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2009 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Schedule

Pan American Cup Site: Miami, Fla.

June 26: TBA
June 27: TBA
June 28: TBA
June 29: TBA
June 30: TBA
July 2: Quarterfinals
July 3: Semifinals
July 4: Championship

FIVB World Championship Third Round - NORCECA Qualification Site: TBA

Dates and Opponents TBA

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

July 31-Aug. 2: Germany, Puerto Rico
and Brazil

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2 at Miao Li, Chinese Taipei

Aug. 7-9: Netherlands, Dominican
Republic, Germany

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3 at Bangkok, Thailand

Aug. 14-16: Thailand, Russia, Puerto
Rico

FIVB World Grand Prix Finals at Tokyo, Japan

Aug. 19-23: Teams must qualify

Final Four Intercontinental Cup Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Sept. 7-13: Teams must qualify

NORCECA Women's Continental Championship

Site: Bayamon, Puerto Rico
Sept. 20-28: Opponents TBA

FIVB Grand Champions Cup Site: Tokyo and Fukuoka, Japan

Nov. 10-15: Teams TBA



USA Volleyball.

U.S. TEAM SET FOR EGYPT TOUR: USA Volleyball will send a senior-level volleyball team to Egypt in April as part of an exchange program involving the United States Olympic Committee and the Egyptian National Olympic Committee. The USOC and the Egyptian National Olympic Committee exchange program includes a sport component as well as a cultural component. The program is part of an ongoing effort to build good relations between the USOC and African National Olympic Committees and to promote sport in Africa. The 12-player roster as selected by U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) is comprised of elite developmental athletes on the verge of being added to the U.S. Women's National Team. The team will play two matches in Cairo against the Egyptian women's national team. The American squad will depart for Cairo on April 7 and play Egypt on April 10 and 12 in Cairo before returning home on April 14. The U.S. roster includes 2008 Olympic Games silver medalists Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) and Stacy Sykora (Burlleson, Texas) at the libero position. Team USA will have Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill., UCLA) and Nicole Vargas (Seal Beach, Calif.) at setter and Morgan Beck (Coto De Caza, Calif.) at opposite. McCutcheon has selected Therese Crawford (Kalamazoo, Mich.), Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.) and Julie Rubenstein (Camarillo, Calif.) as outside hitters. Mekana Barnes (Highlands Ranch, Colo.), Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.), Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) and Emillie Toone (American Fork, Utah) will see time at middle blocker. Harmotto will also see some playing time at opposite. For the complete press release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10738>.



2009 PAN AMERICAN CUP POOLS SET: The Eighth Annual Women's Pan American Cup, hosted by USA Volleyball in Miami from June 26 to July 4, has grouped its 12 participating teams into two six-team pools. The nine-day Pan American Cup, which has three of the four 2008 Olympic Games semifinalists (Brazil, USA and Cuba), will be played on the campuses of the University of Miami and Florida International University. A total of 12 teams are scheduled to compete in the event, which serves as a qualifying event into the 2010 FIVB World Grand Prix. The top three teams from NORCECA in the Women's Pan American Cup and the highest placing South American country will earn berths to next year's premier annual event. The U.S. Women's National Team, the 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist, has been grouped into Pool A with Dominican Republic (No. 13 FIVB world ranking), Peru (No. 17), Canada (No. 23), Uruguay (No. 29) and Argentina (No. 31). Pool B consists of



2008 Olympic Games gold medalist Brazil (No. 1), 2008 Olympic Games semifinalist Cuba (No. 3), 2008 Olympic Games participant Venezuela (No. 24), Puerto Rico (No. 19), Mexico (No. 26) and Costa Rica (No. 30). Ticket prices and online purchasing will be available at <http://usavolleyball.org/event/event/572> once determined. For the full story, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10856>.

U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL A2 TEAM SELECTIONS: USA Volleyball has selected 24 players and four coaches to lead its U.S. Women's National A2 Program for 2009, which will train May 18-22 in Minneapolis before being split into two 12-player rosters to compete in the Open Division of the 2009 USA Adult Open Championships. The Open Division flight takes place May 23-26 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The 2009 U.S. Women's National A2 Team includes four setters, 10 outside/opposite hitters, six middles and four liberos. The 24 players come from 19 different collegiate programs. Middle blockers selected for the A2 National program are Johannah Bangert (University of Illinois), Ashley Benson (University of Indiana), Brittnee Cooper (LSU), Neticia Enesi (University of Oregon), Lindsay Fletemier (University of Dayton) and Naomi Washington (Long Beach State University). Setters selected for the A2 squad are Carli Lloyd (University of California-Berkeley), Kaylee Manns (Iowa State University), Sarah Rumely (University of Kentucky) and Paige Weber (University of Arizona). Liberos/Defensive specialists chosen for the A2 program are Haley Carroll (University of San Francisco), Ashley Edinger (University of Illinois), Laura Gonzalez (University of Albany) and Christine Tan (University of Minnesota). Outside hitters and opposites named to the A2 team are Sarah Ammerman (Texas A&M), Michelle Bartsch (University of Illinois), Ashlie Christenson (Baylor University), Laura DeBruler (University of Illinois), Whitney Dosty (University of Arizona), Ellen Herman (Ohio University), Kristy Jaeckel (University of Florida), Ashleigh McCord (Rice University), Tarah Murrey (University of California-Berkeley) and Brooks Webster (University of Alabama). For the complete release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10852>.

TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 2)

1. Which member of the U.S. roster heading to Egypt in April 2009 is part of the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council?
2. Including the upcoming senior national team trip to Egypt, who are the two U.S. Women's National Team Players who are 6-7 in height?

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2008 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Schedule

China Tour Exhibition Matches

March 21: lost to Tianjin 0-3
March 22: lost to Tianjin 2-3
March 24: def. China Army 3-1
March 26: def. China Army 3-2
March 28: def. ZheJiang 3-1
March 29: def. ZheJiang 3-2
April 1: lost to JiangSu 1-3
April 2: def. JiangSu 3-0

Pan American Cup

Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico

May 30: lost to Dominican Republic 2-3
May 31: def. Costa Rica 3-0
June 1: def. Argentina 3-0
June 2: def. Mexico 3-0
June 3: def. Trinidad & Tobago 3-0
June 5: lost to Puerto Rico 1-3
June 6: def. Peru 3-0
June 7: def. Venezuela 3-2

at Colorado Springs, Colo.

