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

#### Egypt Tour Cairo, Egypt

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

#### Pan American Cup Site: Miami, Fla.

June 26: TBA  
June 27: TBA  
June 28: TBA  
June 29: TBA  
June 30: TBA  
July 2: Quarterfinals  
July 3: Semifinals  
July 4: Championship

#### FIVB World Championship Third Round - NORCECA Qualification Site: TBA

Dates and Opponents TBA

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 1 at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

July 31-Aug. 2: Germany, Puerto Rico  
and Brazil

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 2 at Miao Li, Chinese Taipei

Aug. 7-9: Netherlands, Dominican  
Republic, Germany

#### FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3 at Bangkok, Thailand

Aug. 14-16: Thailand, Russia, Puerto  
Rico

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

Aug. 19-23: Teams must qualify

#### Final Four Intercontinental Cup Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Sept. 7-13: Teams must qualify

#### NORCECA Women's Continental Championship

Site: Bayamon, Puerto Rico  
Sept. 20-28: Opponents TBA

#### FIVB Grand Champions Cup Site: Tokyo and Fukuoka, Japan

Nov. 10-15: Teams TBA



**USA Volleyball.**

**McCUTCHEON, U.S. WIN SEASON OPENER OVER EGYPT:** The U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team defeated Egypt 25-14, 25-27, 25-18, 28-26 on April 10 at Cairo to open its 2009 season. The two teams will play again on April 12 at Cairo. The match represented the first contest for Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) serving as the head coach of the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team. He accepted the position in December of 2008 after leading the U.S. Men's National Team to a gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games. Middle blockers Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.) and Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) led the Americans with a combined 33 points. Harmotto scored a team-high 18 points with 16 points on 25 attacks for a 64 kill percent and .560 attack efficiency, one block and one ace. Paolini chipped in 13 kills on 23 swings, one block and one ace in the victory. Outside hitters Therese Crawford (Kalamazoo, Mich.) contributed 13 kills on 28 attacks, while outside hitter Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.) recorded 10 kills on 23 attempts with only one error to go with a block and ace. Outside hitter Julie Rubenstein (Camarillo, Calif.) added six kills, one block and one ace for eight points and eight digs in the victory, while opposite Morgan Beck (Coto De Caza, Calif.) tallied three kills and five digs. Setter Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) provided six kills and a block in leading Team USA to a 42.8 kill percent and .314 attack efficiency against the Egyptian defense. Libero Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) handled 19 digs in the match, along with a 62 positive percent on 32 service receptions. Stacy Sykora (Burlleson, Texas) was a reserve off the bench adding five digs and 10 service receptions in the back row. Davis and Sykora are the only two players from the 2008 Olympic Games also part of the 12-player roster competing in Egypt. Middle blocker Emillie Toone (American Fork, Utah) added a block and setter Nicole Vargas (Seal Beach, Calif.) entered the match but did not score. For the complete press release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/11614>.



**TEAM USA SWEEPS EGYPT IN REMATCH:** Julie Rubenstein (Camarillo, Calif.) scored a match-high 16 points in leading the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team to a 25-13, 25-15, 27-25 victory over Egypt at Cairo on April 12 to conclude its brief two-match cultural exchange exhibition series arranged by the United States Olympic Committee and the Egyptian Olympic Committee. Team USA won the first match in four sets on April 10. Rubenstein charted her 16 points with 11 kills on 26 attempts and five aces on 19 errorless serves to go with five digs and a 46 percent positive service reception. Brittany Moore (Orange, Calif.) contributed 13 kills on 24 attacks with just one error to go with a block and ace for 15 points. Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) and Mekana Barnes (Highlands Ranch, Colo.) added eight points apiece from the middle blocker position. Paolini tallied five kills on seven errorless attempts to go with three aces. Barnes notched seven kills on 17 attacks with an ace. Therese Crawford (Kalamazoo, Mich.) added six kills and a block for seven points. Emillie Toone (American Fork, Utah) scored two kills on four attacks with a block and ace for four points in her reserve role. Nicole Vargas (Seal Beach, Calif.) set Team USA to a 43 kill percent for the match. The Americans limited their attack errors to 14 on 106 attacks for a .302 hitting efficiency. Vargas chipped in two kills and two blocks from her setter position. Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) tallied 15 digs, while Stacy Sykora (Burlleson, Texas) added one in a limited role. McCutcheon started Vargas at setter, Crawford at opposite, Paolini and Barnes at middle blocker and Moore and Rubenstein at outside hitter. Davis served as the libero for the match. Toone played as a reserve in the opening two sets before starting the third set in place of Paolini. Sykora was a defensive specialist in both the second and third sets. For the complete press release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/11631>.



