

REUNIÓN COMISION DE ORGANIZACIÓN DEPORTIVA NORCECA 2026
2026 NORCECA SPORTS ORGANIZING COMMISSION MEETING

30 MAYO / MAY 30, 2026

El día 30 del mes de MAYO de 2026, a las 9:00 am, de manera virtual, se llevó a cabo la Reunión de la Comision de Organización Deportiva de la Confederación Norte, Centroamericana y del Caribe de Voleibol.
/ On MAY 30th, 2026, at 9:00 am, a virtual meeting was held for the North, Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation Sport Organizing Commission.

1. Palabras de Bienvenida / Welcoming Words

Prof. Ariel Sainz

Presidente Comision / **Commission President**

El Prof. Ariel Sainz les da la bienvenida a todos a la reunion. Dice que la Comision de Organizacion Deportiva ha cumplido muchos de sus propósitos pero debemos seguir trabajando con miras hacia el futuro, especialmente en este Ciclo Olimpico que ha estado lleno de informaciones y cambios dispuestos por la FIVB, ya que debemos estar todos alineados con estos mandatos ha implementar. Esta será una reunión muy interesante, con muchos aspectos que discutir y mucho trabajo por delante en esta temporada. **/ Prof. Ariel Sainz welcomes all members to the meeting. He states the Sports Organizing Commissson has complied with many of its goals but we must keep working towards the future, especially in this Olympic Cycle that has been full of information and changes mandated by the FIVB, since we must all be aligned with everything that is required to be implemented. This will be a very interesting meeting, with a lot of points of discussion and a lot of work required for this season.**

2. Procedimientos Preliminares / Preliminary Procedures

Gerente General NORCECA / **NORCECA General Manager**

**2.a. Pase de Lista y Confirmacion de Quorum
Attendance List and Quorum Confirmation**

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:**

Prof. Ariel Sainz	Cuba	Presidente Comision Organización Deportiva Sports Organizing Commission President
Mark Eckert	Canada	Vicepresidente Ejecutivo / Presidente NCVA Executive Vice President / NCVA President
Lic. Felix Sabio	Honduras	Vicepresidente Ejecutivo / Presidente AFECVOL Executive Vice President / AFECVOL President
Prof. Mushtaque Mohmmmed	Trinidad & Tobago	Presidente Comision / Presidente CAZOVA Commission President / CAZOVA President

Minutas de la Reunion Comision de Organización Deportiva 2026
2026 Sports Organizing Commission Meeting Minutes

Glenn Quinlan	St. Kitts	Vicepresidente Ejecutivo / Presidente ECVA <i>Executive Vice President / ECVA 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 Prensa NORCECA <i>NORCECA Press Officer</i>
Lucille Hobson	US Virgin Islands	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Alan Ahac	Canada	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Jackie Cowan	Jamaica	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Leire Santaella	Puerto Rico	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Andrew Hoyte	Barbados	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Lionel Blokland	Suriname	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Manuel Calderon	Mexico	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Ramon Garcia	Dominican Republic	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Josh Toltesi	Canada	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>
Maria Jose Corrales	Costa Rica	Miembro Comision <i>Commission Member</i>

2.b. Aprobacion de la Agenda / *Approval of the Agenda*

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. Aprobacion de Minutas Reunion Anterior
Approval of Previous Commission Meeting Minutes

La Lic. Arateide Caceres procede a la aprobacion de la agenda. El Sr. Glenn Quinlan, Presidente de ECVA indica que en las minutas de la reunión anterior, en las palabras de bienvenida del Lic. Cristobal Marte hay un punto que debería ser aclarado y actualizado en el registro, referente a la asistencia financiera brindada a los equipos de categorías menores. / ***Mrs. Arateide Caceres procedes with approval of the agenda. Mr. Geln Quinlan, ECVA President states that in the previous meeting minutes in Mr. Cristobal Marte's welcoming words there is a point that must be clarified in regards to the financial assistance provided to underage categories for airline tickets.***