June 11: lost to Brazil 2-3
June 13: def. Brazil 3-2
June 14: lost to Brazil 1-4

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1 at Kobe, Japan

June 20: lost to Turkey 1-3
June 21: def. Kazakhstan 3-0
June 22: def. Japan 3-2

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2 at Wroclaw, Poland

June 27: def. Thailand 3-1
June 28: def. Dominican Republic 3-0
June 29: def. Poland 3-0

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3 at Taipei, Chinese Taipei

July 4: def. Poland 3-1
July 5: def. Turkey 3-1
July 6: lost to Italy 0-3

FIVB World Grand Prix Finals at Yokohama, Japan

July 9: lost to Brazil 0-3
July 10: def. Japan 3-2
July 11: lost to Cuba 2-3
July 12: lost to Italy 1-3
July 13: def. China 3-2

Olympic Games Beijing, China

Aug. 9: def. Japan 3-1
Aug. 11: lost to Cuba 0-3
Aug. 13: def. Venezuela 3-1
Aug. 15: def. China 3-2
Aug. 17: def. Poland 3-2
Aug. 19: def. Italy 3-2 (quarters)
Aug. 21: def. Cuba 3-0 (semis)
Aug. 23: lost to Brazil (finals)

2010 FIVB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION UPDATE: The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team will host the four-team FIVB World Championship Third Round - NORCECA Group G, with the winner qualifying for the 2010 FIVB World Championship held in various Japanese cities from Oct. 28-Nov. 11, 2010. As of this date, NORCECA Group G dates and U.S. city location have yet to be announced. The NORCECA Group G will consist of Team USA, Costa Rica, winner of Group D and the second-place team from Group C. St. Lucia earned itself a ticket into the Second Round's Group D as it won First Round Group B this past weekend with wins over Antigua and Barbuda, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada. Group D, which feeds into Team USA's bracket, will be hosted by Barbados and includes Jamaica, Haiti, Cayman Islands, Bahamas and St. Lucia. A total of 215 teams are taking part in the FIVB World Championship qualification process. The NORCECA qualification process into the FIVB World Championship actually started in December of 2008 as Guatemala won the six-team NORCECA Group E to advance to Third Round NORCECA Group H to be hosted June 10-15 at Dominican Republic. Mexico and the winner of NORCECA Group C round out the four-team field. Other FIVB World Championship Third Round groups through NORCECA include Group F hosted by Cuba on June 19-24 and Group I hosted by Puerto Rico with Canada on June 6-11. The winners of all four third-round groups advance to the 2010 FIVB World Championship Final Round.

WILLOUGHBY UPDATE: Kim Willoughby (Napoleonville, La.), a 2008 U.S. Olympic Games silver medalist, is now playing for Despar Perugia in the Italian Serie A league. However, Perugia took a step outside the Italian League action to host the semifinals and championship of the CEV Indesit Champions League on March 28-29. In its semifinal match, Perugia lost to Italy's Volley Bergamo 25-15, 23-25, 25-17, 26-24. Willoughby scored a team-high 16 points in the loss with 14 kills on 35 attacks and two aces. Perugia bounced back to defeat Turkey's Eczacibasi Zentiva 25-22, 18-25, 25-22, 25-14 in the bronze-medal match. Willoughby scored 14 points for Perugia in the bronze match with 12 points coming on 34 attacks. She added a block and ace in the victory, while producing a 79 positive percent on a team-leading 29 service receptions. In Italian Serie A action, Perugia is 12-12 on the year and in sixth place with 38 points. It plays 11th-place Solo Affitti Tradeco Cesena on April 5.



BOWN UPDATE: Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian and middle blocker on the silver-medal winning 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, helped her Italian Serie A team Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi to a 25-22, 26-24, 21-25, 17-25, 15-10 victory over Zoppas Industries Conegliano on March 29. She netted 18 points with 17 kills on 28 attacks and just one error. Bown added one block in the victory. Jesi improves to 16-8 on the season with its sixth five-set victory of the season and is in fourth place with 46 points. Jesi challenges eighth-place Unicom Starker Kerakoll Sassuolo on April 5.

SCOTT-ARRUDA UPDATE: Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.), a four-time U.S. Olympian middle blocker, is playing for CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte in the Italian Serie A league. Castellana Grotte was idle this week as it played its regularly scheduled match with Despar Perugia earlier this season due to a conflict with the CEV Indesit Champions League Finals being held in Perugia this past weekend. Castellana Grotte, 11-13 on the season and in ninth place with 32 points, plays 12th-place Tena Santeramo on April 5 in its next league action.



METCALF, STALLS UPDATE: Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa), a 2004 Olympian, is playing for Eczacibasi Zentiva of the Turkish professional league along with 2008 Olympic Games alternate Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.). Eczacibasi Zentiva is idle in Turkish League competition until April 3 when it challenges Besiktas. However, this past weekend it played in the CEV Indesit Champions League semifinals and final round at Perugia. Eczacibasi Zentiva lost its semifinal match to Russia's Dinamo Moscow 25-16, 25-16, 25-23 on March 28. Stalls tallied five kills on six errorless attacks while starting the entire match. Metcalf was limited to one kill on six swings and did not play the second and third sets. In the bronze-medal match, Eczacibasi Zentiva lost to Italy's Colussi Sirio Perugia 25-22, 18-25, 25-22, 25-14. Metcalf contributed 11 points with 10 kills and a block, while Stalls had five kills on nine errorless attempts to go with a block for six points.

Answers to Trivia Questions? (from page 1)

1. Julie Rubenstein
2. Tayyiba Haneef-Park and Emillie Toone

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USA Transfers to Foreign Clubs

