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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: Orlando, Fla.

July 6: Netherlands Antilles, 7:30 p.m.  
July 7: Barbados, 7:30 p.m.  
July 8: Costa Rica, 7:30 p.m.

#### 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

**U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM SCRIMMAGE:** The U.S. Women's National Team will play an intrasquad scrimmage at JSerra High School at 7 p.m. PT on Saturday, June 20, at San Juan Capistrano, Calif. The scrimmage will serve as a final tune-up before the team leaves for Florida on June 24 to compete in the Eighth Women's Pan American Cup in Miami and the FIVB Women's World Championship Qualification Tournament's Third Round NORCECA Pool G in Orlando. The Pan Am Cup will be contested from June 26 until July 4, while the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament is scheduled for July 6-8. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 and proceeds help benefit the host JSerra High School boys' and girls' volleyball teams.

**PREVIEW OF 2009 EARLY SEASON TOURNAMENTS:** The U.S. Women's National Team basked in the glory of winning the silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. However, 2009 is the start of a brand new Olympic quadrennial for every country seeking to reach the 2012 Olympic Games podium. For the U.S. Women's National Team, some changes have already occurred within the program. Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) has taken over the



position of head coach for the U.S. Women's National Team after leading the U.S. Men to the Olympic Gold Medal in Beijing. In addition, legend Karch Kiraly (San Clemente, Calif.) has agreed to serve as the program's assistant coach with Jamie Morrison (Dana Point, Calif.) shifting roles from the Men's Team to the Women's Team as assistant coach/technical coordinator. McCutcheon and Kiraly are in their first years coaching a women's program, but both are certainly not new to volleyball with their unrivaled resumes. What the U.S. coaching staff has working for them is a vast talent pool of athletes – both veterans and newcomers – striving to put the U.S. back on the medal podium at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. McCutcheon has already provided evidence he wants to evaluate as many players as possible. In a goodwill trip to Egypt in April 2009 arranged by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC), he formed a 12-player roster that included nine players who concluded their collegiate careers five months earlier and only two Olympians. The results: two victories over the

Egyptian National Team as all 12 players saw court time and 11 started at least one match. In the meantime, veteran U.S. players who played professionally overseas this winter have filtered back into their new training center located in Anaheim, the American Sports Centers. In a condensed time span, McCutcheon has the chore of bringing everyone together – veterans and newcomers – to form a cohesive unit in preparation for a busy summer of volleyball that includes two domestic tournaments and the FIVB World Grand Prix. In the fall, the U.S. has confirmed spots to compete in the NORCECA Continental Championship and the FIVB Grand Champions Cup. Team USA begins its summer with consecutive tournaments in Florida, starting with the Eighth Women's Pan American Cup staged in Miami June 26-July 4. After a day of travel to Orlando, the U.S. hosts the four-team, NORCECA Pool G of the FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament July 6-8 at University of Central Florida, with the winner advancing to the 2010 FIVB World Championship held in Tokyo. For the entire release and preliminary rosters for the two events, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/13334>.



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### TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 3)

1. How many U.S. Women's National Team players have been named to all three 2009-season opening 19-player preliminary rosters (Pan American Cup, FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament, FIVB World Grand Prix)?
2. What is U.S. Women's National Team setter Nellie Spicer's brother-in-law Wade best known for?

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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)

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT FIELD SET:** The FIVB World Championship NORCECA Pool G qualification tournament, scheduled for July 6-8 at University of Central Florida Arena in Orlando, has finalized the four-team round-robin field with a berth into the 2010 FIVB World Championship at stake. The U.S. Women's National Team and Costa Rica, based on ranked in NORCECA (North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation), automatically qualified for the third round of NORCECA qualification. Netherlands Antilles finished second in NORCECA Pool C to advance to Pool G. On June 14, Barbados defeated Jamaica to win Pool D. Match times will be 5 p.m. ET and 7:30 p.m. ET, with the United States playing the second match each day. Team USA opens on July 6 versus Netherlands Antilles, followed by Barbados on July 7 and Costa Rica on July 8. The third-round pool winner will advance to the 2010 FIVB World Championship held Oct. 29-Nov. 14 in Japan. For further details, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/13497>.



