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

Egypt Tour

Site: Cairo, Egypt

April 10: def. Egypt 3-1
April 12: def. Egypt 3-0

Pan American Cup

Site: Miami, Fla.

June 26: def. Costa Rica 3-0
June 27: def. Guatemala 3-0
June 28: def. Mexico 3-0
June 29: def. Peru 3-0
June 30: def. Puerto Rico 3-1
July 3: lost to Brazil 1-3
July 4: lost to Puerto Rico 1-3

FIVB World Championship Third Round - NORCECA Qualification

Site: Orlando, Fla.

July 6: def. Netherlands Antilles 3-0
July 7: def. Barbados 3-0
July 8: def. Costa Rica 3-0

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1

Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

July 31: lost to Germany 0-3
Aug. 1: def. Puerto Rico, 3-2
Aug. 2: def. Brazil 0-3

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2

Site: Miao Li, Chinese Taipei

Aug. 7: def. Dominican Republic 3-2
Aug. 8: lost to Netherlands 2-3
Aug. 9: lost to Germany 0-3

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3

Site: Bangkok, Thailand

Aug. 14: lost to Russia 1-3
Aug. 15: def. Puerto Rico 3-0
Aug. 16: lost to Thailand 2-3

Final Four Intercontinental Cup

Site: Lima, Peru

Sept. 9: lost to Brazil 2-3
Sept. 10: def. Peru 3-1
Sept. 11: lost to Dominican Republic 0-3
Sept. 12: def. Dominican Republic 3-1
Sept. 13: lost to Brazil 1-3 (gold match)

NORCECA Continental Championship

Site: Bayamon, Puerto Rico

Sept. 22: def. Mexico 3-0
Sept. 23: lost to Cuba 2-3
Sept. 24: def. Costa Rica 3-0
Sept. 25: def. Canada 3-1
Sept. 26: lost to Dominican Republic 2-3
Sept. 27: lost to Cuba 2-3 (bronze match)



SECOND TRAINING SESSION STARTS NEXT WEEK: A total of 18 players are scheduled to train with the U.S. Women's National Team during its second winter training block starting Jan. 11 and ending April 9. Middle blockers include Jennifer Joines Tamas (Milpitas, Calif.), Tracy Stalls (Denver), Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Cheryl Weaver (Washington, D.C.), Mekana Barnes (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) and Brittnee Cooper (Houston). Outside hitters/opposite include Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.), Katie Wilkins Kimmich (Lakeside, Calif.), Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.), Jill Collymore (Bellevue, Wash.) and Aerial Salvo (Farmington, Utah). The three setters training include Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.), Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) and Bryn Kehoe (North Bend, Ohio). The libero position has Jessica Fine (Tarzana, Calif.), Jaimi Gregory (Westminster, Calif.) and Tamari Miyashiro (Kaneohe, Hawaii) training with the U.S. Women's National Team. Further, Foluke Akinradewo (Plantation, Fla.) and Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) will join the training team in February. The training group could expand at the end of February following the U.S. Women's National Team Open Tryouts set for Feb. 19-21 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.



NATIONAL TEAM PLAYERS AT HP COACHES' CLINIC: Several U.S. Women's National Team players will take part in the upcoming USA Volleyball High Performance Coaches' Clinic set for Jan. 21-23 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Middle blockers Jennifer Joines Tamas (Milpitas, Calif.) and Tracy Stalls (Denver), outsides Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.) and Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.), and setters Bryn Kehoe (North Bend, Ohio) and Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) will serve as demonstrators for the clinic. The theme for the clinic is "Getting Up to Speed for London" in reference to the site of the 2012 Olympic Games. The clinic is limited to the first 100 coaches who complete the registration process. For more details, visit

<http://www.usavolleyball.org/volleyball-disciplines/high-performance-indoor/coaches-clinic.html>.

DAVIS PART OF FUND DRIVE: Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.), an Olympic silver medalist with the 2008 U.S. Olympic Volleyball Team, is one of 55 athletes participating in "Who Cares? Racing for a Cause." The not-for-profit fundraising campaign, developed by Athletes for Hope, has 60 athletes competing against each other while raising money for their respective charities. Davis has selected to represent Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin's Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA) in California. "I can't imagine that I would be as successful as I am today if I had grown up in an environment where just surviving was my biggest challenge," Davis wrote on the fundraising project's Web site. "Every child deserves the chance to become something bigger than they alone can dream." CASA gives foster children the support, encouragement and opportunities they need to focus their energies on achieving their dreams. The fundraiser began on Dec. 16 and goes through Jan. 15. Donations start at \$10, and can be sent via Davis' project page at http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/a-voice-for-every-foster-child/?RF=widget_small4408. Through Jan. 6, a total of 229 individuals have donated a total of \$4,525 for Davis' project. She currently ranks fourth in the race among the athletes, led by Kristine Lilly. Other notable athletes participating are beach volleyball Olympians Eric Fonoimoana and Nicole Branagh, NBA's Steve Nash, baseball's Cal Ripken, Jr., boxing legend Muhammad Ali, skateboarder Tony Hawk, women's golfer Annika Sorenstam, women's soccer players Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy and Heather Mitts.



TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 4)

1. Which player with U.S. Women's National Team experience won the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship Most Outstanding Player for 2009?
2. Which player who begins training with the U.S. Women's National Team next week has a sister who also competes on the team?
3. What university did U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) play and coach at?

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Players Training at American Sports Centers

Below is a list of players actively training at the American Sports Centers in California as part of the U.S. Women's National Team program.

