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U.S. Girls' Youth National Volleyball Team Press Kit

2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship

U.S. Girls' Youth National Volleyball Team Ranked Fourth in the World (Youth and Junior)

***FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship
Fourth place finish in 2005 and 2003
10th place finish in 2007***

***NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship
Gold Medalist in 2008, 2006, 2004 and 2002***

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2009 U.S. Girls' Youth National Team Roster

2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship

# - Name	Pos	Ht	Hometown	High School	Grad Year	Region	Club
1 - Hannah Allison	S	5-11	Siloam Springs, Ark.	Siloam Springs	2010	Delta	Ozark Volleyball Academy
2 - Katherine Bell	MB	6-1	Mesquite, Texas	North Mesquite	2011	North Texas	Texas Assault
3- Jennifer Bonilla	L	5-9	Reseda, Calif.	Marymount	2010	Southern Calif.	Sports Shack
4 - Erica Denney	MB	6-5	Centennial, Colo.	Grandview	2010	Rocky Mountain	Front Range
5 - Haley Eckerman	OH	6-3	Waterloo, Iowa	Waterloo East	2011	Iowa	Iowa Elite
6 - Anna Dorn*	MB	6-4	Munster, Ind.	Munster	2010	Hoosier	Dunes
8 - Andrea McHugh	OH	5-10	Yorba Linda, Calif.	El Dorado	2010	Southern Calif.	Impact VBC
9 - Madelyn Hutson	MB	6-6	Brentwood, Tenn.	Ravenwood	2011	Southern	Impact
10 - Katie Messing*	OH	6-4	The Woodlands, Texas	The Woodlands	2011	Lone Star	Asics Willowbrook
13 - Olivia Okoro	MB	6-0	Carrollton, Texas	Hebron	2011	Lone Star	Dallas Skyline Juniors
16 - Carly Thomas	S	5-11	Swansea, Ill.	Althoff Catholic	2010	Gateway	Southwest Illinois VBC
18 - Samantha Wopat	OH	6-1	Goleta, Calif.	Dos Pueblos	2010	Southern Calif.	Santa Barbara VBC
19 - Carly Wopat	OH	6-2	Goleta, Calif.	Dos Pueblos	2010	Southern Calif.	Santa Barbara VBC

*Katie Messing has replaced an injured Anna Dorn

Head Coach: Jim Stone

Assistant Coach: Melissa Wolter

Assistant Coach: Chuck Erbe

Team Leader/Manager: Heath Hoke

Doctor: Jodi Pelegrin

Team Statistics: Herb "Spike" Summers

Pronunciations

Hannah Allison.....	HAN-uh AL-i-sun
Jennifer Bonilla.....	Bo-NEE-yah
Erica Denney.....	DEN-nee
Haley Eckerman.....	HAIL-ee ECK-er-man
Andrea McHugh.....	ANN-dree-uh MICK-hue
Madelyn Hutson.....	MAD-eh-lin HUT-sun
Olivia Okoro.....	O-liv-EE-uh Oh-KOR-oh
Samantha and Carly Wopat.....	Whoa-pat

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Preview of 2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship

When the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team competes in the FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship July 3-12 in Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand, U.S. Girls' Youth Head Coach Jim Stone is not looking for a few stars to lead the team to victory. Instead he is looking for a complete team effort from the 12-player roster.

"I don't think this is going to be a star-driven team," Stone said. "I think it's going to be success by committee. Everybody is going to have to pitch-in."

Team USA punched its ticket to the FIVB World Championship last summer when it won the NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship in Puerto Rico. In NORCECA pool play, the U.S. defeated the Dominican Republic, Trinidad & Tobago and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Americans beat host Puerto Rico in the semifinals to set up a championship match with Mexico, which the U.S. won 25-17, 25-14, 25-20.

Team USA, ranked No. 4 in the latest FIVB world ranking for the youth and junior levels, has been placed into Pool D for the 2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship. The pool includes European champion and No. 11 Belgium, NORCECA runner-up and No. 19 Mexico, and Asian winner and two-time FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship gold-medalist, Japan, which is ranked No. 3. The U.S. opens the tournament on July 3 against Mexico before facing Belgium on July 4 on the middle day of pool play. The Americans' pool play concludes on July 5 against Japan. The top two teams in each of the four pools advance to the top eight with the gold medal still in sight.

Despite the tough draw, Stone sees it as a positive.

"In any tournament, if you are going to win a gold medal, you are going to have to play somebody that is good, whether you play them first or last," Stone said. "I think it is a good, positive challenge. I think if we are able to make it out of this pool, we will be prepared for any teams in the other pools."

Pool A consists of host and No. 15 Thailand, No. 7 Serbia, No. 10 Egypt and No. 14 Germany. Defending World Champion and top-ranked China headlines Pool B. It is joined by No. 6 Turkey, No. 12 Tunisia and No. 13 Peru. Pool C is comprised of No. 2 Brazil, No. 5 Italy, No. 8 Dominican Republic and No. 28 Slovakia.

Team USA begins training June 16 at Chula Vista, Calif. Stone said that his main goals are avoiding injuries while stressing the differences between playing in a club tournament and representing the United States at the FIVB World Championship.

"We have about half the team that has not played internationally," Stone said. "A lot of what we are going to try and do is get them up to speed regarding the differences between playing in a club tournament and playing against Belgium, Mexico and Japan. There are some distinct differences that we need to get across to them and prepare them as much possible in the short time we are training."

One of the main differences is the high level of play from each team. In order to combat this, Stone will implement methods for the team members to expand their game.

"Usually when these players walk into the gym, they are the biggest and the best in the gym," Stone said. "But now they are going to be playing with and against kids that are just as big and just as talented as they are. They need to add some diversity to their game and have a second shot if the first shot is not scoring. The demands are going to be higher, the competition is going to be higher and they are going to have to adjust to that."

The U.S. roster competing in Thailand will have five veterans returning from the 2008 team which won gold at the NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship. The returnees include libero Jennifer Bonilla (Reseda Calif.), setter Carly Thomas (Swansea, Ill.), outside hitter Carly Wopat (Goleta, Calif.) and middle blockers Erica Denney (Centennial, Colo.) and Madelyn Hutson (Brentwood, Tenn.).

Bonilla was named the NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship's Best Libero after achieving a tournament-leading 61.76 passing/receiving success percentage. Thomas captured the Best Setter award with a tournament-high 2.87 assists per set. Denney produced 30 points and ranked seventh in the tournament's Best Server category. Wopat charted 38 points via 24 kills, eight blocks and six aces. Hutson contributed nine points during the tournament with eight kills and a block.

Joining the 2009 squad as newcomers will be setter Hannah Allison (Siloam Springs, Ark.), middle blockers Katherine Bell (Mesquite Texas) and Olivia Okoro (Carrollton, Texas), and opposite/outside hitters Haley Eckerman (Waterloo, Iowa), Andrea McHugh (Yorba Linda, Calif.), Katie Messing (The Woodlands, Texas) and Sam Wopat (Goleta, Calif.). Anna Dorn (Munster, Ind.) was originally named to the 12-player roster but withdrew due to injury.

Bonilla believes that if the team can come together, then they have a good chance at being successful.

"We have a new group of different faces, a lot of new girls," Bonilla said. "We're going to have a lot of time to train with each other and get to know each other and I think if we work hard enough and if we believe enough we're going to be able to medal."

Eckerman, a newcomer to the international scene, expects the two weeks of training to provide an opportunity to forge connections between teammates.

