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

#### China Tour Exhibition Matches

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

#### Pan American Cup Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico

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

#### at Colorado Springs, Colo.

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

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1 at Kobe, Japan

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

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2 at Wroclaw, Poland

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

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3 at Taipei, Chinese Taipei

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

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Finals at Yokohama, Japan

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

#### Olympic Games Beijing, China

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

**BERG RINGS STOCK EXCHANGE BELL:** Lindsey Berg (Honolulu), a two-time Olympian with the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team, assisted the Jack Brewer Foundation in ringing the New York Stock Exchange closing bell on Feb. 27. As a Jack Brewer Foundation supporter, Berg assisted in ringing the closing bell along with Foundation founder Jack Brewer, Congressman Charles Rangel and Dallas Cowboy Marion Barber. "This is such a huge honor for me to ring the New York Stock Exchange Bell," Berg said. "Ringing the bell and being a part of the Jack Brewer Foundation is yet another great and positive experience in my life. I am proud to be able to join some other very prestigious people who have had the opportunity to ring the bell. But more importantly, I am happy to be here to support my friend Jack and his foundation. Sometime in the near future, I would like to develop a foundation of my own and become more active in the community." For the full story, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10082>.



**TOM UPDATE:** Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah), a three-time U.S. Olympian and Best Scorer of the 2008 Olympic Games, is playing with Hisamitsu Springs in the Japanese V-League. She started the weekend off with 29 points in a hard-fought 19-25, 25-21, 20-25, 25-21, 15-9 victory over Hitachi on Feb. 28. Tom netted 26 kills on 64 attacks, two blocks and an ace in the victory. She added 18 positive service receptions on 29 chances for a 62.1 percent. Tom followed up the performance with 10 points in a sweep (26-24, 27-25, 25-20) over JT on March 1. She was held to just six kills on 24 attacks, but made up on the defensive side of the net with four blocks and an 89.7 positive service reception percent (26 of 29). Hisamitsu Springs moves up to third place in the V-League standings with a 16-8 record and is in good position for the playoffs. Hisamitsu Springs only has

a March 8 match next week against Denso, which is currently in fourth place and three victories behind Hisamitsu Springs.

**HANEEF-PARK UPDATE:** Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.), a two-time U.S. Olympian, is competing for the Pioneer Red Wings of the Japanese V-League. She contributed 19 points in a 25-18, 25-22, 25-15 sweep of Hitachi on March 1. Haneef-Park provided 17 kills on 33 attacks with just one error. She added two aces on 13 serves. Pioneer improves to 12-11 on the season and is in sixth place in the V-League standings. Pioneer challenges Takefuji Bamboo (9-12, eighth place) on March 8 in its only match of the week.



**METCALF, STALLS UPDATE:** Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa), a 2004 Olympian, is playing for Eczacibasi Zentiva of the Turkish professional league along with 2008 Olympic Games alternate Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.). Metcalf scored a match-high 16 points as Eczacibasi defeated Nilufer Belediye Spor 25-17, 25-14, 26-24 on Feb. 28. She was credited with 14 kills on 24 attacks, one block and an ace. Stalls chipped in three kills on six swings and two blocks in a starting role. Eczacibasi Zentiva, currently tied for third in the Turkish League with an 11-5 record, returns to action in the CEV Indesit Champions League on March 5 with a Playoff 6 Round match against Poland's Fakro Muszynianka.

The home-and-home series concludes on March 11 with a spot into the Indesit Champions League semifinals on the line. To view a photo gallery of Eczacibasi's match against V Gunes Sigorta from Feb. 18, visit <http://www.voleybolunsesi.com/galery.php?&cid=05&galeryid=151&lang=en>.

**NNAMANI UPDATE:** Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.), a two-time Olympian now playing professionally in Turkey for Galatasaray, tallied 11 points in a 17-25, 25-18, 25-11, 25-22 loss to V Gunes Sigorta on Feb. 25. She recorded nine of her 11 points via kills while adding a block and ace. Galatasaray, currently seventh in the league standings with an 8-7 record, returned to the win column on Feb. 28 as it defeated Konya Eregli 25-23, 25-13, 25-23. Nnamani pounded 17 kills on 28 attempts for a 61 kill percent, while adding four blocks as part of a match-high 21 points.