Las minutas actualmente dicen lo siguiente: / ***The minutes currently state the following:***

Con el ingreso de nuestros eventos le brindamos apoyo financiero a nuestras Federaciones Nacionales para los boletos aereos y hasta US\$15,000 al equipo campeón de cada zona, en cada categoria, femenino y masculino, para que puedan participar en Eventos Continentales NORCECA. / ***With the income of our events we provide financial support to our National Federations for airline tickets and up to US\$15,000 for the champion teams from each zone, in every category, both men and women, so they can participate in NORCECA Continental Events.***

Las minutas serán actualizadas con el siguiente párrafo: / ***The minutes will be updated with the following paragraph:***

Con el ingreso de nuestros eventos le brindamos apoyo financiero a nuestras Federaciones Nacionales para los boletos aereos a los equipos de categorías menores y en ocasiones con algunas excepciones a equipos de categorías mayores y hasta US\$15,000 al equipo campeón de cada zona, en cada categoria, femenino y masculino, para que puedan participar en Eventos Continentales NORCECA. / ***With the income of our events we provide financial support to our National Federations for airline tickets for underage categories with the occasional exception of senior categories and up to US\$15,000 for the champion teams from each zone, in every category, both men and women, so they can participate in NORCECA Continental Events.***

No hay mas objeciones, observaciones ni adiciones y las minutas son aprobadas por los miembros. / ***There are no more objections, observations or additions and the minutes are approved by the members.***

3. Informes Institucionales / *Institutional Reports*

- 3.a. Informe de la Comision de Organización Deportiva FIVB
FIVB Sports Organizing Commission Report
Prof. Ariel Sainz
Presidente Comision / *Commission President*

El Prof. Ariel Sainz presenta los avances realizados con las propuestas presentadas en la Reunion de la Comision de Organizacion Deportiva del año pasado. / ***Prof. Ariel Sainz speaks on the work that has been realized regarding the proposals presented in the previous year's Sports Organizing Commission Meeting.***

PORPUESTA / PROPOSAL

1. El Prof. Ariel Sainz propone que para que una Federacion Nacional o Comité Olimpico opte por la sede de un evento de un Clasificador Mundial o Clasificador Olimpico del año 2026, tienen que haber organizado un evento de la misma categoría en el ciclo o año precedente. / ***Prof. Ariel Sainz proposes that a National Federation or Olympic Committee that wants to host a Qualification Event for World Championships or Olympic Qualification event in the year 2026, must have hosted an event in the same category in the same cycle or year before.***

Esta propuesta ya ha sido trabajada, alineada en todo momento por las regulaciones de la FIVB para la elección de la sede a celebrar Clasificatorios a los Campeonatos Mundiales 2026. Hubo interés de parte de países tales como Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada y Republica Dominicana para celebrar estos eventos. Canada será la sede del evento Clasificador al Campeonato Mundial Masculino y Republica Dominicana sera la sede el evento Clasificador al Campeonato Mundial Femenino. Los comités organizadores mantienen una constante comunicacion para asegurar que los eventos sean llevados de manera correcta y eficiente. En estos eventos se estará utilizando el Sistema Challenge el cual cumplira con todos los requerimientos y parámetros establecidos por la FIVB. / ***This proposal has already been worked on, fully aligned with FIVB regulations for the choice of venue to host Qualification Events to the 2026 World Championships. There has been interest from certain countries such as Puerto Rico, Mexico, Canada and Dominican Republic to host these events. Canada will be the host country for the Men's World Championship Qualifcation Event and Dominican Republic will be the host country for the Women's World Championship Qualification Event. The organizing committes are in constant communication to ensure these events are held in a correct and efficient manner. The Challnge System will be used in these events and it will comply with all requirements and parameters established by the FIVB.***