Mekana Barnes (MB, Highlands Ranch, Colo.)
Jill Collymore (OH, Bellevue, Wash.)
Brittnee Cooper (MB, Houston)
Alexis Crimes (MB, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)
Jessica Fine (L, Tarzana, Calif.)
Jaimi Gregory (L, Westminster, Calif.)
Heather Hughes (OPP, Fallbrook, Calif.)
Bryn Kehoe (S, North Bend, Ohio)
Katie Wilkins Kimmich (OH, Lakeside, Calif.)
Tamari Miyashiro (L, Kaneohe, Hawaii)
Brittany Moore (OH, Orange, Calif.)
Angie Pressey (OH, Lake Mary, Fla.)
Aerial Salvo (OH, Farmington, Utah)
Nellie Spicer (S, Barrington, Ill.)
Tracy Stalls (MB, Denver, Colo.)
Jennifer Joines Tamas (MB, Milpitas, Calif.)
Courtney Thompson (S, Kent, Wash.)
Cheryl Weaver (MB, Washington, D.C.)

Head Coach: Hugh McCutcheon

Asst Coach: Karch Kiraly

Asst Coach/Tech Coordinator: Jamie Morrison

Athletic Trainer: Jill Wosmek

International Transfers for USA Players

Abrahamson, Laurel (C.V. Cuesta Piedra, Spain)
Adams, Kimberly (Voley Murcia, Spain)
Andreyko, Diana (Hainaut Volley, France)
Anglin, Keri (VBC Glarona, Switzerland)
Arrington, Patrice (VC Igtisadchi Baku, Azerbaijan)
Barboza, Cynthia (Toray Volleyball Team, Japan)
Barrera, Jessica (OK Koper, Slovenia)
Baumstark, Jamie (VBC Biel - Bienne, Switzerland)
Bayley, Jacqueline (OK Galeb, Bar, Montenegro)
Beck, Carrie (CV Benidorm, Spain)
Beck, Morgan (Anorthosis Famagustus, Cyprus)
Berg, Lindsey (Villa Cortese, Italy)
Bible, Amanda (OK Koper Volleyball, Slovenia)
Blum, Tiffany (Zok Matija Mesic Club, Croatia)
Bown, Heather (Giannino Pieralisi Volley, Italy)
Brown, Emily (Nantes Atlantique, France)
Brown, Victoria (Club Voleibol Haro, Spain)
Buteyn, Lindsey (VC Tirol, Austria)
Cahill, Stephanie (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Norisha Campbell (TSV Sonthafen, Germany)
Cmaylo, Anna (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)
Copenhagen, Diane (Heutink Pollux, Netherlands)
Therese Crawford (VBC Volero Zurich, Switzerland)
Daley, Allison (Club Voleibol R.H. Las Palmas, Spain)
Davis, Nicole (Evergrande Volleyball Club, China)
Day, Emily (Franches - Montagnes, Switzerland)
Deesing, Alesha (Xacobeo Zolo Ribeira Sacra, Spain)
DeKiewiet, Jamie (HPK Naiset, Finland)
DeTurk, Lauren (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Dyer, Alexandra (VC Tirol Innsbruck, Austria)
Eddins, Stefani (A.D. Algar Surmenor, Spain)
Evers, Whitney (Volley Dudingen, CH, Switzerland)
Nicole Fawcett (VC Dinamo-Yntar Kaliningrad, Russia)
Ford, Lauren (Finestrat, Spain)
Gerling, Rachel (VC Tirol Innsbruck, Austria)
Glass, Kim (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)

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NEW OVERSEAS SIGNINGS: Several players of U.S. Women's National Team experience have recently signed professional contracts in overseas volleyball leagues. Stacy Sykora (Burlenon, Texas), a three-time Olympian with the U.S. Women's National Team, signed a contract with Omichka of the Russian Superliga and joins a squad that includes Team USA teammate Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah). Nicole Fawcett (Zanesfield, Ohio), who competed for the U.S. Women's National Team this past summer, also signed a contract within the Russian Superliga, joining VC Dinamo-Yntar Kaliningrad. Meanwhile, Therese Crawford (Kalamazoo, Mich.) was added to the Volero Zurich roster of the Switzerland professional league. Norisha Campbell (Lakeland, Fla.) signed to play for TSV Sonthafen in Germany. Other recent USA signees include Stephanie Lynch with Nuechatel Universite in Switzerland and Erica Moore with Bayamon of the Puerto Rican Superliga. To view the entire international transfer list of United States players, see pages two and three of this Weekly Update's PDF version.



BERG PUSHING ITALIAN TEAM TO TOP: Lindsey Berg (Honolulu), a setter on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team which won the silver medal in Beijing, is playing for MC-Carnaghi Villa Cortese of the Italian Serie A professional league this winter. Villa Cortese ended the first half in second place with an 8-3 overall record and 23 points after splitting a pair of five-set matches. Berg helped her squad to a 23-25, 25-27, 25-17, 25-22, 15-7 come-from-behind victory over Riso Scotti Pavia on Dec. 20 as she tallied three kills on four attempts. She set the team to a 47 kill percent .351 hitting efficiency for the match. In the first half finale against Yamamay Busto Arsizio, Villa Cortese again lost the first two sets and rallied to send the match to a tiebreaking fifth set on Dec. 27. However, the comeback was stopped short in a 28-26, 29-27, 20-25, 21-25, 16-14 thrilling marathon.

Berg helped her squad to a 37 kill percent in the match and added three individual points (one kill, one block, one ace). Villa Cortese resumes Italian Serie A second half action on Jan. 10 against Despar Perugia. To follow Berg throughout the season, check out her blog at <http://lindseyberg.blogspot.com/>.

