

**4th AVC Cup for Women
(Qualification Tournament for 2015 FIVB World Grand Prix)**

REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZER

China Volleyball Association, affiliated to AVC, has been entrusted with the organization of 4th AVC Cup for Women in 2014.

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2. COMPETITION CALENDAR

Arrival of AVC officials and C/C members: September 3, 2014

Arrival of teams and accompanying referees: September 4, 2014

Competition days: September 6-12, 2014

Departure day: September 13, 2014

3. HOST CITY AND HALLS

City: Shenzhen

Training Halls: The Main Gymnasium of Universiade Center

Competition Hall: The Main Gymnasium of Universiade Center

4. PARTICIPATING TEAMS

4.1 The 4th AVC Cup For Women is open to the AVC affiliated member federations that respect their obligations and financial responsibilities with regard to the FIVB and AVC and have sent to AVC and the Organizer the official entry for the Championship according to AVC Regulations.

4.2 The players must have the nationality of the country or region they represent, justifying it by means of a passport or other authentic document.

4.3 Naturalised players must have been proven resident 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.

- 4.4 Once the passport or other legal documents have been checked and accepted by AVC Control Committee, the Organizer will issue the ID cards valid for the Championship.
- 4.5 Teams may change up to two players registered on the O-2bis form, due to medical reasons or force majeure duly proven, in the period between the Preliminary Inquiry and the General Technical Meeting. In this case, the new player must have been listed upon the O-2 form and can play at any moment upon arrival after having been accredited by the Organizing Committee. The expenses incurred in changing the players are at full cost to the National Federation. No changes will be allowed after the commencement of the General Technical Meeting.

5. ENTRIES, TEAM INFORMATION AND FEE

- 5.1 Not later than January 15, 2014, each member federation must send its official entry to AVC and the Organizer to confirm its participation. Until February 15, 2014, late entry is possible with a US\$500 fine.
- 5.2 Not later than July 8, 2014, each entered team must send the O-2 form, two (2) personal photos of each member, a team photo, and sports biography of the team to AVC and to the Organizer.
- 5.3 During the Preliminary Inquiry each participating team must submit its final list of twelve (12) players (O-2bis form) to the AVC Control Committee. These 12 players must be chosen among the 19 players indicated in the O-2 form.
- 5.4 The entry fee US\$900 and the partial payment for accommodation of the participating teams must be paid to the organizer in cash during the Preliminary Inquiry. If not, they have to pay for their accommodation directly to the hotel and shall not be allowed to participate in the Championship.

6. COMPETITION SYSTEM

- 6.1 Preliminary round
8 participating teams will be divided into 2 Pools, A and B. They will play round robin for ranked 1-4.
- 6.2 Quarter finals
Top 4 teams of each Pool will play single elimination as bellows:-
1A – 4B 1B – 4A 2A – 3B 2B – 3A
- 6.3 Semi finals
1st – 4th W(1A – 4B) – W(2B – 3A) W(1B – 4A) – W(2A – 3B)
5th – 8th L(1A – 4B) – L(2B – 3A) L(1B – 4A) – L(2A – 3B)
- 6.4 Finals
1st – 2nd Winners of 1st – 4th will play for 1st and 2nd
3rd – 4th Loser of 1st – 4th will play for 3rd and 4th
5th – 6th Winner of 5th – 8th will play for 5th and 6th
7th – 8th Loser of 5th – 8th will play for 7th and 8th

6.2 Seeding:
Seeding will be in accordance with the ranking of previous Asian Senior Women's Championship.

6.3 Free Warm-up time

6.3.1 The participating team can use the championship court in free time before the official protocol being started when a warming up court is not available inside the championship venue.

6.3.2. A team with extra members who are not on the official list (i.e., 3rd coach and/or trainer) may be on the competition court during the free warm-up time, but the extra members of the team must leave the court upon instruction by the referees before the official protocol is started.

7. INSPECTIONS, PREPARATORY REPORT AND DRAWING OF LOTS

7.1 The organizer should strictly follow the AVC competition guidelines and regulations.

7.2 AVC will make an inspection at the Organizer's expenses to the host city if it is necessary. And the Organizers have no right to change the competition facilities and hotels after the final inspection.

7.3 The organizer should present a visual preparatory report (DVD, CD-ROM) at B/A meeting. The report should include a proof letter that guarantees the support of the Government authority.

