



**2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)
Gainesville, Florida, USA
July 23-31, 2006**

Competition Regulations

1. Organizer

- 1.1 For the celebration of the **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)** the USA Volleyball Federation accepts to comply with the terms and conditions established in this Competition Regulation that are the official statues of the event.
- 1.2 The **USA Volleyball Federation**, affiliated 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 the 2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)**, programmed to be held from July 23-31, 2006, in the city of Gainesville, Florida, USA.

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City:

The **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)** will be held in the city of Gainesville, Florida, USA. The event will be held from July 25-30, 2006.

2.2 International Airport of arrival and departure:

The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)**, is the Gainesville Regional International Airport, in the city of Gainesville or the Tampa International Airport, State of Florida, USA.

NOTE: Given the distance from Tampa to Gainesville, teams flying into Tampa must coordinate their travel itineraries with USA Volleyball to ensure timely bus transportation to and from the airport. Contact Carla Hall at carla.hall@usav.org

2.3 Competition Venue:

The competition venue will be the Stephen C. O'Connell Center (University of Florida) in the city of Gainesville, Florida, USA. This Competition Venue has been inspected and homologated by NORCECA for this competition.

2.4 Training Venues:

The training venues for participating teams will be in the University of Florida Volleyball Training Center

2.5 Accommodation, meals and internal transportation:

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees will be covered by USA Volleyball and/or the Organizing Committee, from July 23-31, 2006.

2.6 Hotels accommodations and meals

The Hotels assigned for the accommodation of Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees are the following:

A) Official, Referees and Teams Hotel and Meals:

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA DORMITORIES & CAFETERIA

B) Control Committee Members:

BEST WESTERN GATEWAY GRAND 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 according to NORCECA Regulations and in the contrary by the FIVB Regulations, including its Constitution, Administrative, Sport, Financial, General Regulations, Complementary Statutes and Code of Conduct.

3.2 FIVB Official Rules of the Games

The **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)** 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 NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.

3.4 VISA information:

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams in the **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)**, USA Volleyball Federation must guarantee throughout the correspondent governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry of participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form into USA.

4. Events Schedule:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ACTIVITY</u> |
|-------------------------|---|
| April 25, 2006 | Letter from participating National Federations confirming the participation of their National Team to USA Volleyball and NORCECA. |
| May 23, 2006 | Payment of entry fees of US\$250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars) to be remitted to NORCECA, together with the FIVB 0-2 Form that must be remitted to NORCECA and to USA Volleyball for the official registration of participating National Teams. |
| July 17, 2006 | Arrival of VIS Instructor or according to USA Volleyball Schedule. |
| July 18-23, 2006 | VIS equipment inspection, installation, testing and practical clinic for VIS support personnel and staff, under the responsibility of USA Volleyball. |
| July 23, 2006 | Arrival of Control Committee members, Referees and Participating Teams. • 17:00 Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting, to be held at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center (University of Florida) in the city of Gainesville, Florida, USA. • 18:00 Inspection visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall and transportation. |
| July 24, 2006 | • 10:00-14:00 Preliminary inquiry for participating teams at the University of Florida Volleyball Training Center, in the city of Gainesville, Florida, USA. • 14:00 Second Inspection visit to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Hall and transportation. • 14:00-17:00 Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center (University of Florida) in the city of Gainesville, Florida, USA. • 18:00 Control Committee meeting at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center (University of Florida) in the city of Gainesville, Florida, USA. |

•**20:00** General Technical meeting at the **Stephen C. O’Connel Center** (University of Florida) in the city of Gainesville, Florida, USA.

July 25, 2006

Day 1- Competition

•**08:00** Final Inspection visit to the competition and training venues.

Group A – Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida)

Preliminary Round - Matches No. 1/3 • 14:00 - 18:00

Group B – Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida)

Preliminary Round – Matches No. 2/4 • 16:00 – 20:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with USA Volleyball.

