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2018 USA VOLLEYBALL COLLEGIATE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS

This document outlines the procedures for the USA Volleyball Collegiate Beach Championships. USA Volleyball will host this event in collaboration with the United States Olympic Committee, as part of the Summer Champions Series, to select athletes for the 2018 USAV Collegiate Beach National Team and as part of the process for selecting the 2018 FISU World University Championships pairs. This competition will be held May 9-12, 2018 in Hermosa Beach, California, Northside of the pier.

1. COMPETITION FORMAT

1.1 The competition will consist of a one-day Qualification Tournament followed by a 32 pair, three-day, Main Draw Tournament. The Main Draw will consist of modified pool play and a single elimination bracket. All competition will be played with the Molten BV5000 and will be provided on site. FIVB rules (http://www.fivb.org/EN/Refereeing-Rules/RulesOfTheGame_BVB.asp) apply and matches will be played out until a gold, silver and bronze medal is awarded. See Appendix A for the provisional match schedule. USA Volleyball has the right to amend the format and rules, especially for the men's competition if fewer pairs are entered.

1.1.1. Rally Point System 2 out of 3 sets as follows:

a) First and second sets

- 21 Points
- switch every 7 points
- one technical time-out of 30" at third court switch (sum of 21 points)
- one time-out of 30" per pair/set

b) Third eventual set

- 15 points
- switch every 5 points
- one time-out per pair

All sets win by 2 points and intervals between sets to be of 1 minute.

1.2 The Qualification Tournament technical meeting and preliminary inquiry will be held the evening of May 8, 2018 at the USA Volleyball Beach Headquarters located at 20501 Earl Street, Suite 3, Torrance, California, 90503. The athletes' attendance is mandatory.



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- Preliminary Inquiry – 7:00-7:30 PM
- Technical Meeting – 7:30-8:15 PM

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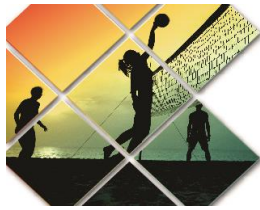
- 1.2.1 Both athletes of the pair must be present at the Preliminary Inquiry and confirm their presence by signing the form provided. All athletes must present their uniforms (all tops and bottoms to be worn) which are required to comply with Section 1.3. All coaches (up to three) and medical (one representative) must also be present and receive their credentials.
- 1.2.2 Organizers will provide all Organizing Committee members, USAV Officials, referees, athletes, coaches, medical, VIPs, journalists, technical staff, court personnel, volunteers, etc. with an official accreditation card and will ensure that only people with appropriate accreditation will have access to the designated venue areas.
- 1.2.3 If required, a drawing of lots will be carried out in the same room where the Technical Meeting is held, to break the ties on the seeding immediately after the approval of final list of eligible participating pairs, within 1 hour after the completion of the Preliminary Inquiry.
- 1.2.4 The technical meeting is an opportunity for athletes and coaches to ask questions and acknowledge that the rules of the draw have been followed and that the bracket is correct. Finalized seeding and additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed on the USAV website within 1 hour after the completion of each of the Technical Meeting or after the drawing of lots (if applicable).
- 1.2.5 If an athlete arrives late to the Preliminary Inquiry, a fine of \$150.00 may be imposed on him/her. There is a risk of disqualification if the player/pair fails to attend the preliminary inquiry in due time and upon the decision of the Technical Delegate, pairs who fail to attend the preliminary inquiry will be excluded from the tournament.



- 1.2.6 The fine for late arrival only applies if the player/pair is witnessed and/or confirmed to be onsite by the Technical Delegate but did not attend the Preliminary Inquiry in due time (e.g. witnessed to have been training at the venue (or nearby), or check in at the hotel or other reliable information confirming that the pair is present at the event).
- 1.2.7 Special cases of late arrival may only be considered upon proof of 'force majeure', such as cancellation of the flight by the airline company, transportation failure, etc., and such proof must be communicated to the Technical Delegate with a copy to USAV Beach (beachhp@usav.org) in due time before the start of the Preliminary Inquiry. No fine shall apply in cases of force majeure.
- 1.3 Female athletes must wear their university issued uniform. All female athletes must wear shorts or spandex and a tank top that covers the midriff when arms are at the sides. College logos are permitted on any personal item. Hats, visors, sunglasses and sand socks are considered optional personal attire. Should USAV Beach HP issue gear for the event it is required to be worn as stated. In addition, for competitions, pairs must be dressed identically including matching tops and bottoms (including lengths). Cold weather clothing is permitted in conjunction with the uniform and tops should fit snugly under any uniform.
- Male athletes must wear shorts that are a minimum of 10 inches in length and a top that identifies the university they are representing. The attire includes, at a minimum, shorts and tank tops that covers the midsection. College logos are permitted on any personal item. Hats, visors, sunglasses and sand socks are considered optional personal attire. Should USAV Beach HP issue gear for the event it is required to be worn as stated. In addition, for competitions, pairs must be dressed identically including matching tops and bottoms (including lengths). Cold weather clothing is permitted in conjunction with the uniform and should fit snugly under any uniform.
- 1.4 The Qualification Tournament is single elimination with consolation matches and is played with a maximum of 24 pairs to qualify 8 pairs to the Main Draw Tournament. Entry will be awarded to the Qualification Tournament by May 1, 2018. It will be held on May 9, 2018. Eight pairs advance to the Main Draw Tournament.
- 1.4.1 The participating pairs of the event must bear all costs related to their travel, board and lodging. An athlete's University may provide financial assistance. Athletes should check with their University regarding possible assistance.



