

REUNIÓN COMISION ARBITRAJE NORCECA 2026
2026 NORCECA REFEREEING COMMISSION MEETING

04 MAYO / MAY 04, 2025

El día 04 del mes de MAYO de 2026, a las 9:00 am, de manera virtual, se llevó a cabo la Reunión de la Comision de Arbitraje de la Confederación Norte, Centroamericana y del Caribe de Voleibol. / ***On MAY 4th, 2026, at 9:00 am, a virtual meeting was held for the North, Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation Refereeing Commission.***

1. Introduccion General
General Introduction

- 1.a. Pase de Lista, Confirmacion de Quorum y Presentacion Nuevos Miembros
Attendance List, Quorum Confirmation and Introduction of New Members
Mrs. Arateide Caceres
Gerente General NORCECA / ***NORCECA General Manager***

La Lic. Arateide Caceres, Gerente General NORCECA, procede al pase de lista, presentes en la reunión están las siguientes personas: / ***Mrs. Arateide Caceres, NORCECA General Manager, procedes with the attendance list, the following persons are present in the meeting:***

Lic. Cristobal Marte Hoffiz	Dominican Republic	Presidente NORCECA <i>NORCECA President</i>
Ariel Sainz	Cuba	1er Vicepresidente Ejecutivo <i>1st Executive Vice President</i>
Lic. Arateide Caceres	Dominican Republic	Gerente General NORCECA <i>NORCECA General Manager</i>
Lic. Enrique Santis Rangel	Guatemala	Secretario General <i>General Secretary</i>
Jose Luis Jimenez Lao	Costa Rica	Staff NORCECA <i>NORCECA Staff</i>
Mrs. Carolina Rivas	Guatemala	Oficial de Prena NORCECA <i>NORCECA Press Officer</i>
Mrs. Patricia Rolf	USA	Presidente Comision <i>Commission President</i>
Brian Charles	Trinidad & Tobago	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>

Jorge Villalobos	Costa Rica	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Guy Bradbury	Canada	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Salvador Bautista	Dominican Republic	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Humberto Salas	Mexico	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Cheryll Rojer	Curacao	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Marvin Mora	Costa Rica	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Andre Trottier	Canada	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Julie Voeck	USA	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Jaime Maldonado	Puerto Rico	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Gerardo Cifuentes	Guatemala	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Arnaldo Piñero	Puerto Rico	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Reginald Willensburg	Dutch St. Maartin	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Omelio Castillo	Cuba	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Keith Murless	USA	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Francisco Medina	Cuba	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>

1.b. Apertura Reunion por el Presidente NORCECA
Opening of the Meeting by NORCECA President
Lic Cristobal Marte Hoffiz
Presidente NORCECA / **NORCECA President**

El Lic. Cristobal Marte Hoffiz les da la bienvenida a los miembros de la Comision de Arbitraje. / **Mr. Cristobal Marte Hoffiz welcomes all the members of the Refereeing Commission.**

El Lic. Marte habla sobre la meta de lograr un total equilibrio entre arbitros femeninos y masculinos, nos habla sobre la importancia de la inclusión de más mujeres en nuestro deporte. Agradece el trabajo realizado por nuestros árbitros, ya que en 2025 hubo mas partidos que nunca y los arbitros fueron una parte integral de que todos se pudieran llevar a cabo sin eventualidades. / **Mr. Marte talks about the goal to establish a complete balance between female and male referees, he talks on the importance of the inclusion of women in our sport. He thanks the referees for their hard work, in 2025 there were more events than ever and the referees were an integral part of why they were held without issues.**

2. Temas Generales / **General Topics**

Mrs. Arateide Caceres

Gerente General NORCECA / **NORCECA General Manager**

2.a. Aprobacion de Minutas de la Reunion Anterior
Approval Previous Commission Meeting Minutes
Mrs. Arateide Caceres
Gerente General NORCECA / **NORCECA General Manager**

