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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 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)

OPEN TRYOUTS FOR U.S. WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM: USA Volleyball conducted its three-day U.S. Women's National Team Open Tryout Feb. 20-22 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. The tryout attracted a record 160 athletes seeking spots on the U.S. Women's National Team, the U.S. Women's Junior National Team or the USA Women's Senior A2 Team. "I was very impressed with the talent and depth of the players who participated in the tryout this past weekend," U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand) said. "The athletes worked very hard to be evaluated by our tryout coaching staff, who put in many hours over the weekend to make for a successful tryout. Overall, this was a very positive experience for our program." The 2009 U.S. Women's National Team Open Tryout roster included 39 outside hitters, 39 middle blockers, 37 liberos, 28 setters and 17 opposites. A total of 64 different colleges were represented on the roster, including four non-NCAA Division I institutions. A total of 33 athletes were competing for roster spots for U.S. Women's Junior National Team inclusion, as well as the U.S. Women's National Team and its A2 program. For the full story, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10001>.



CLIMBING THE WORLD RANKINGS: The U.S. Women's National Team has moved into second place in the FIVB World Ranking released on Jan. 15, which aligns with the 2008 Olympic Games silver-medal finish. Team USA was ranked third in the world at the end of 2008 before the ranking formula adjusted based on past performances. Brazil is currently leading the world ranking with 255 points, followed by the Americans with 198 points. Cuba is ranked third with 190 points, closely followed by Italy with 185 points. China ranks fifth followed by Japan in sixth place.

FORMER NATIONAL TEAM PLAYER ON AMAZING RACE: Jennifer Hoffman, who trained with the U.S. Women's National Team in 2004 and was part of the 2005 Montreux roster, is part of the current season of the CBS series Amazing Race. She is taking part in the series with her sister LaKisha Hoffman. Jennifer was an All-American volleyball player at the University of Louisville. For more details on the pair, visit http://www.cbs.com/primetime/amazing_race/bio/lakisha_and_jennifer_14/bio.php?season=14.

AH MOW-SANTOS UPDATE: Robyn Ah Mow-Santos (Honolulu), a three-time Olympian for Team USA, has returned to her professional team in Switzerland as Volero continues into the playoffs. With Ah Mow-Santos, Volero defeated Tech-Laser VBC Cheseaux in the Playoff 1/4 Final with a three-set and four-set victory to advance to the finals. Volero takes on VC Kanti Schaffhausen on Feb. 28, followed by a March 4 home contest. The third match of the best-of-five is scheduled for March 3. If needed, the final two matches will be played on March 11 and March 14.



TOM UPDATE: Logan Tom (Salt Lake City, Utah), a three-time U.S. Olympian and Best Scorer of the 2008 Olympic Games, is playing with Hisamitsu Springs in the Japanese V-League. She aided her Japanese team to two victories this past weekend. Tom scored 20 points in a 25-15, 21-25, 28-26, 17-25, 15-10 victory over Okayama on Feb. 21. During the match, she tallied 17 kills, one block and two aces while recording an 83.3 percent on serve receive. One day later, Tom scored 16 kills, two blocks and three aces for 21 points in a 25-21, 27-25, 21-25, 25-17 victory over Toyota. Hisamitsu Springs is currently fourth in the league standings and will play the league's bottom two opponents next weekend: Hitachi (0-21) on Feb. 28 and JT (8-13) on March 1.



HANEEF-PARK UPDATE: Tayyiba Haneef-Park (Laguna Hills, Calif.), a two-time U.S. Olympian, is competing for the Pioneer Red Wings of the Japanese V-League. Pioneer dropped a 27-25, 25-22, 25-22 match to league-leading NEC on Feb. 21. Haneef-Park tallied 14 kills and two aces in the loss for 16 points. Pioneer came back the following day to take a 25-23, 25-23, 27-25 victory over second-place Denso. In the victory, Haneef-Park contributed 17 kills on 31 attacks without an error to go with a block for 18 points. Pioneer, at 11-11 during the league and in sixth place, plays Hitachi (0-21) on March 1.