- 1.4.2 Seeding for the Qualification Tournament will be based on USAV Beach Ranking (combined total points) as of May 7, 2018. Rankings from <http://www.collegebeachvb.com/> may be considered.
- A drawing of lots will be conducted during the technical meeting on May 8, 2018 for all pairs with:
 - The same combined total points
 - A combined total of zero points
 - Where possible, brackets will not have more than one pair per university
 - FIVB regulations will be followed for moving pairs of the same university to a different bracket.
- 1.5 The Main Draw Tournament, including modified pool play matches, will take place May 10-12, 2018. It will consist of up to 32 pairs.
- 1.5.1 The participating pairs of the event must bear all costs related to their travel, board and lodging. An athlete's University may provide financial assistance. Athletes should check with their University regarding possible assistance.
- 1.5.2 Pools will be in groups of four pairs and matches will be best of three sets.
- 1.5.3 Seeding for pool play will follow this order:
- Group 1 - Medalists from the 2017 Collegiate Beach Championships that are eligible to compete with any partner and pairs nominated by their University that have qualified for the 2018 NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship. Pairs will be seeded by USAV Beach Ranking (combined total points) as of May 7, 2018. Rankings from <http://www.collegebeachvb.com/> may be considered.
 - Group 2 - Pairs awarded Main Draw entry seeded by USAV Beach Ranking (combined total points) as of May 7, 2018. Rankings from <http://www.collegebeachvb.com/> may be considered.
 - Group 3 – Qualification Tournament pairs that gained entry to the Main Draw Tournament seeded by USAV Beach Ranking (combined total points) as of May 7, 2018. Rankings from <http://www.collegebeachvb.com/> may be considered.
 - A drawing of lots will be conducted during the technical meeting on May 10, 2018 for all pairs within a group:
 - The same combined total points



- A combined total of zero points
- Where possible, pools will not have more than one pair per university
- FIVB regulations will be followed for moving pairs of the same university to a different pool.

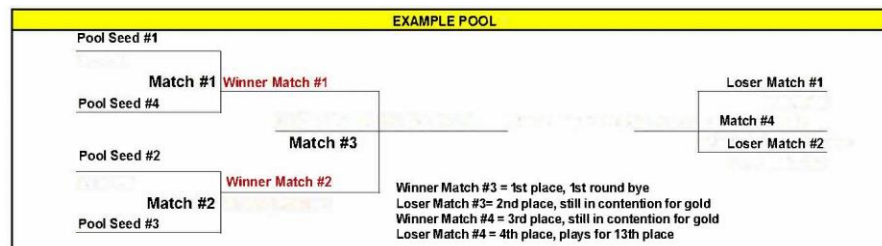
1.5.4 The technical meeting is an opportunity for athletes and coaches to ask questions and acknowledge that the rules of the draw have been followed and that the bracket is correct. Finalized seeding and additional detailed information on the competition will be distributed on the USAV website within 1 hour after the completion of each of the Technical Meeting or after the drawing of lots (if applicable).

1.5.5 Exact pools will be posted online following the technical meeting in advance of the event. <http://www.pairusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Beach/Collegiate-Beach-Championships>

Pools will be seeded in the following format:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D	Pool E	Pool F	Pool G	Pool H
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25

1.4.4.1 Modified pool play will be used where seed one will play seed four and seed two will play seed three. The winning pairs will play off for first and second place in the pool and the losing pairs will play off for third and fourth place in the pool.





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- 1.4.4.2 The first, second and third finishing pairs in their respective pools will advance automatically to the single elimination phase. The fourth finishing pair will be eliminated.

