

# 2008 USA HIGH PERFORMANCE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



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## TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

July 23 – July 27, 2008  
Tucson, AZ

Event Host Committee:  
Joseph Volleyball Camps, Inc.

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## **WELCOME TO THE 2008 HP VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On behalf of USA Volleyball and the High Performance Department, it is our pleasure to join our hosts to invite you to the 2008 USA High Performance Volleyball Championships. Beginning in 1999, the Championships has gone through many changes and has grown into the premier event of its kind. We thank you for your continued support and offer our best wishes to each participant for a successful and enjoyable experience.

USA Volleyball also extends thanks to Joseph Volleyball Camps, Inc and the Tucson Convention & Visitor Bureau for hosting this event. They are working hard preparing for the big event in just a few months.

### **USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTACTS:**

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## COMPETITION CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES

Dates	Activities
May 1, 2008	Deadline for Team entry in USAV Office
May 1, 2008	Entry Fee Payment due in USAV office
July 1, 2008	Initial Roster Due
July 22, 2008	Referee Arrival
July 22, 2008	Team Arrival
July 22, 2008	Preliminary Inquiry
July 22, 2008	Referee Meeting and Training Session
July 22, 2008	General Technical Meeting
July 22, 2008	Opening Ceremonies
July 23-27, 2008	Competition
July 27, 2008	Teams and Referees Depart (final match scheduled to begin at 10a)

## COMPETITION AGE DEFINITIONS

Division	Projected Number of teams	Age
International Junior Girls	12	born in 1989 and after
International Youth Boys	12	born in 1990 and after
International Youth Girls	16	born in 1992 and after
National Youth Girls	12	born in 1992 and after
National Select Girls	24	born in 1994 and after
National Yth/Sel Boys	6	born in 1991 and after

## CONTROL COMMITTEE

-  USA Volleyball Staff
-  Head Referee
-  At-Large (Appointed by USAV)

## **HOST CITY AND COMPETITION VENUE**

The 2008 HP Volleyball Championship Tournament will be held in Tucson, Arizona.

Teams and officials participating in the tournament should arrive and depart to/from Tucson International Airport <<http://www.tucsonairport.org/index.html>> and must communicate this information to USA Volleyball High Performance Department via email to Tom Pingel at [tom.pingel@usav.org](mailto:tom.pingel@usav.org).

The Tucson Convention Center and Arena <<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/tcc/>> will be the main competition venue.

The event organizers are A.J. and Jennifer Joseph.

### **Competition Hotels:**

#### ***Tournament Headquarters Hotel:***

#### **Hotel Arizona (adjacent to Convention Center/Arena)**

181 West Broadway

Tucson, Arizona 85071

<http://www.thehotelarizona.com/>

Room Rate: **\$84** (plus 12.05% tax + \$1/room-night tax for Single-Quad occupancy)  
July 19-July 30, 2008

Block: 150 double/double rooms, 50 King Rooms

Reservations: 800-845-4596 (**USA Volleyball High Performance Championships**  
rate)

Contact for Teams: Bob Stamp

Cut-off Date: June 21, 2008

Hotel Amenities: Adjacent to the Convention Center/Arena, free hot breakfast buffet, free parking, lunch buffet, outdoor pool, free high speed internet, self-service laundry

Airport Shuttle: Free for TEAMS ONLY July 21/22, and 27/28 by reservation with AJ Joseph at [josephaj1@aol.com](mailto:josephaj1@aol.com) BEFORE July 1.

Additional Tournament Hotel:

**Riverpark Inn (0.4 miles from Tucson Convention Center)**

350 South Freeway

Tucson, Arizona 85745

[www.theriverparkinn.com](http://www.theriverparkinn.com)

Room Rate: **\$69/night** (plus 12.05% tax + \$1/room-night tax) for King/Sleeper Sofa rooms (sleeps 3) and **\$79/night** (plus 12.05% tax + \$1/room-night tax) for Queen/Queen rooms for July 19-30

Block: 75 Q/Q Rooms, 50 King/Sleeper Sofa rooms

Reservations: 800-551-1466 (ask for **USA Volleyball** rate)

Contact for teams: Wes Clark

Cut-Off Date: June 21, 2008

Hotel Amenities: Free hot breakfast buffet, free parking, Bennigan's Restaurant on-site, outdoor pool, free high-speed internet, self-service laundry, refrigerator and microwave in all rooms

Airport Shuttle: Free for TEAMS ONLY July 21/22, and 27/28 by reservation with AJ Joseph at [josephaj1@aol.com](mailto:josephaj1@aol.com) BEFORE July 1.

