

USA VOLLEYBALL SANCTIONED EVENTS REQUIREMENTS

USA Volleyball (“USAV”) is the recognized National Governing Body (“NGB”) for the sport of beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, and sitting volleyball in the United States pursuant to federal law and the Constitution and Bylaws of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (“USOPC”), and as such, it is the responsibility of USAV to ensure that the integrity of these sports and all participants in it are protected by providing, promoting, and sanctioning quality volleyball events.

USAV shall promptly review every request submitted by a sports organization or person for a USAV sanction and make a determination on such request: (i) to hold an international or national athletic competition in the United States, or (ii) to sponsor volleyball athletes to compete in an international athletic competition held outside the United States.

- I. Standard of Review. If USAV, as a result of its review: (i) does not determine by clear and convincing evidence that holding or sponsoring an international or national athletic competition would be detrimental to the best interest of USAV, and (ii) confirms that the sports organization or person meets the requirements for obtaining a sanction, then USAV shall grant the sanction requested by the sports organization or person subject to the requirements listed herein.
- II. Requirements for Holding an International or National Athletic Competition in the United States.

A sports organization or person requesting a sanction to hold an international or national athletic competition in the United States shall:

- a. Submit a request to USAV to hold such competition;
- b. Submit to USAV all required documents including, but not limited to, proof of insurance, reports of similar events conducted by the organization, etc.;
- c. Sign any required tournament or event agreements required by USAV;
- d. Pay any fees determined by the tournament or event agreement signed by USAV;
- e. Meet any other requirements that may be imposed by USAV, providing that such requirements are reasonable and nondiscriminatory; and,
- f. Demonstrate that:
 1. appropriate measures have been taken to protect the amateur status of athletes who will take part in the competition and to protect their eligibility to compete in amateur athletic competitions;
 2. appropriate provision has been made for validation of any records established during the competition;
 3. due regard has been given to any international athletic requirements specifically applicable to the competition;
 4. the competition will be conducted by qualified officials;
 5. proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes who will participate in the competition;
 6. proper safety precautions will be taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletes and spectators at the competition;

7. the party requesting the sanction will implement and abide by USAV's Code of Conduct, the U.S. Center for SafeSport's Code, USAV's Minor Abuse Prevention Policies, and USAV's Response and Resolution Process; and,
8. the party requesting the sanction will implement proper anti-doping protocols as required by the USAV Code of Conduct, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA"), or World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), whichever is applicable.

III. Requirements for Sponsoring USAV Athletes to Compete in an International Athletic Competition Held Outside the United States.

A sports organization or person requesting a sanction to host USAV athletes in an international athletic competition held outside the United States shall:

- a. Submit a request to hold or participate in such competition;
- b. Submit to USAV all required documents including, but not limited to, proof of insurance, reports of similar events conducted by the organization, etc.;
- c. Sign any required tournament or event agreements required by USAV;
- d. Pay any fees determined by the tournament or event agreement signed by USAV;
- e. Submit a letter from the entity that will hold the international athletic competition certifying that:
 1. appropriate measures have been taken to protect the athletes who will take part in the competition and to protect their eligibility to compete in all competitions;
 2. due regard has been given to any international athletic requirements specifically applicable to the competition;
 3. the competition will be conducted by qualified officials;
 4. proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes who will participate in the competition;
 5. proper safety precautions will be taken to protect the personal welfare of the athletes and spectators at the competition; and,
 6. proper compliance exists with sanctioning by an appropriate national or international governing body.
 7. the party requesting the sanction will implement proper anti-doping protocols as required by the USAV Code of Conduct, U.S. Anti-Doping Agency ("USADA"), or World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), whichever is applicable.