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2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup

Managua, Nicaragua

August 30, September 7, 2026

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Organizer

- 1.1 For the organization of the **2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup**, the **Nicaragua National Volleyball Federation** accepts to comply with the terms and conditions established in these Competition Regulations that are the official statutes of the event.
- 1.2 The **Nicaragua National Volleyball Federation**, affiliated to NORCECA, to the Pan-American Volleyball Union, UPV and the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) **will be responsible for the organization of the 2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup**, programmed to be held on **August 30 - September 7, 2026, in the city of Managua, Nicaragua.**

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The 2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup will be held in the city of **Managua, Nicaragua**.
The event will be held on **August 30-September 7, 2026**.

2.2 International Airports of Arrival and Departure

The International Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the **2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup** is:

Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de Managua "Augusto C. Sandino" (MGA)

2.2.1 All delegations must schedule their arrival to the city of Managua, Nicaragua on August 30, 2026.

- Delegations must arrive on **August 30, 2026**, the **Nicaragua National Volleyball Federation** will arrange the local transportation from the airport to the designated hotels.

2.3 All delegations must schedule their departure from the city of **Managua, Nicaragua** on **September 7, 2026**.

2.4 **Competition Venue**

The main competition venue for participating teams is the:

Gimnasio Polideportivo "Alexis Argüello" Managua

2.5 **Training Venues**

The training venues for participating teams are:

Cancha 1 Gimnasio Polideportivo "España"

Cancha 2 Polideportivo de Entrenamiento del Ministerio de Deportes

2.6 **Accommodation, Meals, and Internal Transportation**

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees will be covered by the **Nicaragua National Volleyball Federation** from **August 30 until September 7, 2026**.

a) **Officials, Teams, and Referees Hotel:** From the date of arrival, **August 29, 2026**, for Control Committee Members and **August 30, 2026**, for participating National Teams and Referees, until the date of departure on **September 7, 2026**, the **Nicaragua National Volleyball Federation**, host national federation of the event, is responsible for the hotel accommodation of the Control Committee Members, Referees and participating National Teams.

b) **Meal Services**

Participating teams, members of the Control Committee, Referees and Officials will receive their meals in the official hotel designated for their accommodation.

NOTE: The lodging of NORCECA Officials, Members of the Control Committee, Referees, Technical, Support Staff, Press and Medical Delegate must be in a different hotel of that where the participating National Teams are accommodated.

2.7 **Hotel Accommodation for participating National Teams and NORCECA Control Committee Members**

- **Hostal NicaBliss, Managua .**
- **Villalobos Hotel Managua**

2.7.1 Team Room distribution:

- Double room occupancy for Players and/or triple room occupancy, if the conditions are acceptable, with the previous approval of NORCECA.
- Double room occupancy for Team Technical Staff.
- Single room occupancy for Team Manager.

- Single room occupancy for FIVB, CSV and NORCECA Accredited Team Doctor and Team Physiotherapist.

The total maximum of rooms per Delegation and/or participating teams is:

- Players: Up to 7 double rooms or 4 triple rooms and 1 double room.
- Team Technical Staff: 3 double rooms.
- Team Medical Doctor, and Team Physiotherapist in single room occupancy: 2 single rooms.

2.7.2 Officials, Referees and Technical Personal

- The NORCECA President or CSV (or their representative) requires single room occupancy.
- The Competition Director, Venue Operations Delegate and Administrative Director require single room occupancy.
- Members of the Appeal and Refereeing Sub-Commissions, as well as International Referees require double room occupancy.
- Press Delegate and Photographer require double room occupancy.
- The Medical Delegate requires single room occupancy.

NOTE: The lodging of Officials, Members of the Control Committee, Referees, Technical, Support Staff, Press and Medical Delegate must be in a different hotel of that where the participating National Teams are accommodated. **If there is only one hotel available, it is necessary that the officials stay on a different building or floor where the National Teams are accommodated.**

2.8 MEALS

The host National Federation or the Organizing Committee must provide meals to the participating National Teams, Officials and Staff, from the day of arrival to the day after the competition as follow:

Participating in National Teams

Breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus one snack, to be provided to the participating National Teams before or after each match according to the request of the Team Manager, for a total up to 22 people's maximum per National Team Delegation. Meals must be provided in the hotel destined for the lodging of the participating National Teams. The hotels must be approved during the site inspection visit and must comply with the sanitary quality/conditions and provide the necessary meals according to the International Competition Standards for High Performance Athletes **(IFQS)**

Officials, Referees, Technical and Support Staff

Officials, Members of the Control Committee, Referees, VIS Delegate, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, Technical and Support Staff must be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner in the hotel destined for their lodging. The dining location must be

approved during the site inspection visit and must comply with the sanitary quality/conditions and provide the necessary meals according to the International Food Quality Standards **(IFQS)**. During the competition days, a snack shall be provided in the Control Committee, Referee and Technical Personnel Meeting Rooms.

