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

Pan American Cup Site: Miami, Fla.

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

FIVB World Championship Third Round - NORCECA Qualification Site: TBA

Dates and Opponents TBA

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

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

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

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Weekend 3 at Bangkok, Thailand

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

FIVB World Grand Prix Finals at Tokyo, Japan

Aug. 19-23: Teams must qualify

Final Four Intercontinental Cup Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Sept. 7-13: Teams must qualify

NORCECA Women's Continental Championship

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

FIVB Grand Champions Cup Site: Tokyo and Fukuoka, Japan

Nov. 10-15: Teams TBA

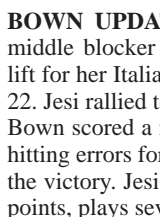


USA Volleyball.

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 defeated Balakoskaya 25-23, 16-25, 25-21, 25-20 on March 19. Richards, who has been playing opposite for her professional team this season, charted 23 kills on 44 attacks along with a block. Joines added six kills on 12 swings, two blocks and an ace in the victory. Fakel lost in three sets to Leningradka on March 23. Richards and Joines will return to the court of Fakel on April 2 against ninth-place Indesit.



GLASS UPDATE: Kim Glass (Lancaster, Pa.), a 2008 U.S. Olympian, is playing professionally in Russia with Universitet Belogorie. Her squad lost a marathon five-set match (20-25, 25-20, 22-25, 25-21, 15-11) on March 19 against Uralochka-NTMK. Universitet Belogorie was handed a 3-0 loss by Spartak on March 23. Without Glass in the lineup over the last several matches, Universitet has dropped from a tie for first place into a tie for fourth place with a 12-8 record. Prior to the Spartak match, Glass' team was in a four-way tie for second place and now tied with Spartak. Universitet Belogorie will look to stop the skid on April 2 against 10th-place Leningradka.



BOWN UPDATE: Heather Bown (Yorba Linda, Calif.), a three-time Olympian and middle blocker on the silver-medal winning 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, provided a big lift for her Italian Serie A professional team Monte Schiavo Banca Marche Jesi on March 22. Jesi rallied to defeat Solo Affitti Tradeco Cesena 20-25, 25-19, 20-25, 25-16, 15-12 as Bown scored a match-high 20 points. She collected 18 kills on 28 attacks with just three hitting errors for a .536 hitting efficiency and 64.3 kill percent. Bown added two blocks in the victory. Jesi, ranked fourth in the Italian Serie A standings with a 15-8 record and 43 points, plays seventh-ranked Zoppas Industries Conegliano on March 29.



SCOTT-ARRUDA UPDATE: Danielle Scott-Arruda (Baton Rouge, La.), a four-time U.S. Olympian middle blocker, is playing for CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte in the Italian Serie A league. Castellana Grotte lost to Perugia 25-18, 18-25, 25-13, 22-25, 15-10 on March 16 in a match originally scheduled for the weekend of March 29, but moved up due to Perugia hosting the CEV Indesit Champions League finals the same weekend. Scott-Arruda turned in 12 kills and four blocks for 16 points while hitting with a 43 percent success rate. In its regularly scheduled match on March 22, Castellana Grotte swept Riso Scotti Pavia 25-21, 25-22, 25-16. Scott-Arruda pocketed six kills on 12 attacks with just one error for a .417 hitting efficiency and 50.0 kill percent. She added two blocks and two aces for a total of 10 points. Castellana Grotte, which remains in ninth place with an 11-13 record but just one point out of eighth place, is idle this coming week.

WILLOUGHBY UPDATE: Kim Willoughby (Napoleonville, La.), a 2008 U.S. Olympic Games silver medalist, is now playing for Despar Perugia in the Italian Serie A league. Perugia, which is hosting the CEV Indesit Champions League the weekend of March 28-29, moved its March 29 match against CGF Recycle Florens Castellana Grotte to March 16 and held on to win 25-18, 18-25, 25-13, 22-25, 15-10. Willoughby scored a match-high 22 points with 15 kills on 41 attacks, six blocks and an ace. Perugia played fifth-place Yamamay Busto Arsizio in its regularly schedule match for the week on March 22 and lost 26-24, 25-22, 25-20. Willoughby, who played in all three sets but started just the second, charted eight kills, two blocks and an ace for 11 points in a reserve role. Perugia, now 12-12 on the season and in sixth place with 38 points, takes a break from the Italian Serie A schedule to host the CEV Indesit Champions League Final Four. Perugia faces Volley Bergamo in the semifinal round, while Turkey's Eczacibasi Zentiva matches up against Russia's Dinamo Moscow in the other semifinal.



