



**2026 ECVA Women's Championship**  
**Tortola, British Virgin Islands**  
12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

**1. Organiser**

1.1 For the organisation of the **2026 ECVA Women's Championship (hereinafter referred to as The Competition)**, the British Virgin Islands Volleyball Association (VIVA) agrees to comply with the terms and conditions established in these Competition Regulations that are the official statutes of the event.

1.2 VIVA, affiliated to the Eastern Caribbean Volleyball Association (ECVA) to NORCECA Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA), and to The Federation Internationale de Volleyball, FIVB, will be responsible for the organisation of **The Competition**, programmed to be held from the 12th to 16th August 2026, in Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

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**2. Host City and Competition Venue**

**2.1 Host City**

The Competition will be held in the city of Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

**2.2 International Airport of Arrival and Departure**

The Airport for the arrival and departure of participating National Teams in the Competition is the:

- **Terrance B Lettsome International Airport (Code: EIS)**

**2.2.1 All delegations must schedule their arrival to Tortola, British Virgin Islands on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

2.3 All delegations must schedule their departure from Tortola, British Virgin Islands on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**2.4 Competition Venue**

The competition venue for participating teams is the:

- **Multipurpose Sports Complex, Tortola, British Virgin Islands**

2.5 Training Venues

A training schedule will be distributed.

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

The Host will cover accommodation, meals, and internal transportation for the Control Committee and assigned referees from 11th to 17th August 2026

The Host will cover accommodation, meals, and internal transportation for the Participating Teams from 11th to 17th August 2026

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 Competition 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 Competition, the Host Organising Committee must guarantee, through the corresponding governmental authorities, the entry VISA that will permit entry into Tortola, British Virgin Islands 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:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Confirmation of participation</b> Email or letter from NF confirming participation
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Register the team online using the VIS portal</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Submit the completed R1 form to the ECVA</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>Submit O2-Bis form to ECVA</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Preliminary Inquiry for all teams</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>General Technical Meeting</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Arrival of Control Committee and Referees</b>
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Arrival of Teams</b>
<b>August 12</b>	<b>Day 1 - Competition</b> Refer to the Official Competition Format
<b>August 13</b>	<b>Day 2 - Competition</b> Refer to the Official Competition Format
<b>August 14</b>	<b>Day 3 - Competition</b> Refer to the Official Competition Format
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Day 4 - Competition</b>

Refer to the Official Competition Format

**August 16**

**Day 5 - Competition**

Refer to the Official Competition Format

**August 17**

**Departure** of Control Committee Members, Referees, and participating teams.

**5. Teams & Delegation Composition**

5.1 All affiliated national federations of the ECVA are eligible to participate. The maximum number of teams is eight (8), as determined by the first eight teams to register.

**5.2 Team Composition**

Each team delegation will be composed of a maximum of 19 persons, with the understanding that **the host country is responsible for twelve (12) persons, EXCLUDING the accompanying referee**. Teams that have more than 12 people will be responsible for all extra costs:

- Fourteen (14) Players
- Four (4) team staff per – One Team Manager, One Head Coach, and Two Assistant Coaches/Athletic Trainers
- One (1) International/Continental/National Referee

**5.3 Additional Team Personnel**

Teams with more than 12 people (excluding 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 2026 ECVA Senior Women's 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 they represent, as per the FIVB Sports and General Regulations. The official document to verify the player's eligibility is their valid passport (Residents also 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, the passports of the National Team players during the Team Preliminary Inquiry.

6.2 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).

6.2.1 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.

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6.3 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 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. 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 O-2 Form before the established deadline, together with the payment of the registration fee of US\$1,000. The O-2 form can contain up to 25 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 14 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 14 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. Nine (9) Players are mandatory to be registered to validate the registration of the participating National Teams.

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

8.1 The Competition 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 the host National Federation with 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 the Control Committee inspection. The player's names and numbers on the uniforms must match those on the O-2 and O-2 bis Forms. The uniform shirt numbers of the participating national team players must be numbered from 1 to 25; no other uniform shirt numbers will be admitted. 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's preliminary inquiry for inspection and approval.

Teams will be fined/sanctioned for uniforms that do not comply with the current uniform regulations

### **8.4 Dress Code for Officials on the Bench**

All Officials on the bench must be uniform 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 Competition will be played under 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, the competition format will be a round robin in the preliminary round. The two top teams from the preliminary round will advance to the gold medal match. The third and fourth-ranked teams from the preliminary round will play for the bronze medal, while the fifth and sixth teams will play for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place.

- 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). 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.
- 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). 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 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 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 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 Competition**, teams will be distributed according to their position on the ECVA Zonal Ranking.

### 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 schedule, **according to and as foreseen by NORCECA**.
- 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) **Airfare:** 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\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day for the Delegate, Press Officer, Photographer, and Neutral Referee.
  - **US\$100.00** (One Hundred Dollars) per day 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 /FIVB International Referee
- b) International Referee Candidate
- c) Continental Referee
- d) 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 A training schedule will be distributed at the preliminary enquiry

### **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 organisation 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 organisation 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:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Gold Medals and Team Trophy (Qualifies to the NORCECA 2026 Pan American Cup)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Silver Medals and Team Trophy

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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

2 x Best Middle Blockers

Best Receiver

Best Digger

Best Setter

Best Libero

Best Server  
2 x Best Outside Hitters

Best Scorer  
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 defence, best service, best reception, and best scorer (the player who registers the 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 his 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 his team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event, he 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 his team winning the event, the next best opposite player will receive the Best Opposite Player Award, regardless of the team that he belongs to, based solely on the 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 the Most Valuable Player Award (MVP) of the event, if he obtains the Best Setter Award of the event, his team is the Champion Gold Medal Team of the event and he 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 obtains the three awards indicated in the above articles (Best Libero, Best Digger and Best Receiver) and his 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.

**18.9 If the Team Coach does not designate his MVP, the Control Committee will decide, based upon the results of the Volleyball Information System (VIS).**

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