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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: Costa Rica, 8 p.m.
June 27: Guatemala, 8 p.m.
June 28: Mexico, 8 p.m.
June 29: Peru, 8 p.m.
June 30: Puerto Rico, 8 p.m.
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: Germany, 1 p.m.
Aug. 1: Puerto Rico, 1 p.m.
Aug. 2: Brazil, 10 a.m.

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

Aug. 7: Dominican Republic, 2:30 p.m.
Aug. 8: Netherlands, 2:30 p.m.
Aug. 9: Germany, 4:30 p.m.

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3 at Bangkok, Thailand

Aug. 14: Russia, 2 p.m.
Aug. 15: Puerto Rico, 2 p.m.
Aug. 16: Thailand, 4:30 p.m.

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.

PAN AM CUP SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED: The Eighth Women's Pan American Cup schedule has been released and includes several quality matches throughout pool play leading into the classification rounds. The Pan American Cup, a 12-country event played over nine days, is being hosted by USA Volleyball and the Miami-Dade Sports Commission in Miami from June 26 to July 4 at the University of Miami and Florida International University. Each country will play five pool matches in a round-robin format from June 26 to July 30, followed by an off-day on July 1. The winner of each pool advances to the semifinals on July 3, while the second- and third-place pool finishers play cross-pool quarterfinal matches on July 2. The championship match is scheduled for July 4. All match times and pool schedules will be announced at a later time. The U.S. Women's National Team, part of Pool A at University of Miami's Bank United Center, starts competition on June 26 versus No. 30 Costa Rica. The Americans face No. 48 Guatemala on June 27, followed by a June 28 contest versus No. 26 Mexico. Team USA hosts No. 17 Peru on June 29 before concluding pool play on June 29 versus No. 19 Puerto Rico. The U.S. captured the silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games and is currently ranked second in the world. Brazil, the 2008 Olympic Games gold medalist and leader of the FIVB world ranking, headlines Pool B at Florida International (U.S. Century Bank Arena) where it will be part of a round-robin group of No. 13 Dominican Republic, No. 23 Canada, No. 31 Argentina, No. 43 Colombia and No. 53 Trinidad & Tobago. Pool matches at each site will be played at 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. (all Eastern Time). The U.S. Women's National Team will play at 8 p.m. each night during the pool phase. A Pan American Cup tournament pass, good for all matches at both venues, is \$75 for adults and \$60 for children. Tickets for each date of competition at the specific venue (either University of Miami or Florida International University) are \$20 for reserved general admission, \$12 for adult general admission and \$10 for child general admission. Tickets can be purchased online at www.miamisports.org. For the complete release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/13096>.



USAV HOSTS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION EVENT: USA Volleyball is proud to announce University of Central Florida and UCF Arena, located in Orlando, Fla., as its host site for NORCECA's FIVB Women's World Championship Pool G qualification tournament set for July 6-8. The U.S. Women's National Team is currently ranked second in the world by FIVB and captured the silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Although the Team USA roster has not been determined at this time for the qualifier event, a handful of 2008 Olympians are likely to compete for the Americans as they attempt to qualify for the 2010 FIVB World Championship held Oct. 29 to Nov. 14 in various cities throughout Japan. Pool G is a four-team, round-robin event played over three consecutive days at UCF Arena. Along with the U.S. Women's National Team, Costa Rica and two teams yet to advance will comprise the four-team pool. The pool winner will advance to the 2010 FIVB World Championship next fall. Match times will be 5 p.m. ET and 7:30 p.m. ET, with the United States playing the second match each day. In addition to the matches, Team USA and UCF volleyball coaching staffs will hold a pre-match clinic involving chalk talk and skills demonstration. For the complete release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/13061>.



TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 4)

1. Which member of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Women's Volleyball Team has already been inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame?
2. How many different countries could the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team compete in during the 2009 season?

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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)



JENNIFER JOINES COACHING AT OPEN

Jennifer Joines (Milpitas, Calif.), a 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist with the U.S. Women's National Team, found a new role at the USA Adult Open Championships held in Minneapolis. During the Open Division flight held May 23-26, she held the clipboard and coached Trim Laguna Beach.

McCUTCHEON EARNS USOC NATIONAL HONOR: USA Volleyball Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand), who led the U.S. Men's National Team to the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games before taking over the U.S. Women's Team in December 2008, has been named the 2008 National Coach of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee. McCutcheon, 39, is the first volleyball coach to receive the award since the program was initiated in 1996. McCutcheon and the other honorees will be presented with their awards on June 13 during a luncheon at the 2009 National Coaching Educators' Conference in Pittsburgh. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Station Square and hosted by West Virginia University's Athletic Coaching Education Department. "It's a wonderful honor," McCutcheon said from his office at the American Sports Centers in Anaheim, Calif. "I think in very large part it reflects the work and the success of the team and the staff. While it's nice to get singled out for this individual award, I am certainly accepting it on behalf of everyone who was part of that program." As head coach of the 2008 U.S. Men's Volleyball Team, McCutcheon guided the squad to the gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing - the first gold medal for the team since 1988. For the entire press release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/13092>.



A2 TEAMS SILVER AND BRONZE AT OPEN: The U.S. Women's National A2 Teams picked up the silver and bronze medals at the 80th USA Adult Open Volleyball Championships held at Minneapolis, which started May 23 and continues through May 30 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The University of Washington, playing under its club name of Huskies VBC, captured the gold medal with a 25-22, 26-24, 25-21 victory over USA A2 Red in the title match on Tuesday. UW went through the tournament without a set loss in eight matches. Ironically, USA A2 Red defeated Huskies VBC in last year's gold-medal match. USA A2 Blue lost to USA A2 Red in the playoff to advance to the title match and settled for the bronze medal. For the complete press release with A2 Rosters, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/13100>.