"Since we get two weeks of training beforehand, we'll have a chance to make better team connections," Eckerman said. "We'll know how each person works, which is really important. You need a lot of team bonding."

2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship Schedule

First Round

Pool A

July 3rd: Egypt vs. Thailand, 3 p.m.
July 3rd: Serbia vs. Germany, 5 p.m.
July 4th: Serbia vs. Egypt, 12:30 p.m.
July 4th: Thailand vs. Germany 3:00 p.m.
July 5th: Thailand vs. Serbia, 3 p.m.
July 5th: Egypt vs. Germany, 5 p.m.

Pool B

July 3rd: China vs. Peru, 10:30 a.m.
July 3rd: Turkey vs. Tunisia, 12:30 p.m.
July 4th: Tunisia vs. Peru, 10:30 a.m.
July 4th: Turkey vs. China, 5 p.m.
July 5th: Peru vs. Turkey, 10:30 a.m.
July 5th: China vs. Tunisia 12:30 p.m.

Pool C

July 3rd: Italy vs. Dominican Republic, 10:30 a.m.
July 3rd: Slovakia vs. Brazil, 12:30 p.m.
July 4th: Dominican Republic vs. Brazil, 10:30 a.m.
July 4th: Italy vs. Slovakia, 5 p.m.
July 5th: Slovakia vs. Dominican Republic, 10:30 a.m.
July 5th: Brazil vs. Italy, 12:30 p.m.

Pool D

July 3rd: USA vs. Mexico, 12:30 p.m.
July 3rd: Belgium vs. Japan, 3 p.m.
July 4th: Mexico vs. Japan, 10:30 a.m.
July 4th: USA vs. Belgium, 5 p.m.
July 5th: Belgium vs. Mexico, 12:30 p.m.
July 5th: Japan vs. USA, 3 p.m.

Second Round

Pool E

July 7: A1 vs. D2, 10:30 a.m.
July 7: B2 vs. C1, 5:00 p.m.
July 8: D2 vs. C1, 12:30 p.m.
July 8: A1 vs. B2, 3:00 p.m.
July 9: B2 vs. D2, 10:30 a.m.
July 9: C1 vs. A1 5:00 p.m.

Pool F

July 7: A2 vs. D1 12:30 a.m.
July 7: B1 vs. C2, 3:00 p.m.
July 8: D1 vs. C2, 10:30 a.m.
July 8: A2 vs. B1, 5:00 p.m.
July 9: B1 vs. D2, 12:30 p.m.
July 9: C2 vs. A2 3:00 p.m.

Pool G

July 7: A3 vs. D4, 10:30 a.m.
July 7: B4 vs. C3, 5:00 p.m.
July 8: D4 vs. C3, 12:30 p.m.
July 8: A3 vs. B4, 3:00 p.m.
July 9: B4 vs. D4, 10:30 p.m.
July 9: C3 vs. A3, 5:00 p.m.

Pool H

July 7: A4 vs. D3, 12:30 p.m.
July 7: B3 vs. C4, 3:00 p.m.
July 8: D3 vs. C4, 10:30 a.m.
July 8: A4 vs. B3, 5:00 p.m.
July 9: B3 vs. D3, 12:30 p.m.
July 9: C4 vs. A4, 3:00 p.m.

Semifinals

July 11: E3 vs. F4, 10:30 a.m.
July 11: F3 vs. E4, 12:30 p.m.
July 11: E1 vs. F2, 3:00 p.m.
July 11: F1 vs. E2, 5:00 p.m.

July 11: G3 vs. H4, 10:30 p.m.
July 11: H3 vs. G4, 12:30 p.m.
July 11: G1 vs. H2, 3:00 p.m.
July 11: H1 vs. G2. 5:00 p.m.

Finals

July 12: L(E3 vs. F4) vs. L(F3 vs. E4), 10:30 a.m.
July 12: W(E3 vs. F4) vs. W(F3 vs. E4), 12:30 a.m.
July 12: L(E1 vs. F2) vs. L(F1 vs. E2), 3:00 p.m.
July 12: W(E1 vs. F2) vs. W(F1 vs. E2), 5:00 p.m.

July 12: L(G3 vs. H4) vs. L(H3 vs. G4), 10:30 a.m.
July 12: W(G3 vs. H4) vs. W(H3 vs. G4) 12:30 p.m.
July 12: L(G1 vs. H2) vs. L(H1 vs. G2) 3:00 p.m.
July 12: W(G1 vs. H2) vs. W(H1 vs. G2) 5:00 p.m.

Tournament Facts

The Event: The FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship, a 16-country event played over 10 days, is being held in Nakhon-ratchasima, Thailand, from July 3-12. The event features the top teams from all regions of



the world, including the North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA), the South American Volleyball Confederation, the Asian Volleyball Confederation, the European Volleyball Confederation and the African Volleyball Confederation.

Participating Teams and World Rankings: The FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship features several of the world's top-ranked teams. According to the FIVB Youth and Junior World Ranking, China is number one, followed by Brazil, Japan and the United States at second, third and fourth, respectively. The top four teams are followed by No. 5 Italy, No. 6 Turkey, No. 7 Serbia, and No. 8 Dominican Republic. Egypt is No. 10, Belgium is No. 11, Tunisia is No. 12, Peru is No. 13, Germany is No. 14, Thailand is No. 15, Mexico is No. 19 and Slovakia is No. 28.

Pools Aligned: Pool A consists of host Thailand, Serbia, Egypt and Germany. Pool B includes China, Turkey, Tunisia and Peru. Pool C features Brazil, Italy, Dominican Republic and Slovakia. Rounding out Pool D is Japan, Team USA, Mexico and Belgium. U.S. Pool Matches: Team USA begins its quest for the gold on July 3 against Mexico. On July 4, it takes on Belgium and finishes up pool play on July 5 against Japan.

How they got here: Team USA grabbed a spot in the FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship with a gold medal at the NORCECA Continental Championship last summer. In pool play, the U.S. defeated Trinidad & Tobago, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Dominican Republic. In the semifinals, Team USA swept Puerto Rico 25-20, 25-24, 25-20, which set it up for a gold-medal match against Mexico. The U.S. then defeated Mexico 25-27, 25-14, 25-20 to win the gold medal and secure its place in the

upcoming 2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship. Jennifer Bonilla was named Best Libero of the NORCECA event with a 61.8 success percentage, while Carly Thomas earned the Best Setter honor with 2.87 assists per set. Jazmine Orozco was named Best Spiker of the tournament as she converted

52.6 percent of her attacks into kills.

The United States has been nothing short of dominant at the NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship, winning the last four (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008) and advancing to every FIVB World Championship since 1996.

How Team USA was formed: Open tryouts were held around the country in search of the best girls youth volleyball players in the nation. From these tryouts a 19-member squad was chosen. The squad trained in Chula Vista, Calif. May 16-19 in order to trim the roster even further. Following the training session, a 12-member roster was announced. This is the team that will represent the United States at the 2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship. The team then had another training period in Chula Vista which began June 16. The age group for the Girls' Youth National Team is girls born in 1992 and 1993.



FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship History

2007

The FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship was held July 31-Aug. 11 in Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico. China took home top honors with a 3-1 (25-20, 16-25, 12-25, 22-25) defeat of Turkey. Serbia defeated Russia for the bronze medal, while the U.S. finished in 10th place.