NNAMANI UPDATE: Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.), a two-time Olympian now playing professionally in Turkey for Galatasaray, was idle in competition last week. Galatasaray returns to the court on Feb. 25 against V. Gunes Sigorta.

McGINNIS, HUGHES UPDATE: Angie McGinnis (Fraser, Mich.) and Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), both alternates on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team and now competing for Besiktas JK Bayan of the Turkish professional volleyball league, did not have a match last week.

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

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

2008 USA Statistics at Olympics

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

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

PAST OLYMPIC GAMES FINISHES:

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

METCALF, STALLS UPDATE: Nancy Metcalf (Hull, Iowa), a 2004 Olympian, is playing for Eczacibasi Zentiva of the Turkish professional league along with 2008 Olympic Games alternate Tracy Stalls (Denver, Colo.). Eczacibasi won a five-set match over Vakibank Gunes S. Istanbul on Feb. 18 in the CEV Indesit Champions League Playoff 12 Round. Metcalf, who started and played only the first four sets, tallied 10 points with nine kills and a block. Stalls, who started the entire match, added a match-high five blocks to go with a kill and ace for seven points. Eczacibasi now advances to the Champions League Playoff 6 Round and will face Poland's Fakro Muszynianka Muszynna on March 4 or 5 to start the home-and-home series which concludes the following week. In Turkish League action on Feb. 21, Eczacibasi dropped a 25-23, 25-18, 26-24 match to rival Fenerbahce Acibadem. Stalls started her second straight match and tallied three kills on seven errorless attacks to go with a block and ace for five points. Metcalf did not play in the match.



BUSSE, CRIMES, PRESSEY UPDATE: Toa Baja, competing in the Puerto Rico Super League, features three players who trained with the U.S. Women's National Team during 2008. Cassie Busse (Prior Lake, Minn.), Angie Pressey (Lake Mary, Fla.) and Alexis Crimes (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) all are sharing a heavy offensive load for Toa Baja. The Llaneras are now 8-0 to start the season after picking up two wins last week. Toa Baja defeated Carolina 25-21, 25-22, 23-25, 25-19 on Feb. 21. Pressey tallied 16 points, 10 digs and 11 successful service receptions in the victory.

Busse added 15 points, while Crimes chipped in 11 points. Playing against Toa Baja, Kylie Atherstone charted 16 points for Carolina in the loss. In Toa Baja's Feb. 22 five-set victory over San Sebastian, it seemed like a reunion of U.S. Women's National Team players. Busse led Toa Baja with 18 points, while Pressey contributed 16 points and 20 digs followed by Crimes' 10 points. In defeat, former U.S. National Team player Jane Collymore racked up a match-high 26 points in her first match with new team San Sebastian. Shonda Cole added 21 points, followed by 12 points by Allison Daley and 11 points by Jessica Jones. Toa Baja has a 2.5 match lead over Corozal in the league standings.

OTHER AMERICAN STANDOUTS IN PUERTO RICO LEAGUE: Vicky Brown scored 11 points in Juncos' 25-18, 25-18, 25-12 victory over Ponce on Feb. 17...Kylie Atherstone compiled 20 points for Carolina as it defeated San Sebastian 25-20, 19-25, 27-25, 22-25, 15-3 on Feb. 19. Rachel Hartman added 15 assists in the victory. For San Sebastian, Lily Kahumoku recorded a team-high 14 points, while Allison Daley added 13 points and 19 digs and Jessica Jones followed with 10 points...Lindsay Phillips tallied a double-double of 15 points and 11 digs as Guaynabo defeated Caguas 16-25, 25-15, 25-23, 25-18 on Feb. 19. Patrice Arrington added 13 points and 20 digs in the victory...Jordan Larson chalked up 19 points in a 25-18, 25-22, 25-19 Bayamon victory over Juncos...Arrington totaled 18 points on Feb. 21 as Guaynabo lost to Ponce 25-19, 22-25, 28-26, 25-22...Jeanne Fairchild ripped 19 points for Mayaguez in a 25-23, 25-19, 25-12 victory over Bayamon. Larson was credited with 11 points in the loss...Kristee Porter scored 18 points and Erin Moore added 15 points and 16 digs as Corozal defeated Caguas 25-15, 25-17, 23-25, 25-16 on Feb. 21...Lindsay Phillips tallied 13 points as Guaynabo topped Juncos 25-23, 25-18, 25-21 on Feb. 22...For more highlights from the Puerto Rico Super League, visit <http://www.fpvoleibol.com/lvsf09/>.

