



2025 ECVA Senior Women's Championship – FINAL
FOUR Antigua & Barbuda
26th to 29th September 2025

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. Organiser

- 1.1 For the organisation of the **2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four 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 organisation **of the 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four Championship**, programmed to be held from the 26th to 29th September 2025, in St. Johns, Antigua.
- 1.3 **Organisation Addresses & Contacts:**

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2. Host City and Competition Venue

- 2.1 **Host City**
The 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four 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 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four 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

The Host Organising Committee will cover accommodation, meals, and internal transportation for the Control Committee from 26th to 29th September 2025

Accommodation, meals, and internal transportation for the Participating Teams and Referees will be covered by the Host Organising Committee from 26th to 29th September 2025

a) 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. The NORCECA Regulations will decide any situation not covered by these regulations and, if necessary, the FIVB Regulations, including its Constitution, Administrative Regulations, Sport Regulations, Financial Regulations, General Regulations, Complementary Statutes, and Code of Conduct.

3.2 FIVB Official Rules of the Game

The 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four 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 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four Championship, the Host Organising 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 O-2 Form. Participating National Federations are responsible for the required application processes and any related fees associated with obtaining the necessary entry visa.

4. Events Schedule:

DATE	ACTIVITY
July 1	Confirmation of participation Email or letter from NF confirming participation
August 1	Register the team online using the VIS portal and send the O2 form by Email to the ECVA
August 15	Submit the completed R1 form to the ECVA
August 22	Submit O2-Bis form to ECVA
September 23	Preliminary Inquiry for all teams – VIRTUAL
September 24	General Technical Meeting - VIRTUAL
September 26	Arrival of Control Committee
September 26	Arrival of Teams and Referees
September 26	Day 1 - Competition Refer to the Official Competition Format
September 27	Day 2 - Competition Refer to the Official Competition Format
September 28	Day 3 - Competition Refer to the Official Competition Format
September 29	Departure of Control Committee Members, Referees, and participating teams.

5. Participating Teams & Delegation Composition

- 5.1 Four (4) National Teams are qualified by ranking to participate in the 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four Championship. The qualified teams are the Host Country, Antigua & Barbuda, and the top 3 teams in the ECVA ranking as of 1 January 2025.

Antigua & Barbuda (Host)

St. Lucia

Bermuda

Grenada

- 5.1.1 In case one of the above qualified teams withdraws their participation, the next team in the Zonal Ranking will be eligible to participate

5.2 Team Composition

Each team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 17 persons, with the understanding that **the host country is responsible for twelve (12) persons, INCLUDING the accompanying referee**. Teams that have more than 12 people will be responsible for all extra costs:

- Twelve (12) Players
- Four (4) team staff per – Team Manager, Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer or Physiotherapist
- One (1) International/Continental/National Referee

5.3 Additional Team Personnel

Teams with more than 12 people (including the referee) will be required to make all arrangements, including accommodations, internal transportation, and meals, for the additional personnel. 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 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four Championship is a Zonal competition exclusively reserved for female-born players.**

Participating players must be citizens of the country they represent, as per 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, the passports of the National Team players during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

- 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 photocopies 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 before the established deadline. The O-2 form can contain up to 30 athletes, and no declaration of Captain or Libero(s) is required.

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 organiser 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, which is limited to a maximum of 12 players (comprising only the players registered on 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.

8. Official Rules, Ball & Uniforms

8.1 The 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four 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 **Mikasa V200W**. NORCECA will provide to the host National Federation a total of thirty (30) volleyballs.

8.3 Uniforms

Players' uniforms should be FIVB Homologated and follow 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 match those on the O-2 and O-2 bis Forms. Players' accessories and injury prevention devices (such as compression pads, knee pads, and elbow pads) must be of the same colour and 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 current FIVB Sport Regulations' dress code. Officials who do not comply with the established dress code will not be allowed to sit on the bench.

9. Competition Format and Team Distribution

9.1 The 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four Championship will be played under the following competition formats:

- a) With four (4) teams, a Round Robin will be played. All teams will advance to compete in the Final Round. (1st vs 2nd and 3rd vs 4th). To determine the champion and vice champion, as well as 3rd and 4th place.