2.9 INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION

The host National Federation and/or the Organizing Committee is responsible for providing internal transportation to all participating National Teams from the day of their arrival, **August 29 for Control Committee members and August 30, 2026, for participating National Teams**, until the day of departure, **September 7, 2026**, as follows:

Participating National Teams: internal transportation in buses with a minimum capacity of 30 people. Transportation of two participating National Teams in the same bus **is not permitted**.

Note: The host National Federation will only be responsible for the transportation, from and to the airport of arrival for participating National Team Delegation, all members together, according to the main arrival and departure flight itinerary. Individual members arriving or departing with a different flight itinerary from that of the National Team Delegation will be responsible for their own transportation and cost.

2.9.1 International and Internal Transportation for Officials, Members of the Control Committee, Referees, VIS Delegate, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate and Technical and Support Staff:

a. International Transportation

- i. The host national federation is responsible for providing the airline tickets, economical class for the designated Control Committee Members and Neutral Referee for the event.
- ii. The international airline tickets must include one (1) piece of luggage.

b. Local Transportation:

- i. One vehicle for the NORCECA or CSV President (or his representative)
- ii. One vehicle for the Competition Director
- iii. One van and/or a minibus with a capacity of 12 passengers to be provided for the Members of the Appeal and Referee Sub-Commission, VIS Delegate, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, Technical and Support Staff.
- iv. One van and/or minibus with a capacity of 12 passengers to be provided for the International Referees.

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 on 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 Game

The **2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup** 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 NORCECA President.

3.4 VISA information

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees in the **2026 U23 Panamerican Cup** the **Nicaragua National Volleyball Federation** must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit the entry into **Nicaragua** of the participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form. Participating National Federations are responsible for the submission of required documents to their respective **Nicaraguan Embassies** and all related costs.

4. Events schedule 2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup:

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 29, 2026,	Arrival of Control Committee Members 16:00 Inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation. 20:00 Control Committee and Organizing Committee meeting to be held at the Official Hotel.
August 30, 2026,	Arrival of Referees, Officials and Participating National Teams. 10:00 Final Inspection visit to the Competition and Training Venues, accommodation facilities, security, working offices, meeting rooms, VIS, Press Conference Room, T.V. transmission and transportation. 09:00 – 21:30 Training of Participating Teams. 17:00 Control Committee meeting in the Official Hotel.

August 31, 2026,	09:00-15:00 Preliminary Inquiry for participating National Teams at the Teams Hotel. 08:00-18:00 Training for Participating Team 17:00-19:00 Practical Clinic for Referees, Scorekeepers, Line Judges, VIS and support personnel, to be held at the Competition Hall. 20:00 General Technical meeting in the Team's Hotel followed by the Team Medical Briefing.
September 1, 2026,	Day 1 - Competition Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format). The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
September 2, 2026,	Day 2 - Competition Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format). The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
September 3, 2026,	Day 3 - Competition Preliminary Round Matches (refer to the Official Competition Format). The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
September 4, 2026,	Day 4 - Competition Quarterfinals (refer to the Official Competition Format) The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.
September 5, 2026,	Day 5 - Competition Semifinal & Qualification Round (Refer to the Official Competition Format) The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule.

September 6, 2026,

Day 6 - Competition Finals

(Refer to the Official Competition Format)

The time schedule and daily order of the matches will be decided in accordance with the host National Federation, taking into consideration the TV transmission schedule, except for the Bronze Medal and Gold Medal Championship matches of the tournament, which must be the last two matches, first the Bronze and finally the Gold Medal Match, scheduled to conclude the tournament.

September 7, 2026,

Departure of Control Committee members, Referees and participating National Teams (All day).

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 A maximum of eight (8) national teams are qualified to participate in the **2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup**. The qualified teams are the Host Country (1) **Nicaragua**, the first four (4) NORCECA National Teams qualified through the **NORCECA U23 Continental Ranking** to confirm their participation, and the top three (3) **CSV National Teams** qualified through the **CSV U23 Continental Ranking** to confirm their participation.