BOWN UPDATE: Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian and middle blocker on the silver-medal winning 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, did not compete her Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi's loss to Famila Chieri on Feb. 21. With the loss, Jesi falls to 12-7 on the year and holds a slim one-point lead over fifth-place Despar Perugia. Jesi resumes Italian Serie A action on March 1 versus CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte, which has four-time U.S. Olympian Danielle Scott-Arruda on the roster. As part of the CEV Challenge Cup, Jesi defeated France's Albi 25-21, 25-19, 25-21 on Feb. 18 without Bown competing. Jesi, which did not drop a set in the home-and-home quarterfinals, advances to the Challenge Cup semifinals on March 14 and will play Russia's Lenigradka St. Petersburg.



WILLOUGHBY UPDATE: Kim Willoughby (Napoleonville, La.), a 2008 U.S. Olympic Games silver medalist, came off the bench in Despar Perugia's 25-17, 25-18, 25-21 victory over Minetti Vicenza in an Italian Serie A match on Feb. 22. Willoughby subbed into the contest during the third set and provided two kills on eight attacks to help Perugia improve to 11-8 on the season and move into fifth place. Perugia takes on Famila Chieri, tied for last place with Minetti Vicenza, on March 1.

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USA Transfers to Foreign Clubs

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

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

SCOTT-ARRUDA UPDATE: Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.), a four-time U.S. Olympian middle blocker, provided 10 points for CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte on Feb. 22. However, her Italian Serie A team lost 25-11, 25-20, 25-14 to league-leader Pesaro. Scott-Arruda tallied all her points via kills. Castellana Grotte returns to action on March 1 against fourth-place Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi. The contest will match-up both Team USA starting middle blockers from the past three Olympic Games as Heather Bown competes for Jesi.



GLASS UPDATE: Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian playing professionally in Russia with Universitet Belogorie, was part of a four-set loss to Indesit on Feb. 22. No statistics of the match are available at press time. Universitet Belogorie falls to 12-7 on the season and to fifth place by points, but only one match victory out of second place in a close league standings. Universitet Belogorie challenges Zarechie-Odintsovo, 6-10 on the season and in 10th place, on Feb. 28



JOINES, RICHARDS UPDATE: Jennifer Joines (Milpitas, Calif.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian, and Kristin Richards (Orem, Utah), a 2008 U.S. Olympic Team alternate, are competing for Fakel in the Russian professional league this winter. Fakel lost nearly upset Uralochka-NTMK on Feb. 22, but walked away with a 20-25, 28-26, 25-18, 19-25, 15-10 loss. Richards scored a match-high 27 points with 22 kills on 49 attacks and five aces on 22 serves. Joines added five kills on 12 attacks and three blocks for eight points. Fakel (1-15) plays Avtdor-Metar (7-9) on Feb. 28 in its next match.



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).