**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. After a rough start to the season, Tom and Hisamitsu bounced back to finish second in the regular season. After finishing second in the four-team, round-robin semifinal round, Hisamitsu advanced to the championship match against Toray on April 11. However, top-seed Toray walked away with the winner-take-all championship match with a 25-13, 25-18, 25-15 victory in Tokyo. Tom tallied 10 kills on 34 swings with two errors, while being held to zero blocks and aces. Hisamitsu finishes the playoffs in second place. By virtue of reaching the V-League title match, Hisamitsu Springs and Toray will also play in a cross-over championship tournament with the Korean professional league on April 18-19. Korea will be represented by GS Caltex and the Pink Spiders.



### TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 2)

1. What is the only mother-daughter combination to have both worn the U.S. Women's National Team jersey in a senior-level event (at different times)?
2. Which U.S. Women's National Team player has not been part of a losing match since Sept. 15, 2007?

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#### 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 2-2  
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)

**SCOTT-ARRUDA UPDATE:** Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.), a four-time U.S. Olympian middle blocker, is playing for CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte in the Italian Serie A league. Scott-Arruda and her Castellana Grotte concluded the Italian Serie A League regular season on a high note with a 25-18, 23-25, 25-18, 25-19 victory over Famila Chieri on April 11. Scott-Arruda scored a match-high 22 points with 16 kills on 28 attacks with only two errors. She added six of her team's 11 blocks in the victory. Coupled with Zoppas Industries Conegliano's loss to Asystel Volley Novara, Castellana Grotte snuck into the eighth and final playoff spot with a 13-13 record and 38 points – one more point than Conegliano. Castellana Grotte's reward is a quarterfinal home-and-home playoff series against top-ranked Scavolini Pesaro on April 15 and April 17.



**WILLOUGHBY UPDATE:** Kim Willoughby (Napoleonville, La.), a 2008 U.S. Olympic Games silver medalist, is now playing for Despar Perugia in the Italian Serie A league. Willoughby and Perugia completed the league's regular season with a 25-19, 25-14, 25-15 loss to regulars season champion Scavolini Pesaro on April 11. Willoughby scored eight points in the match with seven kills on 16 attacks and a block. Perugia finishes the regular season with a 13-13 record and 41 points, which puts the squad as the sixth-seed in the quarterfinal playoff round. Perugia will face third-seed Bergamo on April 15 and April 17 in a home-and-home quarterfinal playoff series.



**BOWN UPDATE:** Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian and middle blocker on the silver-medal winning 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, is playing for Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi this winter. Jesi finished the regular season with a 25-23, 21-25, 25-16, 35-33 loss to fourth-place Yamamay Busto Arsizio on April 11. Bown netted 13 points in the loss with nine kills, three blocks and an ace. Jesi ends the regular season with a 16-10 record and 46 points in the league standing for fifth place. The same two teams will meet in the Italian Serie A quarterfinal playoff round with a home-and-home schedule on April 15 and April 17 to decide who advances to the semifinals.



**NNAMANI UPDATE:** Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.), a two-time U.S. Olympian, is now playing professionally in Turkey for Galatasaray. After upsetting top-seed V. Gunes Sigorta in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs, eighth-seed Galatasaray was held in check by Fenerbahce in a 25-18, 25-23, 25-21 loss on April 10. Nnamani scored 16 points via 13 kills on 36 attacks, two blocks and an ace. The two teams continue their semifinal playoff series on April 13 and April 14. To view pictures of Nnamani and her team's first-round playoff upset victory over regular-season champion V. Gunes Sigorta, visit <http://picasaweb.google.com/tr/voleybolmagazin20082009/VakFbankGSaray2302#>.



**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.). Eczacibasi is playing a Turk Telekom, which has 2008 U.S. Women's Olympic Team head coach leading the squad, in the Turkish League playoff semifinal round. In a nail-biting five-set match, Turk Telekom held off Eczacibasi 22-25, 25-22, 25-23, 23-25, 15-13. Metcalf, who came off the bench in the fourth set and started the fifth set, scored seven points in her limited action with five kills and two blocks. Stalls, who started the middle three sets and came off the bench in the first and fifth sets, added three aces, two blocks and two kills on six attacks for seven points. The teams will meet again on April 13 and April 14 as part of the semifinal round.