7.4 The drawing of lots shall be conducted at the coming AVC Board of Administration Meeting or not later than 3 month before the first day of the championship

7.5 Within 10 days after the drawing of lots, the Organizer will have to prepare the timetable for daily matches and submit it to AVC for approval.

8. ORDER OF MATCHES AND, ORGANIZER'S RIGHTS AND DUTIES

8.1 The order of matches in preliminary round is assigned by the drawing of lots in accordance with the Berger Table.

8.2 The seeding of the teams will be in accordance with the results of the previous Asian Sr. Women's Championship.

8.3 The Organizer has the right to choose one match of each pool in preliminary round if the pool is composed of not more than 4 teams. In case of 5 teams or more in each pool, the Organizer has the right to choose two matches of each pool.

8.4 The Organizer has the right to change the timetable and order of matches for TV broadcasting reasons and with the approval of AVC Control Committee. Each team must be informed of the timetable changes at least 24 hours before the match.

8.5 The Organizer has the duty to prepare additional manual scoreboards for substitution in case that the Electronic Scoreboard is out of order.

9. CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

- 9.1 Team who won more match will get better ranking.
- 9.2 If two or more teams obtain the same matches won and lost, the following match points shall be taken into account to decide the ranking:
Match won 3:0 or 3:1 The winner will get 3 points; The loser will get 0 point
Match won 3:2 The winner will get 2 points; The loser will get 1 point
Forfeit: 0 point
- 9.3 If two or more teams obtain the same points, the ranking shall be decided by the quotient of the points won and lost for the whole matches.
- 9.4 If they still score equal, the ranking shall be decided by the quotient of the whole sets won and lost.
- 9.5 If two teams are still equal, priority shall be given to teams according to the result of the match played between the two teams concerned.
- 9.6 If a team declares its forfeit during a match, it will be excluded from the Championship and all the results of the matches it already played during the respective rounds will be nullified. The respective opponent teams will be declared winners of the respective matches.

10. CONDUCTING OF THE COMPETITIONS

- 10.1 The 4th AVC Cup For Women will be conducted by the AVC Control Committee under the leadership of the AVC President or his representative.
- 10.2 FIVB International and International Candidate referees accompanying the teams and from the organizing country will officiate in the 4th AVC Cup For Women.

11. MEDICAL SERVICES AND CONTROL

- 11.1 All players are obliged to present a health certificate (M-3 form) issued no more than two months before the competition by the competent authority in their country in which the health of the competitor and the absence of signs of use, or the lack of equipment to detect the use of forbidden substances is clearly stated. This health certificate must be countersigned by the National Federation and the competitor who thus both take the responsibility for the validity of such certificate.
- 11.2 The Organizer is obliged to nominate a Medical Director in charge of all medical affairs during the championship.
- 11.3 Very well 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.
 - 11.3.1. Name of the Doping Control Officers (DCO) who should be authorized by World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)

- 11.3.2. 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
- 11.3.3. Name list of Medical Support Team that should be consisted with Sports Physicians and other Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Registered Nurses
- 11.3.4. Name list of designated hospitals and clinics suitable for the event
- 11.3.5. Photocopy of the contract between the organizer and WADA Accredited Laboratory
- 11.4 First aid and medical treatment will be provided by the Organizer under the control of the AVC Control Committee.
- 11.5 Doping Control shall be conducted in accordance with the FIVB Medical Regulations.
 - 11.5.1. The Organizer is obliged to prepare all adequate number of the equipments and human resources according to the FIVB Medical Regulations and WADA CODE.
 - 11.5.2. The Organizer must be responsible to courier the collected and sealed samples to designated WADA accredited laboratory within due time according to the AVC requirements.
- 11.6 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.
- 11.7 The Organizer is requested to provide adequate size room, forms and equipments for the Medical Delegate Meeting that would be held after the General Technical Meeting or earlier upon request from the AVC Control Committee.
- 11.8 All team delegations are recommended to take out their own liability and medical insurance.

