



NTDP

NATIONAL TEAM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2021 BEACH NTDP WEST FALL TRAINING SERIES COACHES

GIRLS U19 DIVISION

ANDREW FULLER, HEAD COACH

The 2021 AVCA Collegiate Beach National Coach of the Year and Pac-12 Coach of the Year, Andrew Fuller completed his fifth season as head coach at Stanford in 2021 after being appointed to the role on Sept. 5, 2016. In 2021, Fuller guided the program to its first NCAA Championship appearance. The Cardinal set a new program record with 23 wins in 2021, finishing 23-13 overall and earning the No. 6 seed in Gulf Shores at NCAA Championships. From March 6 to April 3, Stanford won 13 straight matches to set a new school record.

Fuller has been instrumental in overseeing the transition from indoor to beach for players such as Bowe, Hentz, and Jenna Gray – all whom had never competed in beach volleyball prior to joining the program. He was also responsible for the development of Kathryn Plummer, who was named the 2017 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year.

Fuller also serves as a coach for the USA Beach Volleyball Boys U19 National Team. In 2016, he coached his wife, Lauren Fendrick, and Brooke Sweat to a berth at the Rio Olympics, guiding the same pair to a fifth-place finish at the 2015 World Championship. Fuller is also a successful professional beach volleyball player, laying claim to nine top-10 finishes on the AVP Tour. With partner Mark Van Zwieten, Fuller finished fifth in the 2011 Pan American Games.

ALISON LAMBERSON, ASSISTANT COACH

Alison Lamberson currently serves as the head women's volleyball and beach volleyball coach at Marymount California University. Before MCU, she was an assistant coach for Tulane University's beach volleyball team where she helped the Green Wave to its most team wins in program history and best finish at the AVCA Pairs Championship. In 2016 and 2017, she was an assistant coach for the University of Southern California's national championship beach volleyball team.

While working at the collegiate level, Lamberson has been a vital member of USA Volleyball. In 2006, she was brought on as the first full-time beach staff member and served as the director of international and High Performance beach programs until 2013. She helped direct the USA Youth and Junior teams which won more than six international medals. In 2018, Lamberson coached the USA U19 National Team to fourth- and ninth-place finishes at the FIVB Youth World Championships and the Youth Olympic Games.

GIRLS U17 DIVISION

GUSTAVO ROCHA, HEAD COACH

Gustavo Rocha is in his fifth season (2021-22) as the assistant coach for the USC beach volleyball program. Rocha helped the Women of Troy capture the 2021 NCAA Championship, the program's fourth national title. He also helped guide the Trojans to a Pac-12 Championship and an NCAA runner-up finish in 2019.

In the summer of 2021, he was named the first-ever head coach of the Latvian women's beach volleyball national team and tabbed to coach USC All-American Tina Graudina and partner Anastasija Kravcenoka in the Tokyo Olympic Games. In the lead-up to the Games, he helped Graudina-Kravcenoka claim a pair of fourth-place finishes at FIVB World Tour stops in Sochi, Russia, and Gstaad, Switzerland.

In other international and professional competition, Rocha served as an assistant coach under Marcio Sicoli to the U.S. Olympic duo of Kerri Walsh Jennings and April Ross. He was responsible for training the world-class athletes for the seven months leading up to and during the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. He was also the assistant coach to the American duo of Jake Gibb and Taylor Crabb, which won the 2017 AVP Gold Series New York event and finished fifth at the FIVB event in Brazil. In the summer of 2018, he served as co-head coach with Ricardo Guimares for the U.S. in the Munich World University Games and helped take women's pairs to third and fifth place finishes; and men's pairs to 13th and 17th place finishes.

BARBRA FONTANA, ASSISTANT COACH

Barbra Fontana is a USA Volleyball beach Olympian and was a professional beach player for 18 years on the pro circuit/AVP. She won 22 tournaments including the Manhattan Beach Open and Queen of the Beach. She was ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for three years, ranked as a top-four U.S. team for 15 years, and competed on the FIVB tour for nine years. Prior to her beach career, she attended Stanford University as a scholarship athlete, earned PAC-10 All-Star status, team captain and top-four finishes every year. Following Stanford, she obtained her law degree from Santa Clara University and passed the California bar exam.

