



2025 ECVA Senior Men's and Women's Beach Championship
Cul-de-Sac Bay, St. Lucia
May 2 - 4, 2025

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Organizer

- 1.1 Volleyball St. Lucia Inc. (VSL) agrees to comply with the terms and conditions established in these Competition Regulations for the organization of the **2025 ECVA Senior Men's and Women's Beach Volleyball Zonal Championship**. These are the official statutes of the event.
- 1.2 VSL, affiliated to the Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) and the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA) **will be responsible for the organization of the 2025 ECVA Senior Men's and Women's Zonal Championship**, programmed to be held from May 2 - 4, in Cul-de-Sac Bay, Castries, St. Lucia.

1.3 Organization Addresses & Contacts:

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The 2025 ECVA Senior Men's & Women's Zonal Championship will be held at Cul-de-Sac Bay, in Castries, St. Lucia.

2.2 **International Airport of Arrival and Departure**

The Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the 2025 ECVA Senior Men's and Women's Championship is the:

- **George F Charles Airport (Code: SLU)**

2.3 **Accommodation, Meals, and Internal Transportation**

Accommodation, meals, and internal transportation for Participating National Teams, Control Committee and Referees will be covered by the National Volleyball Federation and the Host Organizing Committee from the day of arrival (1st May to the date of departure (5th May)

2.3.1 Hotel Accommodation

- 2.3.1.1 Competition Director x Single room
- 2.3.1.2 International Referees x Double rooms
- 2.3.1.3 Participating Teams x Double rooms
- 2.3.1.4 Total rooms to be covered by the host

The hosts are not responsible for the accommodation and meals of persons who are not registered as players or ECVA officials

2.3.2 Meals

The hosts must provide meals to the participating National Teams and ECVA Officials from the day of arrival to the day after the competition as follows: -

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner, according to the International Competition Standards for High-Performance Athletes

During the competition enough fruit, water, juice, or any other complementary drinks for hydration, must be available at the competition courts

2.3.3 Internal Transportation

The host National Federation and/or the Host Organizing Committee is responsible for internal transportation to all participating National Teams from the day of their arrival to the day of departure; from the airport of arrival to the hotel and back from the hotel to the airport of departure, on the specified dates indicated earlier. Early arrival and late departure are not the responsibility of the Host Organizer and the teams that arrive earlier or depart after the days stipulated in the invitation letter for the competition, will be responsible for their hotel accommodation and meals cost

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 the NORCECA Regulations and if necessary, 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 Game

This tournament will be played under the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball 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.

3.4 VISA information

To facilitate the participation of the Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees, the Host Organizing Committee must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into St. Lucia of the participating teams.

4. Events Schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
April 30	Arrival of Competition Director and ECVA Delegate Inspection visits to the competition and training venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, Television transmission and transportation. Competition courts must be ready for inspection on the arrival of the competition director
May 1	Arrival of Referees, Officials and Participating Teams before 7:00 pm
May 1	Preliminary Inquiry at the team's hotel
May 2 – Day 1	Preliminary Round Matches
May 3 – Day 2	2 nd day of Competition

March 4 – Day 3 Competition Finals

May 5 Departure of all participating teams, control committee members and referees

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 All affiliated national federations of the ECVA are eligible to participate. A maximum of sixteen (16) teams per gender are eligible, according to the registration order (up to the first 16 registered teams per gender) to participate at the ECVA Beach Volleyball Championship, with a maximum of two teams per gender per NF.

Each NF can register one (1) team per gender up to 31 January 2025. Each NF can register an additional team after this date. The host NF can register more teams to complete a total of 16 teams

Each National team delegation will be composed of two (2) players per gender

6. Player's Eligibility

6.1 Participating players must be citizens or permanent residents (under 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), issued by the competent governmental authorities of their country.

The ECVA Beach Volleyball Women's Championship is exclusively reserved for female-born players

6.1.1 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 (BER, AGU, MTS, IVB).