**GLASS UPDATE:** Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian, is playing professionally in Russia with Universitet Belogorie. Her team, playing mainly its second team on April 6, lost a 25-22, 18-25, 25-20, 25-15 match to Fakel without Glass attending. Belogorie, which finished the regular season sixth after being in a tie for first midway through the regular season, will face third-seed Uralochka-NTMK on April 12, April 16 and April 19 in the playoffs.



### Answers to Trivia Questions? (from page 1)

1. Debbie Green (named to 1980 and 1984 Olympic Teams) and daughter Nicole Vargas (part of U.S. Women's National Team that recently played in Egypt)
2. Christa Harmotto (64 straight at Penn State, two with U.S. Women's National Team)

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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, Brittny (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)  
Collimore, 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)  
Deensing, 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 (PSVBG 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 Mokosica, 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.

**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 ended the regular season with a 25-22, 18-25, 25-20, 25-15 victory over Universitet Belogorie on April 6. Richards scored 19 points, all on kills from 40 attacks. Joines sat out the match to rest her shoulder. Fakel will compete in the 9-12 playoff round April 14-17 at Moscow and April 24-27 at Chelyabinsk.



### BUSSE, CRIMES, 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.) and Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) are sharing a heavy offensive load for Toa Baja, while the team released former U.S. National Team member Angie Pressey (Lake Worth, Fla.) on April 1 with two matches remaining in the regular season. As the top seed in the playoffs, Toa Baja topped Guaynabo 25-18, 25-20, 25-14 on April 8 to open the four-team double round robin Group A playoff schedule. Busse scored 10 points in the victory, while Crimes added

seven points. The Llaneras return to action on April 14 against Caguas, followed by an April 16 contest against Juncos and April 18 re-match versus Caguas.

**OTHER AMERICAN STANDOUTS IN PUERTO RICO LEAGUE:** Kristee Porter scored 14 points in helping Corozal to a playoff-opening five-set victory over Bayamon on April 8. Jordan Larson scored 31 points in the loss, while Erin Moore chipped in 17 points for Bayamon...Kylie Atherstone scored a match-high 25 points on April 8 to lead Carolina to a five-set victory over Mayaguez. Jessica VanderKooi scored 10 points in the loss...Kelly Wing paced Juncos to a five-set victory over Caguas with 19 points... For more highlights from the Puerto Rico Super League, visit <http://www.fpvoleibol.com/lvsf09/>.

**PUERTO RICO LEAGUE AWARDS:** Jordan Larson, who played collegiately at University of Nebraska, was the big winner at the Puerto Rico League Gala Awards ceremony. She received eight awards, including the coveted Most Valuable Player honor. She added awards for season leader in points, points average, attacks, attacks by average, team All-Star and team Offensive Player of the Year. Larson was named on 21 of the 33 ballots for Most Valuable Player, while Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.) was second in voting with five votes. In other awards, Jessica Jones earned the Leader in Blocks award. Along with Larson, Shonda Cole and Cassie Busse were selected to the six-player Offensive Team.



**HOOKER WINS USA TODAY HONOR:** Destinee Hooker (San Antonio, Texas), who trained with the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team last spring, was named the USA Today Athlete of the Week for her performance at the Texas Relays. She won the high jump event at the Texas Relays with a height of 6 feet, 3 1/2 inches, a world-best for the 2009 season. Added to that, she then got engaged on the track's infield after her performance.

**2009 PAN AMERICAN CUP POOLS SET:** The Eighth Annual Women's Pan American Cup, hosted by USA Volleyball in Miami from June 26 to July 4, has grouped its 12 participating teams into two six-team pools. The nine-day Pan American Cup, which has 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. A total of 12 teams are scheduled to compete in the event, which serves as a qualifying event into the 2010 FIVB World Grand Prix. The top three teams from NORCECA in the Women's Pan American Cup and the highest placing South American country will earn berths to next year's premier annual event. The U.S. Women's National Team, the 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist, has been grouped into Pool A with Dominican Republic (No. 13 FIVB world ranking), Peru (No. 17), Canada (No. 23), Uruguay (No. 29) and Argentina (No. 31). Pool B consists of 2008 Olympic Games gold medalist Brazil (No. 1), 2008 Olympic Games semifinalist Cuba (No. 3), 2008 Olympic Games participant Venezuela (No. 24), Puerto Rico (No. 19), Mexico (No. 26) and Costa Rica (No. 30). Ticket prices and online purchasing will be available at <http://usavolleyball.org/event/event/572> once determined. For the full story, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10856>.



