



**2024 ECVA Senior Women's Championship
Antigua & Barbuda
17th to 23rd October 2024**

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Organizer

1.1 For the organization of the **2024 ECVA Senior Women's Zonal Championship** the Antigua & Barbuda Volleyball Association (ABAVA) agrees to comply with the terms and conditions established in these Competition Regulations that are the official statutes of the event.

1.2 ABAVA, affiliated to the Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) and the NORCECA Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA) **will be responsible for the organization of the 2024 ECVA Senior Women's Zonal Championship**, programmed to be held from the 17th to 23rd October 2024, in St. Johns, Antigua.

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

2.1 Host City

The 2024 ECVA Senior Women's Zonal Championship will be held in the city of St. Johns, Antigua.

2.2 **International Airport of Arrival and Departure**

The Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the 2024 ECVA Senior Women's Championship is the:

- **V. C. Bird International Airport (Code: ANU)**

2.3 **Competition & Training Venue**

The main competition and training venue for participating teams is the:

- **YMCA, St. Johns, Antigua**

2.4 **Accommodation, Meals, and Internal Transportation**

Accommodation, meals, and internal transportation for the Control Committee will be covered by the Host Organizing Committee from 17th to 23rd October 2024

Accommodation, meals, and internal transportation for the Participating Teams and Referees will be covered by the Host Organizing Committee from 17th to 23rd October 2024

a) **Team Hotel:**
TBC

b) **Officials Hotel:**
TBC

c) **Meal Services:**
Participating teams, members of the Control Committee, Referees, and Officials will receive their meals in the official hotel designated for their accommodation.

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 if necessary, 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 2024 ECVA Senior Women's Zonal Championship will be played under 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 the ECVA.

3.4 VISA information

To facilitate the participation of qualified National Teams, Control Committee Members and Referees in the 2024 ECVA Senior Women’s Zonal Championship, the Host Organizing Committee must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit entry into Antigua & Barbuda of the participating team members registered in the FIVB 0-2 Form. Participating National Federations are responsible for the required application processes and related fees for acquiring the necessary entry visa.

4. Events Schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
June 1, 2024	Confirmation of participation Email or letter from NF confirming participation
August 1, 2024	Submit the O2 form by Email to ECVA
September 1, 2024	Submit the completed R1 form the ECVA
September 30, 2024	Submit O2-Bis form to ECVA
October 17, 2024	Arrival of Control Committee
October 18, 2024	Arrival of Teams and Referees 12:00-16:30 Preliminary Inquiry for participating teams at the Teams Hotel
October 18, 2024	Day 1 - Competition Refer to the Official Competition Format
October 19, 2024	Day 2 - Competition Refer to the Official Competition Format
October 20, 2024	Day 3 - Competition Refer to the Official Competition Format

- October 21, 2024** **Day 4 - Competition**
Refer to the Official Competition Format
- October 22, 2024** **Day 5 – Competition**
Refer to the Official Competition Format
- October 23, 2024** **Departure** of Control Committee Members, Referees, and participating teams.

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

5.1 All affiliated national federations of the ECVA are eligible to participate.

5.2 Team Composition

Each delegation will be allowed the following maximums with the understanding that **the host country is responsible for twelve (12) persons NOT INCLUDING the accompanying referee**. Teams that have more than 12 people will be responsible for all extra costs:

- Twelve (12) Players
- Four (4) management staff per - Manager, Assistant Manager, Coach, Trainer
- One (1) International/Continental/National Referee

5.3 Additional Team Personnel

Teams that have more than 12 people (excluding the referee) will be required to make all arrangements including accommodation, internal transportation, meals, etc. for those extra people. Official team members as listed on the O2-Bis will be eligible for complimentary access to the venue

6. Player's Eligibility

6.1 **The 2024 ECVA Senior Women Championship is a Zonal competition exclusively reserved for female-born players.**

Participating players must be citizens or permanent residents (under the NORCECA Zonal Player Eligibility Regulation) 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 (Residents require proof of residency and working permits as outlined in the NORCECA Zonal Player Eligibility Regulation), issued by the competent governmental authorities of their country. Team Managers must submit, for control and database purposes, colour copies of the National Team players' passports (provided on data drives) during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

- 6.1.1 To be considered for eligibility, a non-national or non-citizen must be a legal resident of the country or territory that they represent. **This facility is ONLY AVAILABLE for the Overseas Dependent Territories of Great Britain (BER, AGU, MTS, IVB).**
- 6.1.2 Nationals of France and the Netherlands are eligible to participate once they possess a valid French passport (in the former instance) or Dutch passport (in the latter instance) and have not represented any other country or territory in other International, Continental, or Zonal volleyball or beach volleyball competitions. **PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED!!!**
- 6.2 The passports (and related residency documents) 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.