July 26, 2006

Day 2 - Competition

Group A - Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida)

Preliminary Round - Matches No. 5/7 • 14:00 - 18:00

Group B – Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida).

Preliminary Round – Matches No. 6/8 •16:00 – 20:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with USA Volleyball.

July 27, 2006

Day 3 - Competition

Group A - Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida).

Preliminary Round - Matches No. 9/11 • 14:00 - 18:00

Group B – Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida).

Preliminary Round –Matches No.10/12• 16:00 – 20:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with USA Volleyball.

July 28, 2006

Day 4 – Competition

Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida)

Classification 7/8 Match No. 13 • 16:00

Quarter Finals

Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida)

Matches No. 14/15 • 18:00 - 20:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with USA Volleyball.

July 29, 2006

Day 5 – Competition

Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida)

Classification 5/6 Match No. 16 • 16:00

Semifinals

Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida)

Matches No. 17/18 • 18:00 - 20:00.

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with USA Volleyball.

July 30, 2006

Day 6 – Competition • Finals

Stephen C. O’Connel Center (University of Florida)

Matches No. 19/20 • 16:00, 20:00

The schedule and order of the matches will be decided in accordance with USA Volleyball.

July 31, 2006 Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating teams.

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 A maximum of eight (8) teams will participate in the **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)**. They are the Top eight (8) Teams of the FIVB World Ranking and NORCECA Volleyball Confederation:

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| USA | Guatemala |
| Puerto Rico | Canada |
| Dominican Republic | Trinidad & Tobago |
| Mexico | Honduras |

5.2 Team Composition:

Each team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 19 persons, consisting of:

- Twelve (12) Players
- Four (4) Officials (Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Therapist, Team Manager)
- One (1) Doctor (FIVB accredited)
- One (1) Sports Journalist (FIVB accredited and/or NORCECA)
- One (1) Referee (FIVB, International FIVB, International FIVB Referee Candidate and/or Continental Referee)

5.3 Additional personnel on the teams:

All person that exceed what is stipulated in Article 5.2 will be considered as additional personnel and the National Federation (NF) that registers them will have to pay for all their expenses including lodging, meals and internal transportation. The names of these persons should be submitted in advance to the USA Volleyball and/or NORCECA, and the National Federation concerned must pay the amount of US\$100.00 daily per person for their registration based on double occupancy or US\$150.00 daily per person in single occupancy. The National Federation (NF) that registers additional personnel shall make the correspondent payment before but not later than the Preliminary Enquiry.

6. Player's Eligibility

6.1 Participating players must be citizens 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, issued by the competent governmental authorities of their country.

- 6.2 The passports of all players must be presented to the Control Committee for its verification during the preliminary inquiry. Players whose original passport (no passport copies will be admitted) are not presented during the preliminary inquiry will not be accredited and therefore will not be able to participate in the competition.
- 6.3 Players born on January 1st, 1990 and after are eligible to participate in the **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)**.

7. Registration and participation fees

7.1 Registration:

The registration of each National Team will consist in submitting the FIVB O-2 Form to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation together with the payment of the registration fee of US\$250.00 before May 23, 2006.

7.1.1 The payment of the registration fee could be made effective to NORCECA throughout an international bank transfer and/or throughout a check payment (administration bank check) to be remitted to NORCECA by courier.

7.1.2 For the payment of the registration fee throughout an international bank transfer, the transfer payment should be made to the following bank accounts:

Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz

President of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation

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| Account name: | Banco BDI, S.A. |
| SWIFT Code: | IBMIUS3M |
| ABA: | 067001699 |
| Account No.: | 990002687-06 |
| Bank name: | International Bank of Miami |
| Address: | 121 Alhambra Plaza, 15 th floor. Coral Gables, Florida 33134 |

7.1.3 For the payment of the registration fee throughout a check (bank administration check), the bank check must be remitted to NORCECA, together with the original of the FIVB O-2 Form, by certified express mail and/or courier to the following address:

NORCECA Volleyball Confederation

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7.1.4 A copy of the FIVB O-2 Form, one(1) team photo and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegations (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) must be remitted by express certified mail and/or courier to the Organizing Committee, to the following address:

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7.2 Players final registration (FIVB O-2 bis Form)

During the Preliminary Enquiry, the Team Manager must submit to the Control Committee the FIVB O-2 bis Form with a maximum of 12 players. In 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.