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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)  
Match, Crystal (Neuchatel Universite, Switzerland)  
McConaha, Kimberly (KSV Wattwil, Switzerland)  
McGinnis, Angela (Besiktas, Turkey)  
McLaughlin, Cassandra (Kuusamon Pallo-Karhut, Finland)  
McNamee, Candace (Zok Ptuj, Slovenia)  
McNatt, Therese (Benidorm, Spain)  
Miramontes, Robin (Club Voleibol Torrelavega, Spain)  
Moore, Erin (Corozal, Puerto Rico)  
Moriarty, Michelle (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)  
Nnamani, Ogonna (Galatasaray, Turkey)  
Noll, Lindsey (LP Kangasala, Finland)  
O'Connor, Erin (Kuusamon Pallo-Karhut, Finland)  
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 Ptuj, Slovenia)  
Short, Erica (Carolina, Puerto Rico)  
Simpson, Jaclyn (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.

### USAV, ANAHEIM MOVE FORWARD ON WOMEN'S

**TEAM RELOCATION:** The Anaheim City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to authorize City staff to negotiate an agreement with USA Volleyball that would relocate the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team to train in Anaheim at the American Sports Centers as early as this spring. The vote is a step forward in the process that would move the U.S. Women's National Team to Anaheim from its current home at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Once the agreement is finalized, Anaheim would be designated the Official Host City for the U.S. Men's and Women's National Volleyball Teams through the 2016 Olympic Games. The American Sports Centers, which has been the training site of the U.S. Men's National Team since it moved to Anaheim in 2006, has agreed to host the U.S. Women's National Team as well. The facility, which opened in March of 2004, is the largest indoor court facility in the United States featuring 22 volleyball courts, 16 basketball courts and nine indoor soccer courts. Among the ASC's other tenants is the Southern California Volleyball Association, one of 40 regions within USA Volleyball. For the complete story, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10417>. For player reactions to Anaheim City Council's vote, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10418>. To read an Orange County Register article on Hugh McCutcheon, visit <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/mccutcheon-team-women-2335365-olympic-volleyball>.



**REPLICA JERSEY AVAILABLE FOR LIMITED TIME:** Are you looking for a unique 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 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.



**USA**Volleyball.

## 2009 USA Women's National Team Volleyball Final Stats

Name	Sets	Kills	Kills/ Set	Kill PCT	Attack Errors	Total Attack	Hitting Eff.	Service Aces	Aces/ Set	Stuff Blocks	Blocks/ Sets	Points	Points Set
Nellie Spicer	4	6	1.50	60.0	0	10	.600	0	0.00	1	0.25	7	1.75
Morgan Beck	2	3	1.50	23.1	5	13	-.154	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	1.50
Christa Harmotto	4	16	4.00	64.0	2	25	.560	1	0.25	1	0.25	18	4.50
Lauren Paolini	6	18	3.00	60.0	3	30	.500	4	0.67	1	0.17	23	3.83
Stacy Sykora	6	1	0.17	100.0	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0.17
Nicole Davis	7	0	0.00	0.0	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Mekana Barnes	3	7	2.33	41.2	5	17	.118	1	0.33	0	0.00	8	2.67
Nicole Vargas	4	2	0.50	28.6	2	7	.000	2	0.50	0	0.00	4	1.00
Therese Crawford	7	19	2.71	40.4	4	47	.319	0	0.00	1	0.14	20	2.86
Brittany Moore	6	23	3.83	48.9	2	47	.447	2	0.33	2	0.33	27	4.50
Julie Rubenstein	7	17	2.43	35.4	7	48	.208	6	0.86	1	0.14	24	3.43
Emillie Toone	4	2	0.50	40.0	1	5	.200	1	0.25	2	0.50	5	1.25
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>16.29</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>.309</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Opponent</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>.184</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>12.29</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).

# 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); Foluke 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)