TOM, ASYSTEL VOLLEY NOVARA: Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah), a three-time Olympian and member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Games silver medal roster, is competing for Asystel Volley Novara in the Italian Serie A professional league this winter. Playing in the CEV Indesit Champions League first round, Asystel Novara improved to 3-1 in Pool D following a 25-14, 23-25, 25-14, 25-22 victory over Poland's BPS Fakro Muszynianka on Jan. 6. At the time of this release, statistics of the match were unavailable. Before the 2009 season closed, Asystel Novara dropped a 25-15, 25-14, 25-9 Champions League match to BPS Fakro Muszynianka in which Tom was withheld from the Dec. 17 match. Asystel Novara competes against Romania's Metal Galati in its next Champions League match on Jan. 13. During Italian Serie A competition, Asystel Novara won its final two matches of the 2009 calendar year. Tom totaled a match-high 21 points on 15 kills, four blocks and two aces in a 25-14, 22-25, 25-19, 27-25 victory over Zoppas Industries Conegliano on Dec. 20. She added 11 points on nine kills and two blocks in a 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 25-19 win over Foppapedretti Bergamo on Dec. 27. Asystel Novara finished the league's first half with a 6-5 record and 16 points for a sixth-place tie in the standings. Tom's team returns to the court for Italian Serie A second half action on Jan. 10 against Chateau d'Ax Urbino Volley.



USA Volleyball VOLLEY-TWEETS

Kristin Richards (Jan. 7, 2010): Russian Cup went well, we ended up taking 3rd.... then the 24th we had an all-star match that me and Stacy both played in. Karpol was the coach and if you know anything about Russian history, you'll know he is the Michael Jackson of volleyball... really famous and really crazy! Anyway, all star match was great because it was hosted at home in Omsk (along with the cup) so we had lots of fans and friends there to support! After that we played Jordan Larson's team (Kazan) on the 30th. We beat them in 4. Stacy passed really well (no surprise). Jan 3 match went well, we beat them in 4 games. We play Habarorsk on the 10th and then head to moscow to play Nicole Fawcett (she just signed!) Dinamo Kaliningrad.... :)

Christa Harmotto (Dec. 28, 2009): "The whole team attended a wonderful Christmas Eve Dinner and the club surprised us with a Christmas Tree. The Christmas Eve dinner included some American style Turkey and I personally enjoyed the exquisite lobster on the menu. Despite not celebrating much Christmas in China, they surely out-did themselves in the Evergrande Bubble (Nicole and I nicknamed our community the "Bubble")."

Lindsey Berg (Dec. 21, 2009): "After a rough start my team and I got it together and pulled out a tough 5 set match against Pavia. They had won their last 5 games so we knew it was going to be difficult...but it doesn't help when we make so many errors. We are now tied for 1st with Pesaro with one match left to go in the first round against Busto Arsizio. Can't wait to be back in LA on the 28th."

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Gregory, Kari Ann (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Griffin, Allie (Fabasoft Linz, Austria)
Griffin, Maggie (Heutink Pollux, Netherlands)
Haas, Emily (Zenski Odbojkaski Klub Dubrovnik, Croatia)
Hall, Kiley (Cossonay Volleyball Club, Switzerland)
Hampton, Maurelle (Lindesberg Volley BK, Sweden)
Harmotto, Christa (Evergrande Volleyball Club, China)
Harry, Tessa (Dresdner SC, Germany)
Hart, Katherine (Zok Matija Mesic Club, Croatia)
Hart, Theresa (Zok Matija Mesic Club, Croatia)
Hartmann, Rachel (Neuchatel Universite Club, Switzerland)
Heler, Jacqueline Victoria (VBC Fribourg, Switzerland)
Hilbers, Johanna (Poitiers Volleyball Club, France)
Hood, Regan (ASPTT Mulhouse, France)
Hubbard, Atlee (Voley Murcia, Spain)
Jackson, Elizabeth (VBC Val-de-Travers, Switzerland)
Jenkins, Benavia (C.V. RH Las Palmas, Spain)
Karpia, Beth (VBC Koniz, Switzerland)
Kearney, Linzy (Marcq-en-Baroeul, France)
Kelley, Kristin (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Larson, Jordan (VC Dinamo, Kazan, Russia)
Lebeda, Kori (Voley Murcia, Spain)
Livingston, Sherisa (Panellinos A.C., Greece)
Lott, Erica (PaKa, Finland)
Stephanie Lynch (Neuchatel Universite, Switzerland)
Magee, Brandy (Pieksamaki, Finland)
Mancuso, Danielle (Dresdner Sport Club 1898, Germany)
Martin, Kristina (CV Benidorm, Spain)
Matich, Crystal (CV Tenerife, Spain)
Maurer, Brynn (Alemannia Aachen, Germany)
McCutcheon, Katie (Zenski Odbojkaski Dubrovnik, Croatia)
McNamee, Candace (Le Cannet-Rocheville, France)
McNatt, Therese (Nova KBM Branik, Slovenia)
Metcalf, Nancy (Minas Tennis Club, Brazil)
Mondietz, Kristin (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Erica Moore (Bayamon, Puerto Rico)
Moore, Rebecca (TI-Volley, Austria)
Mustacchio, Darshaya (SSV Ulm 1846, Germany)
Nash, Christina (Toggenburg/KSV Wattwil, Switzerland)
Nnamani, Ogonna (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)
Nyrop, Jessica (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Nzenwa, Queen (Club Volleyball Haro, Spain)
O'Connor, Erin (Kuusamon Pallo-Karhut, Finland)
Odion, Stella (SV Schwechat Post Volley, Austria)
Olsovsky, Kathleen (Habarovsk, Russia)
Orchard, Ellen (VC Kanti Schaffhausen, Switzerland)
Palmer, Crystal (Lindesberg Volley BK, Sweden)
Phillips, Lindsay (VC "Azeral" Baku, Azerbaijan)
Piccolini, Lindsay (Somero, Finland)
Richards, Kristin (Spartak Omsk, Russia)
Rogers, Tess (Oriveden Ponnitus, Finland)
Russell, Kelly (Sagres NVC Volleyball, Switzerland)
Sentleben, Jennifer (VBC Glaronia, Switzerland)
Serna, Stephanie (OK Tabor Maribor, Slovenia)
Shaw, Sheila (Rote Raben Vilsbiburg, Germany)
Simpson, Jaclyn (AEK, Cyprus)
Slack, Brigitte (SVS Sinsheim, Germany)
Speer, Christina (Aachener TSV Alemannia Aachen, Germany)
Stalzer, Lindsay (CV Finestrat, Spain)
Stidham, Melissa (PislaPloki, Finland)
Stovall, Desma (Terville - Florange O.C., France)
Swarbrick, Jessica (Xacobeo Zolo Ribeira Sacra, Spain)
Sutherland, Devon (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Stacy Sykora (Omichka, Russia)
Thomas, Elisha (VC "Azeral" Baku, Azerbaijan)
Thompson, Tori (A.D. Algar Surmenor, Spain)
Todd, Jennifer (Istres Ouest Provence, France)
Tom, Logan (Asystel Volley S.P.A., Italy)
Toone, Emilie (OK Kamnik, Slovenia)
Turner, Whitney (Sinsheim, Germany)
Uhl, Kara (Karsiyaka Spor Kulubu, Turkey)
Vatterrodt, Katherine (Lyon Saint Fons, France)
Verdin, Quincy (OK Tabor Maribor, Slovenia)
Waller, Erin (Sm' Aesch Pfeffingen, Switzerland)
Webster, Addie (VC Tirol, Austria)
Weider, Katherine (ASA Beer Sheva, Israel)
Williams, Sherri (CV Tenerife, Canary Islands)
Wilson, Makare (Spes S.s.d.p.a., Italy)
Wise, Bonita (LP Kangasala, Finland)
Yanchulova, Petia (Kanti Schaffhausen, Switzerland)

BOWN COMPETING FOR JESI: Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian with the U.S. Women's National Team, is competing for Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi in the Italian Serie A professional league. Jesi split a pair of matches to conclude the league's first half. Bown scored eight points, including match-high five blocks, in a three-set loss to first-half winner Scavolini Pesaro on Dec. 20. Jesi rebounded with a 25-23, 25-19, 25-21 victory over Despar Perugia on Dec. 27 as Bown collected seven kills on 12 kills and three blocks for 10 points. Jesi finished the first half in third place with a 7-4 record and 21 points. Jesi starts the second half on Dec. 10 against Cgf Recycle Flores Castellana Grotte, which finished the first half in 10th place of the 12-team Serie A division.



RICHARDS, SYKORA HELPING OMICHKA

TO RUSSIAN LEAD: Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah), an outside hitter and 2008 U.S. Olympic Team alternate, is playing in the Russia Super League for a third year in a row – this time with Omichka in Omsk. During December, she was joined by three-time U.S. Olympian Stacy Sykora (Burlington, Texas) as the team's libero. Both helped Omichka defeat Uralochka in the third-place match in the Russian Cup in which her team hosted Dec. 21-22. After a day break, Richards and Sykora played in a Russia All-Star match on Dec. 24 representing the foreign-player team coached by 2009 Volleyball Hall of Fame inductee Nikolai Karpol.

Without much rest, Omichka faced undefeated Dinamo Moscow and lost 25-23, 26-24, 25-22 in a close match on Dec. 26. Omichka rebounded to take a 17-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-16 victory over Dinamo Kazan on Dec. 30. U.S. Women's National Team member Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.) is on the Kazan roster. To start the new year, Richards tallied 20 points with 15 kills, three aces and two blocks in a four-set victory over Leningradka, while Sykora passed well in setting up the offense. Omichka, now 7-2 in league play and in third place, plays Khabarovsk on Jan. 10 before traveling to play Dinamo Yantar, which recently signed U.S. Women's National Team player Nicole Fawcett (Zanesfield, Ohio).

NNAMANI, GLASS PACING PROSTEJOV IN CZECH REPUBLIC:

Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.) and Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) continue to lead their Czech Republic professional team Prostějov to a 13-0 start. Glass scored eight points with seven kills on 16 swings in leading Prostějov to a 25-15, 25-6, 25-17 victory over Slavia Praha on Dec. 19. Nnamani did not play in the match. Prostějov returns to Czech Republic league action on Jan. 9 against Brno, which is 9-4 on the season. In CEV Indesit Champions League action, Prostějov dropped to 1-3 in Pool C after consecutive four-set losses to Dinamo Moscow. Nnamani and Glass combined for 37 points in a 25-17, 25-20, 19-25, 29-27 loss to Dinamo on Dec. 15. Nnamani poured in a team-high 20 points with 16 kills and four blocks, while Glass added 13 kills, three aces and a block for 17 points. On Jan. 6, Glass paced Prostějov with 14 points and Nnamani added seven points in a 27-25, 19-25, 25-13, 25-19 loss. Prostějov's next Champions League match is set for Jan. 12 against Poland's Aluprof Bielsko-Biala, which is 0-4 in the pool.