La Lic. Arateide Caceres procede a la aprobacion de las minutas de la reunión anterior. La misma fue enviada con suficiente tiempo de antelación para la revisión de los miembros. No hay objeciones, observaciones ni adiciones y las minutas son aprobadas por los miembros. / **Mrs. Arateide Caceres procedes with approval of the previuos meeting minutes. It was sent to all members with sufficient time in advance. There are no objections, observations or additions and the minutes are approved by the members.**

2.b. Aprobacion de la Agenda / **Approval of the Agenda**
Mrs. Arateide Caceres
Gerente General NORCECA / **NORCECA General Manager**

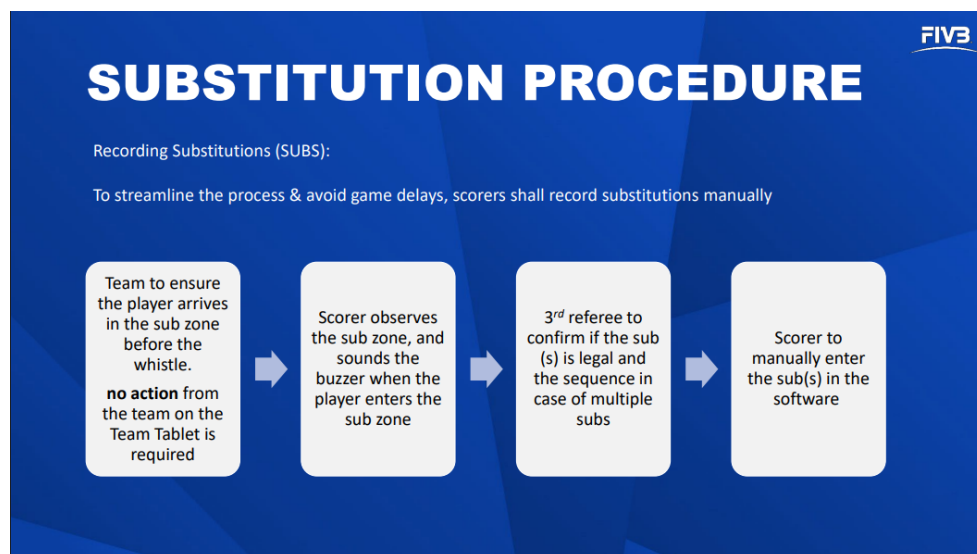
La Lic. Arateide Caceres procede a la aprobacion de la agenda. La misma fue enviada con suficiente tiempo de antelación para la revisión de los miembros. No hay objeciones, observaciones ni adiciones y la agenda es aprobada por los miembros. / **Mrs. Arateide Caceres procedes with approval of the agenda. It was sent to all members with sufficient time in advance. There are no objections, observations or additions and the agenda is approved by the members.**

2.c Presentacion de Reglas del Juego FIVB Actualizadas
Presentation of Updated FIVB Rules of the Game

 2026 SUMMARY - p1	
RULE/REGULATION	APPLICATION
DOUBLE CONTACT INTERPRETATION IN VOLLEYBALL - continuation	2025 VNL and onwards
OUT OF ROTATION ERROR Free positioning receiving team rule test - the receiving team must be in-rotation order <u>at the whistle</u> but can move the moment the servers motion begins (such as a step, movement of the arms and legs etc. in the first motion to serve). It aims to prevent athletes from faking the serve.	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs
SUBSTITUTION – to increase from 6 to 8	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs
TEAM ROSTER - team may register up to 14 and min 12 players. A team roster must have listed a min of one (1) Libero. Any team may choose to use two (2) Liberos from within the team roster informing this 1h before the match. Teams are permitted to reduce the number of Liberos once declared (from 2 to 1) up to 1h before the match.	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs

 2026 SUMMARY – p2	
RULE/REGULATION	APPLICATION
BALL CONTACTING THE CEILING (cube jumbotron/ rafters/ ceiling joists/ rigging)	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs
"PUSH-CARRY-CATCH-THROW" ATTACK No Push/ No Lift/ No Carry The tip must be executed with <u>one hand</u> The tip must be executed with a <u>short contact</u> The tip must be directed in a <u>straight line</u>	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs
MID-RALLY CHALLENGE BOOKMARK	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs
TOUCHES IN DEFENSE - to include touches in defense & serve receive in the challenge regulations	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs
REDUCE BREAKS - THE TEAM THAT REQUESTED THE CHALLENGE MAY NOT request time out after the challenge before the next completed rally.	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs

 2026 SUMMARY – p3									
RULE/REGULATION	APPLICATION								
USE OF REFEREE'S WHISTLE - NO WHISTLE for: - ball IN/OUT (ball landing in/out directly) - serve ball not passing the net - clear/ obvious block touch (i.e. out of FoP)	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs								
COACH TO SPEAK TO R1 - Head coach can talk to R1, asking for clarifying or confirming the type of challenge requested, or for quick questions on confusion situations	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, all Continental Champs								
WARM-UP PROTOCOL Separate warm up for serve: 90sec per team – the opponent team to remain outside the court <table border="1"> <tr> <td>-10:00</td><td>Warm up at the net</td></tr> <tr> <td>-3:00</td><td>Team A service warm up</td></tr> <tr> <td>-1:30</td><td>Team B service warm up</td></tr> <tr> <td>0:00</td><td>End of warm up – Teams go to bench</td></tr> </table>	-10:00	Warm up at the net	-3:00	Team A service warm up	-1:30	Team B service warm up	0:00	End of warm up – Teams go to bench	Test in 2026 VNL, G & B U17 WCH, (all Continental Champs – tbc)
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VNL VOLLEYBALL NATIONS LEAGUE Volleyball World	Volleyball CLUB WORLD CHAMPS	FIVB VOLLEYBALL AGE GROUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
AUTOMATED BALL IN & OUT	✓	✗
SERVE CLOCK	✓	✓
NEW COURT DESIGN	✓ VNL & WCH	✗
NEW FOP ORIENTATION	✓	✓
TIMEOUTS	✓ 2 TO per set*	✓ 2 TO per set*
INTERVALS	3 min, after 2 nd set 5 min	3 min
CHANGE OF COURTS	✓ After 2 nd set	✓ Every set
8 SUBSTITUTIONS	✓ VNL	✓

* The team that requested the challenge may not request time out after the challenge before the next completed rally.

FIVB

ALL EVENTS

➤ **15 SEC SERVE CLOCK:**

- Operated by the Assistant Scorer – a referee not assigned to the match might be requested to assist
- 4 LED Serve Clock monitors → corners of the FoP
- 15s countdown automatically starts when the scorer assigns the point
- When the 1st Referee whistles, the scorer clicks "Start Rally" and the clock is automatically set to 8s remaining
- Clock must be stopped when the server initiates the service movement (to avoid reaching zero)
- 1st Ref controls the 15s period between the end of the rally & the serve execution
- The player serving is allocated 7s to prepare & 8s to serve
- Refs must consider the game interruptions before allowing the serve

2.d Inclusion de las Responsabilidades del Delegado de Arbitraje
Inclusion of Referee Delegate Duties

La Lic. Arateide Caceres habla sobre la inclusión de las responsabilidades de los delegados de arbitraje en las regulaciones. Se creara un documento para asegurar que todos los delegados de arbitraje este en la misma pagina sobre sus responsabilidades. / ***Mrs. Arateide Caceres talks about the inclusión of the referee delegates duties in the regulations. A document will be created to ensure all referee delegates are on the same page in regards to their responsibilities.***

2.e Cursos de Actualizacion para Arbitros
Refresher Courses for Referees

Se trabajara con el Centro Regional de Desarrollo para llevar a cabo unos cursos especializados para asegurar que todos los árbitros estén actualizados de las nuevas prácticas y nuevas reglas del juego. / ***They will work alongside the Regional Development Center to hold specialized refresher courses to ensure all referees are up to date on new techniques and new rules of the game.***

2.f Proceso de Actualizacion para Arbitros
Upgrade Process for Referees

Se llevara a cabo el proceso de actualización de los árbitros para asegurar que todas las informaciones de los árbitros esta al dia. / ***There will be an update process for referees that will be put into place to ensure all referee information is up to date.***