**REGISTRATION, TEAM INFORMATION, ENTRY FEE**

Not later than May 1, 2008, each region must enter the HP Championship tournament by filling out the registration form found at:

[http://www.usavolleyball.org/HighPerformance/08HPChamps\\_EntryForm.doc](http://www.usavolleyball.org/HighPerformance/08HPChamps_EntryForm.doc)

and email it to Tom Pingel at [tom.pingel@usav.org](mailto:tom.pingel@usav.org).

The form in which to submit your final roster at the Preliminary Inquiry, the O-2 bis, can be found at : <http://www.fivb.org/EN/Volleyball/Forms/Organisation/O-2bis-Women.pdf> for the girls teams and <http://www.fivb.ch/EN/Volleyball/Forms/Organisation/O-2bis-Men.pdf> for the boys. When completing the O-2bis form for each of your teams, please complete all areas EXCEPT : weight, femininity certificate (women) and matches played.

ALL Entry fees and team entry materials must be received in the USAV office no later than May 1, 2008. The check should be payable to *USA Volleyball* and sent to :

USA HP Championships  
USA Volleyball  
715 South Circle Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80910

**Projected Field Sizes and Entry Fee per Division:**

**INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GIRLS- 12 teams (\$1350)**

- 2 or 3 International Teams
- 3 USA Junior A2 Teams
- 3 USA Youth A2 Teams
- 4 Region Junior Teams

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH BOYS– 12 Teams (\$1350)**

- 2 International Teams
- 1 USA Select Age Teams
- 3 USA Youth A2 Teams
- 6 Region Youth Teams

**INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GIRLS– 16 Teams (\$1350)**

- 4 International Teams
- 3 USA Select Age Teams
- 3 USA Youth A2/A3 Teams
- 8 Region Youth Teams

**NATIONAL YOUTH GIRLS– 12 Teams (\$1150)**

- 12 Region Youth Teams

**NATIONAL YOUTH/SELECT BOYS- 6 Teams (\$1150)**

- 2 USA Select Age Team
- 4 Region Select Teams

**NATIONAL SELECT GIRLS– 24 Teams (\$1150)**

- 24 Region Select Teams

- An additional **\$100** fee is required for Non-USA teams to cover insurance requirements. Canadian teams are exempt with proof of coverage while attending.

**ENTRY FEE REFUND POLICY**

Any team that is denied entry into the USA HP Volleyball Championships will receive a full refund.

If a team submits an entry form and the appropriate entry fee and withdraws **PRIOR TO** the closing date for entries, that team will receive a 50% refund of its entry fee.

**NO ENTRY FEE, OR ANY PORTION OF SUCH FEE,** will be refunded to a team that withdraws from this Event **AFTER** the deadline date.

When an individual or a team decides not to attend, or is unable to attend, a USAV event for reasons pertaining to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism or a health risk alert, USAV shall issue **NO REFUNDS**.

When a USAV event is canceled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, or a health risk alert, event entry refunds will be made to individuals or teams on a prorated basis once all of USAV's out-of-pocket expenditures for the canceled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.

## **TEAM COMPOSITION**

Each team may consist of:

- 18 players (maximum)
- Head Coach
- Assistant Coach (2 maximum)
- Athletic Trainer / Medical Staff
- Chaperone / Team Leader

## **OFFICIALS**

Teams will have no officiating (i.e. referee, scorekeeper, line judge) responsibilities throughout the event.

Officials will be selected and assigned by a Officials Commission of USAV. Regions may make recommendations for officials from their region they would like to see invited.