1. China
2. Turkey
3. Russia
4. Serbia
5. Brazil
6. Belgium
7. Japan
8. Dominican Republic
9. Korea
10. U.S.A.
11. Germany
12. Italy
13. Mexico
14. Peru
15. Puerto Rico
16. Tunisia

2005

The FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship was held July 23-30, 2005, in Macau, China. Brazil won the gold with a dominating 3-0 (25-27, 25-24, 25-17) victory over Russia. The third-place match was a five-set thriller between Italy and the United States, where Italy prevailed 3-2 (18-25, 25-16, 21-25, 25-21, 15-12).

1. Brazil
2. Russia
3. Italy
4. United States
5. Korea
6. Croatia
7. China
8. Argentina
9. Belarus
10. Egypt
11. Ukraine
12. Chinese Taipei
13. Austria
14. Macau
15. Puerto Rico
16. Tunisia

2003

At the FIVB Girls' U-18 World Championships held in Pila, Poland, China defeated Italy 3-2 to take the gold. Italy jumped ahead 2-0, but China rallied to win the last three sets, sealing a 3-2 (17-25, 15-25, 25-23, 25-16, 15-8) victory. In the bronze-medal game, Brazil beat the United States 3-1 (16-25, 25-16, 25-20, 25-18)

1. China
2. Italy
3. Brazil
4. United States
5. Croatia
6. Thailand
7. Russia
8. Poland
9. Chinese Taipei
10. Czech Republic
11. Serbia and Montenegro
12. Venezuela
13. Belarus
14. Egypt
15. Hungary
16. Kenya

2001

China defeated Brazil in four sets (25-23; 25-21, 25-27; 25-22) in the 7th Girls' Youth World Championship held in Pula, Croatia. In the bronze medal match, Italy pushed Poland to a five set marathon, but the host held on winning 3-2 (25-12, 22-25, 25-22, 23-25, 15-10). The United States did not qualify for the tournament.

1. China
2. Brazil
3. Poland
4. Italy
5. Japan
6. Russia
7. Chinese Taipei
8. Dominican Republic
9. Argentina
10. Croatia
11. Korea
12. Spain
13. Belarus
14. Czech Republic
15. Kenya
16. Puerto Rico

1999

Japan defeated Brazil to take the 1999 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship gold medal. Korea came in third with a victory over Poland.

1. Japan
2. Brazil
3. Korea
4. Poland
5. China
6. USA
7. Italy
8. Croatia
- 9T. Czech Republic
- 9T. Netherlands
- 9T. Portugal
- 9T. Russia
- 13T. Argentina
- 13T. Chinese Taipei
- 13T. Mauritius
- 13T. Turkey

1997

Brazil defeated Russia to take the 1997 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship gold medal. Italy came in third with a victory over Korea.

1. Brazil
2. Russia
3. Italy
4. Korea
5. Thailand
6. Ukraine
7. Poland
8. Cuba
- 9T. Argentina
- 9T. Czech Republic
- 9T. Netherlands
- 9T. Slovakia
13. Dominican Republic
14. Japan
- 15T. Mauritius
- 15T. Nigeria

1995

Japan defeated Russia to take the 1995 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship gold medal. Italy came in third with a victory over Brazil.

1. Japan
2. Russia
3. Italy
4. Brazil
5. Korea
6. China
7. Slovakia
8. Cuba
- 9T. France
- 9T. Ukraine
11. Latvia
12. Mexico

1993

Russia defeated Japan to take the 1993 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship gold medal. South Korea came in third with a victory over Peru.

1. Russia
2. Japan
3. South Korea
4. Peru
5. Brazil
6. Turkey
7. Cuba
8. Czechoslovakia
- 9T. Egypt
- 9T. France
- 9T. Mexico
- 9T. Romania

1991

Korea defeated Brazil to take the 1991 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship gold medal. USSR came in third with a victory over Japan.

1. Korea
2. Brazil
3. USSR
4. Japan
5. Czechoslovakia
6. Bulgaria
7. Argentina
8. Romania
9. Poland
10. Puerto Rico
11. Portugal
12. Algeria

1989

The USSR defeated Brazil to take the inaugural FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship gold medal. Japan came in third with a victory over Korea.

1. USSR
2. Brazil
3. Japan
4. Korea
- 5T. Cuba
- 5T. Bulgaria
- 7T. Uruguay
- 7T. Peru
- 9T. USA
- 9T. Argentina
- 11T. New Zealand
- 11T. Canada



Hannah Allison

Setter * 5-11
Hometown: Siloam Springs, Ark.
High School: Siloam Springs
Graduation Year: 2010
Region: Delta
Club: Ozark Volleyball Academy
Birth Date: June 15, 1992



Katherine Bell

Middle Blocker * 6-1
Hometown: Mesquite, Texas
High School: North Mesquite
Graduation Year: 2011
Region: North Texas
Club: Texas Assault
Birth Date: March 5, 1993

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team. **2008** – Chosen to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team...Selected to U.S. Girls’ Youth A2 Camp in Tucson. **2007** – Chosen to attend the USA Girls’ Youth Holiday Camp at Pomona, Calif. **2006** – Attended the USA Girls’ Select A1 Camp at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Led Siloam Springs High School to Arkansas State title...Named Arkansas Class 5A Most Valuable Player...Selected Arkansas Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year. **2007** – Led Siloam Springs High School to Arkansas State title. **2006** - Led Siloam Springs High School to Arkansas State title.

PERSONAL: Born Hannah Beth Allison on June 15, 1992, in Fayetteville, Ark.... Parents are John and Kelly Allison...Mother played basketball at Baylor University from 1981-1984... Sister is Sarah (1988) ...Hobbies are cooking and baking...Favorite food is sweet potato casserole...Favorite book is To Kill a Mockingbird...Favorite music type is Oldies (1960s and 1970s) and Contemporary Christian...Favorite musicians are Tree63, Ray Charles and Amos Lee...Favorite professional team is St. Louis Cardinals...Favorite athlete is Albert Pujols...Most admired person is grandma because “she is an amazing woman who was incredible at leading by example.”...Happiest moment in life was accepting Christ to be her Lord and Savior."

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Named All-District First-Team...Selected District Blocker of the Year. **2007** – Named All-District First-Team. Tabbed District Newcomer of the Year.

PERSONAL: Born Katherine Briana Bell on March 5, 1993, in Vallejo, Calif.... Parents are Kenneth Bell and Regina Williams... Brothers are Kenneth (1989), Christopher (1992) and Wendell (1984) and sisters are Cajun Williams (1982) and Ashley Williams (1986)...Hobbies are being in the gym, reading and using her phone...Favorite food is hot Cheetos...Favorite book is Diary of Anne Frank...Favorite music type is all...Favorite musical group is 30h!3...Favorite professional team is Dallas Cowboys...Favorite athlete is Terrell Owens...Most admired person is mother because “she’s hard working and does everything for me. She is my everything.”...Happiest moment in life was making high school varsity volleyball team as an incoming freshman.



Jennifer Bonilla

Libero * 5-9

Hometown: Reseda, Calif.
High School: Marymount
Graduation Year: 2010
Region: Southern California
Club: Sports Shack
Birth Date: Feb. 26, 1992



Erica Denney

Middle Blocker * 6-5

Hometown: Centennial, Colo.
High School: Grandview
Graduation Year: 2010
Region: Rocky Mountain
Club: Front Range
Birth Date: Aug. 7, 1992

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship (Gold).