5.2 National Teams will be allocated into **Pool A and Pool B**, for the Preliminary Round following their position in the **NORCECA and CSV Continental Ranking**.

5.3 Eligible qualified National Teams from **NORCECA and CSV** to participate in the **2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup** are:

NORCECA; Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Canadá, USA, Trinidad & Tobago, Antigua & Barbuda, St. Lucia, Martinique, Surinam, and Belize.

CSV: Colombia, Argentina, Brazil, Perú, Venezuela and Chile.

NOTE 1: In case one of the above qualified teams does not confirm or declines to participate, the next team in the Continental Ranking of NORCECA or CSV will be eligible to participate.

5.4 In addition, the host may accept up to twelve (12) teams, the additional teams to be accepted are reserved for the following highest-ranking national teams from NORCECA and CSV. The additional participating team's national federations must cover the total cost of their participation (registration fees, antidoping fees, hotel accommodations, meals, and referees per diems of their national team delegation) at a cost of **USD\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) daily per person for their participation based on double occupancy or **USD\$150.00** (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) daily per person in single occupancy. The additional participating National Federation shall make the corresponding payment before, but not later, then the Preliminary Inquiry by bank transfer to the NORCECA bank account or in cash during the preliminary inquiry.

5.5 Team Composition

Each National Team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 22 persons, plus one (1) international or continental referee (Up to 14 Players, 1 Team Manager, 1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coach, 1 Medical Doctor (FIVB Accredited) 1 Physiotherapist (FIVB/Norceca Accredited) 1 Physical Preparation Trainer (FIVB/Norceca Accredited) 1 NORCECA accredited Journalist or Statistician.

The National Team Delegation may consist of:

- Up to fourteen (14) Players
- Up to four (4) Officials (One Team Manager, One Head Coach and Two Assistant Coaches)
- One (1) Doctor (FIVB/NORCECA accredited)
- One (1) Physiotherapist (FIVB/NORCECA accredited)
- One (1) Physical Preparation Trainer
- One (1) Sports Journalist or Team Statistician (NORCECA accredited)
- One (1) Referee (FIVB International Referee or Continental Referee) to be approved and designated by the NORCECA President with the advice of the NORCECA Refereeing Commission President.

NOTE: All participating National Team must include within their coaching staff a female coach, to comply with the FIVB Competition Regulation in force for female competitions.

5.6 Additional Team Personnel and Staff

All people that exceed what is stipulated in Article 5.6 above will be considered as additional personnel or team Staff and the National Federation (NF) that registers them will have to cover all their expenses, including lodging, meals and internal transportation. The names of these people should be submitted in advance to the host National Federation and/or NORCECA and the National Federation concerned must pay the amount of **USD\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) daily per person for their registration based on double occupancy or **USD\$150.00** (One Hundred Fifty Dollars) daily per person in single occupancy. The NF that registers additional personnel shall make the corresponding payment in cash before, but not later than the Preliminary Inquiry.

5.7 Hotel room distribution per participating National Team:

Seven (7) double rooms or four (4) triple rooms and one (1) double room to be distributed as followed:

- ❖ Up to 7 Double Rooms for the 14 players or 4 Triple Rooms and 1 double room.
- ❖ Up to 3 Double Rooms for one Head Coach, two Assistant Coach, one Team Medical Doctor (FIVB accredited only) one Physical Preparation Trainer, and one (1) Sports Journalist or Team Statistician.

Two (2) Single Room to be distributed as follows:

- ❖ 1 Single Room for the Team Manager.
- ❖ 1 Single Room for the Team Physiotherapist (FIVB Accredited only)

5.8 **FIVB** International or Continental Referee will be lodged separately in double room occupancy.

6. Player's Eligibility

- 6.1 **The 2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup is a Intercontinental competition exclusively reserved for female-born players only, the eligibility is for players born on January 1, 2004, and after.** 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. Team Managers must submit, for control and database purposes, color copies of the National Team players passports (provided on CD) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.
- 6.2 The passports of all players must be presented to the Control Committee for verification during the Team 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. **Players born in a different country from the one they represent in this event, are subject to the FIVB Eligibility Verification and as such, their National Federation must present a copy of their FIVB Eligibility Certificate.**

7. Registration

- 7.1 The registration of each National Team will consist of submitting the FIVB O-2 Form to NORCECA together with the payment to NORCECA of the registration fee of USD\$2,500.00 (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) before the established deadline. The O-2 form may contain up to 25 athletes, and no declaration of Captain or Libero(s) is required. No substitutions or changes of athletes are permitted after the submission of the O-2 Form. The final list of 12 participating athletes on the O-2bis Form must be constituted from among the 25 players listed in the O-2 Form. The uniform shirt number of the participating national team players must be numbered from 1 to 99, no other uniform shirt numbers will be admitted.