Abrahamson, Laurel (Vangian R.C., Finland)
Ah Mow-Santos, Robyn (VBC Volero, Switzerland)
Alde, Stefanie (CV Cide, Spain)
Allen, Katherine (Gradacar, Bosnia)
Andreyko, Diana (OK Luka Koper, Slovenia)
Atherstone, Kylie (Carolina, Puerto Rico)
Beck, Carrie (Norsjo Volleyball, Sweden)
Bell, Lacey (Volley Ball Pexinois Niort, France)
Bisaillon, Brittny (BTV Luzern, Switzerland)
Blum, Tiffany (ZOK Matija Mesic, Croatia)
Bown, Heather (Giannino Pieralsi Volley, Italy)
Bratford, Trisha (Hapoel Kiryat Ata, Israel)
Brittenicker, Joyce Nicole (Miranda Volleyball Club, Spain)
Brown, Emily (VK Doprastav Bratislava, Slovakia)
Brown, Victoria (Juncos, Puerto Rico)
Bruzdzinski, Katherine (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Busse, Cassie (Toa Baja, Puerto Rico)
Cahill, Stephanie (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Campbell, Lindsey (VC Tirol Volleyball Club, Austria)
Campbell, Norisha (TSV Sonthofen, Germany)
Cepero de Romero, Greichaly (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
Cmaylo, Anna (VBC Cheseaux/Lausanne, Switzerland)
Collymore, Jane (Juncos, Puerto Rico)
Copenhagen, Diane (VC Weert, Netherlands)
Crawford, Therese (Indias Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
Crimes, Alexis (Toa Baja, Puerto Rico)
Daley, Ali (San Sebastian, Puerto Rico)
Deensing, Alesha (VFB91 SUHL, Germany)
DeKiewiet, Jamie (Grammar School Athletic Club, Cyprus)
Desilets, Makare (V.C. Samorodok Khabarovsk, Russia)
Dyer, Alexandra (Miranda Volleyball Club, Spain)
Eddins, Stefani (Somero, Finland)
Elmgren, Karen (Annecy Volleyball, France)
Evans, Lauren (Sparkasse Wild Katz, Austria)
Fairchild, Jeanne (Indias Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
Ford, Lauren (Paka Volleyball, Finland)
Gates, Amanda (CV Ribera Sacra, Spain)
Genslak, Ashley (PSVBG Salzburg Volleyball, Austria)
Gerling, Rachal (VC Tirol Volleyball Club, Austria)
Girard, Franci (CPSV - Chemnitz, Germany)
Glass, Kimberly (Universitet Belogorie, Russia)
Glover, Jessica (VFM/Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Goins, Lauren (TSV Alemannia Aachen, Germany)
Goodman, Chelsea (Bayamon, Puerto Rico)
Haas, Emily (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)
Hamilton, Carol (LP Kangasala, Finland)
Haneef-Park, Tayyiba (Pioneer Red Wings, Japan)
Happel, Sarah (TG 1875 BAD SODEN, Germany)
Harry, Tesha (Dresdner Sportclub 1898, Germany)
Hart, Therese (ZOK Matija Mesic, Croatia)
Hartmann, Rachel (Carolina, Puerto Rico)
Heler, Jacqueline (TSV Dudingon, Switzerland)
Hilbers, Johanna (OK Nova Mokosica, Croatia)
Hood, Regan (Terville Florange, France)
Hove, Jordan (Boldklubben Marienlev, Denmark)
Hudson, Crystal (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Germany)
Hughes, Heather (Besiktas, Turkey)
Ibekwe, Nneka (VC Tirol, Austria)
Jackson, Elizabeth (VBC Val-de-Travers, Switzerland)
Jenkins, Benavia (Club Volleyball Haro, Spain)
Johansen, Bethany (Bellinzona, Switzerland)
Joines, Jennifer (Fakel Novyi Urengoi, Russia)
Jones, Jessica (Las Caribes, Puerto Rico)

* For continuation of transfer list, see page four of this weekly update.

BUSSE, CRIMES, PRESSEY UPDATE: Toa Baja, competing in the Puerto Rico Super League, features three players who trained with the U.S. Women's National Team during 2008. Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.), Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) and Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) all are sharing a heavy offensive load for Toa Baja. Busse scored a team-high 16 points in leading the Llaneras to a 25-18, 25-21, 25-21 victory over Caguas on March 26. Pressey added seven points in the victory, while Crimes chipped in six points. Toa Baja's run at an undefeated season came to a halt on March 28 as Carolina came away with a 21-25, 25-14, 20-25, 25-20, 15-7 victory. Pressey notched a team-high 19 points, while Busse added 17 points and Crimes eight points. Carolina's Nicole Fawcett led all scorers with 26 points, while Erica Short tossed in 14 points. Toa Baja, which two matches remaining in the regular season, still maintains a two-match advantage over Corozal in the loss column (18-1 versus 17-3).



OTHER AMERICAN STANDOUTS IN PUERTO RICO LEAGUE: Sarah Kirkwood scored 10 points to help Juncos to a three-set victory over Guaynabo on March 25...Kristee Porter collected a match-high 22 points while Erin Moore added 18 points as Corozal topped San Sebastian in four sets on March 25. Jane Collymore contributed 18 points for San Sebastian in the loss, while Shonda Cole added 17 points...Jessica VanderKooi was credited for 14 points in assisting Mayaguez to a three-set victory over Ponce on March 24, while former U.S. National Team setter Greichely Cepero had 11 assists and 13 digs in the victory...Erin Moore reached 18 points, including five blocks, in leading Corozal to a three-set victory over Guaynabo on March 27. Patrice Arrington tallied 14 points in the loss...Nicole Fawcett piled up 28 points to lead Carolina to a four-set victory over Bayamon on March 27, while Kylie Atherstone chipped in 16 points and Erica Short 11. Jordan Larson scored 20 points in the loss...Shonda Cole recorded 17 points and Allison Daley chipped in a dozen points in pacing San Sebastian to a three-set victory over Ponce on March 27...Greichely Cepero scored 10 points, 10 digs and four assists in leading Mayaguez to a five-set victory over San Sebastian on March 28. Jessica VanderKooi added 11 points and 12 digs in the win. Jessica Jones scored a match-high 24 points in the loss for San Sebastian, while Jan Collymore added 19 points and Allison Daley 16 points...Kelly Wing notched 21 points and Sarah Kirkwood added 15 points as Juncos downed Caguas in five sets on March 28. Vicky Brown added 13 points in the victory...Erin Moore totaled 16 points and Kristee Moore added 12 more in leading Corozal to a three-set victory over Bayamon on March 30. Jordan Larson scored a match-high 20 points in the loss...For more highlights from the Puerto Rico Super League, visit <http://www.fpvoleibol.com/lvsf09/>.



TOM UPDATE: Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah), a three-time U.S. Olympian and Best Scorer of the 2008 Olympic Games, is playing with Hisamitsu Springs in the Japanese V-League. She has played a huge role in turning Hisamitsu Springs' season around and finishing in second place during the regular season. Hisamitsu Springs will be one of four teams competing in the round-robin Japanese V-League finals. Hisamitsu Springs has a rematch with NEC on April 3, followed by an April 4 contest against league-champion Toray and April 5 contest against fourth-place Denso. Tom ranks fourth in the V-League in scoring (161 points) and seventh in kills per set (4.32 average) categories through the regular season. In addition, she ranks 12th in best blocker (0.55 per set) and 15th in best receiver (69.5 success rate) categories.

