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**2024 FISU Beach World University  
Championships Trials Manual**

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This document outlines the procedures for USA Volleyball’s FISU Beach World University Championships Beach Trials. This competition will be held May 16-19, 2024 in Manhattan Beach, CA. The trials competition will be held to select athletes to participate in the 2024 FISU Beach World University Championships to take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from September 2-8, 2024.

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## Minimum Requirements

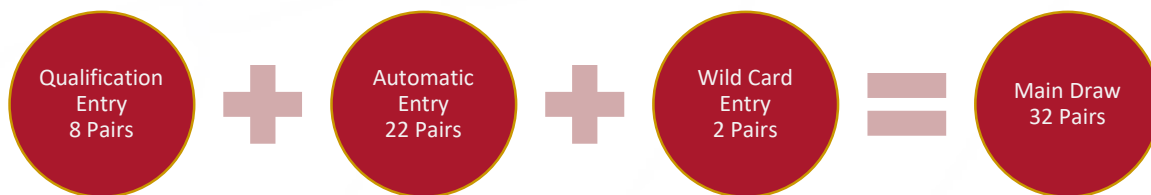
- ★ Be eligible to compete for the United States per USAV, NORCECA, FIVB, and IOC regulations/requirements. [LINK](#)
- ★ Be a currently registered member of USAV.
- ★ Athletes must be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – athletes must be born between 01/01/1999 and 12/31/2006.
- ★ Athletes must be students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institution whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of their country; OR, former students of the institutions who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the calendar year preceding the event.
- ★ An athlete who is 18 years of age or turns 18 years of age on or before May 19, 2024, must have successfully completed the SafeSport certification.
- ★ Must have a valid passport at the time of trials on May 16, 2024, and such Passport must have an expiration date of March 8, 2025 or later.
- ★ Must complete all FISU- and FIVB-required paperwork and documents as needed.
- ★ Attend all training sessions as assigned by USA Volleyball in between trials and the competition.
  - Training #1: June 9-15, 2024 | Hermosa Beach, CA
  - Training #2: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil before international competition

## Trials Entry & Seeding Points

- ★ The 2024 USA Volleyball World University Championship Beach National Team 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 WUC Trials must bear all costs related to their travel, board, and lodging.
- ★ For 2024, 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 until 28 days out from the event (April 19, 2024).

### Entry Formula

- ★ The Main Draw Tournament will consist of a maximum of 32 pairs in each gender as outlined below:



- ★ Twenty-two (22) places will be awarded according to a pairs' combined [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) on April 19, 2024.
- ★ Up to two (2), Wild Cards 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 April 19, 2024.
  - Teams interested in applying for a Wild Card should either list or upload a document listing team accolades and accomplishments during registration.
- ★ Up to eight (8) places will be awarded to the top eight (8) finishing teams from the qualification tournament.
- ★ The Qualification Tournament will consist of a maximum of 24 pairs to qualify eight 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 April 19, 2024, 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 April 19, 2024.
  - A Qualification Tournament will only be held if there are more than 32 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 April 19, 2024.
- ★ 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 28 days prior to the start of the tournament. The 2024 World University Championship Beach National Team Trials entry list will be issued on April 19, 2024.
- ★ Twenty-two (22) places will be awarded according to a pairs' combined [USA Volleyball Beach Ranking](#) on April 19, 2024.
- ★ Up to two (2), Wild Cards 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 April 19, 2024.

## 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: May 15, 2024
  - Main Draw: May 16, 2024
- ★ Qualification Tournament Seeding List will be released on May 15<sup>th</sup> following the Qualification Tournament Technical Meeting.

- ★ Main Draw Tournament Seeding List will be released on May 16<sup>th</sup> following the Qualification Tournament Technical Meeting.

## Format

- ★ The competition will consist of a one-day single-elimination Qualification Tournament of up to 24 teams per gender, followed by a three-day Main Draw Tournament consisting of up to 32 pairs. The Main Draw will consist of round-robin 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 out until a gold medal winner 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 24 pairs, with a max of eight (8) pairs qualifying for the Main Draw Tournament. Qualifying will be held on [May 16, 2024](#).
- ★ 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 pool play followed by a single-elimination bracket. It will be held from [May 17-19, 2024](#)
- ★ 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.
- ★ 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	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

- ★ The first, second, and third-finishing pairs in their respective pools will advance automatically to the 24-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.

## Deadlines and Registration Information

- ★ Deadlines are at 5:00 pm PT on the following dates:
  - February 5, 2024                      Registration posted online and opens ([LINK](#))
  - April 18, 2024                      Regular Registration Deadline
  - April 19, 2024                      Confirmed Entry List released (24 teams will gain entry into the Main Draw and 24 teams will gain entry into the Qualification Tournament)
  - May 10, 2024                      Last day for any pairs to late register  
Last day for any partner changes
  - May 13, 2024                      [Coach Registration Deadline](#)
  - May 16, 2024                      Qualification Tournament
  - May 17-19, 2024                      Main Draw Tournament
- ★ Registration will open on February 5, 2024 and can be found at the following [LINK](#).
  - Standard registration per Pair completed by the April 19, 2024 deadline will be \$300 + online fees.
  - Registration completed after the April 19<sup>th</sup> deadline and before the deadline on May 10, 2024, will be considered late registration, and athletes will be placed at the end of the Reserve List. The registration fee per Pair will be \$350 + 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 May 10, 2024.
  - Coaches must register at the following [LINK](#) by May 13, 2024. 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 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 sock are considered optional personal attire. Cold weather clothing is permitted in conjunction with the uniform and should fit snugly under any uniform.
- ★ Coaches will be allowed in the playing area during warm-up periods up until the coin toss. During this event, accredited coaches will NOT be allowed to sit in the player's area and interact with the players once the coin toss has taken place, including during official time-outs, technical time-outs and between sets. To receive an accreditation, the coach must register by the May 13, 2024 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 World 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.
- ★ [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.