The O-2 Form submission must be completed online (www.fivb.org/vis/login.aspx) for the implementation of the FIVB Live Score system (O-2 VIS). A printed copy of the completed form must be sent to the NORCECA Sport Events Department prior to the established deadline for each event. If you require assistance, please visit the webpage above or contact the FIVB VIS Webmaster.

Additionally, an **Anti-Doping Control test fee of USD\$500.00** (Five Hundred Dollars), per participating team must be paid to cover the Doping Control tests to be performed during the competition.

7.1.1 The payment of registration and Doping Control fees must be made in USD\$Dollars to NORCECA through one of the following options:

- through an international bank transfer
- through a bank administration check sent by DHL, FED EX, etc.
- paid in cash at the Preliminary Inquiry

7.1.2 For the payment of fees through an international bank transfer, the transfer payment should be made to the following bank account and must be received by the NORCECA at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the event:

Name of Bank: CITIBANK
Account No: 36265289
Swift Code: CITIUS33
Bank Address: New York, N.Y., 10013
United States of America

Beneficiary Bank: Banco BDI SA
Address of Bank: Av. Sarasota #27, La Julia. Santo Domingo
República Dominicana

For further credit to: Confederación Panamericana de Voleibol
Account No.: 4010048081

Address: Av. Máximo Gómez, Esq. 27 de Febrero
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7.1.3 The payment of the fees through a check (bank administration check), must be remitted to NORCECA at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the event, together with the original of the FIVB 0-2 Form, by certified express mail and/or DHL, FED EX, etc., to the following address:

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7.1.4 Payment of fees during the Preliminary Inquiry **must be made in cash (USD\$ Dollars only)** to the Administrative Director prior to the start of the event.

7.1.5 A copy of the FIVB O-2 Form, one (1) team photo and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegation (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) must be remitted by email to the NORCECA Sport Events Department ([Arateide Caceres Hernandez <norcecageneraldirector@gmail.com>](mailto:ArateideCaceresHernandez@norcecageneraldirector@gmail.com)) prior to the established deadline.

7.2 **Player Final Registration (FIVB O-2 bis Form)**

During the Preliminary Inquiry, the Team Manager must submit, to the Control Committee, the FIVB O-2 VIS and the O-2bis Forms with a maximum of 12 players (comprised only of the players registered in the O-2 form). In the case that the FIVB O-2VIS or O-2 bis Form is not provided to the Control Committee, the first 12 or 14 players in the FIVB O-2 Form will constitute the team.

8. **Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms**

8.1 The **2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup** will be played under the current FIVB Rules of the Game in Force 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 competition game ball, **MIKASA V200W**, will be provide to the host National Federation, a total of fifty (50) official game volleyballs will be provided.

8.3 **Uniforms**

Player uniforms should be FIVB Homologated or not homologated but in accordance with FIVB Uniforms Official Rules and Guidelines. Each team should have available a minimum of **three (3) sets** of playing uniforms of different colors, (70% base color) one of which should be based white in color. The team Captain and Libero uniforms (in case the Libero Uniform is of different color/design) 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-2VIS and O-2bis Forms. The uniform shirt number of the participating national team players must be numbered from 1 to 99, no other uniform shirt numbers will be admitted. Player accessories and injury prevention devices, (compression pads, knee pads, elbow pads, etc.) must be of the same color design as the uniform jersey. Neutral colors, black and white, are also accepted. Teams' players wearing injury prevention devices must be all uniformed (same color/design) and must be presented at the team preliminary inquiry for inspection and approval. For the South American Volleyball Confederation, CSV, participating National Teams, CSV homologated uniforms are accepted upon the presentation of the CSV Homologation Certificate Letter. **NORCECA** Official Homologated brands are; **MIZUNO, PEAK, ADIDAS and ERREA**

8.4 **Publicity on Uniforms**

Publicity on player uniforms must be authorized by NORCECA before completion of the publicity uniform form and the payment of the established fee of USD\$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars). This form is available for downloading through the NORCECA Confederation website, www.norceca.net Publicity on players' uniforms must be in accordance with the FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment, and Advertising Guidelines. Teams presenting uniforms that are not in compliance with the FIVB regulations will not be able to use those uniforms during the event, therefore, new uniforms that comply with the FIVB Uniform Regulations and FIVB Sport Material, Team Equipment and Advertising Guidelines must be presented to the Control Committee of the event for approval. For the South American Volleyball Confederation, CSV, participating National Teams, CSV authorized uniforms publicity are accepted upon the presentation of the CSV uniform Publicity Certificate Letter.