TRIVIA QUESTIONS (answers on page 2)

1. Who was the first head coach to lead an American volleyball team into the Olympic Games?
2. Who scored the final point in the U.S. Women's National Team victory over China in the 2008 Olympic Games to clinch the Americans a spot into the quarterfinals?

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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)

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. Hisamitsu Springs won both its matches last week to end the regular season with a 19-8 overall record. Tom notched 25 points in a 25-11, 25-17, 25-20 victory over Takefuji Bamboo on March 20. She tallied 19 kills on 37 attacks, match-high five blocks and an ace to go with a 68.2 service reception percent (15 of 22). In a battle to decide second place, Hisamitsu Springs blanked NEC 25-19, 25-15, 25-18 on March 21 in the regular season finale. Tom was credited with 11 kills on 21 attacks and just one error, while adding an ace for a 12-point performance. Hisamitsu Springs will be one of four teams competing in the round-robin Japanese V-League finals. Hisamitsu Springs has a rematch with NEC on April 3, followed by an April 4 contest against league-champion Toray and April 5 contest against fourth-place Denso.



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. She played in two matches last week to conclude her team's regular season. Haneef-Park scored 27 points, all on kills coming from 60 attacks, in a 25-21, 14-25, 25-21, 21-25, 15-13 loss to first-place Toray on March 20. In the season finale, Pioneer defeated ninth-place JT 22-25, 25-15, 25-22, 25-22 on March 21. Haneef-Park was credited with 29 kills on 60 swings and one ace on 11 serves. Pioneer ended the season in sixth place with a 13-14 record and a 1.02 set won-lost ratio, just 0.02 behind fifth-place Toyota Autobody's 1.04 ratio and identical 13-14 record.

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 rallied to defeat Fenerbahce 22-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-23, 15-10 on March 18 in the second match of the Teledunya Turkish Cup Final to win its sixth consecutive Turkish Cup trophy. Earlier, the Eczacibasi had won the first meeting in four sets. Metcalf scored eight kills on 29 attacks with a block for nine points in the victory. To view photos, visit <http://www.voleybolunsesi.com/gallery.php?cid=05&galeryid=168>. In its return to Turkish League play, Eczacibasi Zentiva defeated Karsiyaka 25-13, 25-13, 25-21 on March 21. Stalls chalked up six kills on 10 attacks with just one error in starting the match. Metcalf did not play in the victory.



NNAMANI UPDATE: Ogonna Nnamani (Bloomington, Ill.), a two-time Olympian now playing professionally in Turkey for Galatasaray, led her team to a 25-22, 25-20, 25-12 victory over Nilufer Belediye Spor on March 21. She contributed 12 points on 10 kills, one block and one ace as Galatasaray limited its opponent to a 31 kill percent for the match. Nnamani also received 11 of her team's 51 service receptions without an error in the victory.

McGINNIS, HUGHES UPDATE: Angie McGinnis (Fraser, Mich.) and Heather Hughes (Fallbrook, Calif.), both alternates on the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team, are now competing for Besiktas JK Bayan of the Turkish professional volleyball league. Fenerbahce Acibadem got the best of Besiktas on March 21 with a 25-14, 25-22, 25-20 victory in Istanbul. McGinnis set Besiktas to a 32 kill percent for the match while posting one kill herself on five attempts. Hughes came off the bench to start the second and third sets and totaled four kills.