**USAV NAMES WORLD GRAND PRIX PRELIMINARY ROSTER:** U.S. Women's National Volleyball Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon has announced the team's 19-player preliminary roster for the 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix, the premier annual international volleyball tournament for women. The 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix 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. McCutcheon has elected to use a young, but very talented roster for the 2009 FIVB World Grand Prix. The preliminary roster includes 2008 Olympic Games members Nicole Davis (Stockton, Calif.) and Stacy Sykora (Burlington, Texas) vying for the libero position. Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa), a 2004 Olympic Games roster, and Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.) are the two pure opposites on the roster. At setter, Angie McGinnis (Fraser, Mich.), Courtney Thompson (Kent, Wash.) and Nellie Spicer (Barrington, Ill.) are the three players competing for spots on the final FIVB World Grand Prix roster. Outside hitters on the preliminary roster include Cynthia Barboza (Long Beach, Calif.), Jane Collymore (Seattle, Wash.), Nicole Fawcett (Zanesville, Pa.), Jordan Larson (Hooper, Neb.), Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) and Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah). The six middle blockers vying for court time for the U.S. in the World Grand Prix are Foluke Akinradewo (Plantation, Fla.), Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.), Christa Harmotto (Aliquippa, Pa.), Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.) and Elisha Thomas (Grass Valley, Calif.). For the full release, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/13505>.



**LOGAN TOM FEATURED IN VOLLEYBALL MAGAZINE:** Volleyball Magazine featured three-time U.S. Olympic team player Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah) on its July 2009 cover and inside pages. To read the full article, visit <http://www.volleyballmag.com/archive/2009/FreedomChild.php>.



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### Players Training at American Sports Centers

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

Cynthia Barboza (Outside Hitter, Long Beach, Calif.)  
Morgan Beck (Opposite, Coto De Caza, Calif.)  
Lindsey Berg (Setter, Honolulu, Hawaii)  
Heath Bown (Middle Blocker, Yorba Linda, Calif.)  
Cassie Busse (Opposite, Prior Lake, Minn.)  
Jane Collymore (Outside Hitter, Seattle, Wash.)  
Alexis Crimes (Middle Blocker, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.)  
Nicole Davis (Liberero, Stockton, Calif.)  
Jessica Fine (Liberero, Tarzana, Calif.)  
Alisha Glass (Setter, Leland, Mich.)  
Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Opposite, Laguna Hills, Calif.)  
Christa Harmotto (Middle Blocker, Aliquippa, Pa.)  
Ellen Herman (Outside Hitter, Toledo, Ohio)  
Megan Hodge (Outside Hitter, Durham, N.C.)  
Heather Hughes (Opposite, Fallbrook, Calif.)  
Jennifer Joines (Middle Blocker, Milpitas, Calif.)  
Jordan Larson (Outside Hitter, Hooper, Neb.)  
Nancy Metcalf (Opposite, Hull, Iowa)  
Tamari Miyashiro (Liberero, Kaneohe, Hawaii)  
Lauren Paolini (Middle Blocker, Ann Arbor, Mich.)  
Angie Pressey (Outside Hitter, Lake Mary, Fla.)  
Kristin Richards (Outside Hitter, Orem, Utah)  
Julie Rubenstein (Outside Hitter, Camarillo, Calif.)  
Danielle Scott-Arruda (Middle Blocker, Baton Rouge, La.)  
Nellie Spicer (Setter, Barrington, Ill.)  
Tracy Stalls (Middle Blocker, Denver, Colo.)  
Stacy Sykora (Liberero, Burlison, Texas)  
Elisha Thomas (Middle Blocker, Grass Valley, Calif.)  
Courtney Thompson (Setter, Kent, Wash.)  
Nicole Vargas (Setter, Seal Beach, Calif.)

Other players will begin training at the American Sports Centers with the U.S. Women's National Team at a later date.



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### McCUTCHEON PRESENTED USOC NATIONAL COACHING 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, was presented the 2008 National Coach of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee on June 13 at Pittsburgh, Pa., as part of the 2009 National Coaching Educators' Conference. McCutcheon, 39, is the first volleyball coach to receive the award since the program was initiated in 1996. "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.