8.5 **Dress code for officials on the bench**

All Officials on the bench (**maximum of six officials on the bench to be decided by the team manager**) must be uniformed according to the dress code of the current FIVB Sport Regulations. Those Officials that do not comply with the dress code established will not be allowed to sit on the bench. Each participating team manager is entitled to determine up to six (6) officials to be on the bench but must declare and register then for the entire competition during their National Team Preliminary Inquiry. In addition, team medical staff is allowed to be seated behind the team bench, as foreseen by the regulations site plan.

9. **Competition Format and Team Distribution**

9.1 The **2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup** will be played under one of the following competition formats:

- a) With twelve (12) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups of six (6) teams each. Option B) four (4) groups of three (3) teams each. Option C) three (3) groups of four (4) teams each.
- b) With eleven (11) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups will be formed; one of five (5) teams and one (1) group of 6 teams. Option B) three (3) groups will be formed, two (2) groups of four (4) teams each and one (1) group of three (3) teams.
- c) With ten (10) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups of five (5) teams each. Option B) three (3) groups will be formed; two (2) groups of three (3) teams each and one (1) group of four (4) teams.
- d) With nine (9) teams the following groups will be formed: Option A) two (2) groups will be formed; one (1) group of four (4) teams and one (1) group of five (5) teams. Option B) three (3) groups of three (3) teams each will be formed.
- e) With eight (8) teams, two (2) groups of four (4) teams each will be formed.

- f) With seven (7) teams, two (2) groups will be formed: one (1) of four (4) teams and one (1) of three (3) teams.
- g) With six (6) teams, two (2) groups of three (3) teams will be formed.
- h) 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). The winners of the Semifinal Round will play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play one match to determine the 3rd and 4th place.
- i) With four (4) teams, a Round Robin will be played. All teams will advance to compete in the Semifinal Round. (1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd). The winners of the Semifinal Round will play a match to determine the Champion and Vice-Champion. The losers of the Semifinal Round will play one match to determine the 3rd and 4th place.

NOTE: The official competition format of the event will determine the distribution of teams in the Preliminary Rounds, Classification Rounds, Quarterfinal Round, Semifinal Round and Final Round. No changes to the official competition format of the event will be permitted after it has been determined and approved.

9.2 **Classification, Quarterfinal and Semifinal Rounds**

For the Classification, Quarterfinal, and Semifinal Rounds, according to the FIVB General Competition Regulations, it must be avoided that teams from the same group play each other as established in the competition format.

- 9.3 According to the established competition format and the FIVB General Regulations, for the Classification, Quarterfinal, and Semifinal Rounds, if three teams from the same group qualify, the match between the highest ranked team and the lowest ranked team of their Preliminary Round will be repeated.

9.4 **Round Robin Ranking**

To establish the ranking of teams after Preliminary Round, the ranking of the teams will be determined as follows:

1. By the results of matches won and lost.
2. In case of equality in the number of matches won and lost, among two or more teams of the same group, the final ranking of the teams will be determined by the number of points gained among teams of the same group during the Preliminary Round.
3. The following points will be awarded to each team per match, according to the number of sets won/lost:

Match won 3-0 = 5 points	Match lost 0-3 = 0 point
Match won 3-1 = 4 points	Match lost 1-3 = 1 points
Match won 3-2 = 3 points	Match lost 2-3 = 2 points
Match forfeited = 0 points (0-25, 0-25, 0-25)	

9.5 Tie Breaking Procedure

In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or more teams, the tie will be broken by the points ratio with the following criteria, in order of importance:

- A) **Point Quotient:** In case of equality in the number of points gained by two or several teams they will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost.
- B) **Set Quotient:** If the tie persists as per the points quotient the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of the number of all sets won by the number of all sets lost.
- C) **If the tie continues as per the set quotient between two teams,** the priority will be given to the team which won the last match between them.
- D) **When the tie is between three or more teams** a new classification of these teams will be made taking into consideration only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.

9.6 Team Distribution

For the **2026 Women U23 Panamerican Cup** teams will be distributed into two or three **Pools, A, B and C** for the Preliminary Round following their position on the **NORCECA and CSV Continental Rankings**.