- All referees will be housed at local hotels at the cost of the event.
- Local transportation (to / from the airport ; to / from the hotel and competition venue) will be at the cost of the event.

The officials and control committee will be housed at local hotels.

Specific communications regarding logistics, travel, etc. will be communicated directly to the event officials by a representative of the USAV Officials Division.

## **UNIFORMS**

- PLAYERS
  - The playing uniform must conform to USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations. Exceptions to these rules are noted below.
    - Each team must have available at least two (2) playing uniforms of contrasting colors (one set of dark uniforms and one set of **WHITE** uniforms)
    - The team captain's and Libero's uniforms will be presented at the preliminary inquiry.
    - The players' numbers must be the same for each possible set of uniforms.
    - Uniform numbers must be centered front and back.
    - Uniform numbers must be **6"** in height on the front and **8"** in height on the back of each jersey.
    - Numbers on the uniforms are limited to the numbers 1 – 19 inclusive.

- Last names on shirts recommended but not required.
  - Numbers on shorts recommended but not required.
  - Captains Bar on shirts recommended but not required.
- TEAM STAFF ON THE TEAM BENCH
    - All members of the staff on the team bench must wear acceptable attire and must match.
    - Shorts, sandals, sleeve-less t-shirts, hats, capris or jeans will not be allowed.
    - The penalty for non-compliance of the dress code for team officials on the bench will be a loss of 10 points assessed during the first set.

## **COMPETITION FORMAT**

Depending upon field size, teams will be involved in at least one round robin of pool play followed by play-offs. All matches will be best of five sets to 25 points, fifth set to 15 points. Teams are guaranteed six (6) matches; but most, if not all teams, will play between 7 & 9 matches.

## **MATCH PROTOCOL**

1. For each match, the court will be available for warm-up ten (10) minutes prior to the match time. If a previous match on the same court runs late, then the ten (10) minute warm-up time will begin at the conclusion of that match.
2. Following the captains' meeting with the referees for each match, the warm-up period for the match will consist of five (5) minutes for each team separately on the court (serving team with 1<sup>st</sup> five minutes followed by receiving team with 2<sup>nd</sup> five minutes).
3. Matches will not begin before the scheduled match time except as noted in #4 below.
4. The Control (Championship) Committee reserves the right to reschedule and / or relocate matches with respect to court and time to expedite competition. Any such changes will be posted on the results board, and every attempt will be made to inform the team representative of the change.

## **TIE BREAKING SYSTEM**

No tie-breaking sets will be played. All ties will be broken using current FIVB protocol. Generally, this involves the designation of pool positions based upon (1) match results; (2) point %; (3) set %. This is specifically communicated in FIVB Rule 8.3 in: <http://www.fivb.org/EN/volleyball/Rules/FIVBSportsRegulations2006.pdf>

## **PROTESTS**

Protests of the playing rules during a set / match must be lodged prior to the next service. A protest shall be handled by:

**International Divisions** – Control Committee Jury comprised of  
Control Committee President  
Head Referee

**National Divisions** - a committee of one (1) to two (2) members, depending on the nature of the protest. The committee shall be composed of the following:

Head Referee: The National Rules Interpreter or designee (Head Referee for the Event)  
Control Committee Member, or his / her designee

**All rulings of this committee are final and not subject to appeal.**

All protests will be settled at the time they are lodged. No match will be allowed to proceed until the protest is settled. Protests can be related ONLY to the rules of play.

FIVB Rule 5.1.2.1: Participants must accept referees' decisions with sportsmanlike conduct and without dispute. In the case of doubt, clarification may be requested through the game captain.

What is considered to be an offense that may be protested?

Rule USAV 5.1.2.1 **Judgment calls are NOT subject to protest.**

- ♦ misinterpretation of a playing rule,
- ♦ failure of the first referee to apply the correct rule to a given situation
- ♦ failure to charge the correct penalty-sanction for a given fault.