NOTE: The official competition format of the event will determine the distribution of teams during the Round Robin.

9.2 Round Robin Ranking

To establish the ranking of teams after the Round Robin, 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 Round Robin.
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 (25-0, 25-0, 25-0)

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.

9.6 Team Distribution

For the 2025 ECVA Senior Women's Final Four Championship, teams will be chosen according to their position in the ECVA Senior Women's Zonal Rankings.

10. Rights of the Host Country

- 10.1 The host country has the right to choose the opponents for their National team during the Round Robin.

Also, the host National Federation and/or the Organising Committee has the right to establish the competition and schedule.

- 10.2 Once the Round Robin 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 detailed in the official competition schedule and 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 the Control Committee, Referees and Team Delegations, from the date of arrival to the 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 the members may require for their delegation.)
- c) **Payment of Per Diem** to Control Committee Members, Technical, Support Staff and Referees, according to what has been established by the ECVA, as follows
 - a. US\$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) per day, from the first competition day to one day after the competition for the Members of the Control Committee, Medical Delegate, Venue Operation Manager, Members of the Appeal and Referee Sub-Commissions and the official Photographer, according to the established Regulations.
 - b. **Referee Per Diem:** Host Organiser 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 before the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry. The host organiser 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) 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.
 - c) Be responsible for all other additional expenses of their delegation that may apply.
 - d) Payment of international transportation (If applicable and following agreement with the ECVA), as well as visa fees, and airport taxes. Any departure tax is the responsibility of each NF and/or team member.
 - e) **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.
 - f) To present the following documents during the Preliminary Inquiry:
 - O-2 Form

- O-2 bis Form
- FIVB M-3 form
- ECVA L-1 Form
- ECVA L-2 Form
- ECVA L-3 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 (economy 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\$400.00** (Four Hundred Dollars) for the Delegate, Press Officer, Photographer, and Neutral Referee.
- **US\$400.00** (Four Hundred Dollars) 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 for presenting a complaint must follow Article 9 of the FIVB Sports Regulations. Complaints will be resolved in accordance with 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 breach of the Rules of the Game has been verified. The procedure must follow the FIVB Sports Regulation (**Judges Conference**). The affected team must claim a violation of the Rules of the Game during the match, and the Control Committee must resolve it during 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 accompanied by a deposit of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) in cash. If the complaint and/or appeal are upheld, 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 in providing the O-2 Form registration by the deadline established will apply a sanction of US\$500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars).
- b) Incomplete O2-bis forms will result in a US\$500 sanction
- c) Incomplete Medical forms will result in a US\$500 sanction
- d) The non-fulfilment of Article 8.3 of these Regulations, corresponding to the uniforms of Participating Teams, per the FIVB Official Uniform Regulations, will apply a sanction of US\$1,000.00 (One Thousand Dollars).
- e) 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 an 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, and be 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 Organising 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, as well as to 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 Organising 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 Organising 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 medical expenses. It is recommended that all participating teams provide their 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 2026 Pan American Cup)

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 best outside hitters (OH) will be awarded from among the previously declared Outside Hitters, based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS)

18.3 The best middle blockers (MB) will be awarded from among the previously declared Middle Blockers, based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS)

18.4 The players with the best defense, best service, best reception, and best scorer (the player who registers most points in attack, serve and block during the competition), based solely on the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS), will be recognized as the best in each individual category regardless of the position the player was previously declared during her Team's preliminary Inquiry

- 18.5 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-mentioned 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 The best opposite player will be selected from among the previously declared opposite players. If the best opposite player is also the Most Valuable Player (MVP), resulting in her team winning 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).
- 18.7 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 she registers a minimum average of 5.0 per set, according to the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).
- 18.8 The Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) will be awarded to the player who, from among the Champion 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. Additionally, Setter players will be eligible for the Most Valuable Player award of the event if they obtain the awards indicated in Article 18.3 and their team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the Event.

The Control Committee members will be responsible for evaluating and selecting the Most Valuable Player of the event, based solely on her performance according to the statistics of the final results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS), from among the players indicated in the above articles