

## **2018 World Championships**

### **AFECAVOL Zonal**

## **Women World Championship Qualification Tournament**

**Nicaragua, November 20-27, 2016**

### **Competition Regulations**

#### **1. Organizer:**

1.1 The Federación Nicaragüense de Voleibol, affiliated to AFECAVOL, to the North, Central American and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation, NORCECA and to the Federation Internationale de Volleyball, FIVB, will be responsible for the organization of **AFECAVOL Women ZONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT** to be call WCQT, from here forward, to be held from November 20-27,2016 in Nicaragua.

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**2. Host City and Competition Venues**

**2.1 Host City:**

The WCQT will be held in Managua, Nicaragua. The dates for the event are **November 20-27, 2016.**

**2.2 Airport of Arrival and Departure:**

The airport for arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the WCQT, will be the following:

Aeropuerto Internacional Augusto Cesar Sandino MGA

**2.3 Competition Venue:**

The main competition venue for participating teams is the: Polideportivo España

## 2.4 Training Venues:

The training venues for participating teams are the: Polideportivo España

## 2.5 Accommodation, Meals and Internal Transportation

Accommodation, meals and internal transportation for Participating Teams, Control Committee and Referees, will be covered by the Host National Federation from the date of arrival until the date of departure. The Control Committee arrival is foreseen on November 20, 2016, National Teams and their Referees are programmed to arrive on November 20, 2016. Departure date is foreseen on November 27, 2016.

### a) Accommodations; Control Committee and Referees

Control Committee Members and Referees will be accommodated at their designated hotel.

### b) Accommodation; Participating Teams

Participating teams will be accommodated at their designated hotel.

### c) Meal Services

Participating Control Committee Members, Referees and participating National Teams will receive their meals services at the official hotel designated for their accommodations.

## 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 NORCECA, Regulations and in the contrary, by the FIVB Regulations, including its Constitution, Administrative, Sport, Financial, General Regulations, Complementary Statutes and Disciplinary Regulations.

### 3.2 FIVB Official Rules of the Game

The WOMEN AFECAVOL ZONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT 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 President of AFECAVOL with the corresponding approval of the NORCECA President.

### 3.4 VISA information

In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees in the In order to facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees in the WOMEN AFECAVOL ZONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT, the Host National Federation and/or the Organizing Committee 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, Officials , Control Committee Members and Referees. Participating National Federations are responsible for the submission of required documents to their respective Embassies and all related costs.

## 4. Calendar of Events

<b>DATES</b>	<b>2016 ACTIVITIES</b>
October 1, 2016	Payment of Entry Fees of US\$1.000 (one thousand us dollars) to be remitted to AFECAVOL together with the FIVB 0-2 Form that must be remitted to AFECAVOL and to the Federacion Nicaragüense de Voleibol for the official registration of participating National Teams.
November 20, 2016	Arrival of Control Committee & Referees. Hotel, Competition & Training Venue Inspection.
November 20, 2016	Arrival of Participating Teams
November 21, 2016	Preliminary Inquiry, Teams Training, Referees Clinic (Morning)
November 22-26, 2016	Matches ( Round Robin system)
November 27, 2016	Control Committee, Referees and Teams departure

## 5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 A maximum of six (6) Teams will participate in the WCQT- as follows: Belize El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Panamá and Host Nicaragua.

## 5.2 Team Composition:

Delegations must comprise of a maximum of fifteen (15) persons

- Twelve (12) players
- Two (2) Team Officials
- One (1) Referee

## 5.3 Additional personnel on the teams:

All persons that exceed what is stipulated in 5.2 will be considered as additional personnel and the National Federation (NF) that registers them will have to pay all their expenses including lodging, meals and internal transportation. The names of these persons should be submitted in advance to the Host Organizer and/or AFECAVOL, and shall have paid before registration the amount of US\$150,00 daily per person based on double occupancy or **US\$200.00** (Two Hundred Dollars) daily per person in single room occupancy. The National Federation (NF) that registers additional personnel shall make the correspondent payment before or during the Preliminary Inquiry. Note: Extra persons that turn up without notification will not be the responsibility of the Host.