## **AWARDS**

- First Place in each age division will receive a team award and 12 individual awards.
- Second Place in each age division will receive a team award and 12 individual awards.
- Third Place in each age division will receive a team award and 12 individual awards.
- The three International Divisions (Junior & Youth) will be awarded Individual awards based on various skill categories through statistics, as well as input from event staff:
  - Best Passer
  - Best Digger
  - Best Blocker
  - Best Setter
  - Best Server
  - Best Attacker
  - MVP
- It is the obligation of the head coach to be aware of his / her individual State High School Association rules regarding the acceptance of awards.
- Disciplinary occurrences of any kind - be they off court or on court (sanctions) - may result in a player being deemed ineligible to receive an individual award.

## **GIFTS**

It is customary to bring gifts to exchange with opponents during the pre-match handshake. This is not mandatory. Examples of gifts are pins, stickers, key chains, etc.

## **STATISTICS**

Statistics will be supplied for International Division matches only.

## **WARM-UP VOLLEYBALLS**

One ball cart and 12 volleyballs will be provided for each court for pre-match on-court warm-ups. It is NOT necessary to bring volleyballs to this event.

## **SPORTS MEDICINE**

A taping / training area and athletic trainers will be available. Taping supplies will NOT be furnished. You must provide your own tape and / or bandage or you will be charged for your needed supplies. Hospitals are located near the playing venue / headquarters hotel and emergency transportation (to hospitals only) will be provided if needed. The athletic trainers' facility will be located in the facility in a central location.

## **EVENT MERCHANDISE**

Event merchandise sales will be held in the facility during the USA HP Volleyball Championships.

## **ADMISSION**

Admission for spectators to the event will be \$8 daily or a 5-day tournament pass may be purchased for \$32.

## **PRELIMINARY INQUIRY and GENERAL TECHNICAL MEETING**

Teams will be scheduled a specific time for their Preliminary Inquiry based upon their scheduled arrival to the event.

The following personnel are required to attend the Preliminary Inquiry and General Technical meetings:

- Team Leader
- Head Coach

Required dress for General Technical Meeting: Team representatives must be dressed in a coat and tie (or similar for formal representatives) or matching Team Sweat Outfits or team polo.

Other staff may attend but will be required to sit in a spectator seating area in the rear of the meeting room.

The following documents must be presented by each team at the Preliminary Inquiry on July 22, 2008, at the Tucson Convention Center.

- O-2bis form
- Medical release forms
- Samples of Captain's & Libero's Uniforms (all colors)
- Hotel and team representative phone contact information
- Teams must have proof of DOB for EACH playing and non-playing participant on the roster at all times during competition. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Control Committee or USAV Staff.
- USA Volleyball Teams must have RVA membership verification documents for EACH playing and non-playing participant on the roster at all times during competition. It is to be shown upon request to any authorized representative of the Control Committee or USAV Staff.

## **PENALTIES**

The following penalties will be assessed for violation of requirements:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
Failure to attend Preliminary Inquiry Meeting	Loss of first set of first match
Failure to attend Technical Meeting	Loss of first set of first match
Improper Dress at Technical Meeting	Loss of first set of first match
Improper Bench Attire during match	Loss of 10 points to start the set
Incomplete Roster	\$50 or loss of first set
Late Roster	\$50 or loss of first set
Illegal uniform(s)	Loss of 15 points for first set of that match

## **OFFICIAL VOLLEYBALL RULES AND BALLS**

- The competition will be played in accordance with FIVB Rules and Regulations. All necessary interpretations will be made before the competition during the Technical Meeting.
- The Molten IV5XC will be the competition ball for this competition.
- The substitution rule for 2008 will conform to FIVB 1-6 (one entry per player ; 6 substitutions per team and starting does not count as an entry) for the Junior and Youth Divisions. The National Select Division will play the USAV Junior sub rule (12 substitutions and a Libero; the Libero player must be identified prior to each set.)
- Technical timeouts are at 8 and 16 points in sets 1-4. There are no technical timeouts in set 5.
- For all Junior and Youth Divisions, one Libero will be designated for the entire match. Changing the Libero will be acceptable only in the case of injury or illness. This designation must take place at the beginning of the official warm-up. For the Select Divisions, the libero is designated for each set.
- If a team roster consists of more than 12 players, the coach must designate the 12 players who would be eligible to participate in that match. This designation must take place at the beginning of the official warm-up.