10. Rights of the Host Country

- 10.1 Once the Preliminary, Classification, Quarterfinals, Semifinal and Final Rounds matches are established, the host National Federation will propose to the Control Committee the time and order of all matches to be played. All matches are established in the Official Competition Schedule/Format of the event.
- 10.2 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 the host National Federation:
 - a) **Internal Transportation, lodging, and meals** for the Control Committee, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival until the date of departure. The host National Federation will only be responsible for the transportation, from and to the airport of arrival for participating National Team Delegation, all members together, according to the main arrival and departure flight itinerary. Individual members arriving or departing with a different flight itinerary from that of the National Team Delegation will be responsible for their own transportation and costs.
 - b) **A First-Aid Medical Service** must be provided during the Competition. **(International Medical Insurance is mandatory for all participating teams in order to cover the medical services that may be required**

by the members of their delegation including pandemics related sickness).

- c) Anti-Doping Fee: For this event, the host national federation must cover 50% of the cost for the anti-doping test to be conducted by the corresponding regional anti-doping authorized agency, as established by FIVB/WADA.
- d) **Payment of Per Diem** to Control Committee Members, Technical, Support Staff and Referees, according to what has been established as follows:
- **USD\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the Members of Control Committee, Medical Delegate, Venue Operation Manager, Members of the Appeal and Referee Sub-Commissions and the official Photographer, according to the established Regulations.
 - **USD\$150.00** (One Hundred and Fifty Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition for the Control Committee President, Competition Director, Administrative Director, Press Delegate, and VIS Delegate.
 - **USD\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, two days before and one day after the competition to be paid to the FIVB Referees or International Referees per participating team. The maximum participating Referees is eleven (11) which includes the participating team Referees, neutral and reserved local Referees.

NOTE 1: The payment of Per Diem for the Members of the Control Committee, Competition Director, Press Delegate, Medical Delegate, VIS Director, Technical, Support Staff and participating Referees must be covered before the start of the competition.

NOTE 2: The payment of Per Diem to local officials, technical and support personnel, including the members of the Control Committee of the host country, Medical and local Press Delegate, is to be made in accordance with the established agreement between the host National Volleyball Federation or Local Organizing Committee with the person contracted for the required services.

NOTE 3: For the payment of the Per Diem for the FIVB Referees, International Referees, the Organizing Committee is responsible for covering 50% and the remaining 50% is to be covered by the Referee's participating National Federation of origin and/or the National Federation that the Referee represents. All participating NFs must pay the Referees' Per Diem in cash (USD\$ Dollars) to the President, Control Committee during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

e) The host National Federation must cover the following financial responsibilities:

- **USD\$120,000.00** (One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars) to cover the hosting fee of the event.

Sponsorship and Marketing

- **USD\$20,000.00** (Twenty Thousand Dollars) is to be paid to the **NORCECA**, to cover the payment of the hosting fee of the event, that also includes that sponsorship and marketing fees for each incidence of commercial advertising or promotion in or outside the main competition venue or through the local TV Transmission or Internet streaming of the event within the territory of the host National federation (Nicaragua), establishing a minimum fee of USD\$2,000.00 (Two Thousand Dollars) for each sponsor promoting their products inside or outside the Main Competition Venues or throughout the TV Broadcasting of the event.

Note 1: Government, State and/or Provincial financial support and/or contribution will not be considered as sponsorship, commercialization and/or marketing.

Note 2: NORCECA reserves the right to allocate the following official banners on the court: **NORCECA, UPV, FIVB, and NORCECA continental sponsors, MIKASA and MIZUNO.**

Note 3: NORCECA reserves the rights of the international sponsorship, as well as international marketing, radio transmission, TV Broadcasting, internet and other international marketing, sponsorship and publicity means.

Note 4: For an additional fee of **USD\$20,000.00** the host national federation reserves the exclusive rights for international radio transmission, TV Broadcasting, internet streaming, digital media and other transmission means of the event for its resales.

- f) **REGISTRATION FEE:** For this event, the registration fee for participating teams will be **USD\$2,500.00** (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).
- g) **Air Fare:** The host national federation and/or the host organizing committee will be responsible for covering the payment of the air fare (economical class) for Control Committee Members and one (1) Neutral Referee (as needed) as outlined in the Financial Regulations.
- i. The host national federation is responsible for providing the airline tickets for the designated Control Committee Members and Neutral Referee for the event.
 - ii. The international airline tickets must include one (1) piece of luggage.
- h) **Event Tickets:** The Host National Federation and/or Organizing Committee must provide to the NORCECA fifteen (15) VIP tickets & thirty-five (35)

General Admission tickets per match and/or per day of competition, in case that the event tickets are valid for each day of competition.

