

1st AVC Women Champions League

As a result of the Event, the Winner and Runner-Up Clubs, regardless of their respective national federations, will secure a place in the 2025 FIVB Club World Championship based on their final standing in the Event.

COMPETITION REGULATIONS

Introduction

These Competition Regulations provide the Team Delegations and AVC Delegation with the obligations and guidelines (as applicable) related to the participation and the technical staging of the Event (and other associated side events).

The following rules of interpretation apply in these Competition Regulations:

- a. The AVC reserves the right to update these Competition Regulations at any time prior to the Event. In the event of any variation of these Competition Regulations, the AVC will promptly notify the stakeholders and share the updated numbered version of these Competition Regulations.
- b. Unless otherwise stated in these Competition Regulations, in the event there is any conflict or ambiguity between any provisions in these Competition Regulations and the FIVB Event Regulations, the latter shall prevail.
- c. Unless the context requires otherwise, a reference to the Event shall mean the AVC Volleyball Challenge, including any and all side events relating to such Event.

1. INFORMATION OF THE ORGANIZER

- A. Philippine National Volleyball Federation, affiliated to AVC, has been entrusted with the organization of **1st AVC Women Champions League on April 20 – 27, 2025.**

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Competition Venue(s)	PhilSports Arena
Training Venue(s)	1. Gameville Ball Part Court 2 2. Gameville Ball Part Court 1
Fitness Gym(s)	TBC
Hotel(s)	Novotel Manila Araneta

B. COMPETITION CALENDAR

Arrival of AVC officials and C/C members: April 17, 2025

Arrival of teams and accompanying referees: April 18, 2025

Competition days: April 20 - 27, 2025

Departure day: April 28, 2025

Arrival & departure airport: Ninoy Aquino International Airport

2. TEAM ENTRY and THE LIMIT OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- 2.1 The number of entry is limited to a maximum of 12 teams in AVC Champions League
- 2.2 The 1st AVC Champions League is an invitation-only event.
- 2.3 The invitation letter will be sent to the team by February.
- 2.4 No later than 11 March 2025, AVC will reconfirm the total of participating teams.
- 2.5 Within 20 March 2025, all entry teams must send the O-2 form, two (2) personal photos of each member, a team photo, and a sports biography of the team to AVC and to the Organizer.
NFs may submit the O-2 form via online.
AVC will provide the Username and Password to all Participating teams.
- 2.6 Teams must send the O-2 bis and photo of 3 sets of uniform jersey form to AVC 1 week before the starting date of the competition. A late submission of the O-2 bis form will be sanctioned (US \$500).

3. PARTICIPATING TEAMS and PLAYERS

- 3.1 The 1st AVC Champions League is an invitation-only event.
- 3.2 The invitation letter will be sent to the team by February.
- 3.3 AVC Champions League, **three foreign players** in each team with a valid International Transfer Certificate are allowed to play on court, but the team may have more than three foreign players listed on the O-2 bis Form.
- 3.4 Teams must send the O-2 bis and photo of 3 sets of uniform jersey which Uniform Publicity Form to AVC 1 week before the starting date of the competition. A late submission of the O-2 bis form will be sanctioned (US \$500).
- 3.5 Change of the players:
 - 3.5.1 In the O-2 Form (Maximum of 20 players)
Teams may request AVC to change up to two players registered on the O-2 Form if it is due to medical reasons (with a proper and valid evidence) until 21 days before the starting day of the competition. This requested change will be subject to the final approval of AVC.
 - 3.5.2 In the O-2bis Form
Teams may replace up to 2 players listed on the submitted O-2bis Form before the competition starts, but must report to the CC member at the Preliminary Inquiry for the approval. In this case, the new player(s) must have been listed on the O-2 Form. No changes will be allowed after the commencement of the General Technical Meeting.
- 3.6 Neutralized players must have been proven residential status in the country or region of their new nationality for not less than two years (up to the opening day of the championship) from the date of issue of the official document granting the new citizenship.

4. COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM DELEGATION

- 4.1 **For senior** events, a team can have a maximum 21 team members (14 players + 6 officials + 1 accompanying referee).

- 4.1.1 A maximum of 5 officials (head-coach + 4) listed on O-2bis can be chosen by the head-coach to sit on the bench, except for the team manager and press.
- 4.1.2 A maximum of 14 players and a maximum of 5 officials are allowed to come to the court (FOP area). All other extra team members should move directly to a designated area (team seats), not allowed to stay long on the court with their team.
- 4.1.3 The team manager can sit in the VIP area when their team plays a match, but NOT allowed to speak out (loudly) to deliver technical comments to the team.
- 4.1.4 There is NO sitting table, in principle, prepared for a team statistician on the court behind A-board around the court. The team statistician (if any) should go to a designated area and communicate with their team via internet (Wi-Fi) connections.
- 4.1.5 If a team medical doctor is NOT selected to be seated on the bench by the head-coach, the team doctor is regarded as an extra team member and thus cannot be on the court when an official match protocol starts. The doctor should leave the court and must go to a designated area (team seat).
- 4.1.6 A team can have a maximum of 2 Libero and must designate the Libero(s) during the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 4.1.7 If a Libero is unable to play due to a medical reason (injury or illness) or a sanction (expelled or disqualified), the team (coach or captain) can request a replacement of Libero with a normal player whenever the team needs. Once a normal player is designated as a Libero, this player cannot come back again to become a normal player until the end of competition.

4.2 The team officials on the bench cannot be changed after General Technical Meeting, except for a medical emergency case, and must keep the same number (or less) of the officials on the bench during all matches.

4.3 The number of players on each team must have at least 6 players on the court in the competition. If the team has less than 6 players, the team will not allow to play.

4.4 For AVC Champions League, each NF must nominate a minimum of three international referees to AVC per event. The AVC RC will then propose to AVC the name of the referee selected as an accompanying referee to attend to the event.

4.4.1 A team is obliged to put at least one female referee who is an international referee or an international candidate referee in the National Entry for a female competition of AVC events.

4.4.2 If there is no accompanying referee (international or candidate), penalties shall be incurred as per Article 19.4

4.4.3 After the Quarter-Final the Referee Delegate will retain 2 additional referees from the teams that have been eliminated from the event to effectively officiate the remaining matches.

4.5 Hotel and Room assignments

4.5.1 It is strongly recommended that the host should not have more than two hotels for AVC events. It is much preferred to have only ONE hotel whenever possible.

- 1) If the host prepares ONE hotel for both AVC officials and Team delegates, the host should assign the AVC officials (including referees) in a different building

or sector or floors. If it is not possible to do so, then at least AVC officials should be assigned in the area being as much as apart from team delegations.

- 2) If the host prepares TWO hotels for the teams, it is strongly recommended that the host should select 2 hotels being close to each other with the same level (at least similar) of facilities and conditions for accommodation, especially for food.
- 3) AVC officials and referees must stay at the same hotel.

4.5.2 The host must prepare a maximum of 3 single rooms and a maximum of 9 doubles for a team, and the assignments of the rooms should be done by the following principles:

- 1) Team officials: 3 single rooms
 - Team manager, Head-coach, Referee.
 - Coaching staffs: 2 double rooms for whom sit on the bench (even if there are only 3 coaching staffs, still 2 rooms are assigned)
- 2) Players: a maximum of 7 double rooms
 - Even if there are only 13 players (odd number), still 7 rooms are assigned.
- 3) Extra officials (up to 2 people only): 1 double room.
 - The host will charge the cost of hotel of the payment / person / day.
 - If the team wants to have single rooms for these extra officials, they should pay extra expenses negotiated with the host and the hotel.
- 4) Other extra team members: the host is NOT responsible for these people.
 - It is up to the pre-arrangement between both parties.