 - 1.6 Thirty minutes following the final pool play match in each gender, USA Volleyball will host a drawing of lots Thursday, May 10, onsite. Drawing of lots establishes the seeding of the single elimination phase which will run May 10-12, 2018. Coaches and athletes are welcome to attend but attendance is not required. The location for the drawing of lots will be confirmed at the technical meeting.
 - 1.6.1 Twenty-four (24) pairs advance to the single elimination phase. The top three pairs in each pool will automatically advance.
 - 1.6.2 Pairs will be reseeded into a single elimination bracket where all first place pairs retain their seed. A drawing of lots will be held for all second place pairs. A drawing of lots will be held for all third place pairs, avoiding pairs facing each other from the same pool in the first round.
 - 1.6.3 Matches will be played out until a gold, silver and bronze medal is awarded.
 - 1.6.4 **Should two pairs from the same university make it to the semi-final round they will play off against each other. If they are on the opposite sides of the bracket the pairs will be switched. Should three or more pairs from the same university make it to the semi-finals the bracket remains as it stands.**

 - 1.7 During this event, accredited coaches will be allowed to sit in the player's area and interact with the players during official warm-up, time-out, technical time-out and between sets. Pairs wanting to have a coach(es) must identify their coach(es) at the time of registration online. Late registration of coaches may not be accepted.
 - 1.7.1 Coaches of women's pairs must be a named beach or indoor volleyball coach of the university which the athletes represent.

Coaches of men's pairs may be a named beach or indoor volleyball coach of the university which the athletes represent or must meet the following requirements in 1.7.2 and be USAV BCAP I or II certified.
 - 1.7.2 Coaches must:



- Be a current USAV member in good standing
- Have successfully completed the SafeSport certification
- Have successfully completed a USAV approved background screening
- Hold USAV IMPACT coach certification
- BCAP I and II are highly recommended

1.7.3 Coaches must wear the provided Adidas accreditation lanyard during the entire competition and present it to the match officials.

1.7.4 Coaches are permitted to coach pairs in both genders.

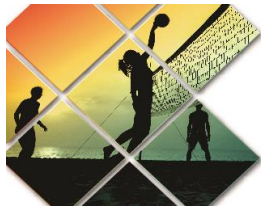
1.7.5 Pairs are not required to have a coach.

1.7.6 A coach may be registered for more than one pair. Coaches are permitted to enter a match to coach once and should they leave the match they are not permitted to return. It is recommended that coaches stay with one pair for the duration of the match (i.e. from warm up until the final whistle).

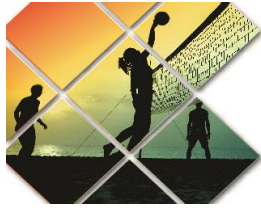
1.7.7 Only one pair coach will be permitted into the playing area beginning with the warm up until the final whistle.

1.7.8 The coach must wear a uniform which is different from the pair (e.g. polo/ track suit top, showing university name or logo). Should the coach not adhere to the USAV dress code, the referee will make a remark on the score sheet and the Technical Supervisor will rescind the coach's accreditation until the regulation is complied with.

1.7.9 The Coach should sign the score sheet prior to the match (after the toss) in the Remarks box (or in the Coach's confirmation box, where a modified score sheet is being used), to confirm his/ her position, thus allowing him/ her to be subject to the discipline of the Referee corps. In addition, the coach must leave his/ her accreditation on the score table. Hence for the purposes of this competition, the coach is included under the terms "pair" and "pair member". Should the Coach refuse to comply with this regulation or have no ID, he/ she will be requested to leave the playing area and can have no further involvement in the match.



- 1.7.10 The Coach sits at the designated Pair seating areas, and must remain seated during the play and during intervals between rallies, except when switching courts, during set intervals and while instructing players during time outs. During court switches, the Coach switches with the pair. The Coach must not stand during play or talk to the pair members. Should either Referee have to remind the Coach of this fact, he/ she may be subject to the misconduct scale, just like the players.
- 1.7.11 An accredited coach may interact with his/her players only during warm-up, change of set, between rallies, at switch of the court and during time-out. The coach can freely give instructions during Time-outs, Technical Timeouts, Set intervals, and during exceptional game interruptions. The coach may also give instructions during court switches (while walking) – however, the match shall not be delayed by this. Existing rules concerning coaching players from outside the playing area still apply.
- 1.7.12 The coach (as well as the pair captain) may request a time out by showing the official hand signal and requesting “time out” when the ball is out of play and before the 1st referee’s whistle for service. His/ her contacting official is the 2nd referee should one be appointed. If there is no 2nd referee then the 1st referee should be contacted. Requests made after or at the same moment of the 1st Referee’s whistle for service, or requests made after the pair has exhausted its time outs in that set, will be regarded as improper requests. Should resumption of the game be delayed by this, the pair will be sanctioned for delay.
- 1.7.13 During a medical time out, only players may warm up in the playing area.
- 1.8 Pairs will be sanctioned for delay when pair members (players) are judged to be attempting to delay the game in order to get assistance from the coach in violation to this specific regulation.
- 1.8.1 Misconduct and its sanctions applies to all pair members, including the coach if present. Minor Misconduct Minor misconduct offences are not subject to sanctions. It is the first referee’s duty to prevent the pairs from approaching the sanctioning level. There are two stages to this:
- Stage 1 is done verbally through the pair captain.