Her coaching experience is spectacular. In 2011, she began coaching both youth and professionals on the beach. She successfully led Jenny Kropp and Whitney Pavlik to a No. 1 ranking on the AVP Pro Beach Tour with seven tournament titles. She was also a specialty coach for Jen Kessy and April Ross for their Olympic run in London, where they earned a silver medal. She has worked with youth and high school students who are now competing in collegiate beach programs and are working toward making a run to the Olympics.

KRISTINA HERNANDEZ, ASSISTANT COACH

A five-time ASUN Conference champion, a four-time ASUN Coach of the Year, and the third winningest beach volleyball coach in NCAA history, Kristina Hernandez is in her ninth season as head coach at Stetson University. In 2021, Stetson compiled seven victories against Top 20 opponents and earned the No. 1 seed for the ASUN Championship. A shortened 2020 season saw the Hatters ranked as high as No. 7 in the AVCA Coaches poll. In 2019, Hernandez guided the Hatters to their second-straight 30-win season and a second trip to the NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship. Hernandez also led Stetson to its third-straight ASUN Championship and fifth straight ASUN regular season championship. She earned her fourth ASUN Coach of the Year award. Hernandez has USA Volleyball Impact and BCAP II certification. She is also a USA Volleyball BCAP cadre member and a member of the AVCA beach volleyball head coaches committee.

KELLEY LARSEN KOLINSKE, ASSISTANT COACH

Kelley Larsen Kolinske is a member of the U.S. Beach National Team. Kolinske played three years on Pepperdine's indoor team and was named a two-time AVCA All-American for the Waves on the beach where she also won two national beach championships in 2012 and 2014. She left Pepperdine as the beach program's all-time winningest player with 101 victories through four seasons. She and partner Emily Stockman currently rank 11th in the world. She made her FIVB Tour debut in 2015 and won her first career gold in 2017 with former partner, Betsi Flint. She is a three-time AVP champion and was part of the youngest team (at the time) to win an AVP championship in 2015 with Betsi Flint.

GIRLS U15 DIVISION

MEAGAN OWUSU, HEAD COACH

Meagan Owusu is back in charge of the Cal Bears as she enters her seventh season leading the program in 2022. Owusu gave birth to triplets in the spring of 2020 and missed the 2020 season on maternity leave. She left the program in October 2020 but was rehired to lead the program in July of 2021 after one season away.

Owusu is one of the rising stars in collegiate beach volleyball as she has inserted Cal's program into the national conversation, leading the Bears to a No. 10 final ranking in 2019. Cal completed the year with a 22-9 record, including eight wins vs. teams ranked in the AVCA poll. Cal finished the season by taking third place in the Pac-12.

During the summer of 2021, Owusu was selected as the coach for the USAV Collegiate Beach National Team. This came after she spent the summer of 2019 coaching with USA Volleyball as the High Performance coach for the U15 A1 squad. She was charged with guiding some of the best young talent in the United States at an international championship event in Santa Monica.

KARISSA COOK, ASSISTANT COACH

Karissa Cook joins the USA Volleyball Beach National Team Development Program coaching staff after having served as an assistant coach for the Loyola Marymount beach program under head coach John Mayer. Cook played her college career at Stanford University as a setter, leading her team to three PAC-12 titles. Post-graduation, she extended her career at the University of Hawaii as team captain and led the team to the national semifinals, as well as an appearance in the pairs championship. She received her master's degree in civil engineering from UH. Cook assisted Stanford University in kickstarting its beach volleyball program in 2015.

In 2019, Cook won her first AVP tournament in Austin, Texas, with her partner Jace Pardon. The pair later went on to win a gold medal in the Pan American Games. She's also won gold medals FIVB snow volleyball events and in women's beach 4s at the ANOC Beach Games.

NANCY MASON, ASSISTANT COACH

Nancy Reynolds Mason brings a wealth of knowledge to the coaching staff. Mason has coached numerous AVP and FIVB top teams/players, including three-time Olympic medalist April Ross, Olympian Nicole Branagh, Angie Akers, Whitney Pavlik, Jenny Kropp, Geena Urango and Angela Bensed. Prior to coaching, Mason enjoyed an accomplished career on the AVP and FIVB tours where she piled up more than 30 top-four finishes and several international medals. She and partner Carrie Dodd were the alternates for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team in Athens.

BOYS U19 DIVISION

MARK FISHMAN, ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

Mark Fishman is currently coaching on the AVP as well as working with USA Volleyball as part of the National Team Development Program as a scout and coach with the Boys U19/U18 training program. He has spent much of the past decade coaching professional beach volleyball players having worked with four-time Olympian Reid Priddy, U.S. Beach National Team player Theo Brunner, Olympian Casey Patterson, AVP champion Stafford Slick, and up until 2017, had spent five seasons coaching Olympic gold medalist Todd Rogers and his partner. He currently serves as the CEO for Beach Nation.

MARK PAALUHI, ASSISTANT COACH

Mark Paaluhi is the owner and founder of Day at the Beach Event. Mark was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and raised in Hermosa Beach, Calif. Paaluhi has earned his Firefighter I State Certification and graduated from the UCLA Daniel Freeman Paramedic Program. He played professional beach volleyball for 16 years on the AVP and EVP pro beach tours. He's a boys beach scout and coach for USA Volleyball's Beach National Team Development Program.

BOYS U17 DIVISION

PATTY DODD, HEAD COACH

Patty Dodd is a USAV beach assistant to the national men's team and NTDP coach. She is MBSand's club director. MBSand is a two-time BVCA and AAU national champion. Dodd is a longtime coach, former member of the Colombian national team, UCLA All-American and a Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame inductee. She played 16 years as a professional beach player, including with the WPVA, AVP and FIVB. She also played indoors professionally in Italy in 1985. She won 15 opens, including the Manhattan Beach Open.

After graduating from UCLA, she worked as an assistant on the 1984 Bruin team that won the NCAA title. She has been part of USAV coaching staff since 2011 and taught the Beach Coaching Accreditation program for USAV since 2014. Her work with Team USA dates back to 2012, and she's led teams at the U13, U15, U17, U21 and U26 levels. In 2015, She led Jace Pardon and Britt Tiegs to a Gold Medal in the World University Games in Portugal. In 2016, she coached Sarah Sponcil and Torrey Van Winden to fourth place at the FIVB U21 World Championship. She holds both BCAP and CAP certifications from USA Volleyball. Dodd is a founding partner of Beach Nation.

DANKO IORDANOV, ASSISTANT COACH

Danko Iordanov was named the head coach of the University of Saint Katherine's men's indoor and beach volleyball coach in August of 2009. Most recently, Iordanov was the head coach of the Westcliff men's volleyball team. Iordanov was previously a professional beach player, consistently ranked in the top 100 players in the U.S. and participating in more than 10 professional tournaments per year. He competed until taking the Westcliff job in 2018.

Iordanov brings nearly two decades of coaching experience to the program, having coached at various levels, including assisting at the professional level. He has had successful stints with various clubs, including two national championships in five years with RPM Sand, and a four-year spell with Brea Volleyball Club that saw 18 college commitments. He currently still works with Seal Beach Volleyball Club, getting all 10 of his seniors committed to colleges, as well as being a volunteer assistant for the U.S. Women's National Team.

JORDAN CHENG, ASSISTANT COACH

Jordan Cheng is a U.S. Beach National Team independent contractor coach, currently working with Olympians Kelly Claes and Sarah Sponcil. On the beach side, he coached Reid Priddy and Theo Brunner in 2018-19. Cheng helped Karissa Cook and Jace Pardon to the beach gold medal at the 2019 Pan Am Games; they were the first beach team to ever win gold at the event.

After graduating from Chapman University in 2013, Cheng became the director of men's volleyball operations at Pepperdine University. He was the women's volunteer assistant coach at Concordia University in 2015, where he also earned a master's in coaching and athletic administration. From 2015-18, he was the men's assistant coach at UC Irvine.

He was the technical coordinator and team manager for USA Volleyball's men's Pan Am Cup team in 2015-16 and was the assistant for the Pan Am Cup team in 2017.