City of Anaheim Official Host City of U.S. Women's National Team

USA Volleyball and the City of Anaheim are pleased to announce the agreement to bring the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team to Anaheim from Colorado Springs was finalized in April 2009. The agreement also designates Anaheim as the Exclusive Official Host City for the USA Men's and Women's National Volleyball Teams through 2016. The City of Anaheim and USA Volleyball are grateful for the support of these local sponsors who have contributed to the success of the U.S. Men's and Women's National Teams in Anaheim: American Sports Centers; Anaheim White House; JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery; PepZ Pizza & Eatery; OC Sports Grill; Ruth's Chris Steak House; CIM/Anaheim; Anaheim Marriott Suites; Anaheim Marriott Hotel; B.W. Stovall's Hotels; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Disneyland Resort Hotels; Doubletree Guest Suites; Embassy Suites Anaheim South; Hilton Anaheim Hotel; Red Lion Hotel Anaheim; Sheraton Anaheim; and numerous Anaheim/OC Visitor and Convention Bureau member hotels.



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Pan American Cup

Site: Mexico

June 10-20: Opponents TBA

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1

Site: Poland

Aust. 6-8: Poland, Germany, Dominican Republic

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2

Site: Thailand

Aug. 13-15: Thailand, Italy, Puerto Rico

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3

Site: Hong Kong

Aug. 20-22: China, Germany, Thailand

FIVB World Grand Prix Final Round

Site: Ningbo, China

Aug. 25-29: Top 5 Teams plus China

Final Four Intercontinental Cup

Site: TBA

Sept. 19-27: TBA

FIVB World Championship First Round

Site: Matsumoto, Japan

Oct. 29: vs. Thailand

Oct. 30: vs. Croatia

Oct. 31: vs. Germany

Nov. 2: Kazakhstan

Nov. 3: vs. Cuba

BARBOZA STARTS PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.), an outside hitter with the U.S. Women's National Team and alternate on both the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games rosters, is playing in her first professional volleyball season in Japan V-League with Toray. Her squad defeated JT 25-17, 25-21, 25-17 on Dec. 18 during the Empress Cup, marking the first loss of the season of any kind for JT. However, Toray was unable to defeat Denso in the finals as it lost 16-25, 25-23, 35-33, 28-26 in a close four-set battle. Toray returns to V-League action on Jan. 9 against Hisamitsu at Ishikawa, followed by a Jan. 10 match against Pioneer. Toray currently is 3-3 during league play and in third place.



METCALF GEARING UP FOR BRAZIL START:

Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa), a member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Games roster, is in Brazil playing for Usiminas of the Brazilian Superliga. She led Usiminas to two victories prior to the Christmas break and improve to 4-1 on the season. On Dec. 17, Metcalf tallied eight kills on 30 attempts as part of a team-high 10 points in a 25-17, 25-18, 25-18 victory over Pauta/Sao Jose. She contributed a team-high 22 points in a 25-20, 18-25, 23-25, 25-16, 15-4 victory over Cativa/Oppnus on Dec. 19. She totaled 18 kills on 54 swings to go with four blocks in the victory. Usiminas returns to the court on Jan. 7 against Osasco.

DAVIS, HARMOTTO WITH LANG PING:

Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.), the libero on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team that won the silver medal, and Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) are playing for Guangdong Hengda in the Chinese Professional League under the direction of "Jenny" Lang Ping, who served as head coach for Team USA at the 2008 Olympic Games. Currently, the squad is 8-0 on the season with four matches remaining in the regular season.



McCUTCHEON AMONG SPEAKERS AT HP COACHES' CLINIC:



Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) will serve as one of the featured speakers at USA Volleyball's Seventh Annual High Performance Coaches' Clinic held Jan. 21-23 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. The clinic theme is "Getting Up to Speed for London" in reference to the site of the 2012 Olympic Games. The USA Volleyball High Performance Coaches' Clinic costs \$425 for United States citizens and \$520 for non-United States citizens. The clinic cost includes instruction, material and room and board at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. In conjunction with the USA Volleyball High Performance Coaches' Clinic, the USAV Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP) will have additional CAP Level II on Jan. 20-21 and CAP Level III on Jan. 21-24 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center. The clinic is open to the first 100 coaches who complete the registration process, which can be started by visiting <http://www.usavolleyball.org/volleyball-disciplines/high-performance-indoor/coaches-clinic.html>.

U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM OPEN TRYOUTS: USA Volleyball will hold its annual open tryouts for the U.S. Women's National Team and Associated Training Programs Feb. 19-21, 2010, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center (USOTC) in Colorado Springs, Colo. Hugh McCutcheon, the U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach, will lead the evaluation process for the tryout. The online tryout registration, which must be completed by Jan. 14, 2010, can be found by visiting <http://usavolleyball.allregistrations.com/VolunteerDetail.aspx/2010WomensNationalTeamTryoutRegistration>. Upon confirmation of registration, tryout participants will receive and must complete additional USOTC forms to be fully enrolled in the tryout. As part of the tryout, athletes will compete for spots on the U.S. Women's Volleyball National Team program and the U.S. Women's Senior A2 teams. The U.S. Women's National Team program is open to athletes who have concluded their college eligibility and who wish to train full-time. This program could begin as early as February 2010, or when an athlete's scholastic or professional club season has concluded. Athletes who will have remaining collegiate eligibility may still participate in the program with participation beginning May 2010 or when their scholastic calendar ends. For the full press release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/29202>.



Answers to Trivia Questions? (from page 1)

1. Destinee Hooker of University of Texas won the 2009 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship Most Outstanding Player;
2. Jill Collymore, the sister of Jane Collymore, will begin training with the U.S. Women's National Team this month
3. Hugh McCutcheon played and coached men's volleyball at Brigham Young University.