5 DRAWING OF LOTS and COMPETITION SYSTEM

- 5.1 All AVC official competitions will be conducted by the AVC Control Committee under the leadership of the AVC President or his representative.
- 5.2 FIVB, International, and International Candidate referees accompanying with the teams and from the organizing country will officiate in the championship.
- 5.3 The Organizer should strictly follow the AVC competition guidelines and regulations.
- 5.4 The competition system is subject to the exact number of participating teams. AVC will forward to each participating federation a finalized competition system and competition calendar two months before the championship starts.
- 5.5 The drawing of lots will be conducted as soon as possible once the participating teams are confirmed. The special function of drawing of lots can be conducted by the host with approval by AVC.
- 5.6 Within 10 days after the drawing of lots, the Organizer should prepare the timetable for daily matches according to the AVC competition format and submit it to AVC for approval.
- 5.7 After the preliminary round, teams that do not qualify must return to their home country the next day. Likewise, teams eliminated after the quarter-finals are required to return home following the conclusion of the quarter-final matches.

6 ORDER OF MATCHES and ORGANIZER'S RIGHTS

- 6.5 The order of matches in the preliminary round is assigned (by Berger table) in accordance with the AVC competition format.

- 6.6 The seeding and grouping of the participating teams will be done in accordance with the FIVB National World Ranked based on serpentine system and drawing of lots.
- 6.7 The Organizer has the right to choose one match for each pool in the preliminary round if the pool is composed of not more than 4 teams. In case of 5 or 6 teams with a round robin system, the Organizer has the right to choose two matches.
- 6.8 The Organizer has the right to change the timetable and order of matches for TV broadcasting reasons with a prior approval of AVC Control Committee. Each team must be informed of the timetable changes at least one day before the match date. For Semi-final and Finals, the match schedule shall not be changed.

7. CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

According to the decision of AVC BA, the classification of teams in the competition will be considered by the following orders:

- 7.1 Number of Victories: The teams will be classified in descending order by the number of matches won.
- 7.2 In the case of equal matches won:
 - 7.2.1 The following points will be awarded per match to each team:

Match won 3-0; 3-1	3 points
Match won 3-2	2 points
Match lost 2-3	1 point
Match lost 0-3; 1-3	0 point
Match forfeited	0 point (25-0;25-0;25-0)

- 7.2.2 Set quotient. In the case of equality in the number of match points by two or more teams, they 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.
- 7.2.3 Points quotient. If the tie persists as per the set quotient (7.2.2) the teams will be classified in descending order by the quotient resulting from the division of all points scored by the total of points lost during all sets.
- 7.2.4 If the tie continues as per the point quotient (7.2.3) between two teams, the priority will be given to the team which won the last match between them. When the tie in point quotient is between three or more teams, a new classification of these teams in the terms of 7.2.1, 7.2.2, and 7.2.3 will be made by taking into consideration of only the matches in which they were opposed to each other.

8. UNIFORMS

- 8.1 The playing uniform must be in conformity with FIVB standards. Each team must have available three sets of playing uniforms of a different color. The players' numbers on the uniform can be from 01-99 and must be the same as on the O-2, O-2bis form. Any improper use of uniform color shall get penalties. Details see Article 19.5.

