Dutch passport and

have not represented any other country or territory in other International, Continental or Zonal volleyball or beach volleyball competitions.

- 6.3 The passports (and related residency documents) of all players must be presented to the Control Committee for verification during the Team Preliminary Inquiry. Players whose original passport or residency documents (no passport or residency documents 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

- 7.1 The registration of each National Team will consist of submitting the O-2 Form together with the payment of the registration fee of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars) before the established deadline. The O-2 form can contain up to 20 athletes, and no declaration of Captain or Libero(s) is required.

7.1.1 The payment of the registration fee can be made in cash at the Preliminary Inquiry.

7.1.2 A copy of the O-2 Form, one (1) team photo and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegation (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) must be remitted by email to the host organizer and the ECVA prior to the established deadline.

7.1.3 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 ECVA 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 (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.

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

- 8.1 The World Championship Qualifier will be played under the current FIVB Rules of the Game 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**. NORCECA will provide to the host National Federation a total of fifteen (15) 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. No payment of the established fee is necessary for the first round of the FIVB/Norceca World Championships Qualification Tournaments. 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 **Dress Code for Officials on the Bench**
All Officials on the bench (**maximum of four 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 entitled to determine the officials to be on the bench, but must declare and register them 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 Team Distribution

The World Championship Qualifier will be played under the following competition format:

9.1 Four (4) teams – Pool Play/Round Robin

NOTE: The official competition format of the event will determine the distribution of teams in the Preliminary Rounds and Final Round. No changes to the official competition format of the event will be permitted after it has been determined and approved by the ECVA/NORCECA

9.2 Round Robin Ranking

To establish the ranking of teams after Preliminary Round, the ranking of the teams will be determined as follows:

9.2.1 By the results of matches won and lost.

9.2.2 In case of equality in the number of matches won and lost, among two or more teams of the same group, the final ranking of the teams will be determined by the number of points gained among teams of the same group during the Preliminary Round.

9.2.3 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 lost 0-3 = 0 point
Match won 3-1 = 4 points	Match lost 1-3 = 1 points
Match won 3-2 = 3 points	Match lost 2-3 = 2 points
Match forfeited = 0 points	(25-0, 25-0, 25-0)

9.3 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 point's 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 National Federation has the right to choose their opponent team for each match.
- 10.2 The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB General Regulations.

11. Responsibilities

- 1.1. NORCECA will provide: -
 - a) Airfare and per diem for the Control Committee and Neutral Referee
- 1.2. The following are the responsibilities of the host
 - b) Internal transportation, lodging and meals for the Control Committee, Referees and Team Delegation from the date of arrival to the date of departure
 - c) 50% of the payment of International, Candidate Referees or National Referees Per Diem, from one (1) day before and one (1) day after the competition.
 - d) To facilitate the hosting of a referee's clinic prior to the start of the matches along with a VIS practical including the practice teams, floor technicians, etc.
 - e) Ensure an adequate number of volunteers for:-
 - VIS personnel staff
 - Scorers (preferable national referees)
 - Lines Judges (preferable national referees)
 - Ball retrievers
 - Floor personnel
 - National referees

- f) Medical Services: First aid medical service must be provided during the competition. (Medical insurance is recommended for participating teams)

1.3. The following are the responsibilities of the participating National Federations

- a) Payment of the registration fees of US\$1,000.00 on or before the established deadline
- b) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply
- c) Send the O-2 form by the established deadline
- d) The international transport costs of the team, the officials as well as their referee (International Referee, International Referee Candidate or Approved National Referee)
- e) For the payment of the Per Diem for the, International Referees, Candidates to International Referees, Continental or National 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/ECVA. 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.
- f) To present the following properly complete documents at the Preliminary Enquiry of their team;
 - O-2
 - O-2bis
 - M-3
 - M-8
 - L1
 - Passport of all players on CD or by email
 - National Anthem on CD
 - Official size national flag – 4' x 6'

12. Complaints and Sanctions

12.1 Complaints:

- a) 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.