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team. **2008** – Part of gold-medal winning team which won the gold medal at the NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship, which qualified the U.S. into the 2009 FIVB World Championship. Named Best Libero at NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship with a tournament-leading 61.76 passing/receiving success percentage, 4.33 digs per set (third highest in tournament) and 53.62 passing efficiency (third highest in tournament) on 69 attempts...Participated in travel opportunity to Europe to participate on U.S. Girls’ Youth Team between December 2008 and January 2009. **2007** – Helped USA Select A1 Red Team win the gold medal at the USA Volleyball High Performance Championship in the Junior International Division, while earning the Best Passer award in the event. **2006** – Selected to the USA Select A1 Camp and assisted her squad to the silver medal in the USA Volleyball High Performance Youth International Division. **2005** – Selected to attend the USA Volleyball High Performance Girls’ National A2 roster. **2004** – Named to the USA Volleyball High Performance Girls’ National A1 roster.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Named All-CIF Division I Team...Selected to Volleyball Magazine’s 30 Underclassmen to Watch. **2007** – Was named Best Passer while competing in the Women’s Junior International Division of the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships...Named All-Tournament after assisting SCVC Elite to 15 Open Division gold medal at the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championships. **2006** – Helped Marymount High School to CIF and California State titles... Named to PrepVolleyball.com’s Top 59 Freshman list. **2001** – Began playing club volleyball with En Fuego.

PERSONAL: Born Jennifer Alexandra Bonilla on Feb. 26, 1992, in Los Angeles, Calif... Mother is Antonia Bonilla and Godfather is Gustavo Beltran, Jr... Godbrother is Isaiah Beltran (2001)... Hobbies include art, singing, shopping and music...Favorite food is sushi...Favorite book is A Lifetime of Observations and Reflections on and off the Court by John Wooden...Favorite musical categories are Hip-Hop and Rap...Favorite professional team is Los Angeles Lakers...Favorite athlete is Kobe Bryant...Most admired person is Jackie Robinson because “his story is so inspiring and in certain ways I feel I can relate to him. Hearing his story gives me strength.”...Happiest moment in life was committing to University of Illinois.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship (Gold).

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team. **2008** – Part of gold-medal winning team which won the gold medal at the NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship, which qualified the U.S. into the 2009 FIVB World Championship. Scored 30 points (15 kills, 7 blocks, 8 aces) at the NORCECA Championship, ranking ninth in the Best Blocker and seventh in the Best Server categories...Participated on U.S. Girls’ Youth Team that toured Europe in December 2008 and January 2009. **2007** – Helped U.S. Girls’ Select A1 Blue Team to the gold medal at the USA Volleyball High Performance Championship.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Named All-State and helped Grandview High School to Colorado State Tournament runner-up finish, leading to her selection to the All-Tournament Team...Named most valuable player of European summer tournament while playing for Front Range. **2007** – Selected All-State and assisted Grandview High School to the title of the Colorado State High School Championship, while earning All-Tournament in the process. **2006** – Helped Grandview High School to Colorado State Tournament runner-up finish. **2004** – Began playing club volleyball with Front Range 14 Open.

PERSONAL: Born Erica Lynn Denney on Aug. 7, 1992, in Aurora, Colo... Parents are Michael and Nancy Denney...Sister is Catherine (1994)...Hobbies are hunting, spending time with friends and volleyball...Favorite foods are steak and pizza... Favorite book is Maximum Ride...Favorite music types are rock and country...Favorite musical group is Nickelback... Favorite professional team is Denver Nuggets...Favorite athlete is Chauncey Billups...Most admired people are her parents because “they are always there to help and support everything I do both in the classroom as well as in the gym.”...Happiest moment in life was winning the gold medal at the 2008 NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship and winning the Colorado State High School championship in 2007.



Haley Eckerman
 Outside Hitter * 6-3
Hometown: Waterloo, Iowa
High School: Waterloo East
Graduation Year: 2011
Region: Iowa
Club: Iowa Elite
Birth Date: Nov. 10, 1992



Madelyn Hutson
 Middle Blocker * 6-6
Hometown: Brentwood, Tenn.
High School: Ravenwood
Graduation Year: 2011
Region: Southern
Club: Impact
Birth Date: Aug. 20, 1992

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team. **2008** – USA Volleyball High Performance Development Camp at Chula Vista, Calif. **2007** – Helped her Iowa Region High Performance Youth National Team to a third-place finish at the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships. **2006** – Attended USA Volleyball Development A2 Camp at Colorado Springs.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 - Assisted Iowa Elite Club to third place at the Northern Lights Qualifier in the 16-1 Club Division...Led East High School to conference title...Chosen to Iowa Elite 8 Team...Tabbed KBBG Radio Athlete of the Year... Selected PrepVolleyball.com All-American...Earned PrepVolleyball.com National Runnerup Player of the Year...Named All-Metro First-Team. **2007** - Selected MVC Athlete of the Year...Chosen to Iowa Elite 8 Team...Led East High School to conference title... Tabbed KBBG Radio Athlete of the Year...Earned PrepVolleyball.com National Runnerup Player of the Year. **2003** – Began playing club volleyball with Cedar Valley Sparks.

PERSONAL: Born Haley Jordann Eckerman on Nov. 10, 1992, in Waterloo, Iowa... Mother is Julia Eckerman... Sister is Aleah (2000)...Has competed two years in beach volleyball with partner Maya Williamson...Hobbies are watching football and basketball...Favorite foods are Pizza and Quesadilla...Favorite book is Siam...Favorite music categories are Rap, Hip-Hop and R&B...Favorite musicians are Neyo, Aaliyah and Beyonce...Favorite professional team is Los Angeles Lakers...Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan...Most admired person is mother because “she is always there for me and has done everything to help me have a successful life.”

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship (Gold).

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team. **2008** – Part of gold-medal winning team which won the gold medal at the NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship, which qualified the U.S. into the 2009 FIVB World Championship. Scored nine points (8 kills, 1 block) at the NORCECA Championship... Attended USA Volleyball Holiday Camp at Chula Vista, Calif. **2007** – Helped lead team to gold medal at the USA Volleyball High Performance Championship and was named All-Tournament Team.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Selected All-District and All-Tournament while playing for Ravenwood High School. **2007** – Selected All-District and All-Tournament while playing for Ravenwood High School. **2004** – Began playing club volleyball with Impact 141.

PERSONAL: Born Madelyn Leslie Hutson on Aug. 20, 1992, in Nashville, Tenn... Parents are John and Jane Hutson...Sister is Kathryn Hutson (1996)...Hobbies are reading, working out, spending time with friends. Favorite food is sushi...Favorite book is Twilight...Favorite musical category is anything except blue grass and classical...Favorite musical group is The Fray...Favorite professional team is the Pittsburgh Steelers...Favorite athlete is Troy Polamalu...Most admired person is Clyde Avant because “he is the most inspiring person I know. He makes you want to work harder and become better.”



Andrea McHugh
 Outside Hitter * 5-10
Hometown: Yorbal Linda, Calif.
High School: El Dorado
Graduation Year: 2010
Region: Southern California
Club: Impact VBC
Birth Date: Aug. 18, 1992



Katie Messing
 Outside Hitter * 6-4
Hometown: The Woodlands, Texas
High School: The Woodlands
Graduation Year: 2011
Region: Lone Star
Club: Asics Willowbrook
Birth Date: Oct. 31, 1992

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Named All-Century League First Team after leading El Dorado High School to Century League championship. **2007** – Selected All-Century League Second Team as El Dorado High School won the Century League championship.