**HOOKER WINS NCAA HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP:** Destinee Hooker (San Antonio, Texas), who trained with the U.S. Women's National Team in the spring of 2008 in a bid to make the 2008 Olympic Games roster, captured the 2009 NCAA Division I Outdoor High Jump championship with a leap of 6 feet, 4 3/4 inches. She has won the event three times in the last four years - she redshirted last season to concentrate on her volleyball endeavors. To read the article, visit <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hAR3O-d7fjMIyUMIUVDqapYscIYAD98PINKO0>.

**TEXAS Q&A WITH PAOLINI:** The University of Texas featured Lauren Paolini (Ann Arbor, Mich.) in a question-and-answer feature segment dated June 8 on its Web site. To read her answers to questions ranging from the opportunity to train with USA Volleyball this summer to working with Hugh McCutcheon, visit <http://www.texasports.com/sports/w-volley/spec-rel/060809aaa.html>.



**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.

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

1. 11 - Jane Collymore, Nicole Davis, Christa Harmotto, Heather Hughes, Jordan Larson, Nancy Metcalf, Kristin Richards, Nellie Spicer, Tracy Stalls, Stacy Sykora, Courtney Thompson
2. Wade Brookbank - National Hockey League player with Vancouver Canucks and Carolina Hurricanes

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### Rosters for Upcoming Events

Below are preliminary rosters for upcoming U.S. Women's National Team Events.

#### Eighth Women's Pan American Cup at Miami, Florida (June 26-July 4)

- 1 - Nicole Vargas (S, Seal Beach, Calif.)
- 2 - Danielle Scott-Arruda (MB, Baton Rouge, La.)
- 3 - Tayyiba Haneef-Park (OPP, Laguna Hills, Calif.)
- 4 - Angie Pressey (OH, Lake Mary, Fla.)
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- 6 - Nicole Davis (L, Stockton, Calif.)
- 7 - Heather Bown (MB, Yorba Linda, Calif.)
- 8 - Cynthia Barboza (OH, Long Beach, Calif.)
- 9 - Jennifer Joines (MB, Milpitas, Calif.)
- 10 - Kristin Richards (OH, Orem, Utah)
- 11 - Jordan Larson (OH, Hooper, Neb.)
- 12 - Nancy Metcalf (OPP, Hull, Iowa)
- 13 - Tracy Stalls (MB, Denver, Colo.)
- 14 - Heather Hughes (OPP, Fallbrook, Calif.)
- 15 - Courtney Thompson (S, Kent, Wash.)
- 16 - Christa Harmotto (MB, Aliquippa, Pa.)
- 17 - Nellie Spicer (S, Barrington, Ill.)
- 18 - Cassie Busse (OPP, Prior Lake, Minn.)
- 19 - Jane Collymore (OH, Seattle, Wash.)

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**Technical Coordinator:** Jamie Morrison  
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#### FIVB World Championship Qualification Tournament/NORCECA Pool G at Orlando, Florida (July 6-8)

- 1 - Nicole Vargas (S, Seal Beach, Calif.)
- 2 - Danielle Scott-Arruda (MB, Baton Rouge, La.)
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#### FIVB World Grand Prix various locations (July 31-Aug. 23)

- 1 - Nicole Fawcett (OH, Zanesville, Ohio)
- 2 - Elisha Thomas (MB, Grass Valley, Calif.)
- 3 - Lauren Paolini (MB, Ann Arbor, Mich.)
- 4 - Angie McGinnis (S, Fraser, Mich.)
- 5 - Stacy Sykora (L, Burlson, Texas)
- 6 - Nicole Davis (L, Stockton, Calif.)
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**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.



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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.



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

| Name             | Sets     | Kills      | Kills/<br>Set | Kill<br>PCT | Attack<br>Errors | Total<br>Attack | Hitting<br>Eff. | Service<br>Aces | Aces/<br>Set | Stuff<br>Blocks | Blocks/<br>Sets | Points     | Points<br>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/<br>Set | Kill<br>PCT | Attack<br>Errors | Total<br>Attack | Hitting<br>% | Service<br>Aces | Aces/<br>Set | Stuff<br>Blocks | Blocks/<br>Sets | Points       | Points<br>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)