2. El Prof. Ariel Sainz hace a propuesta de que cada Zona lleve el Ranking de las Federaciones Nacionales de su zona y le informe a NORCECA de su ranking actual, Esto debere llevarse a cabo para todas las categorías, femenino y masculino. / ***Prof. Ariel Sainz has a proposal that each zone keeps track of their own Ranking for their National Federations and informs NORCECA of their rankings. This should happen for all categories, men and women.***

Se ha trabajado en conjunto con las zonas para asegurar que los eventos zonales que aportan al ranking mundial sean llevados de manera correcta, al igual que los eventos que aportan puntos de ranking interno dentro de la zona para los equipos clasificados a diferentes eventos NORCECA. Se ha estado trabajando con el Sr. Felix Sabio, el Sr. Glenn Quinlan y el Prof. Mushtaque Mohammed. /

He has been working with the zones to ensure all zonal events that contribute to the world ranking are properly registered, as well as events that contribute to the zones internal ranking for teams qualified to different NORCECA events. He has been working alongside Mr. Felix Sabio, Mr. Glenn Quinlan and Prof. Mushtaque Mohammed.

3. El Prof. Ariel Sainz hace una propuesta de que para seguir el lineamiento de la FIVB, se le deberá requerir a todos los equipos que vayan a participar en un evento femenino, que deberán tener como parte del cuerpo técnico, dígame entrenador principal o asistentes de entrenador, una mujer desempeñando una de esas funciones. Y esta persona deberá esta certificada por la FIVB como nivel 1, 2 o 3. / ***Prof. Ariel Sainz proposes to fall in line with the FIVB, they must require that all teams that are going to participate in a womens event must have a female as part of their technical team, meaning the head coach or assistant coach. This person must be certified by the FIVB as a level 1, 2 or 3.***

Este requerimiento se esta cumpliendo actualmente en todos los eventos femeninos NORCECA. En febrero se envió una carta circular a todas las Federaciones Nacionales y se ha estado trabajando con las Federaciones previo a los eventos y la respuesta de todas las Federaciones ha sido positiva en este sentido. / ***This requirement is currently being implemented in all NORCECA female events. In February a circular letter was sent to all National Federations and they have been working closely with Federations prior to events, the response from the Federations has been a positive one in this sense.***

Glenn indica que en esta propuesta se requiere que el entrenador femenino a trabajar con equipos femeninos en eventos zonales y eventos NORCECA debe estar certificado ya que esto no esta especificado también para los entrenadores masculinos, pudiera ser considerando un requerimiento discriminatorio. / ***Glenn indicates that this proposal requires that a female coach to work with a women's team on zonal and NORCECA events must be certified, because it does not state that male coaches must also be certified, can be considered a discriminatory requirement.***

El Prof. Ariel dice que una enmienda de este requerimiento se le puede presentar al Consejo de Administracion como una propuesta. / ***Prof. Ariel states that an ammendment of this requirement can be presented to the Board of Administration as a proposal.***

PORPUESTA / PROPOSAL

Todos los entrenadores de equipos de categorías menores y mayores, masculinos y femeninos, deberán estar certificados por la FIVB o por un programa equivalente a la certificación FIVB tales como los tiene USA Volleyball y Volleyball Canada. / ***All team coaches, for underage and senior categories, mens and women, must be certified by the FIVB or by an equivalent FIVB certification program such as those in USA Volleyball and Volleyball Canada.***

4. Competencias Multidisciplinarias y Sistema de Clasificación

Multi-Sports Events and Qualification System

Prof. Ariel Sainz

Presidente Comisión / **Commission President**

4.a. Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe 2026 Santo Domingo, RD **2026 Central American and Caribbean Games Santo Domingo, DR**