Rule Commentary: FIVB and United States  
Based on 2001-2004 FIVB Official Volleyball  
Rules as presented by USA Volleyball

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2008 HP Championships	Rule or Commentary in Effect	Rule or Commentary NOT in Effect
Rule or Area of Concern	FIVB Rule or Instruction	As Presented by USAV
Playable Area	<i>Rule 10:</i> Each team must play within its own playing area and space. The ball may, however, be retrieved from beyond the free zone.	<i>Rule 10:</i> Each team must play within its own playing area and space. <i>Commentary 10:</i> Players may play the ball over a non-playable area if they have at least one foot in contact with the playable area and they may enter the non-playable area after playing the ball. The server must be on the playable area when the serve is authorized.
Adjacent court	No applicable rule	<i>Commentary 10:</i> When competition is scheduled or is occurring on an adjacent court, no player may enter that court to play a ball or after playing a ball. The free zone, including the service zone on an adjacent court, is a playable area.
Overhead obstructions	<i>Rule 9.4.2:</i> The ball is “out” when it touches outside the court, the ceiling or a person out of play.	<i>Commentary 9.4.2:</i> A ball shall remain in play if it contacts the ceiling or other overhead objects 15 feet or more above the playing area. <i>Commentary 9.4.3:</i> The ball is out of play if it makes contact above the opponent’s playing area or above the team’s playing area and crosses the plane of the net into the opponent’s court.  <i>Commentary 9.4.3:</i> A ball is out of play and a playover directed if it contacts overhead object(s) or the supports (e.g., basketball backboard) less than 15 feet above the playing area and would have remained playable if the object had not been present.

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Retrieving ball from the opponent's free zone	<p><i>Rule 11.1.2:</i> The ball that has crossed the net plane to the opponent's free-zone totally or partly through the external space may be played back within the team hits provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-the opponent's court is not touched by the player;</li> <li>-the ball, when played back, crosses the net plane again through the external space on the same side of the court.</li> </ul> <p>The opponent team may not prevent such action.</p>	<p><i>Rule 11.1.2:</i> The ball that has crossed the net plane to the opponent's free-zone totally or partly through the external space may be played back within the team hits provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-the opponent's court is not touched by the player;</li> <li>-the ball, when played back, crosses the net plane again through the external space on the same side of the court. The opponent team may not prevent such action.</li> </ul> <p><i>Commentary 11.1.2:</i> A minimum of 2m clearance beyond the court equipment is required</p>
Scoring	<p><i>Rule 6.3 - To Win the Match</i></p> <p>6.3.1 The match is won by the team that wins three sets</p> <p>6.3.2 In the case of a 2-2 tie, the deciding (5th) set is played to 15 points with a minimum lead of 2 points.</p>	<p><i>Commentary 6.3:</i> a. For tournament play, the match is won by the team that wins two sets out of three. A set (except the deciding third set) is won by the team which first scores 25 points with a minimum lead of two points.</p> <p>b. A playoff game is considered a match and only one set will be played. The match is won by the team that scores either 15 or 25 (as specified in the tournament guidelines) with a two-point advantage. Teams change courts when one team has scored 8 or 13 points, respectively.</p>
Coaching	<p><b>Rule 5.2.3.4 – Head Coach may:</b> Give instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match.</p> <p><i>Rule 5.3.1 –</i> The assistant coach sits on the team bench, but has no right to intervene in the match.</p>	<p><b>Rule 5.2.3.4: Head Coach may:</b> Give instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match.</p> <p><i>Commentary 5.3.2: The assistant coach(es) may give instructions to the players on the court. The assistant coach(es) may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to the warm-up area, without</i></p>