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



TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 4)

1. How many 2008 U.S. Olympic Women's Volleyball Players are playing professionally overseas?

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Kane, Lindsey (OK Cestorad Vinkovci, Croatia)
Kearney, Linzy (RC Villebon, France)
Kehoe, Bryn (VBC Biel-Bienne, Switzerland)
Kelley, Kristin (TSV Sonthofen, Germany)
Kirkwood, Sarah (Valencianes de Juncos, Puerto Rico)
Klemenhagen, Leah (Volley Murcia Universidad, Spain)
Kohler, Emily (VBC Vol-de-Travers, Switzerland)
Larson, Jordan (Bayamon, Puerto Rico)
Leck, Kaitlin (Club Voleibol Albacete, Spain)
Livingston, Sherisa (CV Tomis 2004, Romania)
Lott, Erica (VC Weisbaden, Germany)
Lungren, Sara (Benidorm, Spain)
Magee, Brandy (Club Voleibol Albacete, Spain)
Matich, Crystal (Neuchatel Universite, Switzerland)
McConaha, Kimberly (KSV Wattwil, Switzerland)
McGinnis, Angela (Besiktas, Turkey)
McLaughlin, Cassandra (Kuusamon Pallo-Karhut, Finland)
McNamee, Candace (Zok 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 Pfefingen, 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 (Fiorenz, Italy)
Shaw, Sheila (VC Weisbaden, Germany)
Shepp, Allison (OK Ptuj, Slovenia)
Short, Erica (Carolina, Puerto Rico)
Simpson, Jaclyn (VC Weisbaden, Germany)
Slack, Brigitte (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Germany)
Solomon, Am'ra (CVA Toledo, Puerto Rico)
Stalls, Tracy (Eczacibasi Sports Club, Turkey)
Stalzer, Lindsay (Menorca, Spain)
Stidham, Missie (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)
Stovall, Desma (USSPA - Albi, France)
Swarbrick, Jessica (Zeiler Koniz, Switzerland)
Sweany, Morgan (OK Benedikt, Slovenia)
Thiry, Addie (OK Benedikt, Slovenia)
Thomas, Elisha (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)
Thompson, Courtney (Zeiler Koeniz, Switzerland)
Thompson, Makini (VBC Langenthal, Switzerland)
Todd, Jennifer (Terville Florange, France)
Tom, Logan (Hisamitsu Springs, Japan)
Turner, Whitney (OK Luka Koper, Slovenia)
Van Meter, Rachel (Schweriner SC, Germany)
Van Meter, Rachel (Vicenza Volley, Italy)
Weidner, Katherine (OK Vinkovci, Croatia)
Wernert, Kelley (Popsivo, Indonesia)
Williams, Sherri (C.V. Haro, Spain)
Willoughby, Kim (Perugia, Italy)
Wise, Bonita (C.E. Camp Escolar, Spain)
Yanchulova, Petia (Anorthosis Famagusta, Cyprus)
Zeltman, Sarah (VC Tirol, Austria)

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

McCUTCHEON IN STAR-STUDED CLINIC LINEUP: U.S. Women's National Team Head Coach Hugh McCutcheon (Christchurch, New Zealand), who led the U.S. Olympic Men's Team to a gold medal at the 2008 Olympic Games before switching roles in December of 2008, is one of seven speakers at the 2009 Nebraska Volleyball Coaches Clinic set for March 27-28 at Lincoln, Neb. Cost for the clinic is \$100 per person. McCutcheon will be joined by former UCLA softball coach Sue Enquist. She coached UCLA for 27 years guiding the Bruins to an 887-171-1 record with 11 national titles. Other presenters will be Nebraska Head Coach John Cook, Nebraska Assistant Coach and former Olympian Erik Sullivan, Nebraska Assistant Coach Lizzy Stemke, Papillion LaVista South High School Head Coach Gwen Egbert and Piux X High School Head Coach Jake Moore as presenters. For more information, contact the NU Volleyball Office at (402) 472-2399 or visit http://www.huskers.com/pdf4/377100.pdf?&SPSID=103451&SPID=23&DB_OEM_ID=100 for the clinic brochure.



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.

Answers to Trivia Questions? (from page 3)

1. 9 of the 12 Olympians from the 2008 U.S. Women's Olympic Team are currently playing professional volleyball overseas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

All-Time USA Women's Indoor Volleyball Olympians

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 (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)