



2023 USA VOLLEYBALL PAN AM GAMES PLAYOFF REGULATIONS

USA Volleyball (USAV) will conduct playoffs as outlined below to decide which teams to nominate to the 2023 Pan Am Games.

1. PLAYOFF LOCATION

1.1 Southside Manhattan Beach Pier, Manhattan Beach, CA, USA.

2. PLAYOFF DATES

2.1 June 13 & 14, 2023

3. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Be a national of the United States.

3.2 Hold a valid U.S. passport.

3.3 Be eligible to compete for the United States per USAV, NORCECA, FIVB and IOC regulations/requirements - [Tools \(fivb.com\)](https://www.fivb.com)

3.4 Be a currently registered member of USA Volleyball (that includes a signed Registration Form and Code of Conduct).

3.5 Pay a \$100 per athlete registration fee (BNT athletes as defined in the current BNP Handbook will be reimbursed on the back end. All athletes must pay the fee upfront to register.).

4. PLAYOFF ENTRY

4.1 Teams must register with USAV by completing the online registration form by the specified deadline. Links to the online registration forms and registration deadlines will be posted at [Event Registration - USA Volleyball](#) no later than 30 days prior to the event.

4.2 Teams that fail to register by the specified entry deadline can apply for late entry up to -7 days before the playoff at 5 pm Pacific by emailing sean.scott@usav.org. Late registering athletes will be charged \$100 additional per athlete for entry and entry is at the discretion of USAV.

4.3 Both athletes on a team must register separately and will receive a confirmation email upon completing the registration process.

4.4 Sixteen Team Playoff:

4.4.1 The twelve (12) highest-ranked registered teams per gender according to the USAVP National Ranking ([AVP Rankings \(avpamerica.com\)](https://www.usavolleyball.org/AVP-Rankings)) and up to four (4) registered teams per gender via wild card entry will be allowed to compete. Team rankings for the twelve (12) highest-ranked registered teams will be the sum of the two individual athlete's USAVP National Ranking points. Any unused wild card entries will be awarded to the next highest-ranked registered team in that respective gender.

4.5 If enough teams do not sign up to fill the Draw, USA Volleyball reserves the right to enter teams at its discretion to complete the Draw.

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5. COMPETITION FORMAT

5.1 Playoffs will be played as a 16-team playoff as outlined below pending the number of teams that register:

5.1.1 Sixteen Team Playoff - Played in two (2) phases, i.e., Pool Phase and Elimination Phase (see attachment A for further details).

5.1.2 The competition format may be changed based on the number of teams that register and will be communicated to all registered teams at least 7 days before the competition.

6. COMPETITION RULES

6.1 Please refer to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules 2021-2024 ([Official Beach Volleyball Rules of the Games \(fivb.com\)](https://www.fivb.com/en/official-beach-volleyball-rules-of-the-games))

7. 2023 PAN AM GAMES NOMINATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

7.1 As per the approved 2023 Pan Am Games athlete selection procedures posted on the USAV website - [NGB SIGNATURE PAGE FOR \(usavolleyball.org\)](#).

8. USAV PAN AM GAMES PLAYOFF WITHDRAWALS

8.1 Should a team withdraw after the Playoff registration deadline up to -7 days before the playoff at 5 pm Pacific, USAV will replace the team with the highest-seeded team from the reserve list and reseed the playoff accordingly. If there are no reserve teams, then USAV reserves the right to replace the team with a team of its choosing and will reseed the playoff accordingly. The withdrawing team will be refunded their entry fee.

8.2 Should a team withdrawal happen after 5 pm Pacific -7 days before the playoff until 5 pm Pacific the day before the playoff, USAV will replace the team with the highest-seeded team from the reserve list and reseed the playoff accordingly. If there are no reserve teams, then USAV reserves the right to replace the team with a team of its choosing and will reseed the playoff accordingly. The withdrawing team will forfeit any entry fee.