6.1.2 Nationals of France and the Netherlands are eligible to participate once they possess a valid French passport (in the former instance) or Dutch passport (in the latter instance) and have not represented any other country or territory in other International, Continental, or Zonal volleyball or beach volleyball competitions.
WE REQUIRE PROOF OF RESIDENCY!!!

6.2 The passports (and related residency documents) of all players must be presented to the Control Committee for verification during the Team's 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

7.1 The registration of each National Team must be completed online at www.fivb.org/vis/login.aspx

7.1.1 The payment of the registration fee must be made in United States (US\$) dollars – US\$500.00 per team and can be paid to the ECVA via the following options: -

- International Bank Transfer (not later than 1st March)
- Bank draft couriered to the ECVA
- Cash payment at the Preliminary Inquiry

7.2 Player Final Registration (FIVB/BV O-2 Form)

During the Preliminary Inquiry, the teams must submit, to the Control Committee, the BV O2 and BV-04 forms

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The **2025 ECVA Senior Men's and Women's Championship** 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 prior to the start of the competition

8.2 Official Ball

The official competition game ball will be the **MIKASA VLS300 or the MIKASA BV551C**. NORCECA will provide the host National Federation with fifty (50) beach volleyballs.

8.3 Uniforms

a. Each participating National Federation has the right to provide their national teams with game uniforms that must comply with the FIVB Beach Volleyball Uniform Guidelines in force, ensuring that the promotion of sponsors on the uniforms do not conflict with the sponsors of the host country

- b. In case the hosts do not provide uniforms and a conflict arises, the host country shall provide uniforms for teams that need them
- c. Game uniforms are essential for entering the playing field during the pregame warmup, the match, awards ceremony, press conference and any other official presentation scheduled for the tournament
- d. The teams whose uniforms are provided by the host country may not make changes in the uniforms or cover the logos of the tournament and sponsors
- e. The uniforms of the teams (Jersey and shorts for men and Bikini-top for women) must be the same color and style and comply with the uniform regulations of the FIVB for beach volleyball. Men's shorts cannot be baggy, must be higher than 10cm above the knee) and bikinis for the women must be of the same style and color
- f. The upper part of the uniforms must be numbered with No. 1 or No. 2 and have the country code printed on the front and back
- g. The participating teams have the right to promote their sponsors, including the manufacturer, in the lower part of their uniforms. The location and size of the logos of the sponsors of the teams must be in accordance with the uniform regulations established by the FIVB and NORCECA for beach volleyball players' uniforms
- h. The printing on the uniforms of the participants must be in accordance with the beach uniform regulations guidelines established by NORCECA
- i. It is strictly forbidden to cover the promotion of sponsors or authorized marks with tape or other similar material
- j. If the host NF provides uniforms for the event, the teams are required to wear them during all matches as well as in any other official tournament activity where it is required
- k. The players are allowed to use the following accessories: visor, caps, headbands, glasses, watch, sports beach shoes or socks, knee braces, elbow braces, etc., temporary tattoos or maximum of one (1) forearm band per arm

The Control Committee has the final word regarding sponsorship issues. All equipment or logos to be used during the competition will be revised in the preliminary inquiry and appropriate measures will be taken as per the case.



9. Competition Format and Team Distribution

The host is required to prepare 2 competition courts for both male and female matches

The competition format will be one of the following three formats or a combination of the following 3 formats unless it is indicated otherwise

- A. Pool Play: will be based on the participation of twelve (12) or sixteen (16) teams accommodated according to their "Ranking" and distributed in "serpentine" into four (4) groups of three (3) or four (4) team per group. Each team will play all other teams in their pool. The top two (2) teams from each pool advance to the quarter-finals and play in the "winners' bracket". The other one or two teams per pool (four or eight teams) will play in a "consolation bracket" of a single elimination bracket to determine positions 9 to 12 or 9 to 16
- B. Single elimination
- C. Double elimination: the result of the double-elimination has four (4) semi-finalists, two (2) finalists from the round of winners and two (2) finalists from the round of losers who will take part in semi-final matches during the final round of the Championship. Maximum of sixteen (16) teams for a total of 30 matches

