EASTERN CARIBBEAN VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

President's Report

January 2025 – September 2026

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President, ECVA

ECVA Annual General Meeting · NORCECA General Assembly



2025–2026 AT A GLANCE

Two full seasons across the zone

8

championship events

13 men's and women's competitions

9

coach and referee courses

Plus a training camp, Athlete365 workshop and seminars

US$618K

NORCECA investment, 2025

Audited: NORCECA Audited Report 2025

8

federations won medals

39 medals across 13 competitions

US$280K

FIVB and Olympic Solidarity, 2026

Empowerment US$240K · Olympic Solidarity US$40K

100%

of 2025 matches streamed live

Plus 31,967 Twitch live views in 2026

ECVA was founded on 3 March 2007 in St. John's, Antigua, and today unites 14 member federations as a zone of the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.

OUR LARGEST PARTNER

NORCECA's investment in ECVA

US$618,450.41

Total NORCECA investment in ECVA, 2025

As reflected in the NORCECA Audited Report 2025, available on the NORCECA website.

2025 EVENT SUPPORT INCLUDED

US$85K	US$15K	US$15K	US$15K
Final 4, men and women	Senior Beach	U21 Beach	U23 Men's

Plus up to US$700 per athlete for NORCECA Beach Tour participation.

2026: *figures will follow NORCECA's audit after 31 December 2026; unaudited figures have been requested.*

NORCECA SUPPORTS

- Every ECVA championship
- Every ECVA course
- Every team on the NORCECA beach tour
- The ECVA website
- Technical team and VIS equipment

The 2025 season: eight major activities

2–4 May	**Senior Beach Championships, men and women**	Saint Lucia
1–6 June	FIVB Beach Volleyball Coaches Course	St. Kitts and Nevis
4–8 June	National Beach Volleyball Referee Course	St. Kitts and Nevis
6–8 June	**U21 Beach Championships, men and women**	St. Kitts and Nevis
11 September	General Meeting: FIVB Empowerment Platform training	Member federations
19–21 September	**Men's Final 4 (first edition)**	Antigua and Barbuda
26–28 September	**Women's Final 4 (first edition)**	Antigua and Barbuda
Oct–Nov	One-on-one consultations with member federations	Virtual
November	Indoor Referee Seminar, eve of the U23 championship	Antigua and Barbuda
12–16 November	**U23 Men's Indoor Championship**	Antigua and Barbuda
11–14 December	NF Development Workshop and Annual General Meeting	St. Kitts and Nevis

Championship Course or seminar Governance or support

The 2026 season: competition with education

1–3 May	**Senior Beach Championships, men and women**	Saint Lucia
6–10 July	FIVB Beach Volleyball Coaches Course	St. Kitts and Nevis
7–8 July	Advanced Beach Coaches Seminar	St. Kitts and Nevis
7–9 July	Athlete Training Camp (light sessions 9 July)	St. Kitts and Nevis
7–8 July	Athlete365 Career+ Workshop (SKNOC)	St. Kitts and Nevis
7–12 July	International Beach Referee Course	St. Kitts and Nevis
8–9 July	National Beach Referee Course	St. Kitts and Nevis
10–12 July	**U20 Beach Championships, men and women**	St. Kitts and Nevis
21 Jul – 16 Aug	ECVA National Referees Course	British Virgin Islands
12–16 August	**Senior Indoor Championships, men and women**	British Virgin Islands
17–21 August	FIVB Level 1 Coaches Course	British Virgin Islands
September	Support for the men's U23 Pan American Cup	El Salvador
December	Annual General Meeting	Sint Maarten

Championship · Course or seminar · Governance or support

Senior Beach Championships 2025, Saint Lucia

WOMEN Champions: Gumbs / Dyer (SKN)



Bermuda
Moss / Hands
2

St. Kitts and Nevis
Gumbs / Dyer
1

Grenada
Stafford / Mitchell
3

MEN Champions: Descartes / Clercent (LCA)