- 8.1.1. Socks are a part of uniform. All players must have the same color (and design) on the court.
- 8.1.2. Undergarments (inner wear) must be the same (similar) color for all players. If a team (and/or a player) requires a special uniform or inner wear due to their religions and cultural norms, the team must report it to the CC chairman during the Preliminary Inquiry for approval.
- 8.1.3. Compression pads (and protectors) for elbow and knee, neutral colors (black or white) are acceptable, but whichever color is chosen, it must be the same color for all players. If they are not the neutral colors, they are also required to be of the same color as the uniform for all players. No padding is allowed in the forearm compression pads, as it provides advantages to the players' performances.
- 8.1.4. If a player has ankle bracers or knee protection gears for a medical reason with a different color (i.e., grey or blue), should report it at the Preliminary Inquiry with photos (or to the Jury before the match).
- 8.2 The playing uniforms of the team captain must be presented during the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 8.3 The team officials on the bench, as approved at the Preliminary Inquiry, must confirm to either of the following dress code options (no shorts are allowed):
 - 8.3.1 All to wear their official warming up suit and polo shirt of the same color and style, or
 - 8.3.2 All to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same color and style, or
 - 8.3.3 All to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same color and style except the trainer who may wear the official warming up suit and polo shirt.
 - 8.3.4 The penalty for non-compliance of the dress code for team officials on the bench will be that the team officials concerned will not be allowed to sit on the team bench and must leave the competition control area and thus will have no further contact with the team until they respect the approved dress code.
- 8.4 The teams are allowed to have max 300 sq cm. publicity of main sponsor and max 100 sq cm publicity of minor Sponsor in front of the players' uniform and 50 sq cm. publicity of minor sponsor on both shoulders of the players' uniform. Any improper use of uniform color shall get penalties. Details see Article 19.5.
- 8.5 Team accompanying referees must bring their own AVC's refereeing uniform.
- 8.6 The uniform in their domestic league is accepted as it is in principle, but the team must have "Country Code or National Flag" (a sticker pad) on the uniform.
- 8.7 Publicity on uniforms
 - 8.7.1 For AVC Champions League events, the Advertising Approval Certificate and the fee is not required.

9. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

- 9.1 Team delegations must arrive at least 48 hours before the start of the competition and be available for the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 9.2 Team manager (coach) and doctor must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry and must bring the following documents:
 - O2-bis form (a final list of 12 or 14 players chosen from the O-2 form)

- Passports of all players (or a valid ID card issued by the government authority for only the hosting team)
 - A valid international transfer certificate (ITC) for foreign player (if any)
 - Players' Transferred Certificates (If any)
 - Health Certificate for all players (M-3)
 - Team Doctor's FIVB Identity Card (recommended)
 - Team Physiotherapist's FIVB Identity Card (recommended)
 - Journalist Accreditation
 - Samples of captain's uniforms (3 colors)
- 9.3 The Preliminary Inquiry will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations.
- 9.4 The team must pay the entry fee US\$1000 to the Organizer in cash (or confirm if transferred by on-line) during the Preliminary Inquiry. If not, the team shall not be allowed to play in the championship until it is duly paid.

10. GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING

- 10.1 Team manager (head coach) and doctors must be present in the General Technical Meeting.
- 10.2 The General Technical Meeting will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations.

11. OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES and BALLS

- 11.1 The competition shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game in force. All necessary interpretations will be made before the competition during the Refereeing Clinic and the General Technical Meeting.
- 11.2 The referee candidates should get the recognition and credit from AVC Referee Commission when they participate in any AVC championship as a referee.
- 11.3 The Championships will be played with the MIKASA Volleyball V 200W

12. TRAINING

- 12.1 The Organizer must prepare a training schedule in which each team is guaranteed the exclusive use of a training gym for 1-1.5 hours per day.
- 12.2 Each team will have at least one-hour training on each competition court before their first match.
- 12.3 Training schedule for the teams must consider the time schedule of the Preliminary Inquiry and the General Technical Meeting.

13. PRESS CONFERENCE

The head coach and team captain or the player requested by the press must be available for the press conference immediately after each match.