- Stage 2 involves showing a yellow card official warning to the pair. This is done by issuing the warning to the offending pair member or to the pair through the game captain. Since the coach is to be regarded as a pair member, this would apply also to this individual. The pair captain would be requested to inform the coach of his/ her offence. The FIRST referee would then show the yellow card to the coach, who would be expected to stand, and raise a hand to acknowledge the warning.

This warning is not a sanction but an indication that the sanctioning level for the match has been reached. It has no immediate consequences, but it is recorded on the score sheet. In the case of the warning being applied to the pair because of the Coach's behavior, this is recorded in the remarks box, listing pair, set, coach and score, using the following shorthand: A 2/C/12-9, for example.

Misconduct leading to sanctions due to incorrect conduct by a pair member (remember: including the Coach) towards officials, opponents, pair-mates or spectators is classified in three categories according to the seriousness of the offence.

- Rude conduct: action contrary to good manners or moral principles,
- Offensive conduct: defamatory or insulting words or gestures or any action expressing contempt.
- Aggression: actual physical attack or aggressive or threatening behavior.

Sanction scale According to the judgment of the 1st referee and depending on the seriousness of the offence, the sanctions to be applied and recorded on the score sheet are: Penalty, Expulsion or Disqualification.

- Penalty - For rude conduct or for a single repetition of rude conduct in the same set by the same pair member. On each of the first two occasions, the pair is sanctioned with a point and service to the opponents. A third rude conduct by a pair member in the same set is sanctioned by expulsion. Rude conduct sanctions may, however, be given to the same pair member in subsequent sets.
- Expulsion - The first offensive conduct by a pair member is sanctioned by expulsion with no other consequences. The third rude conduct in



the same set, by the same pair member is sanctioned by expulsion with no other consequences. (see “expulsion” above) The player who is sanctioned with expulsion must leave the playing area and his/ her pair is declared incomplete for the set. An expelled coach loses his/her right to intervene in the set and must leave the playing area until the next set. In this case, the coach must leave his/ her accreditation on the score table.

- Disqualification - The first physical attack or implied or threatened aggression is sanctioned by disqualification. The pair member must leave the playing area for the remainder of the match; if this pair member is a player his/her pair is declared incomplete for the match. A disqualified coach must leave the playing area and loses his/her right to intervene in the match. Misconduct is sanctioned as shown in the sanction scale. The second offensive conduct in the same match by the same pair member is sanctioned by disqualification with no other consequences.
- Application of misconduct sanctions - Expulsion or disqualification due to offensive conduct or aggression does not require a previous sanction.
- Misconduct before and in between sets - Any misconduct occurring before or between sets is sanctioned according to the rules above and sanctions apply in the following set.
- Summary of misconduct and cards used:
 - Warning Stage 1: no sanction – Verbal warning through the pair captain
 - Warning Stage 2: no sanction - symbol Yellow card to the individual pair member
 - Penalty: sanction – symbol Red card
 - Expulsion: sanction – symbol Red+ Yellow cards jointly
 - Disqualification: sanction – symbol Red + Yellow card separately.

2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 Athletes must be a citizen of the United States of America (USA) at the time of nomination and be eligible to represent the USA at the FISU Beach Volleyball World University Championships. (For those that medal in this event, USA passports will be required to be presented by May 31, 2018 in order to travel).



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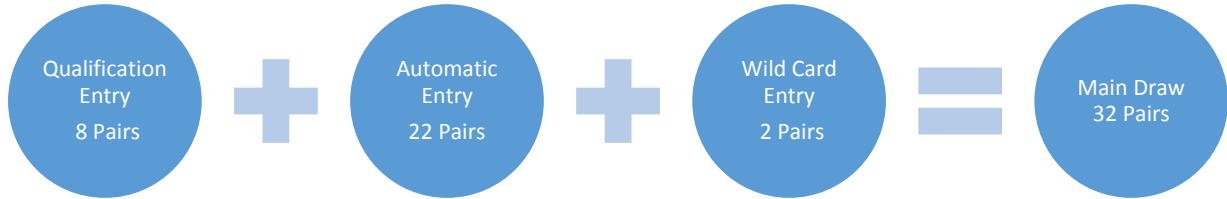