HANEEF-PARK UPDATE: Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.), who competed for Pioneer in the Japanese professional volleyball V-League this past winter, ended the regular season as the second best scorer (601 points) in the league. She also ranked third in kills per set (5.17 average), fifth in best server (13.9) and 11th in best attacker (40.3 percent).



JOINES, RICHARDS UPDATE: Jennifer Joines (Milpitas, Calif.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian, and Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah), a 2008 U.S. Olympic Team alternate, are competing for Fakel in the Russian professional league this winter. Fakel lost a 25-20, 25-23, 25-23 match to Leningradka on March 23. Richards scored 23 points with 21 kills coming off 42 attacks with just two errors. She added two blocks to round out a 23-point performance. Joines added four kills on 10 attacks with just one hitting error, along with a block for five points. Fakel is idle until an April 2 match with Indesit.

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Kearney, Linzy (RC Villebon, France)
Keheo, Bryn (VBC Biel-Bienne, Switzerland)
Kelley, Kristin (TSV Sonthofen, Germany)
Kirkwood, Sarah (Valencianes de Juncos, Puerto Rico)
Klemenhagen, Leah (Volley Murcia Universidad, Spain)
Kohler, Emily (VBC Vol-de-Travers, Switzerland)
Larson, Jordan (Bayamon, Puerto Rico)
Leck, Kaitlin (Club Voleibol Albacete, Spain)
Livingston, Sherisa (CV Tomis 2004, Romania)
Lott, Erica (VC Weisbaden, Germany)
Lungren, Sara (Benidorm, Spain)
Magee, Brandy (Club Voleibol Albacete, Spain)
Match, Crystal (Neuchatel Universite, Switzerland)
McConaha, Kimberly (KSV Wattwil, Switzerland)
McGinnis, Angela (Besiktas, Turkey)
McLaughlin, Cassandra (Kuusamon Pallo-Karhut, Finland)
McNamee, Candace (Zok Ptuj, Slovenia)
McNatt, Therese (Benidorm, Spain)
Miramontes, Robin (Club Voleibol Torrelavega, Spain)
Moore, Erin (Corozal, Puerto Rico)
Moriarty, Michelle (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Nnamani, Ogonna (Galatasaray, Turkey)
Noll, Lindsey (LP Kangasala, Finland)
O'Connor, Erin (Kuusamon Pallo-Karhut, Finland)
Odion, Stella (Oriveden Ponnistus, Finland)
Omar, Amanda (Kuusamon PalloKarhut, Finland)
Piccolini, Lindsay (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Germany)
Porter, Dominick (Volleyball Club Dresden, Germany)
Porter, Kristee (Corozal, Puerto Rico)
Pressey, Angela (Toa Baja, Puerto Rico)
Price, Kathryn (Besiktas, Turkey)
Reed, Rashinda (Pislaploki, Finland)
Reineke, Taylor (Neuchatel Universite, Switzerland)
Richards, Kristin (Fakel Novyi Urengoi, Russia)
Rogers, Tess (Vanajan RC, Finland)
Romero, Daniela (Desportiva Ribeirense, Portugal)
Royster-Crockett, Marrita (Cheseaux, Switzerland)
Russell, Kelly (Sm' Aesch Pfeflingen, Switzerland)
Salters, Belita (Ponce Leones, Puerto Rico)
Sanders, Juliana (TSV Sonthofen, Germany)
Sandstrom, Stefanie (OK Nova Mokosica, Croatia)
Savage, Francheska (OK Banka Pula, Croatia)
Scott-Aruda, Danielle (Florens, Italy)
Shaw, Sheila (VC Weisbaden, Germany)
Shepp, Allison (OK Ptuj, Slovenia)
Short, Erica (Carolina, Puerto Rico)
Simpson, Jaclyn (VC Weisbaden, Germany)
Slack, Brigitte (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Germany)
Solomon, Am'ra (CVA Toledo, Puerto Rico)
Stalls, Tracy (Eczacibasi Sports Club, Turkey)
Stalzer, Lindsay (Menorca, Spain)
Stidham, Missie (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)
Stovall, Desma (USSPA - Albi, France)
Swarbrick, Jessica (Zeiler Koniz, Switzerland)
Sweany, Morgan (OK Benedikt, Slovenia)
Thiry, Addie (OK Benedikt, Slovenia)
Thomas, Elisha (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)
Thompson, Courtney (Zeiler Koeniz, Switzerland)
Thompson, Makini (VBC Langenthal, Switzerland)
Todd, Jennifer (Terville Florange, France)
Tom, Logan (Hisamitsu Springs, Japan)
Turner, Whitney (OK Luka Koper, Slovenia)
Van Meter, Rachel (Schweriner SC, Germany)
Van Meter, Rachel (Vicenza Volley, Italy)
Weidner, Katherine (OK Vinkovci, Croatia)
Wernert, Kelley (Popsivo, Indonesia)
Williams, Sherri (C.V. Haro, Spain)
Willoughby, Kim (Perugia, Italy)
Wise, Bonita (C.E. Camp Escolar, Spain)
Yanchulova, Petia (Anorthosis Famagusta, Cyprus)
Zeltman, Sarah (VC Tirol, Austria)

* NOTE: Only players who have completed the transfer process are listed.

GLASS UPDATE: Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian, is playing professionally in Russia with Universitet Belogorie. Glass' squad was idle this past week. Her team, which has fallen from a tie for first into a three-way tie for fourth with a 12-8 record, looks to stop a losing skid on April 2 against 10th-place Leningradka.

NNAMANI UPDATE: Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.), a two-time Olympian now playing professionally in Turkey for Galatasaray, will not have a Turkish League match until Galatasaray faces V. Gunes Sigorta on April 2.

McGINNIS, HUGHES UPDATE: Angie McGinnis (Fraser, Mich.) and Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), both alternates on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, are now competing for Besiktas JK Bayan of the Turkish professional volleyball league. Besiktas returns to action after a 13-day break to face Eczacibasi Zentiva on April 3.