Bermuda
Barnett / Tucker
2

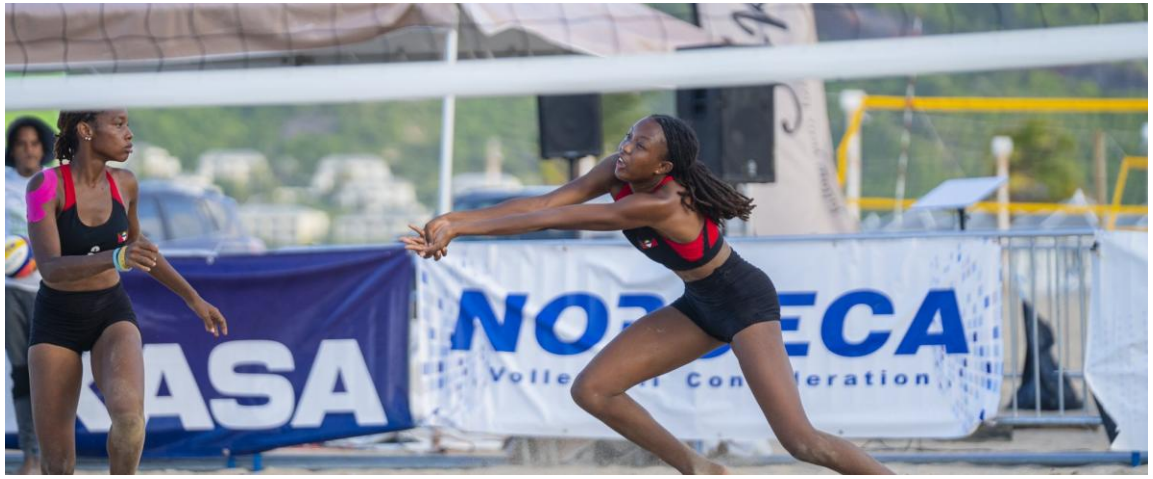
Saint Lucia
Descartes / Clercent
1

St. Kitts and Nevis
Bristol / Pencheon
3

2–4 May 2025 · NORCECA support US$15,000 · ECVA host support US$15,000

U21 Beach Championships 2025, St. Kitts and Nevis

WOMEN Champions: Gaspard / Phillip (LCA)



MEN Champions: Mingo / Frederick (DMA)



Antigua and Barbuda Joseph / Carr 2	**Saint Lucia** Gaspard / Phillip 1	**Dominica** Bully / Pascal 3

Saint Lucia Rio / Emmanuel 2	**Dominica** Mingo / Frederick 1	**Grenada** Walcott / Hamilton 3

6–8 June 2025 · Supported by NORCECA (US$15,000) and Olympic Solidarity

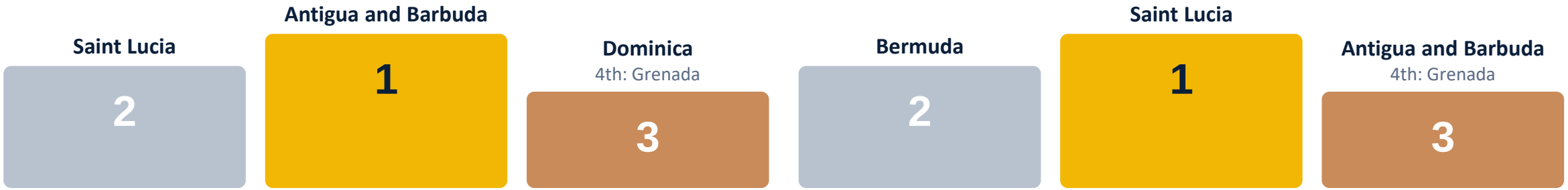
Men's and Women's Final 4, Antigua and Barbuda

MEN 19–21 Sep · MVP Cairon Davis (ANT)



WOMEN 26–28 Sep





First edition · Champions qualify to represent ECVA at the NORCECA Pan American Cup · NORCECA support US$85,000

U23 Men's Championship, Antigua and Barbuda



12–16 November 2025
YMCA, St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda

Final Dominica defeated Antigua and Barbuda 3–1 · MVP Sherron Vidal (DMA)



Building capacity in 2025



FIVB Beach Volleyball Coaches Course, St. Kitts, June 2025

100% **of matches at every 2025 event streamed live**

Over three years of archived footage was lost when YouTube blocked ECVA's channels.

Beach Coaches Course · 1–6 June, St. Kitts

Instructor Rick Bevis (CAN). Funded by Olympic Solidarity via SKNOC and the FIVB Knowledge Transfer Programme.

Beach Referee Course · 4–8 June, St. Kitts

17 national referees from 10 NFs, 5 of them women. Instructors Brian Hiebert (CAN) and Kenneth Waugh (JAM).