7.3 Registration Fee

Each participating team must pay an entry fee of US\$250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars).

7.3.1 This payment should be made throughout a certified check, made and payable to the order of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation. The Registration fee should be remitted together with the original of the FIVB O-2 Form before May 23, 2006.

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)** will be played under the current FIVB rules 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 ball will be the Mikasa MVP 2001. NORCECA Confederation will provide to USA Volleyball a total of 20 volleyballs Mikasa MVP 2001.

8.3 Uniforms:

Player's uniforms should be 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 colored white. 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.

8.4 Publicity on uniforms:

Publicity on players' uniforms must be authorized by NORCECA previous to the payment of the established fee.

8.5 Dress code for officials on the bench:

All Officials on the bench must be uniformed according to the dress code of the current FIVB Regulations. Those Officials that do not comply with the dress code established will not be allowed to seat on the bench.

9. Competition Format and Teams Distribution

9.1 The **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)** will be played under the following competition format:

- a) With eight (8) Teams two (2) groups of four (4) teams will be formed.
- b) With seven (7) Teams two (2) groups will be formed, one of four (4) teams and one (1) of three (3) teams.
- c) With six (6) Teams a Round Robin will be played. The first four (4) teams of the Preliminary Round will advance to compete in the Semifinal Round. (1st Vs. 4th and 2nd Vs. 3rd). The 5th and 6th place teams of the Preliminary Round will play one match between each other to determine their final ranking. Winners of the Semifinal Round would play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round would play one match to determine the 3rd and 4th place.
- d) With Five (5) Teams a Round Robin will be played. The first four (4) teams ranked in the Preliminary Round will advance to compete in the Semifinal Round. (1st Vs. 4th and 2nd Vs. 3rd). Winners of the Semifinal Round would play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round would play one match to determine the 3rd and 4th place.

9.1.1 Semifinal Round

For the Semifinal Round and according to the FIVB General Competition Regulations, it must be avoided that teams from the same group play each other.

9.1.2 According to the established competition format and the FIVB General Regulations, for the semifinal round, the winners of the quarter final round will play the winner of each group in the preliminary round (A1 Vs winner of the quarter final round and B1 Vs winner of the quarter final round). In case that two teams from the same group qualify, the match between 1st place and 3rd place of their preliminary round will be repeated (A-1 or B-1 Vs A-3 or B-3).

9.2 Team Distribution:

For the **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)** teams will be distributed according to their position in the FIVB World Ranking and NORCECA Continental Ranking, as of January 1st, 2006, using the Serpentine system for their distribution as follow:

Group A

- 1st Order World Ranking
- 4th Order World Ranking
- 5th Order World Ranking
- 8th Order World Ranking

Group B

- 2nd Order World Ranking
- 3rd Order World Ranking
- 6th Order World Ranking
- 7th Order World Ranking

10. Rights of the Host Country

- 10.1 The host country has the right to choose the group for their National Team. The remaining teams will be distributed using the Serpentine System in accordance with their position in the FIVB World Ranking and NORCECA Continental Ranking, starting with the highest World Ranking team as head of Group A or B. The host country has the right to choose one (1) match in the Competition Schedule of the Preliminary Round.
- 10.2 Once the Preliminary, Quarterfinals, Semifinal and Final Round matches are established, USA Volleyball will propose to the Control Committee the time and order of all matches to be played.
- 10.3 The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB General Regulations.