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- 2.2 Athletes must be at least 17 and less than 25 years of age on January 1st in the year of the event.
- 2.3 Athletes on a pair must be from the same university.
- 2.4 For athletes that are a national of more than one country, has changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality, please refer to the FIVB website or contact the USAV Beach office.
- 2.5 Athletes must be a current member in good standing of USA Volleyball (USAV).
- 2.6 Athletes must be currently officially registered as progressing towards a degree or diploma at a University or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of the United States. Student athletes must have taken at least one 3-credit course towards a degree or diploma within the last year before the event. The standard is that the athlete must be 'progressing' towards a degree.
- 2.7 Former students of the institutions mentioned in 2.6 who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the nine months preceding the event start date are permitted to compete.
- 2.8 Application of pairs that do not satisfy the minimum requirements above will not be considered for entry.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1 This event is open to any USAV athlete who meets the minimum requirements in SECTION 2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS and are recommended by their University and are selected and approved by the Selection Committee, see SECTION 3.4. Should there be any issues not resolved by the University in relation to entry please see SECTION 10 ATHLETE INQUIRIES.
- 3.2 Entry for the Qualification Tournament is awarded to a maximum of 24 pairs to qualify 8 places into the Main Draw Tournament in each gender. Entry to the Main Draw Tournament is awarded to a maximum of 32 pairs in each gender. There is no limitation on the number of pairs that may be selected from a particular conference or University.



3.2.1 Entry for the Qualification Tournament will be awarded to the remaining pairs not awarded entry to the Main Draw Tournament by the Selection Committee.

3.2.2 Entry for the women's Main Draw Tournament will be awarded to:

3.2.2.1 Up to three (3) places will be awarded to the 2017 Collegiate Beach Championship medalists if they meet the SECTION 2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS and are registered as the same pairing.

Gold: Sara Hughes and Kelly Claes

Silver: Nicolette Martin and Terese Cannon

Bronze: Corinne Quiggle and Brittany Howard

3.2.2.2 Up to eight (8) places will be awarded to each of the Universities that will be competing in the 2018 NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship May 4-6, 2018. The coach or University must nominate their top eligible pair and all nominations are subject to the Selection Committee's approval.

3.2.2.3 Eleven (11) places will be awarded by the Selection Committee to the best remaining pairs nominated based on results from the 2018 NCAA season and current FIVB and USAV Beach Rankings. Any remaining unused places from 3.2.2.1 and 3.2.2.2 will be awarded entry by the Selection Committee.

3.2.2.4 Up to two (2) Wild Cards may be awarded by USA Volleyball Beach Department. Any unused Wild Cards will be filled by the Selection Committee.

3.2.2.5 All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements as listed in SECTION 2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.



3.2.3 Entry for the men's Main Draw Tournament will be awarded to:

3.2.3.1 Up to six (6) places will be awarded to the 2017 Collegiate Beach Championship medalists if they meet the SECTION 2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS and are registered as the same pairing. If only one athlete remains eligible then they may select another athlete from their university to compete with.

Gold: Lucas Yoder and Michael Seata

Silver: Jackson Bantle and Hagen Smith

Bronze: Nathan VanderMeer and Logan Webber

3.2.3.2 Sixteen (16) places will be awarded by the Selection Committee to the best remaining pairs nominated based on results from the following criteria. Any remaining unused places from 3.2.3.1 will be awarded entry by the Selection Committee.

- USAV Beach Senior Rankings
- USAV Beach High Performance Engagement
- USAV Indoor High Performance Engagement
- Volleyball Accomplishments

3.2.3.3 Up to two (2) Wild Cards may be awarded by USA Volleyball Beach Department. Any unused Wild Cards will be filled by the Selection Committee.

3.2.3.4 All athletes must meet the eligibility requirements as listed in SECTION 2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

3.4 The Athlete Selection Committee shall be comprised of:

- Six (6) NCAA Representatives (One (1) coach per women's NCAA beach volleyball conference awarded to the top ranked university from each conference as of March 27, 2018, should they be unable to sit on the committee it will go to the next ranked university. One (1) coach from men's NCAA indoor volleyball (may also be involved with beach volleyball).
 - Atlantic Sun Conference (6 members)
 - Big West Conference (6 members)