7. Registration

- 7.1 The registration of each National Team will consist of submitting the O-2 Form together with the payment of the registration fee of US\$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred 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.
 - 7.1.1 The payment of the registration fee can be made in cash at the Preliminary Inquiry. The early payment of the registration fee is encouraged as **participation is limited to the first seven (7) registered teams** (the host country is excepted)
 - 7.1.2 A copy of the 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 host organizer and the ECVA before the established deadline.
- 7.2 **Player Final Registration (O-2 bis Form)**

During the Preliminary Inquiry, the Team Manager must submit, to the Control Committee, the O-2 bis Form with a maximum of 12 players (comprised only of the players registered in the O-2 form). In the case that the O-2 bis Form is not provided to the Control Committee, the first 12 players in the O-2 Form will constitute the team. Teams registering more than 12 players must register two Libero players. 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 O2-Bis form. The uniform shirt number of the participating national team players must be numbered from 1 to 25, no other uniform shirt numbers will be admitted

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The **2024 ECVA Senior Women’s Championship** will be played under the current FIVB Rules of the Game 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**. NORCECA will provide to the host National Federation a total of thirty (30) 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 colours, one of which should be based white in colour. 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 O-2 and O-2 bis Forms. Player’s accessories and injury prevention devices, (compression pads, knee pads, elbow pads, etc.) must be of the same colour design as the uniform jersey. Neutral colours, black and white, are also accepted. Team players wearing injury prevention devices must all be uniform (same colour and design) and must be presented at the team preliminary inquiry for inspection and approval.

8.4 Dress Code for Officials on the Bench

All Officials on the bench must be uniformed according to the dress code of the current FIVB Sport Regulations. Those Officials who do not comply with the dress code established will not be allowed to sit on the bench.

9. Competition Format and Team Distribution

9.1 The 2024 ECVA Women’s Zonal Championship will be played under one of the following competition formats:

- a) With eight (8) teams, two (2) groups of four (4) teams each will be formed.

- b) With seven (7) teams, two (2) groups will be formed: one (1) of four (4) teams and one (1) of three (3) teams.
- c) With six (6) teams, two (2) groups of three (3) teams each or one (1) group of six (6) will be formed. If one group of six is formed, a Round Robin will be played. Final matches will be played to determine the final ranking based upon the rankings after the Preliminary Round matches (5th vs 6th, 4th vs 3rd and 1st vs 2nd). Also, with six (6) teams, a Round Robin will be played. The first four (4) teams ranked in the Preliminary Round will advance to compete in the Finals. (1st vs 2nd for the Champion title and Gold Medal and 3rd vs 4th for the Bronze Medal and fourth place). The 5th and 6th place teams in the ranking of the preliminary round will play one match among each other to determine the 5th and 6th place final ranking of the event
- d) 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). 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.
- e) 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). 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 and Final Round. No changes to the official competition format of the event will be permitted after it has been determined and approved by the ECVA.

9.2 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 (25-0, 25-0, 25-0)	

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 point's 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 **2024 ECVA Women's Zonal Championship**, teams will be distributed according to their position in the NORCECA Senior Women's Confederation Rankings, using the Serpentine system for their distribution.

