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### 2010 U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Schedule

#### China Tour

Site: Guangzhou, China

Feb. 2: vs. Guangdong Evergrande

#### 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

**TRAINING TRIP TO CHINA:** The U.S. Women's National Training Team will travel to China Jan. 28 to Feb. 3 for an exhibition against Guangdong Evergrande Women's Volleyball Team of the Chinese professional league. The Chinese team is coached by 2008 U.S. Women's Olympic Team Head Coach "Jenny" Lang Ping and includes U.S. Women's National Team players Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) and Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.). The match is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 2 at the new Guangzhou Gymnasium in Guangzhou. An additional scrimmage may take place against Evergrande prior to the scheduled match. The American roster, led by U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand), includes Jill Collymore (Bellevue, Wash.), Ellen Herman (Toledo, Ohio), Megan Hodge (Raleigh, N.C.), Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), Katie Kimmich (Lakeside, Calif.) and Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) as outside and opposite hitters. Middle blockers on the trip will be Mekana Barnes (Highlands Ranch, Colo.), Tracy Stalls (Denver) and Cheryl Weaver (Washington, D.C.). Setters are Alisha Glass (Leland, Mich.) and Bryn Kehoe (North Bend, Ohio). All but Glass, Herman and Hodge are currently training with the U.S. Women's National Team in Anaheim. Glass and Hodge, who recently helped Penn State win its third consecutive NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship last month, are seniors at Penn State and working to complete their degree requirements. Likewise, Herman is still senior at Ohio University. Collymore and Miyashiro finished their collegiate careers at the University of Washington last month. Liberos traveling to China will be Jessica Fine (Tarzana, Calif.) and Tamari Miyashiro (Kaneohe, Hawaii). The U.S. Women's National Training Team took a trip to China in spring of 2008 with Lang Ping leading a young group of American athletes playing against Chinese professional teams. The Chinese and American National Volleyball Teams have a healthy rivalry dating back 30 years, and the upcoming Feb. 2 match celebrates those 30 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.



**SECOND TRAINING SESSION STARTS:** A total of 17 players are currently training with the U.S. Women's National Team during its second winter training block that ends April 9. Middle blockers include Jennifer Joines Tamas (Milpitas, Calif.), Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.), 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.), Jane Collymore (Seattle), 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.) 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. Some players could leave for pro opportunities or other circumstances, while the training group could expand at the end 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. For more details, visit <http://www.usavolleyball.org/volleyball-disciplines/high-performance-indoor/coaches-clinic.html>.



### TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 4)

1. Which three-time U.S. Women's Olympic Volleyball Team member played her first collegiate season at UC Santa Barbara before transferring to her graduating college?
2. Which U.S. Women's National Team member earned class valedictorian at Kentlake High School?
3. Who became a part of the USA Volleyball National Developmental Program after becoming the first program's participant in May 2002?



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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.)  
Jane Collymore (OH, Seattle)  
Jill Collymore (OH, Bellevue, Wash.)  
Brittnee Cooper (MB, Houston)  
Alexis Crimes (MB, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)  
Jessica Fine (L, Tarzana, 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)  
Campbell, Norisha (TSV Sonthafen, Germany)  
Cmaylo, Anna (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)  
Copenhagen, Diane (Heutink Pollux, Netherlands)  
Crawford, Therese (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)  
Fairchild, Jeanne (ZOK Split 1700, Croatia)  
Fawcett, Nicole (VC Dinamo-Yntar Kaliningrad, Russia)  
Ford, Lauren (Finestrat, Spain)  
Gerling, Rachel (VC Tirol Innsbruck, Austria)

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**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. In a battle of two of the four teams tied for second place in the Serie A standings, Jesi defeated Chateau d'Ax Urbino Volley 25-21, 25-15, 25-21 on Jan. 16. Bown contributed a match-high 15 points as she was nearly unstable at the net, both on offense and defense. She compiled 10 kills on 17 attempts with only one error for a .529 hitting efficiency and 59 kill percent. Bown added five of her team's seven blocks in the victory. Jesi improves to 9-4 on the season and is in a tie for second place with MC-Carnaghi Villa Cortese as both teams have 26 points. Jesi faces sixth-place Yamamay Busto Arsizio on Jan. 31 in its next Serie A match.



**TOM, ASYSEL 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. In Italian Serie A action, Novara topped RebecchiLupa Piacenza 19-25, 25-22, 25-22, 25-23 on Jan. 17. Tom posted a match-high 24 points as she knocked down 23 kills on 56 attempts to go with one block. She held a 63 positive serve reception percent on 24 attempts. Novara improves to 7-6 on the season and is in eighth place with 19 points. Novara takes on Cfg Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte on Jan. 31 in its next Serie A match. Novara concluded its CEV Indesit Champions League Pool D on Jan. 19 with a 20-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-23, 15-9 loss to Russia's Zarechie Odintsovo. Despite the loss, Novara will advance to the next round as it won the pool with a 4-2 record, one match ahead of Odinstovo and Bank BPS Fakro Muszynianka of Poland.