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- Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (8 members)
 - Pac-12 Conference (8 members)
 - West Coast Conference (7 members)
 - NCAA Men's Volleyball
- 1 AVCA Representative
 - Kathy DeBoer
 - 3 USAV Beach Staff Representatives
 - Sean Scott – Director, Beach National Pairs
 - Megan Burgdorf – Manager, Beach High Performance
 - Michelle Meyer – Coordinator, Beach High Performance
 - 2 USAV Beach Athlete Representatives
- 3.5 Deadlines are at 2:00 PM, Pacific Time on the following dates (these are tentative and will be confirmed in 2018 with the NCAA schedule):
- March 1, 2018 Nomination forms posted online and open
 - April 5, 2018 Selection Committee confirmed
 - April 19, 2018 Deadline for all nominations, including coaches and medical
 - April 27, 2018 Selection Committee shortlisting of pairs
 - April 30, 2018 NCAA announces selections, schools 1-8 awarded 1 spot
 - May 1, 2018 Selection Committee finalizes spots, notifications sent
 - May 3, 2018 Pairs and coach registration due
 - May 3-5, 2018 NCAA Men's Volleyball National Championships
 - May 4-6, 2018 NCAA Beach Volleyball National Championships
 - May 8, 2018 Arrival of Qualification Pairs and technical meeting
 - May 9, 2018 Qualification Tournament
 - May 9, 2018 Arrival of Main Draw Pairs and technical meeting
 - May 10-12, 2018 USAV Beach Collegiate Beach Championships
- 3.6 Each pair must register on the USAV website: www.usavolleyball.org.
- 3.7 The winner per gender will be selected for the USAV Collegiate Beach National Pair and will represent the USA at the 2018 FISU Beach Volleyball World University



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3.8 Registration fees are as follows:

- Standard registration fee per pair including one coach – \$200.00
- Additional coach registration - \$100.00 per coach

4. REMOVAL OF ATHLETE(S)

4.1 Any athlete confirmed to compete in the USAV Beach Collegiate Pairs Championships may be removed as a competitor for any of the following reasons, as determined by USAV Beach:

4.1.1 Injury or illness as certified by a board licensed physician or medical staff approved by USAV Beach. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician, or medical staff approved by USAV Beach, his/her illness or injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

4.1.2 Violation of USA Volleyball's Code of Conduct

<http://www.pairusa.org/usa-volleyball/membership/forms-and-information>

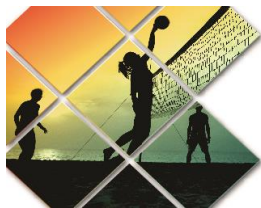
4.1.3 An Anti-Doping violation as stipulated in 7.1

4.1.4 Any athlete removed from the pair pursuant to a provision above has the right to a hearing per USAV Bylaws (Article X & XIII) or USOC Bylaws, Section 9.

4.1.4 If a pair withdraws without a valid reason before a match (e.g. no show) or during a match (e.g. refusal to continue) they will lose by forfeit 0-2 (0:21, 0:21).

4.1.5 All discontinued matches or matches that have not started are to be assessed by the Technical Delegate to determine if the losing pair is marked as Disqualification (DSQ) or Disqualification by Injury (INJ/DSQ).

- If a pair is disqualified during the pool play due to a positive doping test, it will lose all the matches in the pool (played or to be played) by forfeit

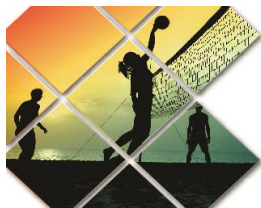


(see above). It will receive no rank. All of the pair's matches in the Pool will be recorded as a forfeit for ranking purposes.

- If a pair is disqualified after the pool play (after the Drawing of Lots) of the tournament due to a positive doping test, it will lose the last pool matches played by forfeit (see above). If the single elimination phase has already started and if they have not played yet they forfeit their match and the opponent will be then moved to the next round. The final pool ranking will be maintained. If the pair already played its match and won the match, the match result will not be changed and this pair will forfeit the next round. However, if a pair is disqualified from the tournament due to a positive doping test after the conclusion of the drawing of lots but before the commencement of the first match of the single elimination phase, they will be replaced in the draw directly by the 4th ranked pair in its pool. And the final pool ranking will be maintained. The disqualified pair will receive no final ranking. It should be shown on the bottom of the final standing without rank and "DSQ".

5. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETE(S)

- 5.1 In the event a confirmed pair loses one of its athletes, prior to the technical meeting, due to reasons identified in Section 5 above, a selection committee consisting of the Director of Beach National Programs, the Manager of Beach High Performance, the University Coach in relation to the pair and a USAV athlete (or designee) will select a replacement athlete from among those who competes for the University in question that has not already gained entry. The remaining athletes' preferences will be taken into consideration.
- 5.2 Should the remaining athlete decline to play with the selected replacement athlete, he/she will forfeit their position and the next highest ranked pair will replace them.
- 5.3 In the event a qualified and nominated pair (both athletes) is entirely removed pursuant to Section 4 above, then the USAV Selection Committee outlined in 3.3 will select the replacement pair.
- 5.4 Should a pair encounter an injury after the technical meeting has taken place no replacement of athletes can be made.
- 5.5 Once the Confirmed Entry List is issued by USAV, the participating University may:



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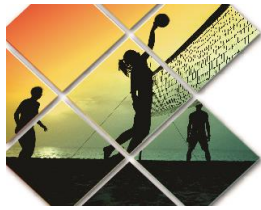


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- Submit through a withdrawal request with the supporting Medical certificate and travel proof (such as flight ticket issued with flight number, etc.) to USAV Beach HP (beachhp@usav.org) to submit the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request.
- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/pair in the Main Draw tournament, the new pair shall have enough entry points to maintain their Main Draw position, otherwise, the pair shall be placed in the Qualification tournament.
- If the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/pair in the Qualification tournament, the pair shall have enough entry points to maintain their Qualification tournament position, otherwise, the pair shall be placed in the reserve list. However, if the pair has enough entry points to enter Main Draw, the pair will remain in the Qualification tournament and be seeded per the seeding points of the new pair.
- The list of reserve pairs is constantly updated until the preliminary inquiry of the Qualification tournament. Reserve pairs must be present at the Preliminary inquiry of the Qualification tournament and both players must sign to register in the tournament to be considered for the potential inclusion in the event due to late withdrawals or no shows.

6. FUNDING

- 6.1 All pairs that medal per gender will be invited to the USAV Collegiate Beach National Pair and will train in preparation for the 2018 FISU Beach Volleyball World Championships. The winning pair per gender will represent the USA in the 2018 FISU Beach Volleyball World Championships. A second pair per gender will be selected from the second and third place pairs by the coaching staff.
- 6.2 USAV Beach High Performance will fund all pairs that medal for each gender in training as part of the 2018 Collegiate Beach National Pair and provide access to the USAV Beach Strength & Conditioning facility in Torrance, CA during this training block. Attendance at training is mandatory. The athletes will bear the costs of board and lodging and any additional outside expenses.
- 6.3 USAV Beach High Performance will cover costs associated with international travel to represent USA to eligible pairs.



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7. ANTI-DOPING & CODE OF CONDUCT

- 7.1 Athletes must adhere to all World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) protocols, policies and procedures. This includes out-of-competition testing as required by WADA, FIVB and USADA.
- 7.2 Athletes must sign and adhere to the USAV Code of Conduct.
<http://www.pairusa.org/usa-volleyball/membership/forms-and-information>

8. MEDIA

- 8.1 USAV/USOC owns all media rights including photographs, video, digital television at the event.
- 8.2 The ATHLETE will be present for the award ceremony at the event in which his/her pair finishes among the top 3 pairs, wearing their uniform for the photography and media session.
- 8.3 The ATHLETE will do his/her utmost to be available for professional interviews by USAV or credentialed media immediately following matches and will use reasonable efforts to organize his/her schedule accordingly. USAV will respect the ATHLETE'S need to train, play, eat, sleep and prepare for coming games during the EVENT when requesting the ATHLETE'S participation in such activities.

9. DISCLAIMER

- 9.1 If any force of nature or force majeure should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised pursuant to approval of the USA Volleyball Beach office.

10. ATHLETE INQUIRIES



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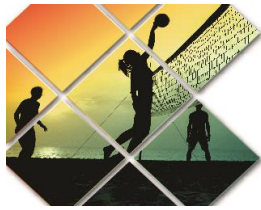
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10.1 Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete should contact our member of the USAV Beach staff listed below:

- Michelle Meyer (Coordinator, Beach High Performance) michelle.meyer@usav.org

If you have further questions that the USAV Beach staff were not able to answer please contact the USOC Athlete Ombudsman at 719-866-5000 or email: kacie.wallace@usoc.org or sara.clark@usoc.org.

***Information is subject to changes. Information current as of February 7, 2018.**



Appendix A – Draft Schedule of Matches

Day 1	Women			Men		
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6
9:00	QT1	QT2	QT3	QT1	QT2	QT3
10:00	QT4	QT5	QT6	QT4	QT5	QT6
11:00	QT7	QT8	QT9	QT7	QT8	QT9
12:00	QT10	QT11	QT12	QT10	QT11	QT12
13:00	QT13	QT14	QT15	QT13	QT14	QT15
14:00	QT16	QT17	QT18	QT16	QT17	QT18
15:00	QT19	QT20	QT21	QT19	QT20	QT21
16:00	QT22	QT23	QT24	QT22	QT23	QT24

