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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)

**INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS:** USA Volleyball has processed 136 current international transfers for United States women athletes competing overseas in professional volleyball leagues. To see a complete list, visit pages three and four of this update.

**McGINNIS, HUGHES UPDATE:** Angie McGinnis (Fraser, Mich.), a setter and alternate to the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, paced her Turkish professional team Besiktas to a 25-22, 25-22, 18-25, 25-18 victory over Dyo Karsiyaka on Jan. 31. She set Besiktas to a 40 kill percent and .257 attack efficiency in the victory. In addition, McGinnis chipped in four kills on eight errorless attacks, four blocks and an ace for nine points. Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), an alternate for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, recently joined Besiktas and faired well in the match against Dyo Karsiyaka. She was credited with 11 kills on 27 attacks and ace for 12 points. Besiktas returns to the action on Feb. 7 in a meeting with Galatasaray, which includes U.S. Olympian Ogonna Nnamani.



**NNAMANI UPDATE:** Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.), a two-time Olympian, contributed heavily to two Turkish professional league victories last week for Galatasaray. She scored 15 points in a 25-23, 25-18, 15-25, 25-19 victory over Karsiyaka on Jan. 28. Nnamani totaled 12 kills, two blocks and an ace in the victory. Nnamani charted a match-high 20 points in a 25-21, 21-25, 25-22, 25-20 win over Gazi Universitesi on Jan. 31. She recorded 17 kills on 50 attacks, two blocks and an ace during the contest. Galatasaray returns to the court on Feb. 7 as it plays Besiktas, which has U.S. Olympic alternate Angie McGinnis as the starting setter.



**UPDATE ON TOM:** Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah), a three-time U.S. Olympian, helped Hisamitsu Springs to two more Japan V-League five-set victories. On Jan. 31, Hisamitsu topped first-place NEC 25-23, 25-19, 13-25, 31-33, 15-9. Tom scored 28 kills on 58 attacks, including six kills on nine back-row swings. She added three aces on 17 serves and two blocks for 33 total points against NEC. Tom scored 22 points in a 22-25, 12-25, 25-20, 25-22, 15-13 victory over Denso, which is tied for first place, on Feb. 1. She scored all her points on kills while adding an 83.3 positive reception percent on 36 attempts. Hisamitsu now has played in five consecutive five-set matches, and has won the last four contests. Hisamitsu faces Pioneer, which has two-time U.S. Olympian Tayyiba Haneef-Park, on Feb. 7 at Gifu, followed by a Feb. 8

match against JT.

**UPDATE ON HANEEF-PARK:** Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.), a two-time U.S. Olympian, outscored the competition as her Japanese V-League team Pioneer was narrowly defeated by Okayama 25-22, 22-25, 15-25, 25-21, 15-13 on Feb. 1. She was credited with 24 kills on 77 attempts along with one block for 25 points. Pioneer, 7-7 in the league and in sixth place, Logan Tom and Hisamitsu Springs on Feb. 7 at Gifu, followed by a Feb. 8 match against Toyota at Aichi.



**BOWN AND WILLOUGHBY UPDATE:** Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian and middle blocker on the silver-medal winning 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, was one of five Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi players to score in double digits in a 25-19, 25-20, 17-25, 19-25, 15-13 victory over Despar Perugia in an Italian Serie A match on Feb. 2. Bown scored 15 points with nine kills, match-high five blocks and an ace in the victory. Meanwhile, Kim Willoughby (Napoleonville, La.) came off the bench for Perugia and played a large role in her team's near comeback victory. She totaled 10 kills on 23 attacks, a team-high three blocks and two aces for 15 points. Jesi (12-5) takes on third-place Asystel Volley Novara on Feb. 15 after a bye week in the Italian Serie A schedule. Both Jesi and Novara have identical records, but Novara is one point ahead in the standings. Perugia (9-8), ranked seventh in the league standings, takes on Riso Scotti Pavia on Feb. 14 after an idle week of the Italian Serie A schedule.



#### TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 3)

1. The U.S. Women's National Team will host the Pan American Cup June 24-July 5. When was the last time the U.S. hosted an international women's tournament?
2. What other major volleyball event will be taking place in Miami while the U.S. hosts the Pan American Cup?

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

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

**2008 USA Statistics at Olympics**

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

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

**PAST OLYMPIC GAMES FINISHES:**

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

**SCOTT-ARRUDA UPDATE:** Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.), a four-time U.S. Olympian middle blocker, provided a stellar match for CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte on Feb. 1 only to come up short against Minetti Vicenza 25-23, 21-25, 25-21, 25-22. Scott-Arruda charted nine kills, a match-high six blocks and an ace to be one of three teammates to have 16 points in the contest. Castellana Grotte, 8-9 on the season and in ninth place in the Italian Serie A league, challenges eighth-place Zoppas Industries Conegliano on Feb. 15 after a bye week in the schedule.