## 6. Player's Eligibility

- 6.1 Participating players must be citizens of the country that they represent according to the FIVB/NORCECA 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 (including the Host National Team passports) 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.

## 7. Registration and participation fees

### Registration

- 7.1 The registration of each National Team will consist of submitting the FIVB O-2 Form to NORCECA and AFECAVOL together with the payment of the registration fee of **US\$1,000.00** (One Thousand Dollars) before the established

deadline. The O-2 Form can contain up to 20 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 20 players listed in the O-2 Form.

The O-2 Form submission must be completed online ([www.fivb.org/vis/login.aspx](http://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 and to AFECAVOL prior to the established deadline. If you require assistance, please visit the webpage above or contact the FIVB VIS Webmaster.

## 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 bis Form with a maximum of 12 players, only (comprised only of the players registered in the O-2 form). In the case that the FIVB O-2 bis Form is not provided to the Control Committee, the first 12 players in the FIVB O-2 Form will constitute the team. Also for Control Committee registration and VIS Data Control, the players positions (**Outside Hitter, OH, Middle Blocker, MB, Opposite, OP, Setter, S and Libero, L**) must be indicated in the final O2bis Form available in the NORCECA Website.

## 7.3 Fees

Each participating team must pay the Registration fee of USD\$1,000.00(One thousand Dollars)

Registration fee must be made through wire transfer to Asociación de Federaciones Centroamericanas de Voleibol, AFECAVOL, Bank Account. The Registration fee should be remitted together with the original O-2 Form before October 1, 2016.

## 8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The WCQT will be played under the current FIVB rules 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 will be the **Molten V5M-5000**. The NORCECA will provide to the host National Federation 30 Molten V5M-5000 volleyballs.



### 8.3 Uniforms

Player's uniforms should be FIVB Homologated and in accordance with FIVB Official Rules. Each team should have available a minimum of two (2) sets of playing uniforms of different colors, one of which should be based white in color. The team Captain and Libero uniforms 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-2 bis Forms. Teams uniform 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.

### 8.4 Publicity on Uniforms

Publicity on player's uniforms must be authorized by NORCECA previous to completion of the publicity uniform form and the payment of the established fee of USD\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars). This form is available for download through the NORCECA Confederation website, [www.norceca.org](http://www.norceca.org). 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.

### 8.5 Officials on the Bench and dress code

All Officials on the bench (**maximum of five 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 entitle to determine the officials to be on the bench, but must declare and register then for the entire competition during the 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 Teams Distribution.

9.1 The WCQT will be played under the following competition format:



## Six (6) Teams – Pool Play

**NOTE: The official competition format of the event will determine the playing schedule for participating national Teams. No changes to the official competition format of the event will be permitted after it has been determined and approved by AFECVOL/NORCECA.**

### 9.2 Round Robin Ranking

To establish the ranking of teams for the competition for 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 group, the final ranking of the teams will be determined by the number of points gained among teams of the 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 won 3-1 = 4 points

Match won 3-2 = 3 points

Match forfeited = 0 points (0-25, 0-25, 0-25)

Match lost 0-3 = 0 point

Match lost 1-3 = 1 points

Match lost 2-3 = 2 points

### 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.

## 10. Rights of the Host Country

The host country will also have all other rights as established in the FIVB/NORCECA Sport and General Regulations. The host National Federation has the right to choose their opponent team for each match.

## 11. Financial Responsibilities

11.1 The following will be the financial responsibilities of the Organizer:

- a) Internal Transportation, lodging, and meals for Control Committee, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival to date of departure.
- b) Medical Services during the Competition (Medical Insurance is recommended for participating teams).
- c) Payment of Per Diem for Control Committee Members of US\$100.00 per day from two (2) days before and one (1) day after the competition and the payment of 50% of the payment per day of International Referee per diem of US\$75.00, from one (1) day before and one (1) day after the competition. Other referees must be covered full by each participating National Federation that they represent.