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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 (PSVGB Salzburg Volleyball, Austria)
Gerling, Rachal (VC Tirol Volleyball Club, Austria)
Girard, Franci (CPSV - Chemnitz, Germany)
Glass, Kimberly (Universitet Belogor, 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 Duding, 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 Novyi Urengoi, Russia)
Jones, Jessica (Las Caribes, Puerto Rico)

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

OLYMPIANS TO TAKE PART IN BOYCE BANQUET: Four-time USA Volleyball Olympians Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.) and Lloy Ball (Fort Wayne, Ind.) took part in the 64th Annual Dorothy C. Boyce Awards and Recognitions Banquet held May 21 at the Hilton Minneapolis. The banquet, which recognized achievements across the sport of volleyball, is presented annually by Molten and co-sponsored by Mizuno. The Boyce Banquet, using the theme "Beijing Glory," celebrated accomplishments at the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as other annual awards presentations. Scott-Arruda and Ball represented their respective U.S. Olympic Teams, while the head coaches for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Teams – Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) and "Jenny" Lang Ping (Beijing, China) – were part of the Boyce Moment highlighting Team USA accomplishments at the 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games. A pre-banquet social and USA Volleyball Foundation Silent Auction included autographed Olympic Games memorabilia and USA Volleyball apparel available to the highest bidder. For a photo gallery of the Boyce Banquet, visit http://usavolleyball.org/multimedia/photo_gallery/703.



BUSSE, CRIMES, UPDATE: Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.) and Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), both members of the U.S. Women's National Team, played important roles for Toa Baja Llaneras as it captured the Puerto Rico Super League championship title. The Llaneras defeated Corozal Pinkin in five matches of the best-of-seven series. Busse scored 12 points in the series-opening five-set victory on May 10, while Crimes added 10 points. Former University of Florida All-American Aury Cruz hammered a match-high 23 points in the victory. In the loss, American Kristee Porter scored 21 points. Pinkin bounced back to even the series with a five-set victory on May 13. Busse contributed a match-high 25 points in the loss, while Crimes chipped in nine points. Busse scored 17 points in the third straight five-set match on May 15, which was a Llaneras victory. Crimes and Cruz added 14 points apiece in the victory, while Porter recorded 18 points in the loss. Busse provided 12 points in a Toa Baja sweep on May 17, while Cruz added 16 points and Crimes six points. The Llaneras capped the playoff series with another sweep on May 17 as Busse tacked on 13 points, while Cruz charted 12 points. Crimes tallied seven points in the series finale.

FIVB ANNOUNCES WORLD GRAND PRIX SCHEDULE: The FIVB has announced the competition schedule for its 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix, which begins July 31 with three consecutive weekends of preliminary rounds concluding with the Finals Aug. 19-23 at Tokyo. The 2009 edition involves 12 national teams playing a total of 69 matches over four consecutive weekends in 10 cities. The preliminary rounds are set to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Kielce, Poland and Ningbo, China, on the first weekend, Miao Li, Chinese Taipei, Macau, China, and Osaka, Japan, the second weekend and Hong Kong, Mokpo, Korea and Bangkok, Thailand, the third weekend. The U.S. Women's National Team opens the premier annual women's international tournament at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as part of Pool A. The Americans begin the tournament versus Germany on July 31, followed by NORCECA rival Puerto Rico on Aug. 1. On Aug. 2, the FIVB will have its featured match of the preliminary round as top-ranked and 2008 Olympic Games gold medalist Brazil hosts second-ranked and 2008 Olympic Games silver medalist Team USA. The U.S. Women travel from Rio de Janeiro to Miao Li, Chinese Taipei, the following weekend for Pool D action. Team USA plays NORCECA rival Dominican Republic on Aug. 7, Netherlands on Aug. 8 and Germany on Aug. 9. The Americans conclude the preliminary action in Pool I Aug. 14-16 at Bangkok, Thailand. The U.S. Women face Russia on Aug. 14, Puerto Rico on Aug. 15 and host Thailand on Aug. 16. For further details, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/12924>.

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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.

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. USA Volleyball has several other 2008 Olympic Games 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

USA Volleyball and the City of Anaheim are pleased to announce the agreement to bring the U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team (Women's Team) to Anaheim from Colorado Springs has been finalized. The agreement also designates Anaheim as the Exclusive Official Host City for the USA Men's and Women's National Volleyball Teams through 2016. The City of Anaheim and USA Volleyball are grateful for the support of these local sponsors who have contributed to the success of the U.S. Men's Team and eagerly await the arrival of the U.S. Women: American Sports Centers; Competitive Athletes Training Zone (CATZ); Anaheim White House; JT Schmid's Restaurant & Brewery; PepZ Pizza & Eatery; OC Sports Grill; and numerous Anaheim/OC Visitor and Convention Bureau member hotels.



Answers to Trivia Questions? (from page 1)

1. "Jenny" Lang Ping was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2002
2. Eight

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
TEAM	7	114	16.29	43.0	32	265	.309	17	2.43	9	1.29	140	20.00
Opponent	7	70	10.00	31.4	29	223	.184	7	1.00	9	1.29	86	12.29

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).

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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
TEAM	166	2,101	12.66	42.5	702	4,949	.283	178	1.07	473	2.85	2,752	16.58

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

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)