El Prof. Ariel Sainz habla sobre los progresos en la renovación de las instalaciones donde se celebrarán los Juegos Centroamericanos y del Caribe 2026 en Santo Domingo, República Dominicana. Los países a participar en Voleibol en este evento serán para el femenino; Colombia, Costa Rica, República Dominicana, México, Trinidad y Tobago, Venezuela y Puerto Rico. Para el masculino será Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, República Dominicana, México, Puerto Rico, Surinam y Venezuela. En la página NORCECA ya están publicados los calendarios aprobados de competencias y de entrenamiento y ya se está trabajando con la inscripción de los oficiales técnicos que estarán brindando apoyo en estos eventos. / **Prof. Ariel Sainz informs everyone on the progress made on the venue where the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Games will be held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The countries to participate in the Women's Volleyball event will be Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela and Puerto Rico. For Men's; Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Suriname and Venezuela. The approved competition and calendars have been posted on the NORCECA website and they are currently working on the registration of technical officials that will be providing support during these events.**

4.b. Juegos Panamericanos de Mayores 2027 Lima, Peru
2027 Senior Pan American Games Lima, Peru

MULTI-SPORT GAMES

XX Pan American Games — Lima 2027

July 24 – August 08, 2027

The XX Pan American Games will take place in Lima, Peru, from July 24 to August 8, 2027. As the premier multi-sport event in the Americas, the Pan American Games serve as a critical benchmark for athlete development and a key qualification pathway for the Olympic Games. The Commission is closely monitoring all organizational developments to ensure full readiness for participation.

Event Significance

The Pan American Games bring together athletes from all 41 National Olympic Committees of the Americas, competing across dozens of disciplines. For volleyball, this event represents a high-profile continental showcase and an important competitive milestone on the road to Los Angeles 2028.

Organizational Coordination

The Commission is maintaining active communication with Panam Sports, the Lima 2027 organizing committee, and the international federation to stay informed on venue specifications, competition formats, accreditation processes, and athlete village logistics.

Preparation Timeline

National federations are encouraged to begin long-term athlete preparation programs now, aligning training cycles with the 2025–2027 competition calendar to ensure peak performance at the Games. Early planning for travel, logistics, and support staff is essential.



PORPUESTA / PROPOSAL

Se presentara una propuesta al Consejo de Administracion y Comité Ejecutivo para que se haga mención y aclaración desde ahora cual será el proceso de NORCECA con la Union Panamericana de Voleibol para estos eventos, cual será el rol de NORCECA porque ahora la presidencia de la UPV esta bajo la responsabilidad de la Confederacion Suramericana de Voleibol y no se ha establecido ninguno de los lineamientos que debemos seguir a partir de ahora. / ***A proposal will be sent to the Board of Administration and Executive Committee so that they can clarify what will be the NORCECA process with the Panamerican Volleyball Union moving forward for these events because the PVU presidency is now under the responsibility of the South American Volleyball Confederation and they have not established the parameters that must be followed from now on.***

4.c. Sistema Clasificatorio - Juegos Olimpicos 2028 Los Angeles, California, USA
Qualification System - 2028 Olympic Games Los Angeles, California, USA

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION

Qualification System — Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games

The pathway to the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games has been formally established, with a total of **12 teams** expected to qualify for the volleyball tournament. The United States, as host nation, receives an automatic berth. The remaining spots will be determined through a combination of continental championships, world championship performance, and Volleyball Nations League standings. Understanding this qualification architecture is essential for strategic planning at the national federation level.

1

Host Nation — USA (1 Spot)

The United States qualifies automatically as the host nation of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. This spot is guaranteed and does not count against any continental allocation.

2

Continental Champions 2026 (5 Spots)

The five continental champions from the 2026 continental championships will each secure an Olympic berth. This is the primary qualification route for most nations and represents the most direct path to Los Angeles 2028.

3

2027 World Championship (Up to 3 Spots)

The top three finishers at the 2027 World Championship who have not already qualified through their continental championship will earn Olympic spots. Final confirmation of the number of available spots through this route is pending.