14. MEDICAL SERVICES and CONTROL

- 14.1 All players are obliged to present their health certificates (M-3 form), issued not more than two months before the competition by the competent authority in their country, which the health of the competitor and the understanding and agreement of the competitor in the FIVB Anti-Doping Rules are clearly stated. This health certificate must be countersigned by the doctor and the competitor who thus both take the responsibility for the validity of such certificate.
- 14.2 The Organizer is obliged to nominate a medical director in charge of all medical affairs during the championship.
- 14.3 Before the event, the medical director appointed by the Organizer must contact with the AVC Secretariat and AVC Medical Delegate in charge of the event to report progression of preparations for the medical affairs including doping control testing. Following items should be included in the report.
- 14.3.1 Name of the doping control officers (DCO) who should be authorized by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- 14.3.2 Name list of doping control team headed by DCO accredited by WADA. The team should be consisted with two (minimum) chaperons and two (minimum) technicians to collect urine samples.
- 14.3.3 Name list of medical support team that should be consisted with sports physicians and other medical doctors, physiotherapists, registered nurses.
- 14.3.4 Name list of designated hospitals and clinics suitable for the event.
- 14.3.5 Photocopy of the contract between the Organizer and WADA Accredited Laboratory.
- 14.4 First aid and medical treatment will be provided by the Organizer under the control of the AVC Control Committee.
- 14.5 Doping Control shall be conducted in accordance with the FIVB Medical Regulations.
- 14.5.1 The Organizer is obliged to prepare doping control station, adequate number of the equipment, and personnel, according to the FIVB Medical Regulations and WADA Code.
- 14.5.2 The Organizer must be responsible to carry the collected and sealed samples to designated WADA accredited laboratory within due time according to the AVC requirements.
- 14.6 Referees' medical check and alcohol test will be conducted by the local medical team nominated by the Organizer under control of the AVC Control Committee. The Organizer is obliged to prepare all equipments and official forms generated by the FIVB needed for the medical check according to the FIVB Medical Regulations.
- 14.7 The Organizer is requested to provide appropriate room, forms and equipment for the Medical Delegate Meeting that would be held after the General Technical Meeting or earlier upon request from the AVC Control Committee.
- 14.8 All team delegations are recommended to take out their own liability and medical insurance.

15. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 15.1 Each delegation will take care of the following expenses:
- 15.1.1 US\$ 1000 as a national entry fee.
- 15.1.2 No partial payments are required.

- 15.1.3 Airfares of the team to and from the scheduled international airport.
 - 15.1.4 Penalties incurred as per Article 19.
 - 15.1.5 Full payment of accommodation with full board for extra persons, if any.
 - 15.1.6 Extra luggage charge is to be covered by the team delegation.
 - 15.1.7 Airport pick-up and departure for the whole team only, if any team delegates travel separately, the teams have to manage the transportation by themselves – the host can help, but not responsible.
 - 15.1.8 Health Insurance
 - 15.1.9 Any extra expenses not covered in the Organizers' commitments.
 - 15.1.10 The host will not cover hotel accommodation for teams once the teams have been eliminated from the competition.
- 15.2 The expenses to be covered by the Organizer:
- 15.2.1 Accommodation with full board will be provided for the participating teams and two additional referees from the teams eliminated after the quarter-finals, until the conclusion of the remaining matches.
 - 15.2.2 Accommodation with full board for the AVC Control Committee members, and other AVC officials nominated by AVC (all single rooms).
 - 15.2.3 Internal transport from/to the scheduled international airport, and local transport.
 - 15.2.4 Medical first aid.
 - 15.2.5 Laundry of player's game uniform (competition day only: one pair of socks, shirt and short (women inner wears) worn during the match).
 - 15.2.6 Laundry (2 pieces per day, but no jacket) for AVC officials and international referees during the competition period.
 - 15.2.7 Prepare the demonstrative teams and personnel for theoretical and practical Refereeing Clinics according to the competition calendar.
 - 15.2.8 Production of 19 ad-panels on the court (size: 1m high x 3.4 m long as one ad-panel). The Organizer must be in accordance with the contract of AVC and AVC official sponsors. If not, the Organizer shall be sanctioned or seriously reminded.
 - 15.2.9 If the delegation arrives earlier or depart later than the scheduled dates, they will be responsible for covering the additional hotel accommodation costs.
 - 15.2.10 Transportation
 - 15.2.10.1. 1 Air Condition Bus for each Team.
 - 15.2.10.2. 6 Mini Vans or Micro Buses for;
 - 2 Mini Vans or Micro Buses for Technical Sub Committee and Referee Sub Committee;
 - 2 Mini Vans or Micro Buses for Referees;
 - 2 Mini Vans or Micro Buses for AVC Officials (VIS Delegate, Medical Delegate, Photographer, Press, and Video Challenge Operators).In case of 1 competition Gym, it will be reduced from 6 to 3 Mini Vans or Micro Buses.
 - 15.2.10.3. 2 Cars for President of Control Committee and Technical Delegate.
 - 15.2.10.4 The host should provide a team bus for the use of;
 - a) competition,