PERSONAL: Born Andrea Lynn McHugh on Aug. 18, 1992, in Long Beach, Calif.... Parents are Jeff and Lori McHugh... Father played basketball at Stanford from 1975-1978 and one year professionally in Switzerland...Brother is Matthew and sister is Lauren...Hobbies are singing, reading, bike riding, going to the beach and hanging out with family and friends...Favorite foods are chicken quesadillas, barbeque chicken salads and watermelon...Favorite Book is Christy Miller Series...Favorite music is pop, country and Christian...Favorite musical groups are Rascal Flatts, Shawn McDonald and Jonas Brothers...Favorite professional team is the Los Angeles Lakers...Favorite athlete is Misty May-Treanor...Most admired person is my dad because “he is always there for me and encourages me to do my best at everything I do.”...Happiest moment in life was riding my bicycle down Mount Kaleakala in Maui, Hawaii.

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team. **2008** – Named to U.S. Girls’ Youth National A2 Team. **2007** – Chosen for USA Volleyball High Performance Select A1 Team. **2006** – Named to Lone Star High Performance Select A1 Team.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the MEQ Dream Team by PrepVolleyball.com...Named “Generation Next Athlete” Top 25 by Vype Magazine...Selected Sophomore of the Year Finalist and Soph 79 by PrepVolleyball.com. **2008** – Named Texas All-State Third Team by the Texas Sports Writers Association...Selected All-Texas Second Team by LoneStarVolleyball.com...Tabbed All-Montgomery Co-Offensive Player of the Year...Chosen Houston Chronicle All-Greater Houston Third Team...Voted most valuable player for District 14-5A and The Woodlands High School...Named Frosh 59 by PrepVolleyball.com. **2007** – Selected Newcomer of the Year for both her district and Montgomery County...Tabbed Offensive Player of the Year for The Woodlands High School...Named All-County Team by the Conroe Courier. **2003** – Began playing club volleyball with The Woodlands Stars, a now-defunct club program.

PERSONAL: Born Kathleen Ann Messing on Oct. 31, 1992, in Houston, Texas.... Parents are Dave and Diane Messing... Sister is Michelle Messing (1990)...Hobbies include waterskiing and ping pong...Favorite food is Mexican rice...Favorite book is Three Days...Favorite music is country...Favorite professional team is Houston Rockets...Favorite athlete is Dikembe Mutumbo...Most admired person is sister Michelle because “she’s always positive.”



Olivia Okoro

Middle Blocker * 6-0
Hometown: Carrollton, Tex.
High School: Hebron
Graduation Year: 2011
Region: Lone Star
Club: Dallas Skyline Juniors
Birth Date: Aug. 18, 1993



Carly Thomas

Setter * 5-11
Hometown: Swansea, Ill.
High School: Althoff Catholic
Graduation Year: 2010
Region: Gateway
Club: Southwest Illinois VBC
Birth Date: July. 12, 1992

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Helped Dallas Skyline Juniors club team qualify for USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship in the Open Division. **2008** – Helped team to a berth in the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship American Division...Named Most Improved Player on high school team...Selected All-District 6 5-A honorable mention. **2007** – Named Most Improved Player...Started playing club volleyball with Dallas Synergy.

PERSONAL: Born Olivia Nkechinyere Okoro on Aug. 18, 1993, in Dallas, Texas... Parents are Iheanyi and Ola Okoro... Brothers are Chris (1989) and Bryan (1995) and sister is Ivuoma (1992)... Hobbies include swimming, running, cooking and volleyball... Favorite food is lasagna...Favorite book is Twilight...Favorite music is R&B with favorite musical performer as Destiny’s Child...Favorite professional team is Miami Heat and favorite athlete is Michael Jordan...Most admired person is mother Ola because “she does everything for me and puts others first, and no matter what, she’s always there for me.”...Happiest moment in life is making the U.S. Youth National Training Team.

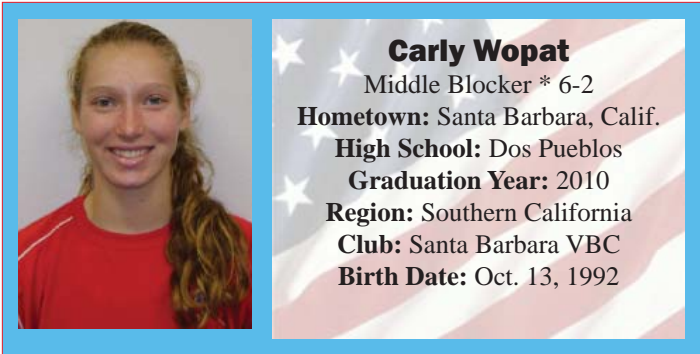
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION: 2008 – NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship (Gold).

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Named Best Setter at the NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship and led team to gold-medal finish, which qualified squad for the 2009 FIVB Girls’ Youth Continental Championship...Averaged tournament-best 2.87 assists per set, in addition to placing 32nd in scoring as a setter with 15 points (7 kills, 3 blocks, 2 aces).

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Team...Helped Southwest Illinois Volleyball Club to a National Division bid for USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championships. **2007** – Selected to USA Volleyball Select A1 Red Team that won the Junior Division of the USA High Performance Championships...Led club team to a bronze medal in the 16 National Division of USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championships and named all-tournament in 16 National Division. **2006** – Selected to USA Volleyball Select A2 Camp at Colorado Springs...Helped club team to fifth-place finish in 15s National Division of USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship. **2005** – Selected to USA High Performance A2 Camp at Colorado Springs. **2002** – Began playing club volleyball with Southwest Illinois VBC.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Helped Southwest Illinois VBC qualify for USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship in National Division. **2008** – Named to USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship All-Tournament Team after leading Southwest Illinois VBC to a third-place finish in the National Division. **2007** – Named all-tournament and helped team to fifth place at the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship...Named All-State Second Team and all-conference first-team...Tabbed a Fab 50 pick. **2006** – Paced team to fifth place at the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship in the National Division...All-State Special Mention and all-conference first-team...PrepVolleyball.com Frosh 59.

PERSONAL: Born Carly Nicole Thomas on July 12, 1992, in Clayton, Mo... Parents are Tim and Liz Thomas... Sisters Sara (1986), Emily (1987) and Abby (1989)...Hobbies include listening to music and hanging out with friends... Most admires John Sheehan as he “has been one of my older coaches during my volleyball career. He has helped mold my personality and attitude thus far. Unfortunately, John passed away at the age of 61 this year. I will always remember the advice John would give me even when I knew my attitude needed adjusting. He would give me advice that others would not tell me. I will miss John, and I will continue to play always thinking of him. God took a good man and a volleyball icon in this area, but I know John will always be with me.”... Favorite book is A Child Called It...Favorite food is chocolate chip pancakes...Favorite types of music is Hip Hop and R&B...Favorite musician is Justin Timberlake... Favorite professional team is the St. Louis Cardinals...Favorite athlete is Albert Pujols...Happiest moment in life will be when I get my driver’s license on July 12, 2008...Aunt Kathy Crotty Wuller played for the Minnesota Monarchs in 1987 and 1988.



Carly Wopat
 Middle Blocker * 6-2
Hometown: Santa Barbara, Calif.
High School: Dos Pueblos
Graduation Year: 2010
Region: Southern California
Club: Santa Barbara VBC
Birth Date: Oct. 13, 1992



Sam Wopat
 Outside Hitter * 6-1
Hometown: Santa Barbara, Calif.
High School: Dos Pueblos
Graduation Year: 2010
Region: Southern California
Club: Santa Barbara VBC
Birth Date: Oct. 13, 1992

INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS: 2008 – NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship (Gold).