11.2 The following are the responsibilities for participating National Federations:

- a) To remit a letter confirming the participation of their National Team to the NORCECA and the host National Federation before the established deadline.
- b) Payment of Entry Fee of **USD\$2,500.00** (Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars) in addition to the Anti-Doping control test fee of **USD\$500.00** (Five Hundred Dollars) before the established deadline.
- c) Payment of **50%** of the Per Diem of the International Referee representing their National Federation in cash during the Preliminary Inquiry.
- d) Remit together with a copy of the FIVB O-2 Form, one (1) team photo and individual photos (size 2x2) of all members of each participating team delegation (players, officials, doctors, journalists and referees) by email before the established deadline.
- e) **Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.**
- f) Payment of international transportation, as well as visa fees, and airport taxes. Participating National Teams are required to arrive on **August 30 and depart on September 7, 2026**. Teams arriving before or departing after the official dates as indicated previously will be responsible to arrange and cover the cost of their hotel room and board and local transportation.
- g) To present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:
 - FIVB O-2 VIS Form
 - FIVB O-2 bis Form (hard copy and the online VIS copy)
 - FIVB M-3 form
 - L-1 Form
 - L-2 Form
 - L-3 Form
 - L-4 Form
 - FIVB M-8 (if necessary)
 - Publicity Form and publicity payment receipt (if necessary)
 - Original passports of all players

- Color copy of all players' passports (provided on paper copy or CD)
- Country Flag (4 feet x 6 feet)
- Country National Anthem
- Captain & Libero Uniforms
- Injury prevention devices team gear for approval
(Compression pads, undershorts and arms calf's, socks)
- International insurance for all National Team members, one that must also cover pandemics related sickness.

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 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 Control Committee of the match where the violation of the Rules of the Game has been verified. The procedure must be in accordance with the NORCECA Sports Regulation (**Judges Conference**). Violation of the Rules of the Game must be claimed by the affected team during the development of the match in course and must be resolved during the match by the Control Committee. Also, the acting match Jury President and the Refereeing Delegate, may intervene when a technical violation to the Rules of the Game is verified 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 USD\$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 12 hours after the presentation of the complaint and/or appeal.

12.2 Sanctions:

For this competition the following sanctions have been established:

- a) Negligence to provide the FIVB O-2 Form and the FIVB O-2 VIS online registration by the deadline established will apply a sanction of **USD\$500.00** (Five Hundred Dollars).

- b) 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 **USD\$3,000.00** (Three Thousand Dollars) or a sanction of **USD\$1,000.00** per each set of uniforms not complying with the FIVB Official Uniform Regulations.
- c) All sanctions established by the FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Administrative, Financial, Sport, General Regulations and Complementary Statutes would be applicable.
- d) The non-fulfillment of Article 11.2, a), b), c), d), and g) of these regulations, will apply a sanction of **USD\$500.00** (Five Hundred Dollars) in each case as foreseen individually. The non-fulfillment of Article 11.2 g) will apply a sanction of USD\$500.00 for each no-fulfillment as the case may be.
- e) All participating national teams and players must be available for the opening, closing and award ceremony of the event. Participating national teams refusing or not participating in the opening, closing and award ceremony, their National Federation will be eligible to be applied a sanction of USD\$20,000.00. Also, individual players to be awarded, refusing or not participating in the individual award ceremony, their National Federation will be eligible to be applied for a sanction of USD\$5,000.00 and will also lose their award, one that will be awarded to the next player in the final result of its individual performance.
- f) The non-fulfillment of Article 6.1 of these Regulations, that corresponds to the eligibility of participating players, will apply a four-year (4) sanction to the player in fault from all competitions and a fine of **USD\$100,000.00** (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) sanction to the National Federation that declares an ineligible player in the roster of their National Team.

13. Referees

13.1 It is mandatory that each participating National Federation assign one (1) Referee from one of the following categories:

- a) FIVB International Referee
- b) FIVB International Refereeing Candidate
- c) FIVB Continental Referee

13.2 The NORCECA President, with the advice of the NORCECA and CSV Refereeing Commission President, will evaluate (for approval) the nomination of the Referees presented by each participating National Federation.