USAV, ANAHEIM MOVE FORWARD ON WOMEN'S TEAM RELOCATION: The Anaheim City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement with USA Volleyball that would relocate the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team to train in Anaheim at the American Sports Centers as early as this spring. The vote is a step forward in the process that would move the U.S. Women's National Team to Anaheim from its current home at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Once the agreement is finalized, Anaheim would be designated the Official Host City for the U.S. Men's and Women's National Volleyball Teams through the 2016 Olympic Games. The American Sports Centers, which has been the training site of the U.S. Men's National Team since it moved to Anaheim in 2006, has agreed to host the U.S. Women's National Team as well. The facility, which opened in March of 2004, is the largest indoor court facility in the United States featuring 22 volleyball courts, 16 basketball courts and nine indoor soccer courts. Among the ASC's other tenants is the Southern California Volleyball Association, one of 40 regions within USA Volleyball. For the complete story, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10417>. For player reactions to Anaheim City Council's vote, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10418>. To read an Orange County Register article on Hugh McCutcheon, visit <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/mccutcheon-team-women-2335365-olympic-volleyball>.



REPLICA JERSEY AVAILABLE FOR LIMITED TIME: Are you looking for a unique gift for your volleyball loved ones? USA Volleyball has the answer with replica jerseys from its 2008 Olympic Games indoor teams being made available for a limited time at <http://usavolleyball2008.com/store/>. The U.S. Olympic Women's Team replica jerseys, priced at \$65 apiece, are available in extra small, small, medium, large and extra large. Replica jerseys are available for all 12 U.S. players who participated in the 2008 Olympic Games. Each replica jersey will have the Olympian's name on the back with their jersey number on both the front and back. In addition, USA Volleyball has several other 2008 Olympic Games apparel items commemorating the unprecedented indoor and beach volleyball success obtained in Beijing. Products available on the online store include short and long-sleeve T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies in multiple designs.



OLYMPIC COMMEMORATIVE APPAREL ON SALE: USA Volleyball has unveiled five commemorative logo designs to appear on apparel saluting USA Volleyball's medal successes at the recent Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Beijing. Apparel can be purchased by visiting <http://usavolleyball2008.com/store/>. Men's and ladies' T-shirt designs are \$15, while the youth T-shirt size is \$13. Long sleeve t-shirts are \$18, crew sweatshirts are \$23 and hoodies are \$30. Sizes XXL and larger have a slightly higher price. USA Volleyball's success on the Olympic grand stage in Beijing has never been achieved by any other nation since volleyball was added to the Olympics in 1964. The U.S. Olympic Men's Indoor Volleyball Team, which was named the United States Olympic Committee Team of the Month for August 2008, captured the gold medal at the Olympic Games without losing a single match. Women's Beach Volleyball (Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh) and Men's Beach Volleyball (Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers) both came back from Beijing with Olympic Games gold medals. The U.S. Olympic Women's Indoor Volleyball Team captured the silver medal in Beijing, as did the U.S. Women's Sitting Team during the Paralympic Games. No other country has ever participated in the gold-medal match of all four Olympic Games volleyball disciplines during the same year. Team USA added a fifth gold-medal appearance at the Paralympic Games.



USA Volleyball.

2008 USA Women's National Team Volleyball Final Stats

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Kill PCT	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting %	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points	Points Set
Ah Mow-Santos	59	1	0.02	10.0	2	10	-.120	0	0.00	7	0.32	32	1.45
Akinradewo	57	132	2.32	54.5	26	242	.438	15	0.26	36	0.63	183	3.21
Barboza	66	117	1.77	38.0	51	308	.214	2	0.03	19	0.29	138	2.09
Berg	82	2	0.02	12.5	3	16	-.063	8	0.10	9	0.11	19	0.23
Bown	85	144	1.69	49.8	24	289	.415	11	0.13	48	0.56	203	2.39
Busse	22	25	1.14	30.1	15	83	.120	0	0.00	7	0.32	32	1.45
Crawford	1	0	0.00	0.0	4	5	-.800	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Crimes	27	65	2.41	52.4	15	124	.403	5	0.19	26	0.96	96	3.56
Davis	129	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Faucette	20	51	2.55	40.2	24	127	.213	2	0.10	3	0.15	56	2.80
Glass	84	155	1.85	40.8	61	380	.247	19	0.23	30	0.36	204	2.43
Haneef-Park	82	259	3.16	42.8	81	605	.294	15	0.18	29	0.35	303	3.70
Hooker	24	70	2.92	35.9	34	195	.185	3	0.13	18	0.75	91	3.79
Hughes	55	88	1.60	34.4	45	256	.168	8	0.15	7	0.13	103	1.87
Hunter	13	1	0.08	25.0	0	4	.250	3	0.23	0	0.00	4	0.31
Joines	22	40	1.82	48.2	6	83	.410	0	0.00	18	0.82	58	2.64
Klineman	53	92	1.74	36.9	28	249	.257	6	0.11	23	0.43	121	2.28
McGinnis	78	26	0.33	50.0	6	52	.385	6	0.08	11	0.14	43	0.55
Nnamani	42	91	2.17	44.0	26	207	.314	8	0.19	13	0.31	112	2.67
Olsovsky	4	1	0.25	20.0	3	5	-.400	1	0.25	0	0.00	2	0.50
Paolini	8	10	1.25	52.6	0	19	.526	4	0.50	1	0.13	15	1.88
Pressey	15	18	1.20	32.7	11	55	.127	1	0.07	1	0.07	20	1.33
Richards	33	69	2.09	38.1	34	181	.193	5	0.15	8	0.24	82	2.48
Scott-Arruda	88	189	2.15	56.9	26	332	.491	9	0.10	62	0.70	260	2.95
Spicer	4	0	0.00	0.00	0	1	.000	1	0.25	0	0.00	1	0.25
Stalls	61	132	2.16	49.6	28	266	.391	7	0.11	50	0.82	189	3.10
Sykora	70	0	0.00	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Tom	80	229	2.86	36.8	100	623	.207	20	0.25	37	0.46	286	3.58
Willoughby	48	94	1.96	40.1	44	234	.214	11	0.23	12	0.25	117	2.44
TEAM	166	2,101	12.66	42.5	702	4,949	.283	178	1.07	473	2.85	2,752	16.58

Dig Totals on China Tour: Nicole Davis 112 (3.29 d/s); Angie McGinnis 35 (1.06); Heather Hughes 32 (1.14); Destinee Hooker 21 (0.88); Alix Klineman 21 (0.72); Tracy Stalls 16 (0.50); Angie Pressey 15 (1.00); Lindsey Hunter 13 (1.63); Juliann Faucette 11 (0.73); Cassie Busse 8 (0.57); Luke Akinradewo 6 (0.18); Nellie Spicer 4 (1.00); Therese Crawford 2 (2.00); Lauren Paolini 2 (0.25). Team: 298 (8.76 d/s). Opponent 226 (6.65 d/s).