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team. **2008** – Part of gold-medal winning team which won the gold medal at the NORCECA Girls’ Youth Continental Championship, which qualified the U.S. into the 2009 FIVB World Championship. Scored 38 points (24 kills, 8 blocks, 6 aces) at the NORCECA Championship for 16th place. **2007** – Led USA Select A1 Team to silver medal in the Youth International Division of the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Named Athlete of the Year for women’s volleyball by the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table. **2008** – Helped Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 18-1 to a fifth-place finish at the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship National Division...Selected Channel League (CIF) Most Valuable Player, All-CIF Southern California Section First-Team and All-Channel League (CIF) First-Team with Dos Pueblos High School...Named all-tournament at the California Challenge Tournament, Dave Mohs Tournament and Tournament of Championship. **2007** – Paced Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 14-1 Team to a fifth-place finish in the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship Open Division...Earned All-CIF Channel League and All-County First-Team. **2006** – Assisted Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 13-1 to a bronze finish at the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship Club Division. **2005** – Helped Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 13-1 Team to a sixth-place finish at Reno Volleyball Festival...Named most valuable player at the Junior Tournament of Champions. **2004** – Began club volleyball with Santa Barbara Volleyball Club.

PERSONAL: Born Carly Anela Wopat on Oct. 13, 1992, in Santa Barbara, Calif.... Parents are Ron and Kathy Wopat... Father Ron competed in the 1980 U.S. Olympic Trials for the decathlon and placed 12th out of 32 competitors and was a part of the eight-member 1981 U.S. Decathlon Team...Mother Kathy competed in gymnastics and track and field at UC Santa Barbara...Brothers are Jackson (1995) and Eli (1998) and twin sister is Samantha (1992)...Sister Samantha was also selected to the 2008 U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team...Has played beach volleyball for four years and her partner is her twin sister Sam...Hobbies include traveling, track and field, basketball, reading, going to the beach, hiking, fishing, robotics and spending time with friends...Favorite food is pineapple...Favorite book is To Kill a Mockingbird...Favorite music type is rock...Favorite singer is Jack Johnson...Favorite professional team is the beach dual of Todd Rogers and Phil Dalhausser...Favorite athlete is Lance Armstrong...Most admired person is Neil Armstrong because “he did what people that was impossible.”

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Selected to the U.S. Girls’ Youth National Training Team. **2008** – Led the U.S. Girls’ Youth A2 White Team to the silver medal in the Women’s International Junior Division silver bracket at the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships. **2007** – Led USA Select A1 Team to silver medal in the Youth International Division of the USA Volleyball High Performance Championships.

CLUB/PREP HIGHLIGHTS: 2009 – Named Athlete of the Year for women’s track and field by the Santa Barbara Athletic Round Table. **2008** – Named All-Tournament after leading Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 15-1 to a bronze-medal finish in the Open Division at the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championships...Selected All-CIF Southern California Section First-Team and All-Channel League (CIF) First-Team with Dos Pueblos High School...Named all-tournament at the California Challenge Tournament and Chalifornia Challenge Tournament. **2007** – Paced Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 14-1 Team to a fifth-place finish in the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship Open Division...Earned All-CIF Channel League and All-County Second-Team. **2006** – Assisted Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 13-1 to a bronze finish at the USA Junior Olympic Girls’ Volleyball Championship Club Division. **2005** – Helped Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 13-1 Team to a sixth-place finish at Reno Volleyball Festival. **2004** – Began club volleyball with Santa Barbara Volleyball Club 12-1 Team.

PERSONAL: Born Samantha Lani Wopat on Oct. 13, 1992, in Santa Barbara, Calif.... Parents are Ron and Kathy Wopat... Father Ron competed in the 1980 U.S. Olympic Trials for the decathlon and placed 12th out of 32 competitors and was a part of the eight-member 1981 U.S. Decathlon Team...Mother Kathy competed in gymnastics and track and field at UC Santa Barbara...Brothers are Jackson (1995) and Eli (1998) and twin sister is Carly (1992)...Sister Carly was also selected to the 2008 U.S. Girls’ Youth National Team...Has played beach volleyball for four years and her playing partner is her twin sister Carly... Hobbies include playing sports other than volleyball, reading and spending time with friends...Competes on high school track and field team in the discus throw, long jump, triple jump and high jump events...Favorite food is waffles...Favorite book is To Kill a Mockingbird...Favorite music category is rock...Favorite musicians are Jack Johnson and Nickelback...Favorite professional team is beach dual of Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh...Favorite athlete is Phil Dalhausser...Most admired person is Lance Armstrong because “he is a fierce competitor that overcame obstacles to reach his goals.”



Jim Stone returns as head coach of the 2009 U.S. Girls' Youth National Team after leading the squad in 2008. Last year, he led the team on an undefeated run to the gold medal at the 2008 NORCECA Girls' Youth Continental Championship in Puerto Rico. In the process, the team also qualified for the 2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship to be held in Thailand. Stone served as the women's Volleyball head coach at The Ohio State University for 26 years before retiring after the 2007 collegiate season. Over his final 19 years with the Buckeye program, he established Ohio State as an annual Top 25 team. During that period, OSU had an overall record of 394-149 (.726) and a Big Ten Conference mark of 241-135 (.641). He won the Big Ten Conference championship three times, finishing second five times, third four times and fourth three times. The Buckeyes participated in 15 NCAA Tournaments, advancing to the NCAA Championship Semifinals in 1991 and 1994. His 26-year career record with Ohio State is 531-294 (573-257 per NCAA listing). On the national and international scene, Stone was the head coach for one of the 2007 U.S. Women's National A2 Teams that competed at the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships. Last summer, he served as the head coach for the 2007 U.S. Girls' Youth A2 Team at the High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Stone has been part of U.S. coaching staff in each of the last three decades. He coached the men's team that represented the South at the 1981 National Sports Festival at Syracuse, N.Y. In 1985, he coached the USA Junior National Team, which toured China and Japan. He served as coach of the East women in the 1986 Olympic Sports Festival. Additionally, he was selected to coach the men's East team at the 1990 Olympic Sports Festival. In the summer of 1993, he was an assistant coach to the United States National "B" team that trained in San Diego and then played in Germany. In July 1999, Stone was the head coach for the World University Games team, held in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. During his collegiate career, Stone coached 60 all-conference players, 15 Olympic Sports Festival participants, 37 all-region selections and 22 All-Americans. Four players have played for the Canadian National Team and two for the United States National teams.

In 2004, Ohio State finished 30-4 overall, improving from a 11-17 mark in 2003. The Buckeyes were 17-3 in the Big Ten, finishing in a tie for second in the league. OSU advanced to the NCAA regional championship match before ending the season. Along the way, Stone was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year and the American Volleyball Coaches Association Mideast Region Coach of the Year. OSU's top student-athlete Stacey Gordon was named the AVCA Co-National Player of the Year and the Asics/Volleyball Division I Player of the Year. In addition to Gordon, Marisa Main was named to the AVCA All-America Second Team.

In 1994, the Buckeyes recorded their sixth consecutive 20-win season, finishing with a 29-3 overall record. They won the Big Ten Championship with a 19-1 record. OSU was honored with two AVCA All-Americans in Gabriele Jobst and Laura Davis, with Davis being named the National Player of the Year. The Buckeyes advanced to the NCAA Semifinals for the second time in four years, losing to Stanford, the eventual national champion. In 1991, the Buckeyes went undefeated (20-0) in the Big Ten and reached the NCAA Semifinals with three freshman starters. For these accomplishments, Stone was named the 1991 National Coach of the Year by Volleyball Monthly, the American Volleyball Coaches Association's Mideast Region Coach of the Year and was a unanimous choice by both the media and coaches as the Big Ten Coach of the Year. In 1989, he was the AVCA Region Coach of the Year and was the Big Ten Coach of the Year, as his squad won its first Big Ten championship and made its first NCAA appearance.