Indoor referee seminar and virtual clinics

On-site seminar before the U23 championship; virtual MS Teams clinics before the senior events. Led by Brian Charles and Reginald Willemsberg.

FIVB Empowerment Platform pilot zone

ECVA was chosen by the FIVB as the global pilot; federations were trained at the 11 September General Meeting.

One-on-one NF consultations · Oct–Nov

Virtual sessions with every federation except Montserrat and French Saint Martin.

Development Workshop and AGM, St. Kitts



WORKSHOP · 11–13 DECEMBER

- FIVB Empowerment Platform and Knowledge Transfer
- VIS and volleyball data management
- Constitutions, voting, quorum and succession
- Strategic planning, budgeting and financial transparency
- Coach and athlete development, and communications (including Canva training)

Annual General Meeting

14 December 2025 · St. Kitts Marriott Resort

Reports received President's and Treasurer's reports, audited financial statements and technical reports.

Live streaming Identified as essential to visibility and fan engagement.

Commissions Federations agreed to set up marketing and other commissions by 15 January 2026.

Calendar 2025–2026 competition calendar confirmed; Knowledge Transfer and media strategy discussed.

Senior Beach Championships 2026, Saint Lucia

WOMEN Final: Grenada won 2–1



Saint Lucia
Phillip / Joseph
2

Grenada
Mitchell / Stafford
1

Dominica
Pascal / Burton
3

MEN Final: 2–0 (21–17, 21–9)



Sint Maarten
Jacob / Meulens
2

St. Kitts and Nevis
Bristol / Morton
1

Dominica
Florent / Mingo
3

1–3 May · Cul de Sac sand courts · 25 teams (12 women's, 13 men's) from nine countries

U20 Beach Championships 2026, St. Kitts and Nevis

WOMEN Final: Bermuda won 2–1



MEN Final: 2–0 (21–18, 21–19)



St. Kitts and Nevis Alwani / Pinney	**Bermuda** Gazzard / Sousa	**Saint Lucia** Abigail / Desir
2	1	3

Dominica Tahj / Caiston	**Saint Lucia** Emmanuel / Clarke	**St. Kitts and Nevis** Pencheon / Shiwamber
2	1	3

10–12 July · Frigate Bay, St. Kitts · Coach and referee courses ran alongside the championship