Dig Totals at Pan American Cup: Stacy Sykora 55 (2.29 d/s); Cynthia Barboza 39 (1.34); Heather Hughes 29 (1.07); Kristin Richards 20 (0.77); Angie McGinnis 18 (0.64); Alix Klineman 14 (0.58); Tracy Stalls 7 (0.24); Alexis Crimes 5 (0.19); Lindsey Hunter 2 (0.40); Lauren Paolini 1 (0.33); Juliann Faucette 0 (0.00); Olsovsky 0 (0.00). Team: 190 (5.59 d/s). Opponent: NA.

Dig Totals for Brazil Exhibition Series: Stacy Sykora 27 (2.08 dig/set); Logan Tom 11 (1.57); Robyn Ah Mow-Santos 15 (1.50); Kim Willoughby 10 (1.43); Nicole Davis 19 (1.36); Angie McGinnis 9 (1.29); Kim Glass 7 (1.17); Lindsey Berg 5 (0.83); Cynthia Barboza 11 (0.79); Danielle Scott-Arruda 8 (0.67); Ogonna Nnamani 6 (0.60); Jennifer Joines 3 (0.43); Cassie Busse 7 (0.50); Heather Bown 1 (0.10).

Digs Totals at World Grand Prix: Nicole Davis 84 (1.71 digs/set), Kim Willoughby 27 (1.44), Logan Tom 56 (1.38), Kim Glass 59 (1.21), Lindsey Berg 33 (0.63), Nnamani 12 (0.55), Robyn Ah Mow-Santos 11 (0.53), Tayyiba Haneef-Park 27 (0.50), Heather Bown 15 (0.36), Danielle Scott-Arruda 15 (0.33), Cynthia Barboza 6 (0.26), Jennifer Joines 2 (0.22).

Digs Totals at Olympic Games: Nicole Davis 95 (2.88 digs/set); Logan Tom 69 (2.09); Kim Glass 52 (1.73); Robyn Ah Mow-Santos 41 (1.37); Kim Willoughby 20 (0.87); Tayyiba Haneef-Park 24 (0.80); Danielle Scott-Arruda 22 (0.73); Heather Bown 20 (0.61); Stacy Sykora 6 (0.55); Ogonna Nnamani 6 (0.50); Lindsey Berg 11 (0.44).

All-Time USA Women's Indoor Volleyball Olympians

1964 (Tokyo)

5th Place

Patti Bright
Jean Gaertner
Lou Galloway
Barbara Harwerth
Linda Murphy
Gail O'Rourke
Nancy Owen
Mary Jo Peppler
Mary Perry
Sharon Peterson
Verneda Thomas
Jane Ward

Head Coach: Dr. W.P. Burroughs

Manager: Ida Litschauer

1968 (Mexico City)

8th Place

Patti Bright
Kathryn Heck
Fanny Hopeau
Ninja Jorgensen
Laurie Lewis
Miki McFadden
Marilyn McCreavy
Nancy Owen
Barbara Perry
Mary Perry
Sharon Peterson
Jane Ward

Head Coach: Harlan Cohen

1980 (Moscow)

Did Not Compete (USA Boycott)

Janet Baier
Carolyn Becker
Rita Crockett
Patty Dowdell
Laurie Flachmeier
Debbie Green
Flo Hyman
Laurel Brassey
Debbie Landreth
Diane McCormick
Terry Place
Sue Woodstra

Head Coach: Arie Selinger

Assistant Coach: Toshi Yoshida

Manager: Ruth Becker

1984 (Los Angeles)

Silver Medal

Jeanne Beauprey
Carolyn Becker
Linda Chisholm
Rita Crockett
Laurie Flachmeier
Debbie Green
Flo Hyman
Rose Magers
Kim Ruddins
Julie Vollertsen
Paula Weishoff
Sue Woodstra

Head Coach: Arie Selinger

Assistant Coach: John Corbelli

Assistant Coach: Marlon Sano

1988 (Seoul)

7th Place

Deitre Collins
Caren Kemner
Laurel Kessel
Tammy Liley
Liz Masakayan
Jayne McHugh
Melissa McLinden
Kim Oden
Keba Phipps
Kim Ruddins
Angela Rock
Liane Sato

Head Coach: Terry Liskevych

Assistant Coach: Debbie Landreth Brown

Assistant Coach: Kent Miller

1992 (Barcelona)

Bronze Medal

Janet Cobbs
Tara Cross-Battle
Lori Endicott
Caren Kemner
Ruth Lawanson
Tammy Liley
Elaina Oden
Kim Oden
Liane Sato
Paula Weishoff
Tee Williams
Yoko Zetterlund

Head Coach: Terry Liskevych

Assistant Coach: Greg Giovanazzi

Assistant Coach: Kent Miller

Technical Coordinator: David Sims

Medical Consultant: Dan McDonough

1996 (Atlanta)

7th Place

Tara Cross-Battle
Lori Endicott
Caren Kemner
Kristin Klein
Tammy Liley
Bev Oden
Elaina Oden
Danielle Scott
Paula Weishoff
Tee Williams
Elaine Youngs
Yoko Zetterlund

Head Coach: Terry Liskevych

Assistant Coach: Aldis Berzins

Assistant Coach: Jeanne Beauprey Reeves

Technical Assistant: Dave Fleming

2000 (Sydney)

4th Place

Robyn Ah Mow
Heather Bown
Tara Cross-Battle
Mickisha Hurley
Sarah Noriega
Demetria Sance
Danielle Scott
Stacy Sykora
Charlene Tagaloa
Logan Tom
Kerri Walsh
Allison Weston

Head Coach: Mick Haley

Assistant Coach: Toshi Yoshida

Assistant Coach: Jeri Estes

Technical Coordinator: Monica Paul

Trainer: Emery Hill, Jr.

Team Doctor: Dr. David Weinstein

Team Manager: Bob Gambardella

2004 (Athens)

5th Place

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos
Elisabeth Bachman
Lindsey Berg
Heather Bown
Tara Cross-Battle
Tayyiba Haneef
Nancy Metcalf
Ogonna Nnamani
Keba Phipps
Danielle Scott
Stacy Sykora
Logan Tom

Head Coach: Toshi Yoshida

Assistant Coach: Kevin Hambly

Assistant Coach: Tara Cross-Battle

Technical Coordinator: Robyn Romansky

Trainer: Emery Hill, Jr.