**McGINNIS, HUGHES UPDATE:** Angie McGinnis (Fraser, Mich.) and Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), both alternates on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team and now competing for Besiktas JK Bayan of the Turkish professional volleyball league, dropped a 25-14, 19-25, 25-19, 25-21 match to V. Gunes Sigorta on March 1. Full match stats are unavailable. Besiktas is 8-9 on the season and in sixth place.

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**U.S. Women's Olympic Indoor Volleyball Team Quick Facts**
**2008 Olympic Games Roster**

- 1 - Ogonna Nnamani (OH)
- 2 - Danielle Scott-Arruda (MB)
- 3 - Tayyiba Haneef-Park (OPP)
- 4 - Lindsey Berg (S)
- 5 - Stacy Sykora (L)
- 6 - Nicole Davis (L)
- 7 - Heather Bown (MB)
- 9 - Jennifer Joines (MB)
- 10 - Kim Glass (OH)
- 11 - Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (S)
- 12 - Kim Willoughby (OH)
- 15 - Logan Tom (OH)

**2008 USA Statistics at Olympics**

Name	Kill/S	SA/S	BL/S
Ah Mow-Santos	0.03	0.03	0.10
Berg	0.00	0.12	0.08
Bown	1.97	0.12	0.55
Davis	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glass	1.67	0.13	0.33
Haneef-Park	2.73	0.27	0.40
Joines	1.00	0.00	0.83
Nnamani	1.33	0.25	0.25
Scott-Arruda	2.17	0.10	0.57
Sykora	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tom	2.91	0.24	0.58
Willoughby	1.52	0.17	0.04

Name	Pts/S	Dig/S	Hit Eff
Ah Mow-Santos	0.17	1.37	-.125
Berg	0.20	0.44	.000
Bown	2.64	0.61	.475
Davis	0.00	2.88	.000
Glass	2.13	1.73	.271
Haneef-Park	3.40	0.80	.250
Joines	1.83	0.00	.222
Nnamani	1.83	0.50	.341
Scott-Arruda	2.83	0.73	.438
Sykora	0.00	0.55	.000
Tom	3.73	2.09	.221
Willoughby	1.74	0.87	.333

**PAST OLYMPIC GAMES FINISHES:**

- 1964: 5th Place (Gold: Japan)
- 1968: 8th Place (Gold: Soviet Union)
- 1972: Did not qualify (Gold: Soviet Union)
- 1976: Did not qualify (Gold: Japan)
- 1980: Qualified, Boycott (Gold: Soviet Union)
- 1984: Silver (Gold: China)
- 1988: 7th (Gold: Soviet Union)
- 1992: Bronze (Gold: Cuba)
- 1996: 7th (Gold: Cuba)
- 2000: 4th (Gold: Cuba)
- 2004: 5th (Gold: China)
- 2008: Silver (Gold: Brazil)

**BUSSE, CRIMES, PRESSEY UPDATE:** Toa Baja, competing in the Puerto Rico Super League, features three players who trained with the U.S. Women's National Team during 2008. Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.), Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) and Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) all are sharing a heavy offensive load for Toa Baja. The trio combined for 35 points as the Llaneras swept Ponce on Feb. 24. Busse and Crimes tallied a dozen points apiece, while Pressey added 11 points and 11 digs. Toa Baja won its 10th match in a row as Busse produced 22 points via 18 kills, two blocks and two aces in a sweep of Mayaguez. Crimes added nine points and Pressey chipped in six points. Jeanne Fairchild led Mayaguez with 12 points in the loss. Toa Baja remained undefeated in 11 matches as it defeated Caguas in straight sets on March 1. Pressey recorded 12 points and 12 digs, while Crimes added 11 points and Busse eight.