Senior Indoor Championships 2026, Tortola

MEN Final: St. Vincent and the Grenadines 3–1 Saint Lucia



WOMEN Final: Bermuda 3–1 Antigua and Barbuda



Saint Lucia 2

St. Vincent and the Grenadines 1

Dominica 3–2 v Bermuda — 3

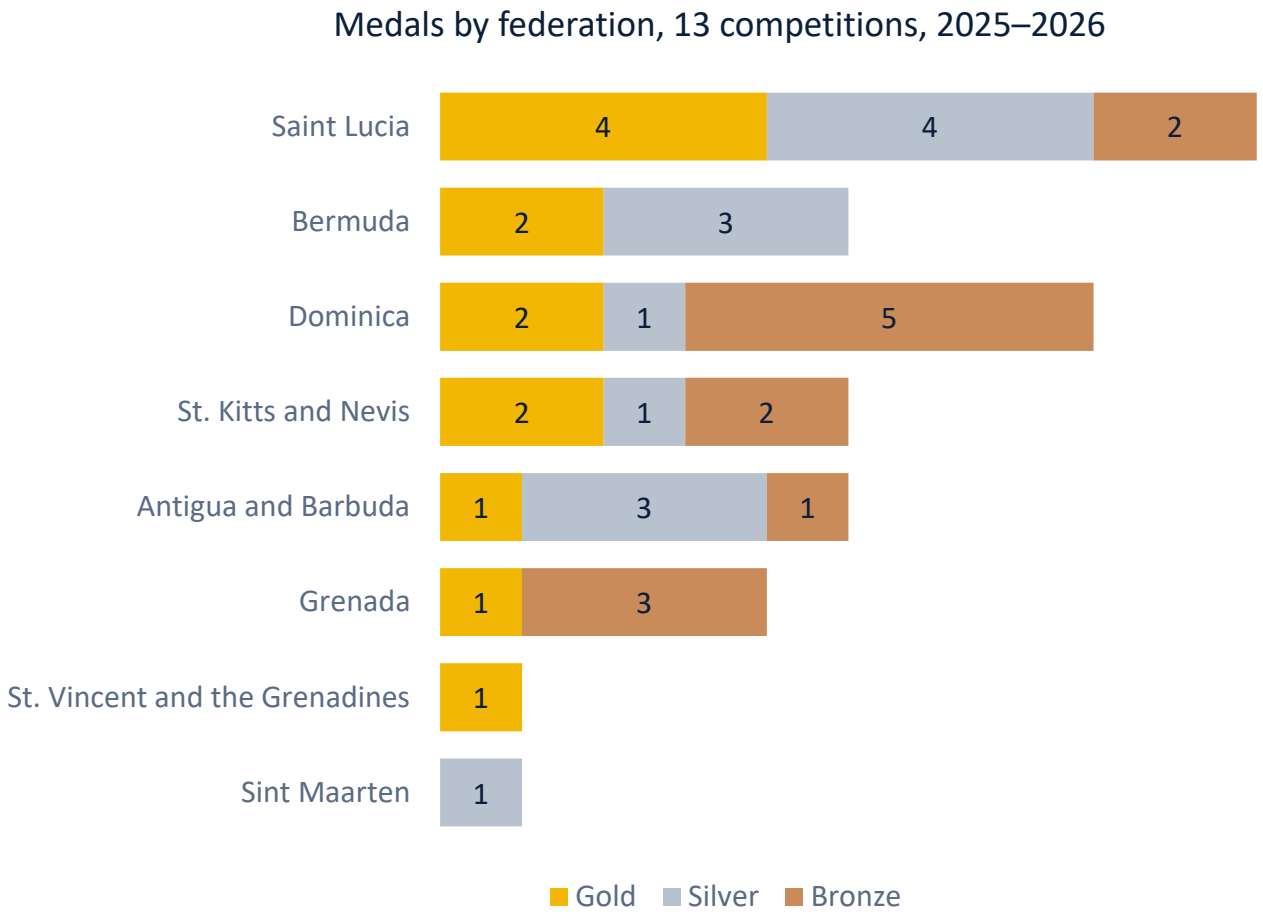
Antigua and Barbuda 2

Bermuda 1

Saint Lucia 3–0 v BVI — 3

12–16 August · Tortola · 8 men's and 7 women's teams · Practical setting for the BVI referee course

Medals shared across eight federations



39 medals across 13 men's and women's competitions in 2025 and 2026

7 different federations won gold. Saint Lucia won four

10 medals for Saint Lucia, the most of any federation. Dominica won 8

A season on sand and court



Senior Beach, Saint Lucia



U20 Beach medal ceremony, St. Kitts



Senior Indoor, Tortola



Senior Indoor, Tortola



Referee certification, Tortola



Level 1 coaches, Tortola

St. Kitts: competition combined with education



Referee courses National: Julian Seraphine and Keam Charlery. International: Keith Murlless, with Andre Trottier online and Rogol Mills on site.

Athletes and coaches not on the FIVB course arrived Monday 6 July. Paler bar: light sessions.

FIVB Beach Coaches Course

6–10 July · Mark Kontopoulos, classroom and on-sand

Advanced Beach Coaches Seminar

Tue–Wed 7–8 July · Rick Bevis, with the training camp; certificates 10 July

Athlete Training Camp

Tue–Wed 7–8 July, light sessions Thu 9 July · Rick Bevis

Athlete365 Career+ Workshop

Tue–Wed 7–8 July · Hazel-Ann Regis-Buckels (SKNOC)

Tortola: referees and coaches certified



ECVA National Referees Course

Officials from 12 territories

21 Jul – 6 Aug Online sessions

10–11 Aug Classroom instruction

12–16 Aug Practical training at the Senior Indoor Championships



FIVB Level 1 Coaches Course

Coaches from 11 National Federations

17–21 Aug Instructor: Rick Bevis

Outcome All participants certified at FIVB Level 1

Partners BVI NOC, BVI Volleyball Federation, Olympic Solidarity

Empowerment and member support

FIVB Empowerment and Knowledge Transfer

- ECVA administered implementation and reporting for participating National Federations
- Empowerment Platform demonstrated at the December workshop
- Knowledge Transfer and VIS data management explored with federations

Competition and education

- Coordinated entries in ECVA events
- Facilitated coach and referee courses
- Helped athletes and teams reach continental competition

Funding and administration

- Helped with development-funding applications and reporting
- Coordinated with FIVB, NORCECA and NOCs
- Provided technical and administrative guidance

Each commission reports in full separately

Technical Operations

147 hours streamed live

6 championships run on VIS and eScore

Beach eScore and portable streaming were proven at both beach events. Continuity still depends on bandwidth, spares and staffing.