**GLASS UPDATE:** Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian playing professionally in Russia with Universitet Belogorie, paced her team to its sixth consecutive victory with a hard-fought 26-28, 25-21, 25-27, 25-23, 16-14 win over Dinamo-Yantar on Jan. 31. Glass contributed 16 kills, a block and ace for 18 points in the victory. She added a match-best 59 positive percent on 32 service reception attempts. Universitet Belogorie, 10-2 on the season and tied for first place in the league standings, returns to action on Feb. 4 against Samorodok.

**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. In a 25-9, 25-20, 20-25, 25-21 loss to Odintsovo on Jan. 31, Richards collected a team-high 13 points, all via kills on 36 attacks. Joines added three kills on 12 attacks along with a block for four points. Fakel looks to get back in the win column on Feb. 4 against Dinamo-Yantar.



**PUERTO RICO LEAGUE:** The Puerto Rico Super League started its season Jan. 30, and many United States citizens are sprinkled on the 10 teams competing for the title. After the first weekend, Toa Baja, Caguas and Mayaguez are in first place as the only teams winning two matches. Four teams split a pair of matches, while three teams lost both matches to start the season.

**TOA BAJA FEATURES THREE AMERICANS:** Toa Baja, competing in the Puerto Rico Super League, features three players who trained with the U.S. Women's National Team during 2008. Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.), Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) and Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) all are sharing a heavy offensive load for Toa Baja. The trio scored 30 combined points in a 26-24, 25-22, 25-17 win over Pinkins on Jan. 30. Busse tallied 12 points, while Crimes added 10 points and Pressey eight. During the second match of the week on Feb. 1, Pressey scored 21 points in leading Toa Baja to a 23-25, 25-17, 25-21, 20-25, 15-13 victory over Vaqueras. Busse added 16 points in the victory, while Crimes tallied 12. In the loss, American Jordan Larson scored a match-high 34 points.

**OTHER PUERTO RICO LEAGUE STANDOUTS:** Therese Crawford (Kalamazoo, Mich.), a member of the U.S. Women's National Training Team since May 2001, has scored 27 points in two victories for Mayaguez to start the 2009 season. She scored 12 points in a five-set victory over San Sebastian, followed by 15 points in a four-set win over Guaynabo. Shonda Cole (Kings Mountain, N.C.), who saw action with the U.S. Women's National Team in 2005, has been off to a rock-solid start in the Puerto Rico with San Sebastian. She totaled 30 points in a five-set loss to Mayaguez, followed by a 24-point match in a four-set victory against Ponce. Jane Collymore, who competed with the U.S. Women's National Team early in the recent Olympic quadrennial, tallied 17 points for de Juncos in a four-set loss to Caguas. For more highlights from the Puerto Rico Super League, visit <http://www.fpvoleibol.com/lvsf09/>.

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



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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 (Tao 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)  
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 (PSV BG Salzburg Volleyball, Austria)  
Gerling, Rachal (VC Tirol Volleyball Club, Austria)  
Girard, Franci (CPSV - Chemnitz, Germany)  
Glass, Kimberly (Universitet Belogorie, Russia)  
Glover, Jessica (VFM/Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)  
Goins, Lauren (TSV Alemannia Aachen, Germany)  
Goodman, Chelsea (Bayamon, Puerto Rico)  
Haas, Emily (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)  
Hamilton, Carol (LP Kangasala, Finland)  
Haneef-Park, Tayyiba (Pioneer Red Wings, Japan)  
Happel, Sarah (TG 1875 BAD SODEN, Germany)  
Harry, Tesha (Dresdner Sportclub 1898, Germany)  
Hart, Therese (ZOK Matija Mesic, Croatia)  
Hartmann, Rachel (Carolina, Puerto Rico)  
Heler, Jacqueline (TSV Dudingon, Switzerland)  
Hilbers, Johanna (OK Nova Mokolica, Croatia)  
Hood, Regan (Terville Florange, France)  
Hove, Jordan (Boldklubben Marienlyst, Denmark)  
Hudson, Crystal (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Germany)  
Hughes, Heather (Besiktas, Turkey)  
Ibekwe, Nneka (VC Tirol, Austria)  
Jackson, Elizabeth (VBC Val-de-Travers, Switzerland)  
Jenkins, Benavia (Club Volleyball Haro, Spain)  
Johansen, Bethany (Bellinzona, Switzerland)  
Joines, Jennifer (Fakel Novyi Urengoi, Russia)  
Jones, Jessica (Las Caribes, Puerto Rico)

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

**OPEN TRYOUTS FOR U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM:** USA Volleyball will hold its annual open tryouts for the U.S. Women's National Team and Associated Training Programs Feb. 20-22, 2009, at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. As part of the tryout, athletes will compete for spots on the USA Women's Volleyball National Team program, USA Women's World University Games Team or the USA Women's Senior A2 Teams. For the complete press release, visit <http://www.usavolleyball.org/news/article/7953>.