2009 USA Women's National Team Results (18-14)

Date	Opponent (Record)	Result	City	Pts Leader	Attend
USOC Goodwill Tour in Egypt					
4/10	Egypt (1-0)	W, 25-14, 25-27, 25-18, 28-26	Cairo, Egypt	Harmotto - 18	NA
4/12	Egypt (2-0)	W, 25-13, 25-15, 27-25	Cairo, Egypt	Rubenstein - 16	NA
Eighth Women's Pan American Cup					
6/26	Costa Rica (3-0)	W, 25-7, 25-6, 25-16	Miami, Fla	Larson - 14	825
6/27	Guatemala (4-0)	W, 25-7, 25-12, 25-7	Miami, Fla.	Barboza, Collymore - 9	700
6/28	Mexico (5-0)	W, 25-19, 25-14, 25-11	Miami, Fla.	Metcalf - 20	1,734
6/29	Peru (6-0)	W, 25-22, 25-21, 26-24	Miami, Fla.	Larson - 14	1,389
6/30	Puerto Rico (7-0)	W, 25-15, 25-20, 24-26, 25-23	Miami, Fla.	Richards, Larson - 18	2,950
7/3	Brazil (semifinals) (7-1)	L, 25-22, 22-25, 19-25, 14-25	Miami, Fla.	Metcalf - 19	2,500
7/4	Puerto Rico (bronze) (7-2)	L, 22-25, 25-20, 21-25, 20-25	Miami, Fla.	Scott-Arruda - 14	3,000
Final Ranking: 1. Brazil; 2. Dominican Republic; 3. Puerto Rico; 4. USA ; 5. Peru; 6. Argentina; 7. Canada; 8. Costa Rica; 9. Mexico; 10. Trinidad & Tobago; 11. Guatemala					
FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – Third Round NORCECA Pool G					
7/6	Netherlands Antilles (8-2)	W, 25-10, 25-9, 25-5	Orlando, Fla.	Haneef-Park, Barboza - 11	1,500
7/7	Barbados (9-2)	W, 25-6, 25-11, 25-12	Orlando, Fla.	Pressey, Richards - 11	1,200
7/8	Costa Rica (10-2)	W, 25-15, 25-9, 25-15	Orlando, Fla.	Barboza, Collymore - 18	2,500
Final Ranking: 1. USA ; 2. Costa Rica; 3. Netherlands Antilles; 4. Barbados					
FIVB World Grand Prix Preliminary Rounds					
7/31	Germany (10-3)	L, 15-25, 15-25, 16-25	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Fawcett - 11	2,632
8/1	Puerto Rico (11-3)	W, 21-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-14, 15-13	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Fawcett - 27	2,853
8/2	Brazil (11-4)	L, 18-25, 22-25, 13-25	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Fawcett - 11	11,922
8/7	Dominican Republic (12-4)	W, 25-18, 25-19, 23-25, 21-25, 23-21	Miao Li, Chinese Taipei	Metcalf - 20	1,700
8/8	Netherlands (12-5)	L, 25-12, 22-25, 16-25, 25-21, 13-15	Miao Li, Chinese Taipei	Fawcett, Metcalf - 14	3,000
8/9	Germany (12-6)	L, 22-25, 18-25, 25-27	Miao Li, Chinese Taipei	Akinradewo - 13	2,000
8/14	Russia (12-7)	L, 21-25, 24-26, 25-19, 17-25	Bangkok, Thailand	Metcalf - 19	3,500
8/15	Puerto Rico (13-7)	W, 25-16, 25-18, 25-22	Bangkok, Thailand	Metcalf - 12	4,000
8/16	Thailand (13-8)	L, 25-19, 20-25, 21-25, 25-23, 11-15	Bangkok, Thailand	Akinradewo - 22	4,500
Final Preliminary Ranking: 1. Brazil (9-0); 2. Netherlands (8-1); 3. China (7-2); 4. Russia (6-3); 5. Japan (5-4); 6. Germany (5-4); 7. Poland (4-5); 8. Thailand (4-5); 9. USA (3-6) ; 10. Puerto Rico (1-8); 11. Dominican Republic (1-8); 12. Korea (1-8).					
Women's Final Four Intercontinental Cup					
9/9	Brazil (13-9)	L, 12-25, 25-18, 22-25, 25-19, 13-15	Lima, Peru	Pressey - 19	2,500
9/10	Peru (14-9)	W, 25-10, 20-25, 25-14, 25-20	Lima, Peru	Pressey - 23	1,800
9/11	Dominican Republic (14-10)	L, 20-25, 19-25, 23-25	Lima, Peru	Barboza - 15	1,500
9/12	Dominican Republic (15-10)	W, 25-20, 23-25, 25-22, 26-24	Lima, Peru	Bown - 14	2,450
9/13	Brazil (15-11)	L, 17-25, 16-25, 27-25, 25-19	Lima, Peru	Bown - 19	5,000
Final Ranking: 1. Brazil; 2. USA ; 3. Dominican Republic; 4. Peru					
NORCECA Continental Championship					
9/22	Mexico (15-12)	W, 25-18, 25-10, 25-13	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Metcalf - 11	206
9/23	Cuba (16-12)	L, 25-19, 25-16, 16-25, 26-28, 10-15	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Metcalf - 16	2,000
9/24	Costa Rica (16-12)	W, 25-7, 25-10, 25-13	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Barboza - 12	1,100
9/25	Canada (17-13)	W, 17-25, 25-10, 25-23, 25-21	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Fawcett, Larson - 15	550
9/26	Dominican Republic (18-13)	L, 25-21, 24-26, 25-10, 20-25, 19-21	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Metcalf - 25	2,500
9/27	Cuba (18-14)	L, 25-17, 25-16, 26-28, 16-25, 11-15	Bayamon, Puerto Rico	Metcalf - 17	3,000
Final Ranking: 1. Dominican Republic, 2. Puerto Rico; 3. Cuba; 4. USA ; 5. Canada; 6. Mexico; 7. Costa Rica; 8. Trinidad & Tobago					