Answers to Trivia Questions? (from page 1)

1. Kim Glass put up a block against China for the final point of the fifth set, capping an American come-from-behind victory during pool play.
2. Dr. W.P. Burroughs led the U.S. Women's Olympic Team in 1964

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USA Transfers to Foreign Clubs

Abrahamson, Laurel (Vangian R.C., Finland)
Ah Mow-Santos, Robyn (VBC Volero, Switzerland)
Alde, Stefanie (CV Cide, Spain)
Allen, Katherine (Gradacar, Bosnia)
Andreyko, Diana (OK Luka Koper, Slovenia)
Atherstone, Kylie (Carolina, Puerto Rico)
Beck, Carrie (Norsjo Volleyball, Sweden)
Bell, Lacey (Volley Ball Pexinois Niort, France)
Bisaillon, Brittney (BTV Luzern, Switzerland)
Blum, Tiffany (ZOK Matija Mesic, Croatia)
Bown, Heather (Giannino Pieralsi Volley, Italy)
Bratford, Trisha (Hapoel Kiryat Ata, Israel)
Brittenicker, Joyce Nicole (Miranda Volleyball Club, Spain)
Brown, Emily (VK Doprastav Bratislava, Slovakia)
Brown, Victoria (Juncos, Puerto Rico)
Bruzdzinski, Katherine (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Busse, Cassie (Toa Baja, Puerto Rico)
Cahill, Stephanie (Franches-Montagnes, Switzerland)
Campbell, Lindsey (VC Tirol Volleyball Club, Austria)
Campbell, Norisha (TSV Sonthofen, Germany)
Cepero de Romero, Greichaly (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
Cmaylo, Anna (VBC Cheseaux/Lausanne, Switzerland)
Collymore, Jane (Juncos, Puerto Rico)
Copenhagen, Diane (VC Weert, Netherlands)
Crawford, Therese (Indias Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
Crimes, Alexis (Toa Baja, Puerto Rico)
Daley, Ali (San Sebastian, Puerto Rico)
Deesing, Alesha (VFB91 SUHL, Germany)
DeKiewiet, Jamie (Grammar School Athletic Club, Cyprus)
Desilets, Makare (V.C. Samorodok Khabarovsk, Russia)
Dyer, Alexandra (Miranda Volleyball Club, Spain)
Eddins, Stefani (Somero, Finland)
Elmgren, Karen (Annecy Volleyball, France)
Evans, Lauren (Sparkasse Wild Katz, Austria)
Fairchild, Jeanne (Indias Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)
Ford, Lauren (Paka Volleyball, Finland)
Gates, Amanda (CV Ribera Sacra, Spain)
Genslak, Ashley (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 Novyi Urengoi, Russia)
Jones, Jessica (Las Caribes, Puerto Rico)

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

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 continued its win streak with a 25-23, 25-21, 23-25, 25-17 victory over San Sebastian on March 18. Crimes tallied 16 points with eight kills, six blocks and two aces in leading the way, while Pressey and Busse each contributed 14 points in the victory. In the loss, former U.S. National Team players Shonda Cole (17) and Jane Collymore (16) combined for 33 points while Allison Daley chipped in 11 points. In its second match of the week, Toa Baja topped Bayamon 19-25, 25-19, 25-23, 17-25, 15-12 on March 20. Pressey tallied a match-high 16 points while Crimes and Busse followed with 15 points apiece. Jordan Larson led Bayamon in the loss with 14 points, 13 digs and 14 service receptions. Toa Baja ended the week with its third victory, a 3-1 win over Guaynabo to stretch its win streak to 17 matches to start the season. Toa Baja has a three-match lead over second-place Corozal with five matches remaining in the regular season.



OTHER AMERICAN STANDOUTS IN PUERTO RICO LEAGUE: Jordan Larson compiled 16 points all on kills in leading Bayamon to a three-set victory over Ponce on March 18...Kelly Wing hammered out 20 points and Vicky Brown added 15 points as Juncos topped Ponce in four sets on March 20...Kristee Porter contributed 22 points to lead Corozal to a four-set victory over Caguas on March 20. Erin Moore tacked on 13 points in the victory...Nicole Fawcett provided 19 points in a five-set Carolina victory over San Sebastian on March 21. Kylie Atherstone and Erica Short added 13 points each. Jane Collymore scored a match-high 20 points in the loss for San Sebastian, while Jessica Jones added 17 points and Shonda Cole 16 points...Porter tacked on 17 points, all kills, in leading Corozal to a sweep over Juncos on March 22. Wing tallied 11 points in the loss...Mayaguez swept Ponce on March 22 as Jessica VanderKooi charted 14 points in the victory...Nicole Fawcett poured out 10 points in leading Carolina to a four-set victory over Caguas...For more highlights from the Puerto Rico Super League, visit <http://www.fpvoleibol.com/lvsf09/>.