**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. Cortese swept Foppapedretti Bergamo 25-20, 32-30, 25-22 on Jan. 17 in a match of second-place teams. Berg did not play in the contest. Cortese improves to 9-4 on the season and maintains its second-place ranking with Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi. Cortese will play Zoppas Industries Conegliano on Jan. 31 in its next Serie A match. To follow Berg throughout the season, check out her blog at <http://lindseyberg.blogspot.com/>.



**NNAMANI, GLASS PACING PROSTEJOV IN CZECH REPUBLIC:** Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.) and Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.) continue to lead their Czech Republic professional team Prostejov to a 15-0 start. Glass scored a match-high 16 points with 14 kills coming off 22 attempts with just one error to go with two blocks. Nnamani came off the bench as a reserve in the third set and contributed two attack attempts. Glass and Nnamani's team will return to Czech Republic League action on Jan. 23 with a match against Liberec, which is in last place. Prostejov concluded its CEV Indesit Champions League Pool C first round schedule on Jan. 19 with a 25-20, 25-22, 25-21 loss to Fenerbahce Acbadem of Turkey. Both Glass and Nnamani scored nine points in the match as Prostejov ended the first round with a 2-4 record.

### USA Volleyball VOLLEY-TWEETS

**Follow Kim Glass** at <http://www.twitter-athletes.com/index.cfm?athleteID=2602>

**Kim Glass (Jan. 19, 2010):** back from the game... we lost..didnt really have any oomph... played just well enough to lose... if u get that ;/0 live to fight again...

**Follow Lindsey Berg** at <http://www.twitter-athletes.com/index.cfm?athleteID=3997>

**Lindsey Berg (Jan. 19, 2010):** Catching up on the new season of 24...

**Lindsey Berg (Jan. 18, 2010):** Getting lost in Milan...on purpose

**Lindsey Berg (Jan. 16, 2010):** Sllllllinnnggggboooxxx...love u...NFL playoffs..

**Lindsey Berg (Jan. 13, 2010):** Just donated to help #Haiti...get on it please...anything will help...

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Glass, Kim (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)  
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)  
Hooker, Destinee (GS Seoul Kixx, Korea)  
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, Linzey (Marcq-en-Baroeul, France)  
Kelley, Kristin (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)  
Larson, Jordan (VC Dinamo, Kazan, Russia)  
Lebeda, Kori (Volley Murcia, Spain)  
Livingston, Sherisa (Panellinios A.C., Greece)  
Lott, Erica (PaKa, Finland)  
Lynch, Stephanie (Neuchatel Universite, Switzerland)  
Magee, Brandy (Pieksamaki, Finland)  
Mancuso, Danielle (Dresdner Sport Club 1898, Germany)  
Martin, Kristina (CV Benidorm, Spain)  
Match, 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)  
Miller, Callie (FKB Volley Duding, Switzerland)  
Mondietz, Kristin (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)  
Moore, Erica (Bayamon, Puerto Rico)  
Moores, 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)  
Orchard, Ellen (VC Kanti Schaffhausen, Switzerland)  
Palmer, Crystal (Lindesberg Volley BK, Sweden)  
Phillips, Lindsay (VC "Azerall" Baku, Azerbaijan)  
Piccolini, Lindsay (Somero, Finland)  
Richards, Kristin (Spartak Omsk, Russia)  
Rogers, Tess (Oriveden Ponnitus, Finland)  
Russell, Kelly (Sagres NVC Volleyball, Switzerland)  
Senfleben, Jennifer (VBC Glarona, Switzerland)  
Sema, Stephanie (OK Tabor Maribor, Slovenia)  
Shaw, Sheila (Rote Raben Vilsbiburg, Germany)  
Simpson, Jaelyn (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)  
Sykora, Stacy (Omichka, Russia)  
Thomas, Elisha (VC "Azerall" 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 Pfefingen, 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)

## RICHARDS, SYKORA HELPING OMICHKA TO RUSSIAN

**FOREFRONT:** Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah), an outside hitter and 2008 U.S. Olympic Team alternate, and three-time U.S. Olympian Stacy Sykora (Burleson, Texas) are playing in the Russia Super League with Omichka in Omsk. Omichka defeated Dinamo-Yantar 25-27, 25-21, 25-13, 17-25, 15-12 on Jan. 16 to improve to 9-2 on the season and is currently tied for first place with Dinamo Moscow as both teams have 20 points (although Dinamo Russia has played one less match). Richards, who started the first two sets and came off the bench in the fourth set and started the tiebreaker, tallied seven points with four kills, one block and two aces. Sykora, the libero for Omichka, handled 38 of the team's 89 service receptions with a 50 percent positive rating. On the other side of the net, Nicole Fawcett (Zanesfield, Ohio) scored 14 points in a starting role with 12 kills and two blocks. Fawcett recently joined Yantar after her first season with the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team. Omichka faces Indesit on Jan. 23 as it attempts to earn its 10th victory of the season. Fawcett and Yantar look to get back in the win column on Jan. 23 against Khabarovsk.