12. PRELIMINARY INQUIRY

- 12.1 Team delegations must arrive at least 48 hours before the start of the competition and be available for the preliminary inquiry.
- 12.2 The Preliminary Inquiry will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations.
- 12.3 Team managers, Coaches and Doctors must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry and must bring the following documents:
 - O2-bis form
 - Passport of all players
 - Health Certificate for all players (M3)
 - Doctor's FIVB Accreditation Card
 - Therapist's FIVB Accreditation Card
 - Journalist's FIVB Accreditation Card
 - Samples of captain's uniforms (3 colors)
 - Advertising Approval Certificate

13. GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING

- 13.1 Team Managers, Head Coaches and Doctors must be present in the General Technical Meeting.
- 13.2 The General Technical Meeting will be carried out in accordance with the FIVB General Regulations.

14. TRAINING

- 14.1 The organizer must prepare a training schedule, in which each team is guaranteed the exclusive use of a training gym for 1.5 hours per day.
- 14.2 Each team will have at least one hour training on each competition court before their first match.
- 14.3 Trainings must not be scheduled at the same time as the Preliminary Enquiry and the General Technical Meeting.

15. 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.

16. OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES AND BALLS

- 16.1 The Championship shall be played in accordance with the FIVB Rules of the Game in force. All necessary interpretations will be made before the Championship during the Refereeing Clinic and the General Technical Meeting.
- 16.2 The referee candidates should get the recognition and credit from FIVB Referee Commission when they participate in an AVC zonal championship as a referee.
- 16.3 The Championship will be played with the MIKASA Volleyball MVA200.

17. UNIFORMS

- 17.1 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 uniforms must be the same as on the O-2, O-2bis forms.
- 17.2 Any improper use of uniform color shall get penalties. Details see Article 19.5.
- 17.3 The playing uniforms of the team captain must be presented during the preliminary inquiry.
- 17.4 The team officials on the bench, as approved in the Preliminary Inquiry, must confirm to either of the following dress code options:

- I. All to wear their official warming up suit and polo shirt of the same colour and style, or
- II. All to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same colour and style, or
- III. All to wear dress jacket, collared dress shirt, tie and formal slacks of the same colour and style except the trainer who may wear the official warming up suit and polo shirt.
- IV. 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.

17.5 Team accompanying referees must bring their own refereeing uniform.

18. COMPLAINTS

- 18.1 All complaints must be presented in writing by Team Manager or Head Coach to the AVC Control Committee members on duty within 30 minutes after the match.
- 18.2 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.

19. SANCTIONS

- 19.1 Negligence in regard to the competition or late forwarding of the team entry and/or O-2 form: US\$500 fine.
- 19.2 Non (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 imposed by AVC:
 - a) After the deadline of entry until drawing of lots: US\$3,000.
 - b) After the drawing of lots until one month prior to the Championship: US\$5,000.
 - c) Less than one month to a week prior to the opening day of the Championship: US\$10,000.
 - d) 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.
- 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 AVC officials should check carefully the dates of the birth for the players of participating teams. The passport must be considered as the only valid reference for their birth certificate. When it is evident that a player who participates in the Championship deceives his/her birth date, that person should be sanctioned.
- 19.9 If a participating team returns back to their home before finishing all the matches, this team should be sanctioned.
- 19.10 Players not complying with the Eligibility Rules defined by Article 5 of the FIVB General Regulations for International Championships or who do not present the Health Certificate (M-3) as required in Article 11.1 of the same Regulations will not be allowed to compete.
- 19.11 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).
- 19.12 Voluntary forfeit of a team before or during a match entails its exclusion from the Championship with the following consequences:
 - a) From the moment the team must cover its own expenses.
 - b) 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. COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION

- 20.1 Each delegation will be composed of maximum 20 (twenty) members as follows: 12 players, 1 Team Manager, 1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches, 1 FIVB Accredited Doctor, 1 FIVB Accreditation Therapist, FIVB Accreditation Journalist and 1 Referee (International or International Candidate)
- 20.2 Each delegation must have one accompanying referee (international or candidate). If not, penalties shall be incurred as per Article 19.4.
- 20.3 Up to 2 extra officials may be added to the delegation of a team. They will be accredited if their expenses have been paid before the Championship.
- 20.4 The team officials to be seated on the bench may not be changed after General Technical Meeting except for a medical emergency case.
- 20.5 The number of players of each delegation represented at the competition must include in a minimum 9 players. If less than 9 players of a team participation in the 4th AVC Cup for Women, the penalty of US\$ 2,000 per player will be imposed to this team.

21. FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- 21.1 Each delegation will take care of the following expenses:
 - a) US\$900 as national entry fee
 - b) Airfares of the team to and from Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport
 - c) US\$ 60 per person per day for the partial payment for accommodation

with full board and snack. Payment should be made to the Organizer during the Preliminary Inquiry after arrival.

- d) Penalties incurred as per Article 19
 - e) Full payment of accommodation with full board for extra persons, if Any.
 - f) Extra luggage charge is to be covered by the team delegation.
- 21.2 The expenses to be covered by the Organizer:
- a) Difference of the partial payment for accommodation with full board, 8 twin and 2-3 single rooms (in case of all the officials of Article 20.1 are registered). If not, only 2 single rooms shall be provided to the team, for the players and team officials and 1 more single room for the accompanying referee) per delegation maximum for each delegation.
 - b) Accommodation with full board for the AVC Control Committee Members, referees and a press director nominated by AVC (all single rooms).
 - c) Internal transport from/to Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, of arrival / departure and local transport.
 - d) Medical first aid
 - e) Laundry of player's game uniform each competition day (one pair of socks, one pair of shirt and short worn during the match)
 - f) Prepare the demonstrative teams and personnel for theoretical and practical clinics according to the competition calendar.
 - g) Production of 20 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.
 - h) If the delegation arrives one day earlier or leaves one day later than the schedule due to the lack of flight availability of the hosting city, the Organizer must not charge any extra costs, but partial payment.
 - i) Any extra expenses not covered in the Organizers' commitments.
- 21.3 AVC will cover the following expenses:
- a) Airfare of the Control Committee members to and from Shenzhen (economy class)
 - b) US\$60 per diem, from the arrival day to the departure day of their duties for C/C members.
 - c) Any other expenses approved by the AVC Board of Administration.
- 21.4 The revenues of the Organizer:
- a) 100% of entry fees
 - b) 100% of ticket sales
 - c) 50% of international & 100% of domestic TV rights
 - d) 100% of merchandising rights
 - e) 14 ad-panels on the court (size: 1 m x 3.4 m), with positions to be approved by AVC
- 21.5 The revenues of AVC
- a) 50% of international TV rights
 - b) 6 ad-panels on the court (size: 1 m x 3.4 m), including the ad-panels for the official ball manufacturer.
- 21.6 Publicity on Uniforms

- (a) Advertising on team's uniforms is subject to prior AVC approval at least four weeks before the start of the competition. An advertising Approval Certificate issued by AVC must be presented at the Preliminary Inquiry.
- (b) The fee for having the right for publicity on uniforms is US\$5,000 (Five Thousand US Dollars Only) per team, which must be remitted to AVC account number before the Preliminary Inquiry.

22. ADVERTISING BOARDS

- 22.1 The Organizer must strictly follow the guideline for the installation of advertising board as specified by FIVB and AVC.
- 22.2 The Organizer should send the layout of advertising panel and banners inside the competition hall to AVC for approval.
- 22.3 The layout of competition hall must be controlled by AVC Control Committee before and during the Championship.
- 22.4 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.

23. AWARDS

- 23.1 Trophies shall be awarded by AVC and the Organizer to the teams ranked 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Championship. The champion will keep the trophy until the next edition.
- 23.2 Trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners must be prepared by the Organizer.
- 23.3 Medals shall be prepared by the Organizer, and to be awarded to the players and six officials of the teams finishing in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
- 23.4 Should the third party wish to award additional prizes, previous AVC approval and permission must be obtained.
- 23.5 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 with as major criteria of evaluation the results of the VIS statistical data, with a final decision to be taken 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.

24. DAILY BULLETIN

Copies of a Daily Bulletin will be distributed by the Organizer to the AVC Head Office, 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.

25. VIS-SYSTEM

The Organizer takes care of the results and statistics according to FIVB VIS-System.

26. UNFORESEEN ITEMS

Any matters not mentioned in the present Regulations should be decided by the President of AVC in consultation with the organizing federation.

27. COMPETITION MANUALS

AVC competition manuals (draft in 2009) will be officially effective for 4th AVC Cup for Women.

28. COMPETITION FORMULA

AVC will examine and approve an addition of new competition formulas which are designed to allow an equal opportunity for all participating teams to compete each other and to provide a second chance to advance the top 8 ranks even if a team had a bad luck in the preliminary round, and yet still reducing the competition dates 1 or 2 days shorter when compared with the previous formulas.