11. Financial Responsibilities

- 11.1 The following will be the financial responsibilities of USA Volleyball:
 - 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). USA Volleyball is not responsible for medical insurance or financial medical coverage for attending teams.
 - c) **Payment of Per Diem** for Control Committee Members, International Referees, Press and Medical Delegate: US\$50.00 per day, from two (2) days before and one (1) day after the competition and US\$75.00 for the VIS Delegate, according to the established by the NORCECA Confederation. USA Volleyball Federation will be able to establish the corresponding agreements for the payment of the per diem for local officials, technical and support personnel. The payment of the per diem for local, official, technical and support personnel can be made by agreement with USA Volleyball.

NOTE 1: The payment of Per Diem to the Control Committee, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, VIS Delegate, Technical Personnel and Referees, should be made before the conclusion of the Preliminary Round.

NOTE 2: The payment of Per Diem to national officials, technical and support personnel, including the members of the Control Committee of the host country, medical and press delegate, can be made in accordance with the established agreement between USA Volleyball and the person contracted for the required services.

d) USA Volleyball must cover the following financial responsibilities toward NORCECA:

§ **US\$2,000.00** (Two Thousand Dollars) to cover the payment of the hosting fee of the Event.

§ **50%** of participating teams Registration Fee. For this event in particular and due to the category (Junior) of the event, the registration fee for participating teams will be US\$250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars). 50% of the registration fee of participating teams will be paid to USA Volleyball and the remaining 50% of the registration fee corresponds to NORCECA.

§ A **10%** of Marketing and/or sponsorship of Local and International Radio and TV transmissions, as well as for the Marketing rights of Local and International Sponsorships, establishing a minimum fee of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) for each sponsor promoting their products inside or outside the Main Competition Venues.

Note: Government, State and/or Provincial economical support and/or contribution will not be considered as sponsorship, commercialization and/or marketing.

e) **Air Fare** (economical class) for Control Committee Members and Neutral Referee, up to a maximum of 10 air tickets.

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

a) To remit a letter confirming the participation of their National Team to USA Volleyball and NORCECA before April 25, 2006.

b) Payment of registration fee US\$250.00 (Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars) to NORCECA before May 23, 2006.

c) Remit together with a copy of the FIVB 0-2 Form, one (1) team photo and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegations (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) before May 23, 2006.

d) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.

e) Payment of international transportation, as well as airport taxes.

12. Sanctions and Complaints

12.1 Complaints:

- a) Complaints must be presented in writing to the Control Committee. The procedure for complaints should be in accordance to the established in Article 9 of FIVB General Regulations. All complains must be solved according to the FIVB General Regulations in force.
- b) Technical Complaints (violation of the FIVB Rules of the Game in force) must be solved by the Control Committee during the match in process in accordance with the procedure established in the FIVB/NORCECA Sports Regulations (**Judge Conference**).
- c) All complains and appeals not related with the technical and/or violations of the FIVB Rules of the Game, must be presented in writing to the President of the Control Committee within 60 minutes after the conclusion of the match in concern, together with a deposit of US \$500.00 in cash. If the complaint and/or appeal is valid the deposit will be reimbursed. The President of the Control Committee must announce the final verdict within 12 hours after the presentation of the protest 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\$500.00.
- b) Negligence to provide the Registration Fee by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$500.00.
- c) Negligence to provide the team photo (1) and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegations (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) will apply a sanction of US\$500.00.
- d) 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 \$3,000.00.
- e) All sanctions established by FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Administrative, Financial, Sport and General Regulations would be applicable.

13. Referees

13.1 Each participating National Federation must nominate (mandatory) one (1) Referee from one of the following categories:

- FIVB
- FIVB International Referee
- International Referee Candidate
- Continental Referee

13.2 **NORCECA'S President** or his **Representative**, with the advice of NORCECA's Refereeing Commission, will evaluate the nomination of the Referees presented by each participating National Federation to approve or reject them.

13.3 **Other Officials:**

13.3.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that the **2006 NORCECA Girls Youth Continental Championship (U 18)** is a Continental Event, approved by FIVB as a Qualification Tournament to the 2007 FIVB Girls Youth World Championship (U 18), the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission) will be composed by representatives of NORCECA's affiliated National Federations that are members of the Executive Committee, Board of Administration or NORCECA's Commissions.