Press and Media

3.1M Facebook views

~80 ECVA articles on the NORCECA portal

Instagram grew to 1,167 followers. ECVA's YouTube channel was lost to a copyright ban, along with its video archive.

Referees

17 national beach referees trained in 2025 (10 NFs)

41 registered ECVA referees officiated, 2023–25

Virtual clinics on MS Teams introduced in 2025. Some NFs still not fully compliant with FIVB referee registration.

See the Technical, Press and Media, and Referees reports for full detail.

FIVB and Olympic Solidarity: US$280,000

US$240,000

FIVB Empowerment Programme
via the ten affiliated National Federations

10	×	4	×	US$6,000
affiliated NFs		courses each		per course

- **Beach volleyball coaches course**
- **Level 1 coaches course**
- **Beach volleyball referee course**
- **National referee course**

Each NF signed its course funds over to ECVA to deliver the programme regionally.

US$40,000

Olympic Solidarity

NORCECA

US$618,450.41 in 2025 (audited)

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- Every ECVA course
- Every team on the NORCECA beach tour
- The ECVA website
- Equipment for the technical team and VIS

ECVA on the continental stage

Continental competition

ECVA gave financial and administrative support for NORCECA events, including the men's U23 Pan American Cup in El Salvador (September 2026).

Beach selections

Bermuda: Olivia Gazzard and Sophie Weikl for the NORCECA U18 qualifier. St. Kitts and Nevis: Bristol / Morton and Hensley-Phillip / Gumbs for the Costa Rica tour opener.

NORCECA commissions, 2024–2028

Albert Ogarro joined the Technical, Statistics and VIS Commission; Judy Larocque joined the Press Commission.

Institutional status

Work continued on Regional Member status within NORCECA and potential future FIVB affiliation.

FIVB World Ranking, October 2026: Bermuda women 49th; Dominica men 59th, the highest-ranked ECVA men's team.

What went well, and where we fell short

Successes

- Two full seasons: 8 championship events and 13 competitions in four host federations
- 9 coach and referee courses and seminars, most run alongside competition
- Medals shared across eight federations, with seven different gold medallists
- Every 2025 match streamed live; all 2026 championships streamed and run on VIS
- Chosen by the FIVB as the global pilot zone for the Empowerment Platform
- Partner investment: NORCECA US$618,450 (2025, audited); FIVB US$240,000; Olympic Solidarity US$40,000

Challenges

- YouTube channels blocked: over three years of match video lost; appeals unsuccessful
- Live streaming not yet standard; connectivity and spare equipment limit continuity
- Media and technical resources vary from host to host
- Audience and match data still compiled and re-entered by hand
- Uneven federation capacity, including incomplete FIVB referee registration
- Youth athletes age out quickly; underage championship funding needs revival

Priorities for the coming year

Institutional standing

Advance Regional Member status in NORCECA and explore future FIVB affiliation.

Youth pathway to 2029

U19 championships and annual U23 NORCECA participation, aiming at the 2029 Junior Pan American Games.

Stream every championship

Use NORCECA's streaming support for zonal associations, starting with finals days.

Beach performance plan

Fund top ECVA teams on the NORCECA Beach Tour, with an ECVA coach and a pre-tour camp.

Restore our video channel

Appeal the YouTube ban, or relaunch under ECVA control with a clear copyright policy.

Stronger federations

A media focal point in each federation, full FIVB referee registration, and more referee clinics and mentoring.

WITH OUR BEST WISHES

Rick Bevis

Rick was seriously injured while on assignment in Bermuda in September 2026 and faces a long and challenging recovery. The ECVA family wishes him strength, comfort and a full recovery.



Rick Bevis, Tortola, August 2026

HIS WORK IN THE ECVA ZONE

FIVB coach, Bermuda

Several seasons as the FIVB coach in Bermuda

FIVB Beach Volleyball Coaches Courses, St. Kitts

Coaching instructor in 2023, 2024 and 2025, under ECVA's Knowledge Transfer projects

Advanced Beach Coaches Seminar and Athlete Training Camp

Instructor · St. Kitts, July 2026

FIVB Level 1 Coaches Course

Instructor; every participant certified · Tortola, August 2026

IN MEMORIAM

Darrion Roberts

1994 – 2026

National Libero

ECVA Scorer

Student of the Game





Thank you

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