- b) Complaints related to a technical issue (violation of the FIVB Rules of the Game) 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 FIVB 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.
- c) 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\$500.00 (Five 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 O-2 Form registration by the deadline established will apply a sanction of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars).
- b) The non-fulfillment of Article 8.3 of these Regulations, corresponding to the uniforms of Participating Teams, in accordance with the FIVB Official Uniform Regulations, will apply a sanction of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars).
- c) All sanctions established by the FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Disciplinary, Administrative, Financial, Sport, General Regulations and Complementary Statutes would be applicable.

13. **Referees**

13.1 It is mandatory that each participating National Federation nominate one (1) Referee from one of the following categories (in order of preference):

- a) FIVB
- b) FIVB International Referee
- c) International Referee Candidate
- d) Continental Referee
- e) National Referee (FIVB registered)

13.2 The ECVA President will evaluate (for approval) the nomination of the Referees presented by each participating National Federation.

13.3 **Other Officials**

13.3.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that this event is a Continental Event approved by the FIVB, the Control Committee will be designated by the ECVA President with the approval of the NORCECA Presidency.

13.3.2 Line Judges, Scorekeepers, Statisticians, VIS, Ball Retrievers, Sweepers, Scoreboard Operators, Announcers and other supporting personnel shall be presented by the representative of the host National Volleyball Federation to the Control Committee President and/or his/her Representative for approval.

13.3.3 The host National Federation will present these personnel to the Control Committee during the Refereeing Clinic for evaluation and approval.

13.3.4 The Refereeing Sub-Commission will assist the Control Committee, supervising the officials and support personnel, being responsible for their performance.

14. Training Facilities

Considering that the competition is foreseen only four teams, the training facilities will be the same main competition hall, "Matthew Francois Sports Auditorium". In case one of the participating national team, require a special training section, the corresponding team manager must coordinate the availability of the venue with the host organizer of 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:

1st Place: Gold Medal and Team Trophy
(Qualify to 2nd Round Tournaments in 2017)

2nd Place: Silver Medal and Team Trophy
(Qualify to 2nd Round Tournaments in 2017)

3rd Place: Bronze Medal and Team Trophy

NOTE: Qualification Process to the 2018 FIVB World Championships

The 2 Highest Ranked Teams in the final ranking will qualify to participate in the Second Round of ECVA/World Championship Qualification Tournament to be held in 2017.

18. Individual Awards:

The Control Committee will provide individual awards 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).

19. Accreditation

The host National Federation must provide the corresponding accreditation to all participating teams, FIVB, NORCECA, Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff.

FIVB/ECVA/Norceca This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB/ECVA and Norceca officials.

CC This accreditation is reserved for Control Committee members assigned to the competition.

NF This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Executive & Board of Administration of the Host National Federation.

OC This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Organizing Committee of the host country of the event.

G This accreditation is reserved for all governmental officials of the host country of the event.

D This accreditation is reserved for accredited Diplomats of the host country of the event.

VIP This accreditation is reserved for special guests.

TP This accreditation is reserved for the technical personnel and staff assigned to specific areas of the organization of the event. (VIS, Statisticians, Line Judges, Scorekeepers, and Scoreboard Operators)

SP This accreditation is reserved for the support personnel assigned to specific areas for the organization of the event. (Ball Retrievers, Sweepers, Flag Holders, Announcers, and venue staff).

P This accreditation is strictly reserved for accredited Journalists, Press, Host Broadcasters, International Press Agencies and Local Press Agencies.

A This accreditation is strictly reserved for participating players. (Athletes Only). Players accreditation must include the competition number of the player as well as the number of the accreditation and the anti-doping test control code for the Anti-doping protocol process according to the WADA/FIVB Protocol Regulations.

TS This accreditation is strictly reserved for the staff of participating teams. (Team Staff: Team Manager, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Registered FIVB Team Doctor, Physiotherapist and Team Statisticians).

S This accreditation is strictly reserved for security personnel only.

R This accreditation is exclusively reserved for participating Referees.

MD This accreditation corresponds to the medical personnel assigned to the event.

These Competition Regulations have been prepared by Glenn A. Quinlan, ECVA President and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA

In Basseterre, St. Kitts, 7th June 2016

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