2.g Persona a Cargo de las Actualizaciones
Person in Charge of Upgrades

Las personas a cargo del proces de actualización de la información de los árbitros serán los señores Guy Bradbury y Andre Trottier para el Voleibol de Playa. Toda la informacion debera ser enviada a ellos para su actualizacion en la base de datos. / ***The persons in charge of the update process of referee information will be Mr. Guy Bradbury and Andre Trottier for Beach Volleyball. All informaion must be sent to them, to be updated in the database.***

2.h Informe de los Presidentes Zonales de Arbitraje (AFECAVOL, CAZOVA, ECVA) / *Zonal Referee Presidents Report (AFECAVOL, CAZOVA, ECVA)*

Los presidentes de arbitraje de cada zona presentan sus informes. Se realizara una reunión virtual en conjunto con la Sra. Pati Rolf, Guy Bradbury, Andre Trottier y el presidente de arbitraje de cada zona para todos ponerse de acuerdo en como tener un mejor manejo de la base de datos. / ***The zonal referee presidents present their reports. There will be a virtual meeting held between Mrs. Pati Rolf, Mr. Guy Badbury, Mr. Andre Trottier and the referee president of each zone so they may come to an agreement on how to better manage the database.***

2.i **Propuestas de la Comision al Comité Ejecutivo NORCECA**
Proposals from the Commission to the NORCECA Executive Committee

Se repasan las propuestas establecidas en la reunión de la Comision de Arbitraje del año anterior para ser presentadas al Consejo de Administracion y se presenta actualización sobre cada una. / ***They go over and provide updates to the proposals established in the Refereeing Commission Meeting from the previous year to be presented to the Board of Administrations.***

1. Se pondra en la pagina web de cada competencia los formularios que deberan completar los delegados de arbitraje de playa y sala. / ***Forms for each competition to be completed by Beach and Indoor Referee Delegates will be available on the website.***

Esta propuesta se ha estado implemnetando y los formularios están disponibles en la página web para uso de los árbitros para cada competencia. / ***This proposal has been implemented and the forms are available on the website for referees for each competition.***

2. Se enviara a NORCECA un listado actualizado de los arbitros que faltan por completar partidos en Voleibol de Playa para que sean incluidos en las paradas del Tour NORCECA 2025. Uno de esos 3 arbitros enviados a los eventos sera mujer y seran con experiencia y uno buscando completar sus partidos. / ***An updated list must be sent to NORCECA with the names of referees that need to complete matches for Beach Volleyball so they may be included in stops of the 2025 NORCECA Tour. One of the 3 referees for the event will be female, 2 will be experienced referees and 1 will be a newcomer.***

Esta propuesta actualmente se esta trabajando y se siguira implemnetando en conjunto con el Centro Regional de Desarrollo y los cursos especializados que serán impartidos. / ***This proposal is currently being worked on and will continue to be implemneted in conjunction with the Regional Development Center and technical refresher courses that will be held.***

3. Se enviara a NORCECA un listado actualizado de los arbitros que faltan por completar partidos en Voleibol de Sala para que sean incluidos en eventos continentales 2025. / ***An updated list must be sent to NORCECA with the names of referees that need to complete matches for Indoor Volleyball so they may be included in stops of the 2025 NORCECA Continental Events.***

Esta propuesta se esta trabajando en conjunto con la propuesta anterior. / ***This poposal is being implemented along with the previous proposal.***

3. Otros Asuntos
Other Matters

No hay otros asuntos a tratar durante la reunión. / ***There are no other matters presented for this meeting.***

4. Cierra de la Reunion *Closing Remarks*

El Lic. Cristobal Marte y la Sra. Pati Rolf cierran la reunión dando gracias a los presentes por su participación. Fue una reunión muy dinámica. Estan muy agradecidos del trabajo realizado por parte de la Comision de Arbitraje y saben que seguirán todos comprometidos con NORCECA y el continuo mejoramiento de la comisión. / ***Mr.Cristobal Marte and Mrs. Pati Rolf close the meeting by thanking all present for their participation in this meeting. This was a very dynamic meeting. They are very grateful for the work that has been done by the Refereeing Commission and they know they will all continue to be committed to NORCECA and the continued improvement of the commission.***