- b) training,
 - c) fitness training,
 - d) airport pick-up and departure for the whole team only, if any team delegates travel separately, the teams have to manage the transportation by themselves – the host can help, but not responsible
 - e) The transportation for strategic observation of opponent's matches in the venue may be provided by the organizer at the appropriate time or using shuttle bus.
- 15.2.11 The 4 floor stickers (size 2.8 x 2.8 m. or 2.8 m. in diameter) of AVC sponsors will be on the right side and left side of the 1st referee's chair and behind of the end lines. The other 2 floor stickers (size 6.0 x 1.0 m) will be on both sides in front of team benches.
- 15.2.12 The host is NOT responsible for team's snacks
- 15.2.13 The host is NOT responsible for extra internet connections (WiFi) or signals in the hotel nor in the venue during the championship.
- 15.2.14 Meals are provided with “international standards (buffet style)”
any extra can be done by teams themselves
- 15.2.15 If necessary, in case of COVID-19 outbreak, the tests will be done upon arrival (1st), before the competition day (2nd), during the competition (3rd), and the last test will be performed 72 hours prior to the departure to your country (4th).
- 15.2.16 The Organizer will be responsible for preparing the Prize Money sign.
- 15.3 AVC will cover the following expenses:
- 15.3.1 Airfare of the Control Committee members to and from the scheduled International Airport (economy class).
 - 15.3.2 US\$100 per diem, from the arrival day to the departure day of their duties for C/C members.
 - 15.3.3 Per diem US\$ 70 per day for accompanying referees.
 - 15.3.4 Doping test analysis at WADA-Accredited Laboratory.
 - 15.3.5 AVC will subsidy to host USD 70,000.
 - 15.3.6 Any other expenses approved by the AVC Board of Administration.
- 15.4 The revenues of the Organizer:
- 15.4.1 100% of entry fees
 - 15.4.2 100% of ticket sales
 - 15.4.3 100% of domestic TV rights
 - 15.4.4 AVC Subsidy according to the Organizational Conditions for AVC Volleyball Future Organizers, Section 3 Financial Conditions of the Organizer
 - 15.4.5 100% of merchandising rights
 - 15.4.6 7.5 ad-panels on the court (size: 1 m x 3.4 m) and 2 sticker logos (2.8 m x 2.8m or 2.8 m diameter), on the left side of referee's stand and behind the end line on the right side of referee's stand, with positions to be approved by AVC according to the Organizational Conditions for AVC Volleyball Future Organizers, Section 3 Financial Conditions of the Organizer.
- 15.5 The revenues of AVC

- 15.5.1 100% of international TV rights
- 15.5.2 8.5 ad-panels of AVC Sponsor on the court (size: 1 m x 3.4 m), including 3 ad-panels for AVC Official Partner, and 2 sticker logos (2.8 m x 2.8 m or 2.8 m diameter), on the right side of referee's stand and behind the end line on the left side of referee's stand according to Ad-Panels Position and the other 2 floor stickers (size 6.0 m x 1.0 m) will be on both sides in front of team benches.

16. ADVERTISING BOARDS

- 16.1 The Organizer must strictly follow the guideline for the installation of advertising board as specified by FIVB and AVC.
- 16.2 The Organizer must send the layout of advertising panel and banners inside the competition hall to AVC for approval.
- 16.3 The layout of competition hall must be controlled by AVC Control Committee before and during the championship.
- 16.4 The Organizer should place the advertising boards around the playing area of the main court even if the Organizer does not have sponsors for the competition.

17. DAILY BULLETIN

Copies (e-mail) of a Daily Bulletin will be distributed by the Organizer to the AVC, head coach, all participating teams, referees and AVC Control Committee members, from the day before the start of competition (i.e. at the General Technical Meeting) until the day after competition.