13.3 Other Officials

13.3.1 According to the FIVB General Regulations and considering that this event is an Continental Event approved by the FIVB, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission)

will be designated by the NORCECA President or their Representatives and must be composed by members of the National Federations affiliated to NORCECA whose representatives are members of the NORCECA Executive Committee, Board of Administration, Sport Organizing, Technical, Refereeing, VIS, Press, Development, Finance, Coaches and Medical Commissions of NORCECA.

13.3.2 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.

13.3.3 The host National Federation 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, supervising the officials and support personnel, being responsible for their performance.

14. Training Facilities

The Host Organizing Committee must 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. The minimum recovery time between competition matches and training sessions of participating teams is five (5) hours. Training facilities are: Each team will have a minimum of one training session of at least 1.5 hour (one hour and thirty minutes) in the official competition venue playing court prior to the event.

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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 National Teams Delegation Members, FIVB, NORCECA or CSV, Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff. Accreditations must be designed according to the standards established by the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation and must include the logos of FIVB, NORCECA, UPV, the host National Federation, title of the competition, unique identification number, photo and function of the accreditation holder and the logos of NORCECA Continental sponsors.

FIVB This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB officials.

NORCECA/CSV

UPV	This accreditation is reserved strictly for NORCECA, CSV /UPV 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 mandatory that all participating teams provide their own international medical insurance, one that also must cover pandemics related to sickness.**

17. Awards:

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

1st Place: Trophy and Gold Medals

2nd Place: Trophy and Silver Medals

3rd Place: Trophy and Bronze Medals

a). **The U23 Panamerican Cup 2026**, is part of the qualification process to the **2029 U23 Panamerican Junior Games**. Teams from NORCECA qualifying to the **2029 U23 Panamerican Junior Games**, need to complete the qualification process and to comply with the Pan-American Sports Organization, Pan Am Sports, participation terms, conditions to be admitted by Pan-Am Sports and will be distributed into the different groups following the NORCECA/CSV Continental Ranking as set in the Panamerican Volleyball Union, UPV, 2029 Panamerican Junior Games competition manual and regulations.

b) **The South American Volleyball Confederation, CSV**, will establish its own qualification system to determine the four (4) vacancies available to complete their continental quota.

18.1 Individual Awards will present individual awards to the following players:

Individual awards are based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS). The awards to be presented are:

Two Best Spiker	Best Digger
Two Best Blocker	Best Setter
Best Receiver	Best Libero
Best Server	Best Scorer
Most Valuable Player (MVP)	Best Opposite

18.2 Best Outside Hitters (OH)

The best two Outside Hitters will be awarded from among the previously declared as Outside Hitters, based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).



18.3 Best Middle Blocker (MB)

The best two Middle Blockers, MB, will be awarded from among the previously declared Middle Blocker players, based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.4 Best Defense, Service, Reception and Scorer

The players with the best defense, best service, best reception and best scorer (the player who registers more points in attack, serve and block during the competition), based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS), will be awarded the best in each individual performance no matter the position the player was previously declared during his Team Preliminary Inquiry.

18.5 Libero Player

The Libero players will compete among each other for the best Libero award of the event. Additionally, the Libero players will be eligible for the Best Digger and Best Receiver awards of the event. If a Libero player obtains two of the three above indicated awards according to the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS) and **her** team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event, **she** is eligible for the Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event.

18.6 Opposite Player (OP)

The best opposite player will be selected from among the previously declared opposite players. If the best opposite player results to be the Most Valuable Player (MVP), resulting **her** team as the Champion Gold Medal of the event, the next best opposite player will receive the Best Opposite Award, regardless of the team that **she** belongs to, based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.7 Setter Players

The Setter players will compete among each other for the Best Setter Award of the event. Additionally, the Setter players will be eligible for Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event, if **she** obtains the Best Setter Award of the event, **her** team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event and registers a minimum average of 5.0 per set, according to the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).



18.8 Most Valuable Player (MVP)

The Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) will be awarded to the player that from among the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event is selected by the team coach. If not selected by the team coach, the MVP will be awarded to the player that registers the highest number of points scored and accumulated in Attack, Block and Serve during the competition, according to the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS). In addition, the Setter and Libero players will be eligible for the Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event as outlined in Article 18.5 and 18.7 above. The Head Coach of the champion team may decide, based upon his/her criteria, the MVP from among the players of his/her national team.

These Competition Regulations have been prepared by Lic. Arateide Caceres Hernandez, NORCECA General Director, and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA Volleyball Confederation.

In Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, **on February 10, 2026**

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President