**OTHER AMERICAN STANDOUTS IN PUERTO RICO LEAGUE:** Kylie Atherstone tallied 16 kills in leading Carolina to a sweep of Juncos on Feb. 24. In the loss, Vicky Brown totaled 13 points...Jessica Vander Kooi, in her first match of the season, contributed 13 points with 11 digs and 22 receptions as Mayaguez defeated Guaynabo in four sets. Teammate Jeanne Fairchild added 13 points in the victory, while Lindsay Phillips produced 23 points in the loss...Jane Collymore pocketed a match-high 20 points as San Sebastian defeated Ponce in straight sets on Feb. 26. Kara Uhl, playing her first match for Ponce, tallied 11 points...Vicky Brown chipped in 13 points as Juncos topped Caguas in four sets on Feb. 26. Kelly Wing, playing her first match for Juncos, added nine points, 15 digs and 17 receptions...Jane Collymore charted 20 points and Shonda Cole added 16 points as San Sebastian swept Ponce on Feb. 26. Kara Uhl scored 11 points in the loss...Jordan Larson hammered a match-high 23 points in leading Bayamon to a four-set victory over San Sebastian on Feb. 27. Shonda Cole scored 14 points in the loss, while Jane Collymore added 12...Kristee Porter tallied 16 points in leading Corozal to a sweep of Ponce on Feb. 28...Kylie Atherstone scored a team-high 18 points in leading Carolina to a five-set victory over Mayaguez on March 1. Jessica Vander Kooi was credited with 12 points and 15 digs in the loss...For more highlights from the Puerto Rico Super League, visit <http://www.fpvoleibol.com/lvsf09/>.



**AH MOW-SANTOS UPDATE:** Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu), a three-time Olympian for Team USA, has returned to her professional team in Switzerland as Volero continues into the playoffs. In the best-of-five league championship playoff, Volero lost to VC Kanti Schaffhausen 25-19, 25-17, 25-20 in the opening match on the road. "Our organization has to play much better by Wednesday, so we give away fewer points from our own mistakes," Ah Mow-Santos said in a Volero press release. Volero returns home to host VC Kanti Schaffhausen on March 4 as part of the best-of-five series. The third match of the best-of-five is scheduled for March 7. If needed, the final two matches will be played on March 11 and March 14.

**SCOTT-ARRUDA UPDATE:** Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.), a four-time U.S. Olympian middle blocker, tallied eight points for CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte in a 25-23, 25-19, 20-25, 26-24 loss to Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi in an Italian Serie A match on March 1. Scott-Arruda was credited with five kills and three blocks in the match. Castellana Grotte falls to 8-12 on the season and is in ninth place, five points out of reaching eighth place to gain a playoff spot. Castellana Grotte looks to make up ground on March 8 against Yamamay Busto Arsizio, which currently is in sixth place.



**BOWN UPDATE:** Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian and middle blocker on the silver-medal winning 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, did not play in her Italian Serie A professional league match on March 1 as Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi defeated CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte 25-23, 25-19, 20-25, 26-24. Jesi improves to 13-7 on the season and remains five points out of third place behind Asystel Volley Novara. Jesi returns to Italian Serie A action on March 7 against Riso Scotti Pavia. Jesi will also host the GM Capital Challenge Cup on March 14-15 as it plays Leningradka in the semifinals.

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### USA Transfers to Foreign Clubs

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

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

**WILLOUGHBY UPDATE:** Kim Willoughby (Napoleonville, La.), a 2008 U.S. Olympic Games silver medalist and now playing for Despar Perugia in the Italian Serie A league, played a limited role in her team's five-set loss to Famila Chieri on March 1. Willoughby entered as a sub in the third set and started the fourth set, which resulted in Perugia winning both 25-23, 25-22 to tie the match and send it to the tiebreaker. However, Willoughby was not on the court in the 15-8 tiebreaker loss. She scored one kill on five attempts in the match. Perugia, 11-9, is in fifth place in the Italian Serie A standings. Perugia takes on Asystel Volley Novara on March 8 in its next match.