11.2 The following are the financial responsibility for participating National Federations:

- a) Payment of Registration Fees USD\$1,000.00 (One thousand Dollars) to AFECAVOL before October 1, 2016.
- b) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of the delegation that may apply.
- c) Payment of international transportation, as well as airport taxes.
- d) For the payment of the Per Diem for the International Referees, Candidates to International Referees and Continental Referees, the Organizing Committee is responsible to cover 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, according to the decision of the NORCECA /AFECAVOL. All participating NFs must cover the Referees' Per Diem during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

## 12. Sanctions and Complaints

### 12.1 Complaints:

Complaints must be presented in writing to Control Committee. The procedure for complaints should be according to the established FIVB Sport and General Regulations.

Complaints submitted to the Control Committee must be accompanying with a deposit of USD\$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) which will be refund in case the complaint proceeds.

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.

Complaints related to a technical issue (violation of the FIVB Rules of the Game in Force) 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 in order to resolve the situation and to ensure the proper continuation of the match in course.

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\$100.00 (One 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 by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$100.00.
- b) Negligence to provide the Registration Fee by the deadline established, will apply a sanction of US\$100.00.
- c) The non-fulfillment of Article 8.3 of these Regulations, corresponding to the uniforms of Participating Teams, which will have to be fulfilled

according to the established FIVB Official Regulations, will apply a US\$1,000.00 sanction.

- d) All sanctions established in FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct and Regulations would be applicable.

### **13. Referees**

- 13.1 Each participating team must nominate one (1) Referee with at least one of following qualifications:

- International Referee
- International Referee Candidate
- Continental Referee (approved by NORCECA)

Any Country that is unable to nominate a referee as stated in 13.1 one will be appointed for them but the following would still apply.

For the payment of the Per Diem for the International Referees, Candidates to International Referees and Continental Referees, the Organizing Committee is responsible to cover 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, according to the decision of the AFECAVOL. All participating NFs must cover the Referees' Per Diem during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

- 13.2 AFECAVOL President or his representative, with the advice of AFECAVOL Refereeing Commission, will evaluate the nomination of Referees, to approve or reject them.

- 13.3 Other Officials:

13.3.1 Line judges, scorekeepers, statisticians, VIS, ball retriever, moppers, scoreboard operators, announcers and other supporting staff will be presented, for approval, by the representative of the hosting National Federation and / or Organizing Committee to the Control Committee President and/or its representative.

13.3.2 The Host Organizer will present these staff to the Control Committee during the Refereeing Clinic, for evaluation and approval.

13.3.3 The Refereeing Sub-Committee will assist the Control Committee with the officials and supporting staff and will be responsible for their supervision

## 14. Training Facilities

- 14.1 The Host Organizer will provide appropriate training facilities and conditions for at least 1 hour daily for the training of all participating teams from their arrival until the end of the competition.
- 14.2 Each Team will have a minimum of one training session of 1 hour in the competition court prior to the event.

## 15. Medical Services

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.

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

## 16. 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.

## 17. Awards:

The first three (3) teams qualified will be awarded as follow:

- 17.1 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Gold Medal and Team Trophy  
**(Qualify to 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Tournaments in 2017)**
- 17.2 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Silver Medal and Team Trophy  
**(Qualify to 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Tournaments in 2017)**
- 17.3 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bronze Medal and Team Trophy
- 17.4 Individual Awards: the Control Committee will provide individual awards to the following Players, taking into consideration the final result of the VIS System. 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 |

### **17.5 Best Outside Hitters (OH);**

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

### **17.6 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 final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

### **17.7 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 final 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 her Team Preliminary Inquiry.

### **17.8 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 final 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.

### **17.9 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 Player Award, regardless of the team that she belongs to, based solely on the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

### **17.10 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 final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

### **17.11 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 registers the highest amount of points scored and accumulated in Attack, Block and Serve during the competition, according to the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS). In addition, the Setter and Libero players will be eligible for Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event as outlined in Article 18.5 and 18.7 above.

The Control Committee members will be responsible to evaluate and select the Most Valuable Player of the event, based solely on her individual performance according to the statistics of the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

These Competition Regulations have been prepared by Ing. Marta Centeno de Sajché, AFECAVOL President and approved by Mr. Cristóbal Marte Hoffiz, President of NORCECA.

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