		<i>disturbing or delaying the match.</i>
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Simultaneous contact by teammates	<i>Rule 10.1.2.1: When two (three) teammates touch the ball simultaneously, it is counted as two (three) hits (with the exception of blocking). If they reach for the ball, but only one of them touches it, one hit is counted.</i>	<i>Commentary 10.1.2.1: When two or more teammates touch the ball simultaneously, it is counted as one contact...Any player may play the ball next if the simultaneous contact is not the third team contact.</i>
Scoresheet and scoring system	<i>FIVB Official Scoresheet will be used on the FIVB training court. USA Volleyball Official Scoresheet will be used on other courts..</i>	<i>USA Volleyball Official Indoor Volleyball Scoresheet - Instructions for the Use of the Official Indoor Volleyball Scoresheet in the Official United States Volleyball Rule Book</i>
Uniform	<i>Rule 4.3.3: Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 through 19.</i>	<i>Commentary 4.3.3: Players' jerseys must be numbered from 1 to 99</i>
Uniform, continued	<i>Rule 4.3.4: The team captain must have on his/her jersey a stripe of 8x2 cm underlining the number on the chest.</i>	<i>Commentary 4.3.4: It is recommended that the captain be identified with an 8 cm x 2 cm (3"x3/4") stripe of a different color from the jersey, underlining the number on the front of the jersey.</i>
Uniform, continued	<i>Rule 4.3.1: The color and the design for the jerseys, shorts and socks must be uniform (except for the Libero) and clean for the entire team.</i>	<i>Rule 4.3: A player's uniform consists of a jersey and shorts. (Uniforms may be one piece.) Commentary 4.3: If undergarments, including but not limited to t-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, body suits, bicycle shorts, sports bras, etc., are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform. In that case, they must be similar and the same color for any team members who wear such a uniform. Rule 4.3.1: The color and the design for the jerseys, shorts and socks must be uniform (except for the Libero) and clean for the entire team. Commentary 4.3.4: <b>For nationally sanctioned USA Volleyball competition,</b> uniforms must be identical with the exception of sleeve length and the Libero player.</i>

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Uniform, continued	<p><i>Rule 4.5.1:</i> It is forbidden to wear objects that may cause injury, or give an artificial advantage to the player.</p>	<p><i>Rule 4.5.1:</i> It is forbidden to wear hats or jewelry. An exception will be made for religious or medical medallions and flat bands. If worn, medallions shall be removed from chains and taped or sewn under the uniform. If a ring, other than a flat band, cannot be removed, it shall be taped in such a manner as to not create a safety hazard. Casts, braces, prosthetic limbs or head gear that may cause an injury or give an artificial advantage to the player may not be worn. If a cast, brace, prosthetic limb or headgear is used, padding or covering may be necessary.</p>
Exceptional Substitution	<p><i>Rule 8.2:</i> An exceptional substitution means that any player who is not on the court at the time of the injury, except the Libero or his/her replacement player, may substitute into the game for the injured player. The substituted injured player is not allowed to re-enter the match. <i>(The Libero player may not be used as an exceptional substitute for an injured player.)</i></p>	<p><i>USAV 8.2a:</i> Priority for exceptional substitution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. By the starter or a substitute who has played in the position of the injured player, or by any substitute who has not already participated in the set;</li> <li>b. By any substitute on the bench, regardless of position previously played;</li> <li>c. By any other substitute; or</li> <li>d. By the Libero player.</li> </ol>
Protests	<p><i>Rule 5.1.2.1:</i> If an explanation of an application or interpretation of a rule is not satisfactory to the game captain, he/she must immediately indicate his/her disagreement and reserve the right to record an official protest on the scoresheet at the end of the match.</p>	<p><i>USAV 5.1.2.1:</i> If an explanation of an application or interpretation of a rule is not satisfactory to the game captain, he/she must immediately indicate his/her disagreement and file a protest prior to the authorization of the next service. If the disagreement with the referee's explanation involves the last point of the game, the official protest must be recorded within the first 60 seconds of the timed interval between games. If the final point of the match is disputed, the protest must be recorded before the referees leave the playing area. (Protest is ruled upon by the Championship Committee either immediately or prior to the start of the next game.)</p>

