

Subject: Request for USA Volleyball (USAV) Beach Female Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) Representative

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS / SELF-NOMIMATIONS**

USA Volleyball is accepting applications for the USAV Beach Female AAC representative. The position is currently held by Hailey Harward, and she is eligible for re-election. This term ends June 30, 2028.

If you are interested in serving on the USAV AAC, please send a letter of interest and current resume/CV to Chris Vadala at [chris.vadala@usav.org](mailto:chris.vadala@usav.org). Please respond by no later than **Monday, May 6, 2024** after reviewing the information below.

Timeline:

April 22, 2024	Call for Nominations distributed and posted on USAV website.
May 6, 2024	Nominations close and applications due to Chris Vadala.
May 8, 2024	Eligibility confirmed.
May 10, 2024	Ballot emailed to electorate (International Beach Athletes)
May 17, 2024	First round of ballots due back via USAV voting software.
	If no candidate receives greater than 50% of votes, then another round of voting will be conducted (repeated until a candidate receives a simple majority of votes).

**Roles & Responsibilities**

The USAV AAC roles & responsibilities are:

- Serve as a vehicle for athlete engagement.
- Endeavor to protect the rights of athletes.
- Provide athlete feedback.
- Build and establish relationships among the three disciplines.
- Identify future athlete board representative candidates and introduce athletes to USAV's governance structure.
- Serve as SafeSport and U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) ambassadors and advocates.
- Identify athlete representatives to the various Assemblies and Committees.
- Engage athletes in USA Volleyball Foundation activities.
- Develop pathways for athletes within the structure of USAV.

## **Selection Process**

Selection: Nominations and self-nominations for each position shall be solicited by USAV. Prior to any election, athlete candidates must disclose any felony convictions, or any other periods of ineligibility served in sport such as violations of anti-doping codes, the Athlete Classification Code (Paralympic only), or SafeSport violations. Each position will be elected in accordance with USAV Bylaws C. International Beach Athletes shall elect the Beach positions; International Indoor Athletes shall elect the Indoor positions and International Sitting Athletes shall elect the Sitting positions.

The Athlete receiving the second highest number of votes shall be designated the "Alternate" for that position and be invited to attend meetings in the event the elected Athlete ("Primary") is unable to attend. If the Primary is attending a meeting, the Alternate is eligible to also attend, but at their own expense.

## **Eligibility Requirement**

**Minimum Criteria:** In order to be eligible to run and/or vote for female Beach AAC representative, athletes must be international beach athletes as defined below:

Within the ten (10) years preceding election, represented the United States in the Olympic Games, Pan American Games, FIVB Beach World Tour Events, FIVB Beach World Championships or a USOPC Designated Operation Gold event.

**General Qualifications:** Each AAC representative shall possess the following general qualifications in addition to meeting the Minimum Criteria:

1. Be a current registrant of USAV in good standing, registered either through the USAV Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) in which the member resides or with the Corporation (USAV);
2. Have cleared the USAV-approved Background Screen;
3. Be SafeSport trained; and,
4. Have a currently signed and reviewed USAV Conflict of Interest Disclosure form on file with USAV.

Should additional information be required, please contact Eric Duda, USAV AAC Representative to the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), at [usavaac@gmail.com](mailto:usavaac@gmail.com).