2009 USA Women's National Team Stats

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Kill PCT	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting Eff.	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points Points	Points Set
Foluke Akinradewo	36	66	1.83	48.5	11	136	.404	2	0.06	31	0.86	99	2.75
Cynthia Barboza	94	197	2.10	37.9	51	520	.281	21	0.22	16	0.17	234	2.49
Mekana Barnes	3	7	2.33	41.2	5	17	.118	1	0.33	0	0.00	8	2.67
Morgan Beck	2	3	1.50	23.1	5	13	-.154	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1.50
Lindsey Berg	39	5	0.13	27.8	1	18	.222	8	0.21	9	0.23	22	0.56
Heather Bown	51	69	1.35	48.9	9	141	.426	12	0.24	31	0.61	112	2.20
Jane Collymore	12	33	2.75	55.0	6	60	.450	6	0.50	4	0.33	43	3.58
Therese Crawford	7	19	2.71	40.4	4	47	.319	0	0.00	1	0.14	20	2.86
Alexis Crimes	33	33	1.00	36.3	12	91	.231	9	0.27	20	0.61	62	1.88
Nicole Davis	86	1	0.01	1.00	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.01
Nicole Fawcett	74	136	1.84	37.5	48	363	.242	5	0.07	16	0.22	157	2.12
Tayyiba Haneef-Park	26	28	1.08	52.8	5	53	.434	4	0.15	7	0.27	39	1.50
Christa Harmotto	69	101	1.46	52.3	26	193	.389	8	0.12	47	0.68	156	2.26
Heather Hughes	0	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Jordan Larson	79	181	2.29	30.6	81	591	.169	15	0.19	20	0.25	216	2.73
Angie McGinnis	17	2	0.12	28.6	2	7	.000	2	0.12	2	0.12	6	0.35
Nancy Metcalf	79	268	3.39	39.3	92	682	.258	7	0.09	26	0.33	301	3.81
Brittany Moore	6	23	3.83	48.9	2	47	.447	2	0.33	2	0.33	27	4.50
Lauren Paolini	9	19	2.11	61.3	3	31	.516	4	0.44	1	0.11	24	2.67
Angie Pressey	34	79	2.32	38.2	31	207	.232	3	0.09	20	0.59	102	3.00
Kristin Richards	48	122	2.54	36.2	60	337	.184	5	0.10	14	0.29	141	2.94
Julie Rubenstein	7	17	2.43	35.4	7	48	.208	6	0.86	1	0.14	24	3.43
Danielle Scott-Arruda	48	62	1.29	44.9	18	138	.319	10	0.21	35	0.73	107	2.23
Nellie Spicer	39	17	0.44	53.1	4	32	.406	5	0.13	3	0.08	25	0.64
Tracy Stalls	3	4	1.33	80.0	0	5	.800	0	0.00	1	0.33	5	1.67
Stacy Sykora	88	2	0.02	100.0	0	2	1.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	0.02
Elisha Thomas	8	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	NA	0	0.00	3	0.38	3	0.38
Courtney Thompson	82	3	0.04	8.3	3	36	.000	23	0.28	5	0.06	31	0.38
Emillie Toone	4	2	0.50	40.0	1	5	.200	1	0.25	2	0.50	5	1.25
Nicole Vargas	4	2	0.50	28.6	2	7	.000	2	0.50	0	0.00	4	1.00
TEAM	121	1,501	12.40	38.9	491	3,858	.262	163	1.35	317	2.62	1,981	16.37
Opponent	121	1,361	11.25	34.5	605	3,946	.192	105	0.87	257	2.12	1,723	14.24

Digs on Egypt Tour: Nicole Davis 34 (4.86 digs/set); Nellie Spicer 11 (2.75); Nicole Vargas 10 (2.50); Morgan Beck 5 (2.50); Therese Crawford 15 (2.14); Julie Rubenstein 13 (1.86); Brittany Moore 9 (1.50); Mekana Barnes 4 (1.33); Stacy Sykora 6 (1.00); Lauren Paolini 6 (1.00); Christa Harmotto 1 (0.25). Team 114 (16.29 digs/set).

Digs at Pan American Cup: Nicole Davis 82 (3.90 digs/set); Stacy Sykora 9 (2.25); Nancy Metcalf 32 (1.60); Kristin Richards 27 (1.35); Jordan Larson 17 (0.81); Cynthia Barboza 10 (0.53); Danielle Scott-Arruda 10 (0.45); Nellie Spicer 9 (0.45); Christa Harmotto 7 (0.33); Angie Pressey 1 (0.33); Courtney Thompson 5 (0.29); Tayyiba Haneef-Park 4 (0.21). Team 213 (8.88 digs/set).

Digs at FIVB Women's World Championship Qualification Tournament: Stacy Sykora 45 (5.00 digs/set); Courtney Thompson 13 (2.17); Jane Collymore 16 (1.78); Kristin Richards 5 (1.67); Cynthia Barboza 13 (1.63); Tayyiba Haneef-Park 9 (1.29); Angie Pressey 5 (1.25); Danielle Scott-Arruda 7 (1.00); Heather Bown 2 (1.00); Christa Harmotto 1 (0.11). Team 117 (13.00 digs/set).