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Substitution procedure	<p><i>Rule 16.5.3:</i> At the moment of the substitution request, the substitute player(s) must be ready to enter, standing close to the substitution zone. If that is not the case, the substitution is not granted and the team is sanctioned for a delay.</p>	<p><i>Rule 16.5.3:</i> At the moment of the request, the substitute(s) must be ready to enter. If that is not the case, the substitution is not granted and the team is sanctioned for a delay.</p> <p><i>USAV 16.5.4 - Except for the USAV Open National Championships:</i> If an incoming substitute enters the substitution zone, the action is considered a substitution request by the coach/captain. No further action by the coach/captain is required. Any significant delay between incoming substitutes entering the substitution zone shall result in the team being limited to one substitute.</p>
Substitutions	<p><i>Rule 8.1.1:</i> Six substitutions is the maximum permitted per team per set. One or more players may be substituted at the same time.</p> <p><i>Rule 8.1.2:</i> A player of the starting line-up may leave the game and re-enter, but only once in a set, and only to his/her previous position in the line-up.</p> <p><i>Rule 8.1.3:</i> A substitute player may enter the game, but only once per set in the place of a starting line-up player, and he/she can only be replaced by the player whom he/she replaced.</p> <p><i>Rule 20 - The Libero Player</i>  <i>Rule 20.1.2:</i> The Libero must be recorded on the scoresheet before the match in the special line reserved for it. His/her number must also be added on the line-up sheet of the first set.</p> <p><i>Rule 20.3.3.1</i> In case of injury of the designated Libero, ..., the coach can re-designate as new Libero one of the players not on the court at the moment of redesignation. The injured Libero may not re-enter to play for the remainder of the match.</p>	<p><i>Rule 11.2.1: For the USA Volleyball High Performance Event:</i></p> <p>a. Twelve substitutions are the maximum permitted per team per game. One or more players may be substituted at the same time.</p> <p>b. A player of the starting line-up may leave the game and re-enter, but only in his/her previous position in the starting line-up.</p> <p>c. A substitute may enter a game in the position of a teammate of the starting line-up.</p> <p>d. Unlimited individual entries by a substitute within the team's allowable 12 substitutions are permitted. Each entry must be to the same position in the line-up.</p> <p>e. (modified) Only one substitute may enter the game in each position order.</p> <p><i>Rule 20 - The Libero Player</i>  The Libero Player must be designated before the match and must remain as Libero for the match.</p>

<b>2008 HP Championships</b>	Rule or Commentary in Effect	Rule or Commentary NOT in Effect

<b>Rule or Area of Concern</b>	<b>FIVB Rule or Instruction</b>	<b>As Presented by USAV</b>
Time-outs	<p><i>Rule 16.1</i> - Each team is entitled to a maximum of two time-outs...per set.</p> <p><i>16.4.1</i>: A time-out lasts for 30 seconds.</p> <p><b>For FIVB World and Official Competitions,</b></p> <p>a) In sets 1-4, two additional 60-second "Technical Time-Outs" are applied automatically when the leading team reaches the 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> points.</p> <p>b) In the deciding (5th) set, there are no "Technical Time-Outs;" only two regular time-outs of 30 seconds duration may be requested by each team.</p>	<p><i>Rule 16.1</i> - Each team is entitled to a maximum of two time-outs...per set.</p> <p><i>16.4.1</i>: All time-outs last for 30 seconds.</p>
Joust	<p><i>Rule 10.1.2.3</i>: If simultaneous contacts by two opponents lead to a "catch", it is a double fault and the rally is replayed.</p>	<p><i>USAV 10.1.2.3</i>: A joust occurs when players of opposing teams cause the ball to come to rest above the net through simultaneous contact. A joust is not a fault, and play continues as if the contact were simultaneous.</p>
Floor mopping	<p><i>Rule 17</i> prohibits delays for floor mopping.</p>	<p><i>Rule 17</i> allows players to mop floor so long as the first referee does not judge the action to be a delay of the game.</p>