4

VNL 2028 Final Phase (3 Spots)

The three highest-ranked teams not yet qualified, as determined at the conclusion of the final phase of the Volleyball Nations League 2028, will receive the remaining Olympic berths. This serves as the final qualification opportunity.

Important: National federations should prioritize the 2026 Continental Championships as the primary qualification target, as this is the earliest and most controllable pathway to Los Angeles 2028.



5. Calendarios y Logistica de Competencias de Voleibol 2027

2027 *petition Calendars and Logistics*

Prof. Ariel Sainz

Presidente Comision / *Commission President*

5.a. Discusion y Confirmacion de Calendario de Competencias de Voleibol NORCECA 2026 / *Discussion and Confirmation of the 2026 Volleyball Competition Calendar*

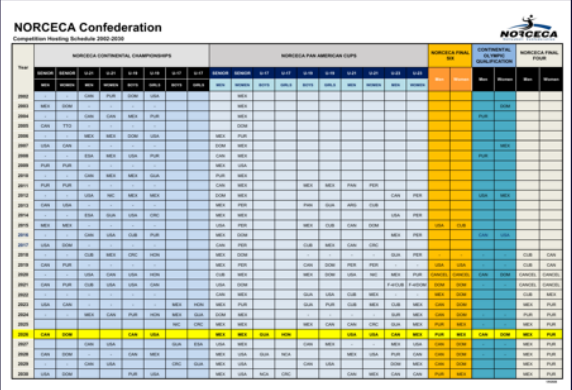
5.b. Actualizacion y Revision del Sistema Rotativo de Competencias Continentales *Review and Update of the Continental Competition Rotating System*

CALENDAR & PLANNING

2026 Competition Calendar



Rotating Calendar 2026–2030



The calendar is designed to provide a clear competitive pathway for all member federations, with sufficient lead time for athlete preparation, travel logistics, and administrative coordination. Federations are advised to integrate this calendar into their annual planning cycles immediately.



CALENDAR & PLANNING

Rotating Calendar 2026–2030

The Commission has adopted a **rotating competition calendar for the 2026–2030 cycle**, designed to provide long-term predictability for athletes, federations, organizers, and commercial partners. A rotating calendar ensures that major events are distributed strategically across the five-year period, avoiding scheduling conflicts, managing athlete workload, and maximizing the commercial and developmental value of each competition.

Why a Rotating Calendar?

A structured rotating calendar allows all stakeholders — from national federations to broadcast partners — to plan years in advance. It reduces uncertainty, supports athlete periodization, and enables organizers to secure funding and logistics with adequate lead time.

FIVB Alignment

The rotating calendar is built around the FIVB's global event schedule, ensuring that continental and regional competitions complement rather than conflict with international fixtures such as the Volleyball Nations League, World Championships, and Olympic qualification events.

Key Planning Milestones

- **2026:** XXV Central American and Caribbean Games (Santo Domingo); Continental Championships for LA 2028 qualification
- **2027:** XX Pan American Games (Lima, July 16 – August 1); FIVB World Championship
- **2028:** Los Angeles Olympic Games; VNL Final Phase qualification route
- **2029–2030:** Post-Olympic cycle events, next continental championships, and planning for the subsequent Olympic quadrennial

☐ The rotating calendar will be reviewed annually by the Commission to accommodate any changes from the FIVB, Panam Sports, or Centro Caribe Sports.



6. Cierra de la Reunion

Closing Remarks

El Prof. Ariel Sainz cierra la reunión dando gracias a los presentes por su participación. Fue una reunión muy informativa. Estan muy agradecidos del trabajo realizado por parte de la Comision de Organización Deportiva y saben que seguirán todos comprometidos con NORCECA y el continuo mejoramiento de la comisión. / ***Prof. Ariel Sainz closes the meeting by thanking all present for their participation in this meeting. This was a very informative meeting. They are very grateful for the work that has been done by the Sport Orgaanizing Commission and they know they will all continue to be committed to NORCECA and the continued improvement of the commission.***