Team Leader: Tom Pingel

2008 (Beijing)

Silver Medal

Robyn Ah Mow-Santos
Lindsey Berg
Heather Bown
Nicole Davis
Kim Glass
Tayyiba Haneef-Park
Jennifer Joines
Ogonna Nnamani
Danielle Scott-Arruda
Stacy Sykora
Logan Tom
Kim Willoughby

Head Coach: "Jenny" Lang Ping

Assistant Coach: Sue Woodstra

Assistant Coach: Li Yong

Assistant Coach: Tom Hogan

Technical Coordinator: Diane French

Trainer: Emery Hill, Jr.

Team Leader: Joan Powell

International Volleyball Fact Sheet

Introduction: Volleyball has major international competitions every year and, at its highest level, is a physically demanding sport played by some of the world's most elite athletes. Of course, volleyball is also a popular recreational activity enjoyed by more than 38 million persons in the United States (more than any team sport but basketball) and more than 800 million persons globally, making it the world's most popular participant sport. This fact sheet is designed to provide more understanding about international volleyball and its major competitions, including the Olympic Games.

International Governing Body: The international governing body for volleyball is the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland. The FIVB is the world's largest sports federation, with more than 200 member nations. Under the direction of its president, Dr. Ruben Acosta of Mexico, the FIVB oversees the administration of volleyball throughout the world and is responsible for producing several major events, including the Olympic Games, World Championships, World Cup, World League and World Grand Prix.

National Governing Body: The national governing body (NGB) for volleyball in the United States is USA Volleyball, formerly known as the United States Volleyball Association. Founded in 1928, USA Volleyball is responsible for the administration of all forms of volleyball in the United States, including producing the annual USA Open Volleyball Championships, Junior Olympic Championships and the USA Outdoor National Championships. As mandated by the 1978 Amateur Sports Act, USA Volleyball is responsible to the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) and the FIVB for training and nominating the teams which represent the United States in the Olympic Games and other important volleyball competitions worldwide.

Major Competitions: The four major events on the international volleyball calendar are the Olympic Games (men and women, indoor and beach), World Championships (men and women, indoor and beach), World Cup (men and women, indoor), World League (men, indoor) and World Grand Prix (women, indoor). All events are conducted quadrennially, with the exceptions of the annual World League/Grand Prix and the biennial Beach World Championships.

World Rankings: Following the decision of the FIVB Board of Administration, a new system of point attribution based on a new scale has been implemented for the FIVB World Ranking of Volleyball National Teams. The following competitions are now included:

- Senior World Championships included for four years - 25 percent reduction each year. Points are also granted for the qualification matches, to the best non-qualified teams.
- Olympic Games included for four years - 25 percent reduction each year. Points are also granted for the qualification matches, to the best non-qualified teams.

- World Cup included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year.
- Senior Continental Championships included for two years - 50 percent reduction the second year; points are also granted for the qualification matches to the best non-qualified teams.
- Men's World League / Women's World Grand Prix included for one year.

Top 40 teams in the FIVB World Ranking:

Women (Points)

1. Brazil (255)
2. USA (198)
3. Cuba (190)
4. Italy (185)
5. China (154)
6. Japan (128)
7. Serbia (123)
8. Russia (106)
9. Poland (61)
10. Korea (37)
11. Turkey (35.5)
12. Germany (34.5)
13. Dominican Republic (34)
14. Kazakhstan (33.5)
15. Netherlands (31.5)
16. Kenya (29.5)
17. Peru (29)
18. Algeria (22)
- 19T. Puerto Rico (21)
- 19T. Thailand (21)
21. Chinese Taipei (20)
22. Egypt (18)
23. Canada (16.5)
- 24T. Cameroon (16)
- 24T. Venezuela (16)
- 26T. Azerbaijan (15)
- 26T. Mexico (15)
28. Tunisia (14.5)
29. Uruguay (14)
30. Costa Rica (13)
31. Argentina (10.5)
32. Senegal (8)
- 33T. Belgium (7.5)
- 33T. Bulgaria (7.5)
35. France (7)
- 36T. Australia (6.5)
- 36T. Czech Republic (6.5)
- 36T. South Africa (6.5)
39. Croatia (6)
- 40T. Romania (5.5)
- 40T. Slovakia (5.5)
- 40T. Ukraine (5.5)

Men (Points)

1. Brazil (223)
2. USA (198)
3. Russia (185)
4. Bulgaria (132.5)
5. Serbia (117)
6. Italy (111)
7. Poland (105.5)
8. China (69.5)
9. Japan (53)
- 10T. Puerto Rico (51)
- 10T. Spain (51)
12. Argentina (44.5)
13. Germany (42)
- 14T. Australia (38.5)
- 14T. Venezuela (38.5)
16. Egypt (33.5)
17. France (32.5)
- 18T. Cuba (29)
- 18T. Korea (29)
20. Tunisia (28.5)
21. Canada (26.5)
22. Finland (20)
23. Cameroon (18)
24. Iran (17)
25. South Africa (15)
26. Czech Republic (13.5)
27. Paraguay (12)
- 28T. Greece (11.5)
- 28T. Netherlands (11.5)
- 30T. Kazakhstan (10.5)
- 30T. Portugal (10.5)
- 32T. Chile (10)
- 32T. Thailand (10)
34. Barbados (9.5)
35. Mexico (9)
- 36T. Colombia (8.5)
- 36T. Trinidad & Tobago (8.5)
- 38T. Chinese Taipei (8)
- 38T. Dominican Republic (8)
- 38T. Indonesia (8)
- 38T. Turkey (8)

Olympic Games: Volleyball made its debut in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. Twelve teams in both the men's and women's draw earn the right to compete:

Past Olympic Champions (Men)

1964: Soviet Union (USA, ninth)
1968: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1972: Japan, (USA, DNQ)
1976: Poland (USA, DNQ)
1980: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1984: USA
1988: USA
1992: Brazil (USA, third)
1996: Netherlands (USA, ninth)
2000: Yugoslavia (USA, 11th)
2004: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2008: USA

Past Olympic Champions (Women)

1964: Japan (USA, fifth)
1968: Soviet Union (USA, eighth)
1972: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1976: Japan (USA, DNQ)
1980: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1984: China (USA, second)
1988: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1992: Cuba (USA, third)
1996: Cuba (USA, seventh)
2000: Cuba (USA, fourth)
2004: China (USA, fifth)
2008: Brazil (USA, second)

World Championships: The World Championships are held every four years in the second year after the Olympics. The site, usually separate for the men's and women's competitions, is determined by the FIVB based on bids received from interested cities. The 24 berths for the men and women are gained in the following manner (2006 information is provided in parenthesis where available):

- Host country
- Defending World Champions
- FIVB determined the appropriate number of qualification spots for each continent/zone based on performance at the 2002 World Championships and the number of teams registered for the 2006 World Championships. Each continent/zone played a World Championships Qualification Tournament in early 2002.