## LARSON HELPS DINAMO KAZAN TO WIN:

Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.) is playing in her first professional season of her career in the Russia Superliga with Dinamo Kazan. On Jan. 16, she helped her squad to a 22-25, 25-23, 25-22, 24-26, 17-15 victory over Indesit. Statistics for the match are unavailable at this time. Kazan improves to 5-6 on the season and is in a fifth-place tie with 16 points. Dinamo Kazan returns to action on Jan. 23 against Zarechie-Odintsovo.



## 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 Evergrande Volleyball Club 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. After a four-set victory over Hu Jin on Jan. 13, Guangdong remains undefeated through the first 10 rounds of the regular season. The team has secured its spot in next year's A Division with two matches remaining. Established in 2009, the Evergrande team is the first of its kind in the Anta China Women's Volleyball League as it is the only non-provincial/city-run team. Despite being in the B Division of the league, the squad has received unprecedented media coverage as Central Chinese Television (CCTV) has rebroadcast all of the team's home matches. League action concludes on Jan. 26, just in time to reunite with members of the U.S. Women's National Training Team. Team USA travel to China to train and face Evergrande in a Feb. 2 exhibition match in Guangzhou. Davis was part of a similar U.S. training trip to China in the spring of 2008 prior to the Olympic Games in Beijing. For a recent news article on the team's success, visit <http://www.evergrande.com/EN/news/newsinfo.aspx?ID=555>.

## 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/Minas of the Brazilian Superliga. Usiminas blanked Sao Bernardo 25-19, 25-17, 25-12 on Jan. 16 to improve to 5-4 on the season. Metcalf charted a match-high 20 points, double the next closest scorer on the evening. She tallied 15 kills on 27 attacks to go with a team-high five blocks. Usiminas challenges Sport/Banco BMG on Jan. 21 in its next match.



## 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. Stovalls Hotels; Crown 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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#### 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)



**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. As a sub on Jan. 16 against Toyota, Barboza entered as a sub in the third set and scored one point as her team won 25-14, 25-22, 25-18. Barboza subbed into a Jan. 17 five-set loss (23-25, 17-25, 25-16, 26-24, 15-12) to undefeated JT and provided one kill on four attempts in the third set alone. Toray, now 6-4 on the season and in fourth place, travels to Ibaraki on Jan. 23 and 24 for matches against Okayama and Hisamitsu.

**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. 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. For more information on the clinic, visit <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. 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>.

### TRIVIA ANSWERS (questions on page 1)

1. Heather Bown
2. Courtney Thompson
3. Tracy Stalls

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

Date	Opponent (Record)	Result	City	Pts Leader	Attend
<b>USOC Goodwill Tour in Egypt</b>					
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
<b>Eighth Women's Pan American Cup</b>					
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
<b>Final Ranking:</b> 1. Brazil; 2. Dominican Republic; 3. Puerto Rico; <b>4. USA</b> ; 5. Peru; 6. Argentina; 7. Canada; 8. Costa Rica; 9. Mexico; 10. Trinidad & Tobago; 11. Guatemala					
<b>FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament – Third Round NORCECA Pool G</b>					
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
<b>Final Ranking:</b> <b>1. USA</b> ; 2. Costa Rica; 3. Netherlands Antilles; 4. Barbados					
<b>FIVB World Grand Prix Preliminary Rounds</b>					
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
<b>Final Preliminary Ranking:</b> 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); <b>9. USA (3-6)</b> ; 10. Puerto Rico (1-8); 11. Dominican Republic (1-8); 12. Korea (1-8).					
<b>Women's Final Four Intercontinental Cup</b>					
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
<b>Final Ranking:</b> 1. Brazil; <b>2. USA</b> ; 3. Dominican Republic; 4. Peru					
<b>NORCECA Continental Championship</b>					
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
<b>Final Ranking:</b> 1. Dominican Republic, 2. Puerto Rico; 3. Cuba; <b>4. USA</b> ; 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
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1,501</b>	<b>12.40</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>3,858</b>	<b>.262</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>1,981</b>	<b>16.37</b>
<b>Opponent</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>11.25</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>3,946</b>	<b>.192</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>0.87</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>1,723</b>	<b>14.24</b>

**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

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## 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)