Digs at FIVB World Grand Prix: Stacy Sykora 53 (2.12 digs/set); Nicole Davis 63 (1.54); Courtney Thompson 43 (1.26); Kristin Richards 24 (1.00); Cynthia Barboza 19 (0.86); Nicole Fawcett 27 (0.82); Nancy Metcalf 13 (0.65); Jordan Larson 22 (0.63); Angie McGinnis 10 (0.59); Christa Harmotto 2 (0.33); Tracy Stalls 1 (0.33); Foluke Akinradewo 9 (0.25); Alexis Crimes 6 (0.19); Angie Pressey 0 (0.00); Heather Hughes 0 (0.00); Lauren Paolini 0 (0.00). Team 292 (8.11 digs/set).

Digs at Final Four Intercontinental Cup: Nicole Davis 45 (3.21 digs/set); Lindsey Berg 47 (2.94); Nancy Metcalf 45 (2.81); Cynthia Barboza 47 (2.35); Stacy Sykora 45 (2.25); Angie Pressey 44 (2.20); Nicole Fawcett 19 (1.19); Nellie Spicer 12 (1.00); Heather Bown 10 (0.56); Christa Harmotto 8 (0.40); Alexis Crimes 0 (0.00); Jane Collymore 0 (0.00). Team 221 (11.05). Opponent 225 (11.25).

Digs at NORCECA Continental Championship: Stacy Sykora 59 (2.46 digs/set); Jordan Larson 45 (1.96); Nicole Davis 5 (1.67); Cynthia Barboza 34 (1.36); Kristin Richards 1 (1.00); Lindsey Berg 22 (0.96); Nancy Metcalf 21 (0.91); Nicole Fawcett 14 (0.56); Danielle Scott-Arruda 10 (0.53); Courtney Thompson 12 (0.48); Christa Harmotto 4 (0.44); Heather Bown 7 (0.29); Angie Pressey 1 (0.20); Elisha Thomas 0 (0.00). Team 229 (9.16). Opponent 210 (8.40).

All-Time USA Women's Indoor Volleyball Olympians

1964 (Tokyo)

5th Place

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

Head Coach: Dr. W.P. Burroughs

Manager: Ida Litschauer

1968 (Mexico City)

8th Place

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

Head Coach: Harlan Cohen

1980 (Moscow)

Did Not Compete (USA Boycott)

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

Head Coach: Arie Selinger

Assistant Coach: Toshi Yoshida

Manager: Ruth Becker

1984 (Los Angeles)

Silver Medal

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

Head Coach: Arie Selinger

Assistant Coach: John Corbelli

Assistant Coach: Marlon Sano

1988 (Seoul)

7th Place

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

Head Coach: Terry Liskevych

Assistant Coach: Debbie Landreth Brown

Assistant Coach: Kent Miller

1992 (Barcelona)

Bronze Medal

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

Head Coach: Terry Liskevych

Assistant Coach: Greg Giovanazzi

Assistant Coach: Kent Miller

Technical Coordinator: David Sims

Medical Consultant: Dan McDonough

1996 (Atlanta)

7th Place

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

Head Coach: Terry Liskevych

Assistant Coach: Aldis Berzins

Assistant Coach: Jeanne Beauprey Reeves

Technical Assistant: Dave Fleming

2000 (Sydney)

4th Place

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

Head Coach: Mick Haley

Assistant Coach: Toshi Yoshida

Assistant Coach: Jeri Estes

Technical Coordinator: Monica Paul

Trainer: Emery Hill, Jr.

Team Doctor: Dr. David Weinstein

Team Manager: Bob Gambardella

2004 (Athens)

5th Place

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

Head Coach: Toshi Yoshida

Assistant Coach: Kevin Hambly

Assistant Coach: Tara Cross-Battle

Technical Coordinator: Robyn Romansky

Trainer: Emery Hill, Jr.

Team Leader: Tom Pingel

2008 (Beijing)

Silver Medal

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

Head Coach: "Jenny" Lang Ping

Assistant Coach: Sue Woodstra

Assistant Coach: Li Yong

Assistant Coach: Tom Hogan

Technical Coordinator: Diane French

Trainer: Emery Hill, Jr.

Team Leader: Joan Powell

International Volleyball Fact Sheet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Top 40 teams in the FIVB World Ranking:

Women (Points)

1. Brazil (255)
2. USA (170)
3. China (154)
4. Russia (151)
- 5T. Cuba (145)
- 5T. Italy (145)
7. Japan (128)
8. Serbia (123)
9. Poland (71)
10. Netherlands (66.5)
11. Germany (64.5)
12. Korea (38)
13. Kazakhstan (32.5)
14. Dominican Republic (30)
15. Kenya (29.5)
16. Peru (29)
17. Thailand (28)
18. Puerto Rico (26)
19. Algeria (22)
20. Turkey (20.5)
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 (235)
2. Russia (185)
3. USA (178)
4. Bulgaria (130.5)
5. Serbia (117)
6. Italy (111)
7. Poland (94.5)
8. China (66.5)
9. Argentina (58.5)
10. Puerto Rico (51)
11. Spain (49)
12. Japan (45)
13. Cuba (44)
14. Germany (42)
- 15T. Australia (38.5)
- 15T. Venezuela (38.5)
17. France (34.5)
18. Egypt (31.5)
19. Korea (29)
20. Tunisia (28.5)
21. Canada (26.5)
22. Finland (22)
23. Cameroon (18)
24. Iran (17)
25. South Africa (15)
26. Netherlands (14.5)
27. Czech Republic (13.5)
28. Paraguay (12)
29. Greece (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, bronze)
1971: Mexico (USA, DNP)
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)
2009: Dominican Republic (USA, fourth)

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
2009: Brazil (USA, sixth)

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)
2009: Brazil (USA, ninth)