Past World Champions (Men)

1949: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1952: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1956: Czechoslovakia (USA, sixth)
1960: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1962: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1966: Czechoslovakia (USA, 11th)
1970: East Germany (USA, 18th)
1974: Not held
1978: Soviet Union (USA, 19th)
1982: Soviet Union (USA, 13th)
1986: USA
1990: Italy (USA, 13th)
1994: Italy (USA, third)
1998: Italy (USA, ninth)
2002: Brazil (USA, ninth)
2006: Brazil (USA, 10th)

Past World Champions (Women)

1952: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1956: Soviet Union (USA, ninth)
1960: Soviet Union (USA, sixth)
1962: Japan (USA, DNP)
1966: Japan (USA, second)
1970: Soviet Union (USA, 11th)
1974: Japan (USA, 12th)
1978: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1982: China (USA, third)
1986: China (USA, 10th)
1990: Soviet Union (USA, third)
1994: Cuba (USA, sixth)
1998: Cuba (USA, 13th)
2002: Italy (USA, second)
2006: Russia (USA, ninth)

World Cup: The World Cup is held every four years, in the year prior to the Olympic Games. Though originally held at various sites, it has been hosted by Japan since 1977. Prior to 1991, the World Cup took place in the year immediately following the Olympics. The 12 berths in the World Cup for men and women are gained in the following manner:

- Host country (Japan- Men and Women)
- Defending World Cup champion
- Winners of the five zone championships
- The highest-placed team (of each zone) not qualified for the Olympic Games in accordance with the ranking of the zone championships.

Past World Cup Champions (Men)

1965: Soviet Union (USA, DNP)
1969: East Germany (USA, DNP)
1973: Soviet Union (USA, seventh)
1977: Soviet Union (USA, 10th)
1981: Soviet Union (USA, DNQ)
1985: USA
1989: Cuba (USA, fourth)
1991: Soviet Union (USA, third)
1995: Italy (USA, fourth)
1999: Russia (USA, fourth)
2003: Brazil (USA, fourth)
2007: Brazil (USA, fourth)

Past World Cup Champions (Women)

1973: Soviet Union (USA, sixth)
1977: Japan (USA, seventh)
1981: China (USA, fourth)
1985: China (USA, DNQ)
1989: Cuba (USA, DNQ)
1991: Cuba (USA, fourth)
1995: Cuba (USA, seventh)
1999: Cuba (USA, ninth)
2003: China (USA, third)
2007: Italy (USA, third)

Zone Championships: The volleyball world is divided into five international zones. The United States is in the NORCECA (North America Central America Caribbean) Zone, with championships held every other year at various sites. The other zones are Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. The frequency of zone championships competition varies in each of the five sections. Any nation in a particular zone may participate in its zone championships whenever such a competition is conducted.

Past NORCECA Champions (Men)

1969: Cuba (USA, third)
1971: Cuba (USA, second)
1973: USA
1975: Cuba (USA, third)
1977: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1979: Cuba (USA, fifth)
1981: Cuba (USA, second)
1983: USA
1985: USA
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)
1991: Cuba (USA, second)
1993: Cuba (USA, second)
1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: USA
2001: Cuba (USA, second)
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: USA

Past NORCECA Champions (Women)

1969: Mexico (USA, sixth)
1971: Mexico (USA, third)
1973: Cuba (USA, third)
1975: Cuba (USA, second)
1977: Cuba (USA, third)
1979: Cuba (USA, second)
1981: USA
1983: USA
1985: Cuba (USA, second)
1987: Cuba (USA, second)
1989: Cuba (USA, third)
1991: Cuba (USA, second)
1993: Cuba (USA, second)
1995: Cuba (USA, second)
1997: Cuba (USA, second)
1999: Cuba (USA, second)
2001: USA
2003: USA
2005: USA
2007: Cuba (USA, second)

World League and World Grand Prix: The World League features the top 12 men's volleyball teams in the world in competition for a total purse that has grown to \$15 million since the inaugural season in 1990. Teams are divided into three, four-team pools and each country playing the other teams in their pool four times (twice at home, twice on the road). The winner and runner-up in each pool advance to a seeded playoff round. The regular season is usually played in May and June with playoffs in early July.

The World Grand Prix is the women's counterpart to the World League, and offers a total purse of \$2 million to its 12-team field. Teams play in different four-team pools each weekend, at round-robin tournaments hosted by cities throughout Asia. The three teams with the best records join the host country for the Grand Prix Finals. The regular season is played in August and early-September with playoffs in mid-September.

World League Champions

1990: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1991: Italy (USA, third in pool)
1992: Italy (USA, first in pool, third overall)
1993: Brazil (USA, fifth in pool)
1994: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1995: Italy (USA, fourth in pool)
1996: Netherlands (USA, DNP)
1997: Italy (USA, DNP)
1998: Cuba (USA, DNP)
1999: Italy (USA, DNP)
2000: Italy (USA, first in pool, sixth overall)
2001: Brazil (USA, third in pool, tied-ninth overall)
2002: Russia (USA, DNP)
2003: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2004: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2005: Brazil (USA, DNP)
2006: Brazil (USA, third in pool)
2007: Brazil (USA, third in finals)
2008: USA

World Grand Prix Champions

1993: Cuba (USA, seventh regular season)
1994: Brazil (USA, fifth regular season)
1995: USA
1996: Brazil (USA, fifth)
1997: Russia (USA, eighth)
1998: Brazil (USA, eighth)
1999: Russia (USA, DNP)
2000: Cuba (USA, sixth)
2001: USA
2002: Russia (USA, sixth)
2003: China (USA, third)
2004: Brazil (USA, third)
2005: Brazil (USA, eighth)
2006: Brazil (USA, seventh)
2007: Netherlands (USA, eighth final, seventh preliminary)
2008: Brazil (USA, fourth)