**GLASS UPDATE:** Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian playing professionally in Russia with Universitet Belogorie, did not play in her team's 25-23, 25-20, 25-18 loss to Zarechie-Odintsovo on March 1. Universitet Belogorie returns to action on March 8 against league-leader Dinamo.

**JOINES, RICHARDS UPDATE:** Jennifer Joines (Milpitas, Calif.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian, and Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah), a 2008 U.S. Olympic Team alternate, are competing for Fakel in the Russian professional league this winter.

Fakel dropped a heart-breaking five-set match to Avtodor-Metar on Feb. 28. Match statistics were not available for the match when this release was distributed. Fakel faces Spartak on March 8.



**OLYMPIC LIBEROS TO HOST CAMP:** Stacy Sykora (Burlison, Texas) and Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.), who have occupied the libero position for the last three Olympic Games for Team USA, will host a one-day clinic on ball control and defense for all positions on March 8. The clinic will be held at Grand Canyon University, located at 3300 W. Camelback Road in Phoenix. The session runs from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Cost for the clinic is \$160 per athlete with a cap of 60 participants. Athletes will be broken down into two age groups – 12-14 and 15-18. Sykora served as the U.S. libero at the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games, then earned a silver medal at her third Olympic Games in 2008 as a defensive specialist. Meanwhile, Davis was the 2008 Olympic Games libero. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.finerpointsvball.com>.

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**2009 PAN AMERICAN CUP COMING TO MIAMI:** USA Volleyball will host the Eighth Annual Women's Pan American Cup June 26-July 4 in conjunction with the USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship in the Miami area. The nine-day Pan American Cup, which will tentatively have three of the four 2008 Olympic Games semifinalists (Brazil, USA and Cuba), will be played on the campuses of the University of Miami and Florida International University. "USA Volleyball is extremely excited about the opportunity to host one of the largest international volleyball events in Miami and to pair it with the 2009 USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships," USA Volleyball Chief Executive Officer Doug Beal said. "It will provide a unique opportunity for our developing young volleyball players to be exposed to elite international volleyball teams from North America, South America and the Caribbean. The two events will also generate terrific excitement in the community and lead to greater popularity for the sport." USA Volleyball is hosting its first-ever Women's Pan American Cup, which serves as a qualifying event into the 2010 FIVB World Grand Prix. The event is the largest international volleyball event hosted by USA Volleyball in terms of country participation. Team USA has not hosted a women's senior-level international tournament since the 1998 FIVB World Championship Qualifier tournament in 1998. Due to international scheduling and professional league commitments, matches on domestic soil have become a rarity with only seven contests against foreign teams in the most recent Olympic quadrennial (2005-2008).



### TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 4)

1. How many different U.S. Olympic Teams has Toshi Yoshida been on staff?
2. What former U.S. Olympic National Team Player is currently a head coach within the USA Volleyball High Performance pipeline?

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

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

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



**OLYMPIC COMMEMORATIVE APPAREL ON SALE:** USA Volleyball has unveiled five commemorative logo designs to appear on apparel saluting USA Volleyball's medal successes at the



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

### Answers to Trivia Questions? (from page 3)

1. Three (assistant on 2000 and boycott year of 1980, head coach of 2004 Olympic Team)
2. Paula Weishoff

# 2008 USA Women's National Team Volleyball Final Stats

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

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

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

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

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

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

# All-Time USA Women's Indoor Volleyball Olympians

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

## Men (Points)

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

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

#### **Past Olympic Champions (Men)**

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

#### **Past Olympic Champions (Women)**

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

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

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

#### **Past World Champions (Men)**

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

#### **Past World Champions (Women)**

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

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

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

#### **Past World Cup Champions (Men)**

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

#### **Past World Cup Champions (Women)**

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

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

#### **Past NORCECA Champions (Men)**

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

#### **Past NORCECA Champions (Women)**

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

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

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

#### **World League Champions**

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

#### **World Grand Prix Champions**

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