Prior to Ohio State, Stone coached three years at Wyoming, taking a team that was 2-23 to winning records in two of his three years with the Cowboys. He had two 20-win seasons and in the 1981 season earned 18th place in the national polls. He was also named Intermountain Athletic Conference Coach of the Year for his 20-9 mark in 1981.

In addition to his coaching experience at Wyoming, Stone served as head coach of the 1976 Bowling Green State men's volleyball club team. In 1975, he served as the assistant coach at Kellogg Community College, which won the junior college national championship that year.

During his playing career, Stone was named Ball State's most valuable player in 1975. An All-America selection in 1974, he twice was named to the all-star team of the Midwest Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA). As a player, he participated in the 1974 Canada Cup, and he faced a strong Japanese men's team in a series of matches throughout the United States in 1975. The following year, he faced the People's Republic of China in a similar United States tour.



University of West Florida Head Coach Melissa Wolter, the assistant coach for the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team, has contributed to the rise of Argonaut volleyball. Since arriving in 2003, Wolter has compiled a 136-51 record. In eight career seasons as head coach, Wolter is 172-102.

With Wolter at the helm, West Florida has put together back-to-back 30-win seasons and a combined 63-11 record. The Argos reached the NCAA Regional finals in 2008.

Wolter guided the West Florida volleyball program to a season full of firsts and plenty of awards in 2007. The season ended with the Argos earning the first coach of the year and player of the year in UWF Volleyball history. The team set records for overall wins (32) and conference wins (12), and held a top 25 ranking for most of the season.

Wolter is also active in the decision-making process of NCAA Division II volleyball. This season, Wolter will again serve at the chair of the NCAA Division II South Central Regional Advisory Committee. In addition, she is also a member of the NCAA Division II Women's National Volleyball Committee.

During the 2006 season, Wolter led West Florida to a 20-15 record and the Argonauts first NCAA Division II South Central Regional appearance. The 2006 squad, seeded seventh in the

regional tournament, pulled off the biggest upset in the NCAA tournament with a 3-0 victory over second-seed Washburn before falling to Central Missouri State in a five-game marathon ending with a final game score of 17-19.

Wolter came to West Florida from NCAA Division II Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, WI. She was the head coach of the Rangers for three years finishing her playing career and serving one year as an assistant coach. Wolter led the Rangers to their seventh straight Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament in 2002 with a record of 16-11. She also served as the Assistant Director of Marketing for the Wisconsin-Parkside Athletic Department in 2001.

Wolter worked closely with USA Volleyball as a coach for the Youth National A2 Team in summer of 2007. The team competed in the International Junior Division of the USAV High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Wolter earned the honor of serving as an assistant coach for the USA Youth National Under-18 National Team for two summers. In 2005, Wolter traveled with the team to the FIVB World Championship in China, where the team placed fourth. At the 2004 NORCECA Championship in Puerto Rico, Wolter helped coach the U.S. Girls' Youth National Team to a 4-0 record and a gold medal. In 2002, Wolter was the chair of the Badger Region High Performance programs, the entry level program for the USA Volleyball pipeline. She has also coached Junior Olympic volleyball with clubs such as Milwaukee Sting, Wisconsin Power and Wisconsin Select.

Wolter also has 13 years experience with volleyball camps around the country. During 2007, she was the lead coach at the USA Volleyball Development A1 Kalamazoo and Austin camps. In previous years she ran the Gulf Coast Region and Arizona Region camps.



Charles Erbe
Assistant Coach

Charles "Chuck" Erbe has agreed to serve as the therapist/trainer for the 2009 U.S. Girls' Youth National Team, which will compete in the 2009 FIVB Girls' Youth World Championship this summer.

In 2004, Erber retired as head coach of the NCAA Division I Michigan State University volleyball program after 12 years with the school and 24 years as a collegiate coach.

Erbe guided the Spartan volleyball program to a mark of 244-140 during his 12-year tenure at State. Since his arrival in East Lansing in 1993, Erbe led MSU to 10 consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament (1994-2003), including appearances in the Regional Semifinals, Regional Finals and as a National Semifinalist in 1995. In addition, he guided MSU to back-to-back Big Ten titles in 1995 and '96.

In 1994, in his second season behind the bench, MSU was selected to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. MSU fell to Texas A&M in the first round, but the foundation for a successful future had clearly been established.

In just his third season at the helm of the MSU program, Erbe led the Spartans to their first-ever Big Ten championship -- and league finish higher than seventh -- in 1995 with a 19-1 conference record. The team also climbed into the national spotlight, earning their first-ever national ranking and climbing to as high as No. 3 in the polls.

In just the team's second-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, MSU defeated previously unbeaten Hawaii before 10,000 fans in Honolulu in the Mountain Region final. The come-from-behind five-game victory propelled the Spartans into the national semifinals and the national limelight.

Despite a five-game loss to eventual national champion Nebraska, the Spartans put together their finest season in program history with a 34-3 overall record. MSU had also posted its first back-to-back winning seasons since 1979-80, while its 34 wins in 1995 were the most since 1976.

Erbe was recognized by his peers for his efforts in revitalizing the Spartan program, earning 1995 Big Ten, AVCA District 2 and AVCA National Coach of the Year honors. In addition, he was tabbed as the Volleyball Magazine National Coach of the Year. The 2001 and 2002 teams posted back-to-back 21 wins seasons as the 2002 squad advanced to the NCAA Regional Semifinals before bowing out to Southern California. The 2003 squad narrowly missed out on a third consecutive 20-win season, finishing the year with a 19-12 mark and the team's 10th straight trip to the NCAA Tournament.

During his 12-year tenure, several Spartans have reaped the rewards of success. Dana Cooke and Val Sterk had the distinction of becoming MSU's first-ever All-Americans in 1995 as the duo earned AVCA All-America First-Team honors. In addition, Sterk (1996), Jenna Wrobel (1998), Erin Hartley (2001) and Kim

Schram (2003) have also received All-America honors. In addition, Wrobel earned a spot on the 1995 Volleyball Magazine's Freshman All-America squad as well as Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors.

Twenty-two different players have received All-Big Ten accolades, including Kim Schram who earned first-team distinction in both 2003 and 2004. Wrobel was the first Spartan to earn All-Big Ten First-Team honors for four straight years (1995-98), while Val Sterk was a three-time first-team honoree (1994-96) and Sarah Gustin, a two-time first-team honoree (1999 and 2000). academics have always been a trade mark of the Spartan volleyball program. Eleven different Spartans have been selected to CoSIDA Academic All-District IV Team, including Michelle Kopka who was a First-Team All-District selection in 2004. In addition, Dana Cooke (1995-third team and 1996-first team) and Val Sterk (1996-third team) earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors. Since 1987, Spartan student-athletes have been cited by the Big Ten Conference 73 times for Academic All-Big Ten honors. In 2002, 11 different Spartans received academic all-conference honors, while in 2003, nine different players were honored. Erbe has served on the U.S. National Team Review Committee since 1984 and is currently an advisor to the U.S. Women's National Team. In summer 2000, Erbe led the Spartans on a three-week tour of Europe. During the summers of 1997 and 1998, he spent time in Aukra, Norway, working with that country's national team and coaches and giving coaching clinics. In 1997, he also spent 10 days in Colorado Springs working with the National Team.

Erbe, who has a 24-year career record of 554-261-3, first entered the collegiate scene with a 12-year tenure (1976-77, 1979-88) as the head coach at the University of Southern California where he compiled a record of 310-121-3.