10. Rights of the Host Country

- 10.1 The host country has the right to choose one (1) match in the Competition Schedule of the Preliminary Round.
- 10.2 Once the Preliminary, 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.
- 10.3 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 Control Committee, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival to date of departure.
- b) **First Aid Medical Service** must be provided during the Competition. (International Medical Insurance is recommended for participating teams to cover the payment of medical services that may be required by the members of their delegation).
- c) **Referee Per Diem:** Host Organizer must pay 50% of the Per Diem of US\$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) to the participating International Referees. The Per Diem is to be provided prior to the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry. The host organizer is not obliged to pay the per diem for referees who are not International or Continental Referees

- 11.2 The following are the responsibilities of participating National Federations:
- a) To remit a letter confirming the participation of their National Team to the host National Federation before the established deadline.
 - b) Payment of Entry Fee of US\$1,500.00 (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars).
 - c) Remit together with a copy of the 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.
 - d) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.
 - e) Payment of international transportation (If applicable and in accordance with agreement with NORCECA), as well as visa fees, and airport taxes. Any departure tax is the responsibility of each NF and/or team member.
 - f) **Referee Per Diem:** National Federations must pay 50% of the Per Diem of US\$50.00 (Fifty Dollars) to their International or Continental Referee or US\$50 per day to their National or other referee. The Per Diem is to be provided before the completion of the team's Preliminary Inquiry.
 - g) To present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:
 - O-2 Form
 - O-2 bis Form
 - FIVB M-3
 - FIVB M-8 (if necessary)
 - Passports of all players
 - Country Flag (4 feet x 6 feet)
 - Country National Anthem
 - Captain & Libero Uniforms

- Injury prevention devices for approval
(Compression pads, undershorts and arm and calf socks)

11.3 The following are the responsibilities of the ECVA:

- a) **Air Fare:** The ECVA will be responsible for covering the payment of the airfare (economical class) for Control Committee Members.
- b) **Payment of Per Diem** to Control Committee Members according to what has been established by ECVA, as follows:

- **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day, one day before and one day after the competition for the Delegate, Press Officer, Photographer, and Neutral Referee.
- **US\$150.00** (One Hundred Fifty Dollars) per day, one day before and one day after the competition for the Tournament Director and VIS Supervisor.

NOTE 1: The payment of Per Diem for the Members of the Control Committee and participating Referees must be covered before the conclusion of the participating team's Preliminary Inquiry of the competition.

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 Article 9 of 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 FIVB 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.

- 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 US\$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 O-2 Form registration by the deadline established will apply a sanction of US\$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 US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars).
- c) All sanctions established by the FIVB Constitution, Code of Conduct, Administrative, Financial, Sport, General Regulations and Complementary Statutes would be applicable.

13. Referees

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

- a) FIVB
- b) FIVB International Referee
- c) International Referee Candidate
- d) Continental Referee
- e) National Referee

13.2 The ECVA 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 a Continental Event approved by the FIVB, the Control Committee (Refereeing Sub-Commission and Appeal Sub-Commission) will be designated by the ECVA President or his Representative.

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

14.1 No training is foreseen given the compacted schedule of the event

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 teams, FIVB, NORCECA, Referees, National and International Technical and Support Staff.

FIVB/NORCECA

/ECVA This accreditation is reserved strictly for FIVB/NORCECA and ECVA 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). A player's 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 recommended that all participating teams provide their own international medical insurance.

18. Awards:

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

1st Place: Gold Medals and Team Trophy (Qualifies to the NORCECA 2025 Continental Championship)

2nd Place: Silver Medals and Team Trophy

3rd Place: Bronze Medals and Team Trophy

18.1 Individual Awards

The Control Committee will present individual awards to the following players based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS). The awards to be presented are:

Best Opposite	Best Digger
2 x Best Middle Blockers	Best Setter
Best Receiver	Best Libero
Best Server	Best Scorer
2 x Best Outside Hitters	Most Valuable Player (MVP)

18.2 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 the three above indicated awards, he/she is eligible for the Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event, if his/her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the Event, according to the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.3 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 he /she obtains the Best Setter Award of the event and his/her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event and registers a minimum average of 7.0 per set, according to the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).

18.4 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 number of points scored and accumulated in Attack, Block and Serve during the competition, according to the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS). The Libero player will be eligible for the Most Valuable Player award of the event if he/she obtains the three awards indicated in the above article 18.2 (Best Libero, Best Digger and Best Receiver) and his/her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the Event. Also, the Setter players will be eligible for the Most Valuable Player award

of the event if he/she obtains the awards indicated in the above article 18.3 and his/her team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the Event.

- 18.5 The Control Committee members will be responsible to evaluate and select the Most Valuable Player of the event, based solely on his/her individual performance according to the statistics of the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS), from among the players indicated in articles 18.2, 18.3, and 18.4.