8.3 Should the withdrawal happen after 5 pm the day before the playoff USAV will NOT replace the team with a team from the reserve list and the team that was supposed to play the withdrawing team will get a bye. The withdrawing team will forfeit their entry fee.

8.4 Should an athlete withdrawal, or a change of athlete request, occur at any time before 5pm Pacific the day before the playoff, for a team in the tournament, the new team shall have enough USAV Ranking Points to maintain their position in the tournament draw. Otherwise, the team will be removed, and the highest-seeded team from the reserve list and reseed the playoff accordingly. The withdrawing athlete shall supply a medical certificate from a certified medical doctor, otherwise, the athlete will forfeit their entry fee.

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9. REMOVAL OF ATHLETE(S)

9.1 Any athlete confirmed to compete in the 2023 USAV Pan Am Games Playoff may be removed as a competitor for any of the following reasons, as determined by USAV:

- 9.1.1 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.
- 9.1.2 Violation of USA Volleyball's Code of Conduct
- 9.1.3 An Anti-Doping Violation

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

10. FUNDING

10.1 The flight and room and board for the athletes that compete in the 2023 Pan AM Games are covered by USAV and the USOPC.

11. DISCLAIMER

11.1 If any force of nature or force majeure should cause the alteration or cancellation of the playoff listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised by USA Volleyball.

12. ATHLETE INQUIRIES

12.1 Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete should contact Sean Scott (sean.scott@usav.org).

12.2 If you have further questions that the USAV Beach staff were not able to answer, please contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman at ombudsman@usathlete.org.

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ATTACHMENT A – 16 Team Playoff

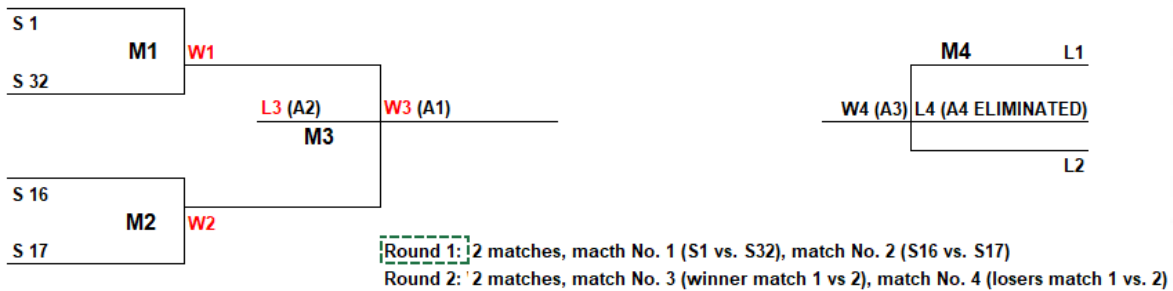
Pool Phase:

- 16 teams per gender will be placed into four (4) pools with four (4) teams each based on their seeding and will be placed per the serpentine principle.

Women's Teams and Men's Teams			
Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
Seed #1	Seed #2	Seed #3	Seed #4
Seed #8	Seed #7	Seed #6	Seed #5
Seed #9	Seed #10	Seed #11	Seed #12
Seed #16	Seed #15	Seed #14	Seed #13

- Pool Phase is played through four (4) pools of four (4) teams each in a modified pool play where the highest seeded team will play the lowest seeded team in the same pool, while the 2nd highest seeded team will play the 3rd highest seeded team in the same pool. The winners of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner to top the pool and the loser as 2nd ranked team from the pool phase. The losers of the above two matches will play each other, with the winner as the 3rd ranked team from the pool phase and the loser eliminated from the Pool Phase.

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- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranked teams of each pool after the completion of the 1st phase advance to the 2nd phase of 12-teams bracket in single elimination format.

Single Elimination Phase:

- Matches will be played in the single elimination format by the teams qualified from the Pool Phase, until the semi-finals. The winners of semifinals will play each other for 1st place while the losers of semi-finals will play each other for 2nd place.

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