18. VIS-SYSTEM

The Organizer takes care of the results and statistics.

19. SANCTIONS

- 19.1 Negligence in regard to the competition or late forwarding of the team entry and/ or O-2 Form and O-2 bis form: US\$500 fine.
- 19.2 No (or incomplete) forwarding of team and players photos, sports biographies, or payment of entry fee: US\$500 fine.
- 19.3 If the National Federation that made a national entry for the Championship happens to cancel its participation, the penalty will be imposed by AVC:
 - 19.3.1 After the deadline of entry until drawing of lots: US\$3,000.
 - 19.3.2 After the drawing of lots until one month prior to the Championship: US\$5,000.
 - 19.3.3 Less than one month to a week prior to the opening day of the Championship: US\$10,000.
 - 19.3.4 7 days or less prior to the opening day of the Championship: US\$20,000.

- 19.4 If there is no accompanying referee included in the participating team, the penalties of US\$2,000 (Two Thousand US Dollar only) will be imposed on this team in order for AVC to nominate a neutral referee from nearby country to officiate the championship, except for those NFs who do not have an international referee or referee candidate.
- 19.5 The penalty of US\$500 will be imposed to a team which does NOT wear the assigned uniform colour as indicated on the O-1 Form until the official protocol of the match being started.
- 19.6 If the penalty fee is not paid, the National Federation will be suspended until payment has been made (transit period in one month after the invoice is issued).
- 19.7 The penalty fee should be paid by the National Federation involved to the AVC account.
- 19.8 If a participating team returns back to their home before finishing up all their matches without approval of AVC, this team should be sanctioned US\$2,000.
- 19.9 Players not complying with the Eligibility Rules defined by Article 5 of the FIVB General Regulations for International Competitions or who do not present the Health Certificate (M-3) as required in Article 14.1 of the same Regulations will not be allowed to compete in the championship.
- 19.10 Players who refuse to undergo doping control test will be automatically disqualified. The team concerned will lose the match to its opponent 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).
- 19.11 Voluntary forfeit of a team before or during a match entails its exclusion from the Championship with the following consequences:
- 19.11.1 From the moment the team must cover its own expenses.
- 19.11.2 Damages and other sanctions may be decided by the AVC Board of Administration. All matches previously played will be declared forfeited 0-3 (0-25, 0-25, 0-25).

20. AWARDS

- 20.1 Trophies shall be awarded by AVC and the Organizer to the teams ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Championship.
- 20.2 Trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners must be prepared by the Organizer.
- 20.3 Medals shall be prepared by the Organizer, and to be awarded to the players of the teams finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places (18-20 medals per team).
- 20.4 The Organizer will be responsible for preparing the Prize Money sign and awarded by AVC.
- 20.5 Should the third party (i.e., sponsor) wish to award additional prizes, must have the approval and permission of AVC Control Committee Chairman.
- 20.6 The individual awards shall include: one Most Valuable Player, two Best Outside Spikers, two Best Middle Blockers, one Best Opposite, one Best Setter and one Best Libero. All individual awards shall be chosen within the top 4 teams and awarded by the criteria of the VIS statistical data, with a final decision to be made by the AVC Control Committee. And the MVP may be selected from the winner of the championship. The individual awards must be prepared by the Organizer.

21. Prize Money

AVC will present the prize money as below:

1st Place: 20,000USD

2 nd Place:	15,000USD
3 rd Place:	10,000USD
4 th Place:	5,000USD

22. COMPLAINTS

- 22.1 All complaints must be presented in writing by the team manager or head coach to the AVC Control Committee member on duty within 30 minutes after the match.
- 22.2 Complaints about the result of a match must be accompanied by a deposit of US\$300 cash (or the equivalent in local currency) for each complaint.

23. UNFORESEEN ITEMS

Any matters not mentioned in the present Regulations should be referenced to Sports regulations of FIVB/AVC and decided by the CC committee in consultation with AVC.