13.3.2 Line judges, scorekeepers, statisticians, VIS, ball retriever, sweepers, scoreboard operators, announcers and other supporting personnel shall be presented by the representative of USA Volleyball Federation to the Control Committee President and/or his representative for approval.

13.3.3 USA Volleyball 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 with officials and support personnel and will be responsible for their supervision.

14. Training Facilities

14.1 USA Volleyball will provide training facilities with appropriate conditions for the daily training of the participating teams, for at least 1.5 hours from their arrival until the end of the competition.

14.2 Each Team will have a minimum of one training session of 1.5 hours, in the official competition venue prior to the event.

15. Security

USA Volleyball and/or the Organizing Committee must guarantee the security of the participating team delegations, from their arrival until their departure, including hotels, main competition venues, training venues, during official matches as well as for their internal transportation.

16. Accreditation

The host National Federation and/or the Organizing Committee must provide the correspondent accreditation to all participating teams, NORCECA's Officials, Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff. Accreditations must be designed according to the standards established by NORCECA Confederation and must include the logos of FIVB, NORCECA, USA Volleyball, title of the competition, photo and function of the accreditation holder.

- FIVB** This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB officials.
- NORCECA** This accreditation is strictly reserved for NORCECA Volleyball Confederation 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 Administration of the Host National Federation.
- OC** This accreditation is reserved for the members of the Organizing Committee of the hosting 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 members of the Diplomatic Corp. 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, Scoreboard Operators)
- SP** This accreditation is reserved for the support personnel assigned to specific areas of the organization of the event. (ball retrievers, sweepers, flag holders, announcers, venues working staff)
- P** This accreditation is strictly reserved for accredited Journalists, Press, Host Broadcaster, International Press Agencies and Local Press Agencies.
- A** This accreditation is strictly reserved for participating players. (Athletes Only).
- TS** This accreditation is strictly reserved for the staff of participating teams. (Team Staff: Team Manager, Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Registered FIVB Team Doctor, Therapist and Team Statisticians).
- S** This accreditation is strictly reserved for security personnel only.
- R** This accreditation is exclusively reserved for participating International Referees.
- MD** This accreditation corresponds to the medical personnel assigned to the event.

17. Medical Services

17.1 USA Volleyball will provide first aid medical services during the competition.

17.1.1 All team delegations shall be responsible for their medical expenses. (It is recommended that all participating teams be provided by their own medical insurance).

18 Awards:

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

18.1 1st Place: Gold Medal and Team Trophy (Qualify to the 2007 FIVB Girls Youth World Championship (U 18)

18.2 2nd Place: Silver Medal and Team Trophy (Qualify to the 2007 FIVB Girls Youth World Championship (U 18)

18.3 3rd Place: Bronze Medal and Team Trophy (Qualify to the 2007 FIVB Girls Youth World Championship (U 18)

18.4 Individual Awards:

The Control Committee will present individual awards to the following players, taking into consideration the final result of the VIS System. The awards to be presented are:

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| Best Spiker | Best Defense |
| Best Blocker | Best Setter |
| Best Reception | Best Libero |
| Best Server | Best Scorer |
| Most Valuable Player (MVP) | |

18.5 The Libero Players will compete among each other for the Best Libero Award of the event; additionally the Libero Players will be able to opt for the Best Defense Award and the Best Reception award of the event.

18.6 For the MVP award, the players will be chosen from among the first two ranked teams (1st and 2nd place ranked team), taking into consideration their individual performance according to the final results of the statistics of the VIS system. The media must be taken into consideration to choose the most valuable player. Voting ballots will be distributed among all registered journalists, presenting the best three players according to the final results of the statistics of the VIS system. Journalists must vote to elect the most valuable player, MVP from among the three players presented in the voting ballot.

These Competition Regulations have been reviewed by Prof. Nelson J. Ramirez, NORCECA's Executive Director and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation. In Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, March 23, 2006.

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