He led the Trojans to AIAW National Championships in 1976, 1977 and 1980, and to the NCAA National Championship in 1981, the first year of NCAA competition for women's sports. USC advanced to AIAW or NCAA Tournament play in 11 of his 12 years as head coach.

Erbe's first two teams at USC won AIAW National Championships with a combined record of 72-1. His 1977 squad, which amassed a perfect 38-0 record, included six All-Americans and is still considered by many to be the best collegiate volleyball team ever assembled. During his tenure, USC players earned All-America honors 24 times.

Internationally, Erbe led the United States women's team in the 1981 World University Games in Bucharest, Romania. In 1979, he served as an assistant coach for the women's U.S. National Team. Erbe headed the U.S. women's team in the 1974 World Volleyball Championships in Mexico City, Mexico, and led the United States to back-to-back titles in the Pacific Rim Junior Championships in 1975 and 1976. The 1975 win marked the first time in volleyball history that a USA team defeated Japan at any level of competition.

Erbe began his coaching career in 1973 at Marina High School in Huntington Beach, Calif., where he helped guide the team to a perfect 20-0 record and the National High School Volleyball Championship.

After leaving USC in 1988, Erbe spent one season (1989) as an assistant coach at Illinois and from 1990 until his appointment at MSU, he served as the Director of the Great Lakes Volleyball Center in Chicago.

Volleyball Glossary

Ace - a served ball that directly results in a point.

Bagel - winning a game 25-0.

Block - an attempt by a player or players to interrupt the ball before, as or just after it crosses the net.

Bump (Pass) - technique of playing the ball using forearms, hands together, to direct the ball.

Bump (Set) - a forearm pass used as a set.

Carry - a fault called if the ball comes to rest in the course of contact by one player.

Chickenwing - a last-ditch way to dig a ball using your elbow and a bent arm.

Court - the playing surface divided into two equal areas by a net. In its official form, volleyball is played on a rectangular court 18 meters (59 feet 0.75 inches) long and 9 meters (29 feet 6.475 inches) wide; the women's net placed at 2.24 meters (7 feet 4.125 inches) high and the men's net at 2.44 meters (8 feet) high.

Coverage - most often, refers to backing up a teammate's hit when the block is up and the ball comes back.

Cross Court/Cut Shot - an offensive hit when a player, instead of hitting with power, slices the ball just over and nearly parallel to the net.

Dig Lips - defending more than once and successfully an opponent's hard spike as if the attacker was saying beforehand where the hit was going and you read their lips.

Dig - to pass a very hard hit spike; a ball brought up (saved) with any part of the body, particularly from a spike attempt.

Dink - a very softly-hit spike; ball played just over the net or the blockers hands.

Down-Referee - secondary referee. He/she stands on the floor at the opposite end of the net as the up-referee. Also known as the second official.

Dump - when the setter, instead of setting the hitters, attacks the ball over the net.

Facial Disgracial - a spike that hits the opposing blocker or floor defender in the face.

Foot fault - stepping on the court or out of bounds before serving the ball.

Free Ball - a ball the opponent cannot attack and must yield by passing over the net.

Husband and Wife - when a serve drops untouched between two receivers who fail to move.

Just - when two players on opposing sides attempt to block the ball by vying to push it onto each other's side of the net.

Kill - an attack that results in an immediate point.

Paint Brush - a wipe off shot by the spiker (painter) on a blocker.

Pancake - a one-handed floor defensive technique where the hand is extended and slid along the floor, palm down, and the ball rebounds off the back of the hand, rather than the floor.

Pass - the first of three contacts on the offensive side - overhead or forearm.

Perimeter Defense - backrow defenders work in the area a meter in from the backline and sidelines up to the three-meter line.

Pipe - a ball set in the middle of the court, on the three-meter line, for a backrow player to hit.

Quick - the first of the three attack options. The attacker contacts the ball immediately after it is released from the setter's hands.

Red card - a severe sanction given by the up-referee.

Roof - to block a spike, usually straight down and for a point.

Screening - an attempt by a player to conceal the start of a teammate's serve by obstructing an opponent's line of sight. Screening is illegal.

Seams - the space between the blockers and between back-court defenders.

Set - the act of getting the ball into the position for the hitters to attack the ball. Usually done overhead with two hands.

Setter - the team quarterback. Attempts to "set" every second contact for his/her hitters to attack.

Serve - the act of putting the ball into play.

Shank - to pass the ball badly.

Six Pack - another term for getting a spiked ball in the face on defense. A "Twelve Pack" actually knocks down the defender. In the past the defender was then obligated to buy the spiker a six pack of his/her desired beverage (roots are found in doubles sand play).

Sizzle the Pits - a spike that goes under, and past, the armpits of a big block.

Slide - a movement from an attacker's serve receive position past another into a third; usually the ball is hit while "sliding out" towards the sideline.

Spiked Ball - a ball hit forcibly from a height not less than the top of the net. Also known as a bury, crush, hammer, kill, put-away or slam.

Stuff - a block in which the ball goes straight down to the floor with no hope of being picked up by an opposing player.

Tool - when a ball is intentionally spiked off a blocker's hands to make it go out of bounds.

Touch - when the ball lands out of bounds, but not before contacting one of the players.

Up-referee - the main referee. He/she stands upon a special chair. Also known as the first referee.

Yellow card - a first sanction given by the up-referee, cost the sanctioned team a point.



USA Volleyball

USA Volleyball – 2009 Fact Sheet

Name: USA Volleyball

Location: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Founded: 1928

Membership: Approximately 240,000

Mission: USA Volleyball is the National Governing Body (NGB) for all disciplines of volleyball in the United States and is officially recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). As mandated by the Amateur Sports Act, USA Volleyball is responsible for the growth of the sport in America at the grassroots and most elite levels. USA Volleyball is the parent organization of the USA National Teams.

Chief Executive Officer: Doug Beal

Head Coach USA Women: Hugh McCutcheon (First Year with Women's Team)

Head Coach USA Men: Alan Knipe (First Year with Men's Team)

Major 2009 National Team Events:

World League (Men, June 12-July 26, Various Sites)

Pan American Cup (Men, June 13-21, Chiapis, Mexico)

Pan American Cup (Women, June 26-July 4, Miami, Fla.)

NORCECA Qualification Tournament to FIVB World Championship (Women, July 6-8, Orlando, Fla.)

NORCECA Qualification Tournament to FIVB World Championship (Men, Aug. 15-17, Irvine, Calif.)

World Grand Prix (Women, July 31-Aug. 23, Various Sites in Asia and Europe)

Women's Final Four (Women, Sept. 7-13, Brazil - must qualify at Pan American Cup)

America's Cup (Men, Sept. 19-28, Brazil)

NORCECA Continental Championship (Women, Sept. 20-28, Puerto Rico)

NORCECA Continental Championship (Men, Oct. 9-18, Puerto Rico)

Grand Champions Cup (Women, Nov. 10-15, Japan)

Grand Champions Cup (Men, Nov. 18-23, Japan)

Major 2009 Grassroots Events:

USA Open Volleyball Championships (May 23-30, Minneapolis, Minn.)

USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships (June 26-July 5, Miami, Fla.)

USA Junior Olympic Boy's Volleyball Championships (July 1-8, Atlanta, Ga.)

USA High Performance Championships (July 23-27, Fort Lauderdale, Fla)

Other: USA Volleyball consists of 40 regional volleyball associations which manage grassroots playing opportunities for the USA Volleyball membership and is affiliated with 36 member organizations (i.e. NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA, YMCA) that provide playing opportunities at a variety of levels.

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 Senior Level 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)