## 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 May 10, 2024, no replacement of athletes can be made.
- ★ Before the Confirmed Entry List release on April 19, 2024, the participating Pair may submit a withdrawal or change of athlete request to Carolina Garbato ([Carolina.Garbato@usav.org](mailto:Carolina.Garbato@usav.org)) AND Cody Liner ([cody.liner@usav.org](mailto:cody.liner@usav.org)).
- ★ Once USAV issues the Confirmed Entry List on April 19, 2024 up until May 10, 2024 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 Carolina Garbato ([Carolina.Garbato@usav.org](mailto:Carolina.Garbato@usav.org)) AND Cody Liner ([cody.liner@usav.org](mailto:cody.liner@usav.org)) to 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 potential inclusion in the event due to late withdrawals or no shows.
- ★ USA Volleyball will be following the FIVB Beach Pro Tour [regulations](#).

- Subject to change.

## Medalists

- ★ The first place-winning pairs per gender will earn the right to represent the USA at the 2024 FISU Beach World University Championships taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from September 2-8, 2024.
- ★ Should USA Volleyball receive a 2nd spot per a specific gender in the 2024 FISU Beach World University Championships, two athletes of that respective gender will be chosen to compete and represent the U.S.A. These athletes will be selected from the 2024 USA Volleyball Beach Collegiate National Team and/or other NTDP participation.
- ★ The top pair (1st place finishers) will earn the right to and must attend the training mandatory training. Only the first-place finishing pair and the pair of athletes selected by USA Volleyball will attend the second training. All training blocks will be covered by USA Volleyball.
- ★ Training Block #1: June 9-15, 2024 in Hermosa Beach, CA
- ★ Training Block #2: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil before the international competition
- ★ Teams unwilling to attend the USAV mandatory training and/or unable to fulfill any of the USAV, FIVB, FISU and/or host requirements to participate will forfeit their spot and USAV will offer the spot to a team or athlete of its choosing. The alternate athletes will be chosen by USAV based on an athlete's NTDP participation.

## 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, FISU 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.

## 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 USOC 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

### May 16 - Qualification Tournament

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7	Court 8
9:00	WR24	WR24	WR24	WR24				
10:00	WR24	WR24	WR24	WR24				
11:00	MR24	MR24	MR24	MR24				
12:00	MR24	MR24	MR24	MR24				
13:00	WR16	WR16	WR16	WR16				
14:00	WR16	WR16	WR16	WR16				
15:00	MR16	MR16	MR16	MR16				
16:00	MR16	MR16	MR16	MR16				

### May 17 - 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	WE1	WE1	WF1	WF1	WG1	WG1	WH1	WH1
10:00	MA1	MA1	MB1	MB1	MC1	MC1	MD1	MD1
11:00	ME1	ME1	MF1	MF1	MG1	MG1	MH1	MH1
12:00	WA2	WA2	WB2	WB2	WC2	WC2	WD2	WD2
13:00	WE2	WE2	WF2	WF2	WG2	WG2	WH2	WH2
14:00	MA2	MA2	MB2	MB2	MC2	MC2	MD2	MD2
15:00	ME2	ME2	MF2	MF2	MG2	MG2	MH2	MH2
16:00	WA3	WA3	WB3	WB3	WC3	WC3	WD3	WD3
17:00	WE3	WE3	WF3	WF3	WG3	WG3	WH3	WH3

### May 18 - Main Draw

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7	Court 8
8:00	MA3	MA3	MB3	MB3	MC3	MC3	MD3	MD3
9:00	ME3	ME3	MF3	MF3	MG3	MG3	MH3	MH3
10:00	WR24	WR24	WR24	WR24				
11:00	WR24	WR24	WR24	WR24				
12:00	MR24	MR24	MR24	MR24				
13:00	MR24	MR24	MR24	MR24				
14:00	WR16	WR16	WR16	WR16				
15:00	WR16	WR16	WR16	WR16				
16:00	MR16	MR16	MR16	MR16				
17:00	MR16	MR16	MR16	MR16				
18:00	W Q.F.	W Q.F.	W Q.F.	W QF				

### May 19 - Main Draw

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6	Court 7	Court 8
8:00	M QF	M QF						
9:00	M Q.F.	M Q.F.						
10:00	W S.F.	W S.F.						
11:00	M S.F.	M S.F.						
12:00								
1:00	W G							
2:00	M G							
3:00								
4:00								

# Main Draw Bracket