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



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

### TRIVIA ANSWERS (questions on page 1)

1. 1998 was the last time the U.S. hosted a women's international tournament (FIVB World Championship Qualifier Tournament)
2. USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship

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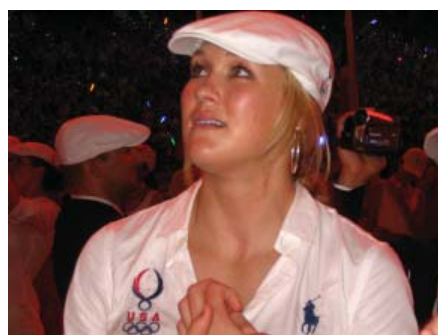
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Kane, Lindsey (OK Cestorad Vinkovci, Croatia)  
 Kearney, Linzy (RC Villebon, France)  
 Kehoe, Bryn (VBC Biel-Bienne, Switzerland)  
 Kelley, Kristin (TSV Sonthofen, Germany)  
 Kirkwood, Sarah (Valencianes de Juncos, Puerto Rico)  
 Klemenhagen, 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 Pfeflingen, 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)  
 Thirty, 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.

### Behind the Scenes Photos from the Olympics



**Top Left Photo** (courtesy of Joan Powell): Robyn Ah Mow-Santos with President George W. Bush.

**Top Right Photo** (courtesy of Diane French): Lindsey Berg with her father after receiving silver medal.

**Middle Photo** (courtesy of Diane French): Jennifer Joines watching the flame being lit at the Olympic Games Opening Ceremonies.

**Bottom Left Photo** (courtesy of Diane French): Kim Glass with Kobe Bryant at the Olympic Games Opening Ceremonies.

**Bottom Right Photo** (courtesy of Sue Woodstra): Nicole Davis (left) and Stacy Sykora pose with their silver medals after the Olympic Games.

### Answers to WHO ARE THESE MASKED INDIVIDUALS? (from page 3)

1. Angie McGinnis
2. Cynthia Barboza

# 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); Luke 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 Hambley  
**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 (337.5)
2. Italy (267.5)
3. USA (261)
4. Cuba (252.5)
5. China (182.5)
6. Serbia (181)
7. Japan (172)
8. Russia (142)
9. Poland (96)
10. Korea (65.25)
11. Dominican Republic (52.75)
12. Kenya (51.5)
- 13T. Netherlands (49.75)
- 13T. Peru (49.75)
15. Germany (47.75)
16. Turkey (46)
17. Kazakhstan (45.75)
18. Algeria (37)
19. Thailand (36.25)
20. Puerto Rico (34)
21. Chinese Taipei (32.5)
22. Egypt (31.5)
- 23T. Canada (27.75)
- 23T. Tunisia (27.75)
25. Venezuela (27)
26. Cameroon (25.5)
- 27T. Uruguay (24.5)
- 27T. Mexico (24.5)
29. Azerbaijan (23.25)
30. Costa Rica (20.75)
31. Argentina (19.25)
32. Senegal (15)
33. Belgium (12.5)
34. Bulgaria (12)
35. France (11.75)
36. Australia (11)
- 37T. Czech Republic (10.5)
- 37T. South Africa (10.5)
39. Colombia (10)
40. Croatia (9)

## Men (Points)

1. Brazil (313)
2. USA (257)
3. Russia (255)
4. Bulgaria (195)
5. Serbia (145.5)
6. Italy (131.5)
7. Poland (129.5)
8. Spain (94)
9. Puerto Rico (91.5)
10. China (83.75)
11. Japan (79.75)
12. Argentina (79.25)
13. Australia (70.5)
14. Germany (59)
15. Egypt (55.5)
16. Venezuela (54.75)
17. Tunisia (50)
18. France (48)
19. Korea (47.75)
20. Cuba (46.0)
21. Canada (43.75)
22. Finland (32)
23. Cameroon (31.5)
24. Iran (28.5)
25. South Africa (26.5)
26. Paraguay (20.5)
27. Czech Republic (20.25)
28. Chile (19)
29. Greece (17.75)
30. Netherlands (17.5)
31. Thailand (17)
32. Barbados (16.75)
33. Kazakhstan (16.5)
34. Colombia (15.25)
35. Dominican Republic (15)
- 36T. Portugal (14.25)
- 36T. Mexico (14.25)
38. Kenya (14)
39. Trinidad & Tobago (13.5)
- 40T. Chinese Taipei (12.75)
- 40T. Indonesia (12.75)

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)