Even though the format is based on a maximum of 16 teams, the system of competition may vary taking into consideration the number of participating teams. The tournament must be held in three days (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

D. Team Distribution

Participating National Teams will be seeded according to their position in the Norceca Beach Volleyball ranking as of January 1. Please note that the ECVA will be using the NF ranking. In the case that a NF has two teams registered, the NF must decide and register Team 1 or team 2.

10. Rights of the Host Country

- 10.1 The host country has the right to choose the group for the positioning of their National Team. The remaining teams will be distributed using the Serpentine System in accordance with their position in the NORCECA beach ranking. The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB General Regulations

11 Financial Responsibilities

- 11.1 The following are the responsibilities for participating National Federations:

- a) Payment of Entry Fee of US\$500.00 (Three hundred dollars)
- b) To present the following documents, team gear and equipment during the Preliminary Inquiry
 - c) BV-02 form
 - d) BV-04 form
 - e) Original passports of the players
 - f) Country flag (4 feet x 6 feet)
 - g) Country National Anthem
 - h) Team uniforms
 - i) Team gear and accessories

- 11.2 The following are the responsibilities of the ECVA:

- a) **Air Fare:** The ECVA will be responsible for covering the payment of the airfare (economical class) for Control Committee Members.
- b) **Payment of Per Diem** to Control Committee Members according to what has been established by ECVA, as follows:

- **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, one day before and one day after the competition for the Delegate, Press Officer, Photographer, and International Referee.
- **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, one day before and one day after the competition for the Tournament Director and VIS Supervisor.

NOTE 1: The payment of Per Diem for the Members of the Control Committee and participating Referees must be covered before the conclusion of the participating team's Preliminary Inquiry of the competition.

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/NORCECA 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 referee in the match and if necessary, by Control Committee of the match where the violation of the Rules of the Game has been verified. The acting match Jury President and the Refereeing Delegate may intervene when a technical violation of the Rules of the Game is verified in order to resolve the situation and to ensure the proper continuation of the match
- 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 4 hours after the presentation of the complaint and/or appeal.

12.2 Sanctions:

For this competition, the following sanctions have been established:

- a) Teams that arrive at the tournament without being duly registered will be sanctioned US\$1,000.00
- b) Teams that do not participate after being duly registered will be sanctioned US\$1,000.00
- c) Withdrawal of teams within 3 days of the start of the tournament – US\$1,000.00 sanction
- d)

13. Referees

13.1 The ECVA President will designate the referees

13.2 Other Officials

13.2.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that this event is a Zonal Event approved by NORCECA, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission) will be designated by the ECVA President or his Representative.

13.2.2 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

14. Training Facilities

14.1 The host NF must provide training facilities with appropriate conditions for the daily training of the participating teams from their arrival until the end of the competition

14.2 Between two consecutive matches there must be a minimum of 30 minutes of rest or recovery except when by extreme circumstances (force majeure or atmospheric conditions) in which case it may be reduced to a minimum of 20 minutes

15. 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.

16. Accreditation

The host National Federation must provide the corresponding accreditation to all participating teams, ECVA, Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff. Accreditations must be designed according to the standards established by NORCECA and must include the logos of the ECVA, the host NF, the title of the competition, unique identification number, photograph, and function of the accreditation holder, as well as the NORCECA official sponsors, MIKASA and Mizuno

FIVB/NORCECA

/ECVA This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB/NORCECA and ECVA 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.

17. Medical Services

17.1 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.

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

18. Awards:

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

1st Place: Gold Medals

2nd Place: Silver Medals

3rd Place: Bronze Medals