Day 2	Women				Men			
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7	Court 8
9:00	Pool A 1 v 4	Pool C 1 v 4	Pool E 1 v 4	Pool G 1 v 4	Pool A 1 v 4	Pool C 1 v 4	Pool E 1 v 4	Pool G 1 v 4
10:00	Pool A 2 v 3	Pool C 2 v 3	Pool E 2 v 3	Pool G 2 v 3	Pool A 2 v 3	Pool C 2 v 3	Pool E 2 v 3	Pool G 2 v 3
11:00	Pool B 1 v 4	Pool D 1 v 4	Pool F 1 v 4	Pool H 1 v 4	Pool B 1 v 4	Pool D 1 v 4	Pool F 1 v 4	Pool H 1 v 4
12:00	Pool B 2 v 3	Pool D 2 v 3	Pool F 2 v 3	Pool H 2 v 3	Pool B 2 v 3	Pool D 2 v 3	Pool F 2 v 3	Pool H 2 v 3
13:00	Pool A W v W	Pool C W v W	Pool E W v W	Pool G W v W	Pool A W v W	Pool C W v W	Pool E W v W	Pool G W v W
14:00	Pool A L v L	Pool C L v L	Pool E L v L	Pool G L v L	Pool A L v L	Pool C L v L	Pool E L v L	Pool G L v L
15:00	Pool B W v W	Pool D W v W	Pool F W v W	Pool H W v W	Pool B W v W	Pool D W v W	Pool F W v W	Pool H W v W
16:00	Pool B L v L	Pool D L v L	Pool F L v L	Pool H L v L	Pool B L v L	Pool D L v L	Pool F L v L	Pool H L v L

Day 3	Women			Men		
Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6
9:00	R24-1	R24-2	R24-3	R24-1	R24-2	R24-3
10:00	R24-4	R24-5	R24-6	R24-4	R24-5	R24-6
11:00	R24-7	R24-8		R24-7	R24-8	
12:00	R16-1	R16-2	R16-3	R16-1	R16-2	R16-3
13:00	R16-4	R16-5	R16-6	R16-4	R16-5	R16-6
14:00	R16-7	R16-8		R16-7	R16-8	
15:00	Q-1	Q-2		Q-1	Q-2	
16:00	Q-3	Q-4		Q-3	Q-4	

Day 4	Women & Men	Women & Men
Time	Court 1	Court 2
9:00	M SF-1	M SF-2
10:00	W SF-1	W SF-2
11:00	M Bronze	
12:00	W Bronze	
13:00	M Gold	
14:00	W Gold	

*Times and courts to be amended based on TV



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Appendix B - Event Schedule

May 8, 2018

- Latest arrival of the Qualification Tournament pairs
- At 7:00 PM: QT Preliminary Inquiry (mandatory attendance) – USAV Beach HQ
- At 7:30 PM: QT Technical Meeting (mandatory attendance) – USAV Beach HQ

May 9, 2018

- Qualification Tournament and latest arrival of Main Draw pairs
- At 7:00 PM: Preliminary Inquiry Main Draw Pairs (mandatory attendance) – USAV Beach HQ
- At 7:30 PM: Technical Meeting Main Draw Pairs (if any) - USAV Beach HQ
- Departure of pairs not qualified for Main Draw

May 10, 2018

- Main Draw Pool Play

May 11, 2018

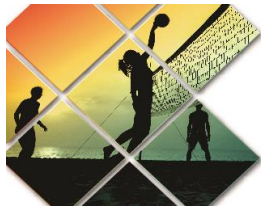
- Main Draw Single Elimination - Round of 24, Round of 16 and Quarter Finals
- Departure of pairs knocked out in pool play round

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- Departure of pairs knocked out in single elimination round
- 1st Semi-final and 2nd Semi-final (2 matches)
- Final 3rd - 4th place and Final 1st - 2nd place (2 matches)

Training Courts

Hermosa Beach, Northside of the Pier / Number of courts / availability (date/time) TBC



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Appendix C – Wild Card Request Form

CATEGORY	MEN <input type="checkbox"/>	WOMEN <input type="checkbox"/>
EVENT	<input type="checkbox"/> USAV Collegiate Beach Championships	

THE UNIVERSITY OF.....
REQUESTS A WILD CARD FOR THE FOLLOWING PAIR(S) IN THE AFOREMENTIONED EVENT(S):

PAIR	PLAYER	LAST NAME <i>TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)</i>	FIRST NAME <i>TYPEWRITTEN (OR CAPITAL LETTER)</i>	NICKNAME <i>(IF ANY)</i>
1.	#1			
	#2			
2.	#1			
	#2			

REASONS:

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COACH AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	PLACE AND DATE
Name: Signature:	Location: Date: