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This document outlines the procedures for the USA Volleyball 2025 Junior Pan American Game Trials. USA Volleyball will host this event to select athletes to participate in the 2025 Junior Pan American Game to take place in Asuncion, Paraguay from August 9-23, 2025. This competition will be held January 24-26, 2025 in Manhattan Beach, CA.

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## Minimum Requirements

- ★ Be eligible to compete for the United States per USAV, NORCECA, FIVB, and IOC regulations/requirements. [LINK](#)
- ★ Be a currently registered member of USAV.
- ★ Athletes must be born on January 1, 2003 or later.
- ★ An athlete who is 18 years of age or turns 18 years of age on or before January 24, 2025, must have successfully completed the SafeSport certification.
- ★ **Must have a valid passport with the expiration date set for no earlier than February, 23 2026, at the time of trials on January 24, 2025.**
- ★ Must complete all FIVB-required paperwork and documents as needed.
- ★ Attending all training sessions as assigned by USA Volleyball in between trials and the competition.
- ★ Training #1: June 8-19, Hermosa Beach, CA – alongside BCNT (TBC)

## Athlete Agreements

- ★ Training and Responsibilities Agreement: If selected through trials, my partner and I commit to attending all mandatory training blocks and completing all assigned tasks and projects. We understand that failure to accept these responsibilities will result in forfeiture of our position.
  - Tentative Training Block Dates: June 8-19, 2025
- ★ Passport Requirements: I understand that my passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the final day of the international competition. I agree to provide proof of passport renewal to USA Volleyball by the specified deadline. I acknowledge that failure to provide valid passport documentation by this deadline will result in my partner and I forfeiting our Beach National Team position, if we win trials.
- ★ Tournament Participation: If selected through trials, my partner and I commit to competing together in the U23 NORCECA Continental Tour event, with USA Volleyball covering all associated expenses for my partner and me. Tentative Competition Dates will be May 22-26, 2025. We understand that failure to fulfill this competition requirement will result in forfeiture of our position.

## Trials Entry

- ★ The Junior Pan American Games Trials is open to any athlete who meets the minimum requirements in SECTION 1 – Minimum Requirements.
- ★ Interested athletes can register via the following link: Athlete Registration
- ★ The participating athletes of the Junior Pan American Games Trials must bear all costs related to their travel, board, and lodging.
- ★ For 2025, USA Volleyball will be following FIVB's Volleyball World Beach Pro Tour Tournament regulations ([FIVB BVB Sports Operations Manual](#) – page 24).
  - Format is subject to change up to 7 days out from the event (January 17, 2025).

## Entry Formula

- ★ The Main Draw Tournament will consist of a maximum of 16 pairs in each gender as outlined below:



- ★ Eleven (11) places will be awarded according to a pairs' combined [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) on January 10, 2025.
- ★ Up to two (1), Wild Card, per gender may be awarded by USA Volleyball. Any remaining unused wild card places will be granted entry according to the [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) as of January 10, 2025.
  - Teams interested in applying for a Wild Card should either list or upload a document listing team accolades and accomplishments during registration.
- ★ Up to four (4) places will be awarded to the top eight (4) finishing teams from the qualification tournament.
- ★ The Qualification Tournament will consist of a maximum of 16 pairs to qualify four places into the Main Draw Tournament in each gender.

- ★ Entry into the Qualification Tournament will be awarded to the best-remaining pairs per the [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) as of January 10, 2025, not already awarded entry to the Main Draw Tournament. USAV reserves the right to award two (2) teams per gender wild cards into the Qualification Tournament. Any remaining unused wild card places will be awarded entry according to the [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) as of January 10, 2025.
  - A Qualification Tournament will only be held if there are more than 16 total teams registered.
- ★ Any pairs who registered and did not receive entry into the Main Draw or Qualification Tournament will be seeded and placed on a Reserved List. If a place becomes available, the highest-ranked Pair from the reserve list will be notified and has 24 hours to reply if they accept. If they decline or do not reply within 24 hours, the place will be offered to the next highest team. Teams will be ranked on the reserve list as per the [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) as of January 10, 2025.
- ★ A drawing will break any ties in the entry of lots.

### Confirmed Entry List

- ★ For the USA Volleyball Beach Age-Group National Team Trials event, the confirmed entry list will be issued 14 days prior to the start of the tournament. The 2025 Junior Pan American Games Beach National Team Trials entry list will be issued on January 10, 2025.
- ★ Eleven (11) places will be awarded according to a pairs' combined [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) on January 10, 2025.
- ★ Up to two (1), Wild Card per gender may be awarded by USA Volleyball. Any remaining unused wild card places will be granted entry according to the [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) as of January 10, 2025.

### Trials Seeding

- ★ For both the Qualification and Main Draw tournaments, the seeding list will be established one day prior to the respective tournament and after completion of the respective technical meetings.
- ★ All seeding points will be based on the [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) as follows:
  - Qualification Tournament: January 24, 2025
  - Main Draw: January 25-26, 2025
- ★ Qualification Tournament Seeding List will be released on January 23 following the Qualification Tournament Technical Meeting.

- ★ Main Draw Tournament Seeding List will be released on January 24 following the Qualification Tournament Technical Meeting.

## Format

- ★ The competition will consist of a one-day single-elimination Qualification Tournament of up to 16 teams per gender, followed by a two-day Main Draw Tournament consisting of up to 16 pairs. The Main Draw will consist of either a round-robin or modified pool play and a single-elimination bracket. All competitions will be played with the MIKASA BV550C BALL and will be provided on-site. [FIVB rules](#) will apply, and matches will be played until a gold medal winner is awarded. See Appendix A for the provisional match schedule. USA Volleyball has the right to amend the format and rules.
- ★ The Qualification Tournament is single-elimination and played with a maximum of 12 pairs, with a max of eight (4) pairs qualifying for the Main Draw Tournament. The Qualifying tournament will be held on January 24, 2025.
- ★ Teams in the Qualification Tournament will be seeded per their combined USAV Beach Ranking at the release of the confirmed entry list. Any ties in seeding will be broken per a drawing of lots.
- ★ The Main Draw Tournament is round-robin or modified pool play followed by a single-elimination bracket. It will be held from [January 25-26, 2025](#).
- ★ Teams in the Main Draw, including the teams advancing from the Qualification Tournament (as well as teams, if any, picked up by the lucky-loser draws), are seeded per their combined USAV Beach Ranking at the release of the confirmed entry list. Any ties in seeding will be broken by drawing of lots.
- ★ Teams will be reseeded according to points prior to the Main Draw technical meeting.
- ★ Exact pools will be posted online following the completion of the Qualification Tournament and any necessary draws. Pools will be seeded in the following format:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5

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9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13

- ★ The first, second, and third-finishing pairs in their respective pools will advance automatically to the 12-team single-elimination phase. The fourth finishing pair will be eliminated. Please see the following Section from the [FIVB Age Group WCH's Handbook](#) for how ties in the Pool Phase will be broken.
- ★ Thirty minutes following the final match of pool play in each gender, USA Volleyball will host a drawing of lots. The drawing of lots establishes the seeding of the single-elimination phase. Coaches and athletes are welcome to attend, but attendance is not required.
- ★ The drawing of lots will occur per the FIVB Age Group WCHS Handbook. [Click here](#) for the drawing of lots process and see Appendix B for the bracket.
- ★ Matches will be played out for first place only.
- ★ The Tournament format is subject to change.



## Deadlines and Registration Information

- ★ Deadlines are at 11:59 pm PT on the following dates:
- ★ December 18, 2024                      Registration posted online and opens ([LINK](#))
  - January 10, 2025                      Regular Registration Deadline
  - January 10, 2025                      Confirmed Entry List released (12 teams will gain entry into the Main Draw and 16 teams will gain entry into the Qualification Tournament)
  - January 17, 2025                      Last day for any pairs to late register
- ★ January 17, 2025                      Last day for any partner changes in VolleyballLife
- ★ All late changes will need to go through the National Team Office (those are not guaranteed)
- ★ January 21, 2025                      Last day for coaches to register ([LINK](#))
  - January 24, 2025                      Qualification Tournament
  - January 25-26, 2025                      Main Draw Tournament
  
- ★ Registration will open on December 18, 2024 and can be found at the following [LINK](#).
  - Standard registration per Pair completed before January 10, 2025, deadline will be \$250 + online fees.
  - Registration completed after January 10, 2025, and before January 17, 2025, will be considered late registration, and athletes will be placed at the end of the Reserve List. The registration fee per Pair will be \$300 + online fees.
    - Entry into the Main Draw and/or the Qualification Tournament will be contingent upon the pairs USA Beach Ranking Points once the late registration has closed on January 17, 2025.
- ★ Coaches must register at the following [LINK](#) by January, 21 2025. Late coach registration WILL NOT be accepted.
  - Coaches must be a current USAV Member in good standing
  - Be SafeSport trained
  - Successfully completed a USAV background screening

## Responsibilities of Coaches and Athletes

- ★ All-female athletes must wear shorts or spandex (1" inseam, min) and a tank top that covers the midriff when arms are at the sides. Hats, visors, sunglasses, and sand socks are considered optional personal attire. 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 matching shorts and tanks. The shorts must be a minimum of 10 inches in length, and the tank tops must cover the midsection. The tops should have two (2) different numbers clearly visible that correspond to each player. Hats, visors, sunglasses, and sand socks are considered optional personal attire. Cold weather clothing is permitted in conjunction with the uniform and should fit snugly under any uniform.
- ★ For FIVB, World and Official Competitions, players are not allowed to receive external assistance or coaching during a match. Therefore, coaches will have to leave the court prior to the beginning of the official warm-up. To receive an accreditation, the coach must register by the January 21, 2025 deadline: [Coach Registration](#).
  - Coaches must:
    - Be a current USAV member in good standing
    - Successfully completed the SafeSport certification
    - Successfully completed a USAV background screening
  - Coaches are permitted to coach pairs in both genders.
  - Pairs are not required to have a coach.
  - A coach may be registered for more than one pair.
  - In general, coaches and pairs must follow the regulations as stated in Section of 6.5 of the following:
    - [Manual Link](#)

(Please note certain sections i.e. team leaders, special hotel and food rates, uniform dress may not apply for this trials event).

## Removal of Athlete(s)

- ★ Any athlete confirmed to compete in the USAV Trials may be removed as a competitor for any of the following reasons, as determined by USAV:
- ★ An injury or illness as certified by a board-licensed physician or medical staff approved by USAV. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician or medical staff approved by USAV, his/her illness or injury will be assumed to be disabling, and he/she may be removed.
- ★ A Violation of USA Volleyball's Code of Conduct.
- ★ An Anti-Doping violation as stipulated in 8.1
- ★ 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.
  - Please see section 6.4 regarding discontinued matches or matches that have yet to be started: [LINK](#)
- ★ USAV reserves the right to disqualify a pair, if one or both athletes fail to fulfill the requirements as listed in this manual and/or fail to fulfill the requirements as agreed upon via USA Volleyball Membership.

## Replacement of Athlete(s)

- ★ In the event a qualified and nominated pair (both athletes) is entirely removed pursuant to the "Removal of Athletes" section above prior to the technical meeting, then the next highest ranked Pair not already in the tournament will gain entry.
- ★ After January 17, 2025, no replacement of athletes can be made in VolleyballLife.
- ★ After the Confirmed Entry List release on January 10, 2025, the participating Pair may submit a withdrawal or change of athlete request to BOTH Carolina Garbato ([Carolina.Garbato@usav.org](mailto:Carolina.Garbato@usav.org)) and Chelsea Tupuola ([Chelsea.tupuola@usav.org](mailto:Chelsea.tupuola@usav.org)) up until 30 minutes before the Technical Meeting.
- ★ Once USAV issues the Confirmed Entry List on January 10, 2025 up until 30 minutes prior to the Technical Meeting the participating Pair may:
- ★ Submit through a withdrawal request with the supporting Medical certificate and travel proof (such as flight ticket issued with flight number, etc.) to BOTH Carolina Garbato ([Carolina.Garbato@usav.org](mailto:Carolina.Garbato@usav.org)) & Chelsea Tupuola ([Chelsea.tupuola@usav.org](mailto:Chelsea.tupuola@usav.org)) and submit the withdrawal, disband or 'change of athlete' request.
  - Failure of the Pair to provide proof of a travel itinerary and medical certificate may result in the Pair forfeiting their registration fee.
- ★ If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Main Draw tournament, the new team shall have enough combined USAV Beach Ranking Points to maintain their Main Draw position. Otherwise, the team shall be placed in the Qualification Tournament and/or Reserve List.
- ★ If the withdrawal or 'change of athlete' request is for an athlete/team in the Qualification Tournament, the team shall have enough combined USAV Beach Ranking Points to maintain their Qualification Tournament position. Otherwise, the team shall be placed in the reserve list. However, if the team has enough combined USAV Beach Ranking Points to enter the Main Draw, the team will remain in the Qualification Tournament.
- ★ The list of reserve pairs is constantly updated until the preliminary inquiry of the Qualification tournament. Reserve pairs must be present at the start 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.

## Medalists

- ★ The first place-winning pairs per gender will earn the right to represent the USA at the 2025 Junior Pan American Games taking place in Asuncion, Paraguay from August 9-23, 2025.
- ★ The top pair (1st place finishers) will earn the right to and must attend the training mandatory training. All training blocks will be covered by USA Volleyball.
- ★ Training Block #1: June 8-19, 2025, SoCal (TBC)
- ★ Should USAV receive a 2<sup>nd</sup> spot or need to make an athlete and/or pair replacement. USAV will select athletes based on their Beach National Team Development Program (NTDP) participation in 2024 and 2025, prioritizing:
  - Involvement in age group National Teams in 2024
  - Overall talent identification considering current performance and future potential
  - Additional information regarding the Beach National Team Development Program can be found [HERE](#).
- ★ Teams or individual athletes unwilling to attend the USAV mandatory training and/or unable to fulfill any of the USAV, FIVB, and/or host requirements to participate will forfeit their spot and USAV will offer the spot to a team of its choosing.

## Anti-Doping & Code of Conduct

- ★ 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. [LINK](#)
- ★ Athletes must sign and adhere to the USAV Code of Conduct.
- ★ Media:
  - USAV owns all media rights, including photographs, video, digital television, at the event.
  - 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.

## Disclaimer

- ★ Suppose any force of nature or force majeure should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document. In that case, these selection procedures will be revised pursuant to the approval of USA Volleyball.
- ★ USAV reserves the right not to take a pair or athlete and/or to select a different pair or athlete, if one or both athletes fail to fulfill the requirements as listed in this manual.
- ★ Due to force majeure (such as COVID-19, a global crisis, etc.). USA Volleyball reserves the right to change the tournament format, athlete selection, and/or change the event date and location.
  - When possible, any changes will be notified to registrants at least 21 days ahead of the event.
  - In the event USAV is unable to host trials due to force majeure, athletes will be chosen subjectively by a committee formed by the two assigned head coaches and USAV Staff.

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## Athlete Inquiries

- ★ Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete should contact USAV NTDP: [bntdp@usav.org](mailto:bntdp@usav.org).
- ★ If you have further questions that the USAV NTDP staff were not able to answer, please contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman at 719-866-5000 or email: [kacie.wallace@usoc.org](mailto:kacie.wallace@usoc.org) or [sara.clark@usoc.org](mailto:sara.clark@usoc.org).



## Appendix:

### Tentative Schedule

#### January 24- Qualification Tournament

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7	Court 8
13:00	WR16	WR16	WR16	WR16				
14:00	WR16	WR16	WR16	WR16				
15:00	MR16	MR16	MR16	MR16				
16:00	MR16	MR16	MR16	MR16				

#### January 25- Main Draw

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7	Court 8
8:00	WA1	WA1	WB1	WB1	WC1	WC1	WD1	WD1
9:00	MA1	MA1	MB1	MB1	MC1	MC1	MD1	MD1
10:00	WA2	WA2	WB2	WB2	WC2	WC2	WD2	WD2
11:00	MA2	MA2	MB2	MB2	MC2	MC2	MD2	MD2
12:00	WA3	WA3	WB3	WB3	WC3	WC3	WD3	WD3
1:00	MA3	MA3	MB3	MB3	MC3	MC3	MD3	MD3
2:00	WR16	WR16	WR16	WR16				
3:00	MR16	MR16	MR16	MR16				

#### January 26 - Main Draw

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7	Court 8
8:00	W Q.F.	W Q.F.	W Q.F.	W Q.F.				
8:00	M QF	M QF	M Q.F.	M Q.F.				
10:00	W S.F.	W S.F.						
11:00	M S.F.	M S.F.						
1:00	W G							
2:00	M G							