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 Championships 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. A total of 12 teams are scheduled to compete in the event, which serves as a qualifying event into the 2010 FIVB World Grand Prix. The top three teams from NORCECA in the Women's Pan American Cup and the highest placing South American country will earn berths to next year's premier annual event. "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." The tournament schedule and competing teams should be available soon once teams have confirmed participation. Ticket prices and online purchasing will be available at <http://usavolleyball.org/event/event/572> once determined. For the full story, visit <http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/10458>.



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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 Pfeffingen, Switzerland)
Salters, Belita (Ponce Leones, Puerto Rico)
Sanders, Juliana (TSV Sonthofen, Germany)
Sandstrom, Stefanie (OK Nova Mokosica, Croatia)
Savage, Francheska (OK Banka Pula, Croatia)
Scott-Arruda, Danielle (Florens, Italy)
Shaw, Sheila (VC Weisbaden, Germany)
Shepp, Allison (OK Ptuj, Slovenia)
Short, Erica (Carolina, Puerto Rico)
Simpson, Jaclyn (VC Weisbaden, Germany)
Slack, Brigitte (TSV Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Germany)
Solomon, Am'ra (CVA Toledo, Puerto Rico)
Stalls, Tracy (Eczacibasi Sports Club, Turkey)
Stalzer, Lindsay (Menorca, Spain)
Stidham, Missie (Sparkasse Klagenfurt, Austria)
Stovall, Desma (USSPA - Albi, France)
Swarbrick, Jessica (Zeiler Koniz, Switzerland)
Sweany, Morgan (OK Benedikt, Slovenia)
Thiry, Addie (OK Benedikt, Slovenia)
Thomas, Elisha (VK Prostějov, Czech Republic)
Thompson, Courtney (Zeiler Koeniz, Switzerland)
Thompson, Makini (VBC Langenthal, Switzerland)
Todd, Jennifer (Terville Florange, France)
Tom, Logan (Hisamitsu Springs, Japan)
Turner, Whitney (OK Luka Koper, Slovenia)
Van Meter, Rachel (Schweriner SC, Germany)
Van Meter, Rachel (Vicenza Volley, Italy)
Weidner, Katherine (OK Vinkovci, Croatia)
Wernert, Kelley (Popsivo, Indonesia)
Williams, Sherri (C.V. Haro, Spain)
Willoughby, Kim (Perugia, Italy)
Wise, Bonita (C.E. Camp Escolar, Spain)
Yanchulova, Petia (Anorthosis Famagusta, Cyprus)
Zeltman, Sarah (VC Tirol, Austria)

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

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



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



OLYMPIC COMMEMORATIVE APPAREL ON SALE: USA Volleyball has unveiled five commemorative logo designs to appear on apparel saluting USA Volleyball's medal successes at the recent Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Beijing. Apparel can be purchased by visiting <http://usavolleyball2008.com/store/>. Men's and ladies' T-shirt designs are \$15, while the youth T-shirt size is \$13. Long sleeve t-shirts are \$18, crew sweatshirts are \$23 and hoodies are \$30. Sizes XXL and larger have a slightly higher price. USA Volleyball's success on the Olympic grand stage in Beijing has never been achieved by any other nation since volleyball was added to the Olympics in 1964. The U.S. Olympic Men's Indoor Volleyball Team, which was named the United States Olympic Committee Team of the Month for August 2008, captured the gold medal at the Olympic Games without losing a single match. Women's Beach Volleyball (Misty May-Treanor and Kerri Walsh) and Men's Beach Volleyball (Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers) both came back from Beijing with Olympic Games gold medals. The U.S. Olympic Women's Indoor Volleyball Team captured the silver medal in Beijing, as did the U.S. Women's Sitting Team during the Paralympic Games. No other country has ever participated in the gold-medal match of all four Olympic Games volleyball disciplines during the same year. Team USA added a fifth gold-medal appearance at the Paralympic Games.



USA Volleyball.

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); 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

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)