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## **USAV'S NORCECA BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT NOMINATION REGULATIONS**

USA Volleyball (USAV) will conduct a playoff as outlined below to decide which teams to nominate to the NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament September 18-21, 2025, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

### **1. PLAYOFF LOCATION**

1.1 The playoff location will be listed on the respective playoff registration page as well as posted at [Event Registration - USA Volleyball](#) as soon as reasonably possible.

### **2. PLAYOFF DATES**

2.1 Playoff dates will be listed on the respective playoff registration page as well as posted at [Event Registration - USA Volleyball](#) as soon as reasonably possible.

### **3. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY**

3.1 Hold the citizenship of the country they represent, subject to the conditions set out in the FIVB [Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations](#) and [Sports Operations Manual](#).

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

3.3 Fulfill the entry conditions as per the FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations and Sports Operations Manual.

3.4 **Only athletes who have the ability to appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places by 22nd September 2025, will be eligible to participate.** As a reference, as of July 28, 2025, the threshold for the top 250 was:

a. Men: 380 points

b. Women: 396 points

3.5 Pay a \$75 per athlete registration fee (Teams that do not gain entry into the respective playoff and current BNP athletes as defined by the BNP Handbook will not be charged this registration fee).

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#### 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](#) as soon as reasonably possible.
- 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 4 pm Pacific by emailing [sean.scott@usav.org](mailto:sean.scott@usav.org). Late registering athletes will be charged a nonrefundable \$175 per athlete entry fee 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 Only athletes who have the ability to appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places by 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025, will be eligible to participate. As a reference, as of July 28, 2025, the threshold for the top 250 was:
  - Men: 380 points
  - Women: 396 points
- 4.5 The top eight (8) registered teams per FIVB Team Entry Points will gain entry to the playoff. FIVB Team Entry Points are defined as the sum of the individual FIVB Athlete Entry Points of the two (2) athletes that compose a team.
- 4.6 No Wild Cards will be allocated.
- 4.7 If enough teams do not sign up to fill the tournament field, USA Volleyball reserves the right to enter teams at its discretion to complete the tournament field.

#### 5. COMPETITION FORMAT

- 5.1 Eight (8) team single elimination with a playoff for 3rd place (see attachment A for further details).
- 5.2 Teams are seeded according to their FIVB Team Entry Points as of the posted registration deadline for the USAV playoff.

#### 6. COMPETITION RULES

- 6.1 Please refer to the FIVB Official Beach Volleyball Rules 2025-2028 ([FIVB-BeachVolleyball\\_Rules2025\\_2028-EN-v01.pdf](#)).

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## **7. NORCECA BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT NOMINATIONS & WITHDRAWALS**

- 7.1 USA Volleyball will nominate the winning team from the USAV playoff outlined in these procedures to attend the NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic September 18-21, 2025. Please note, to be eligible to compete in this NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament, both players must have the ability to appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places as of Monday, September 22, 2025.
- 7.2 If either player from the winning team of the USAV playoff outlined in these procedures does not have the ability to appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places as of Monday, September 22, 2025 the team will be replaced by the next highest placing team from the USAV playoff as outlined in these procedures where both athletes have the ability to appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places as of Monday, September 22, 2025.
- 7.3 If there are no teams from the USAV playoff as outlined in these procedures where both athletes have the ability to appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places as of Monday, September 22, 2025 then USA Volleyball reserves the right to select the team to compete in the NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic September 18-21, 2025 where both athletes have the ability to appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places as of Monday, September 22, 2025.
- 7.4 If a team accepts a bid to a NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament and then withdraws for a non-force majeure reason, each athlete may be fined \$250.
- 7.5 Teams who withdraw due to a force majeure and participate in another event during the same timeframe as the NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament may be fined \$250 per athlete.
- 7.6 Players must compete in the NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament with the same partner they competed with in the USAV playoff outlined in these procedures.
- 7.7 If a U.S. team withdraws from the NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament or declines the nomination, the next highest finishing team in the USAV Playoff as outlined in these procedures will be offered the nomination provided they have the ability to appear as an individual in the FIVB Athlete Entry Ranking within the first 250 places as of Monday, September 22, 2025.
- 7.8 This will continue on a "trickle-down" basis until a team accepts the nomination and all spots are filled. If none of the teams that participated in the playoff accept the spot, then USAV can fill the spot at its discretion.

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## 8. USAV PLAYOFF WITHDRAWALS

- 8.1 Should a team withdraw after the USAV playoff registration deadline up to 4 pm Pacific the day before the playoff, USAV will replace the team with the highest-seeded eligible 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 unless a medical certificate from a certified medical doctor is provided. USAV reserves the right to have the USAV BNT Head Athletic Trainer evaluate the athlete to confirm the injury.
- 8.2 Should the withdrawal happen after 4 pm the day before the USAV 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.
- 8.3 Change of athlete requests are **NOT** allowed after the USAV playoff registration closes except in the case of injury. In case of injury, the change of player request must be received by 4 pm Pacific the day before the playoff. The new team must have enough FIVB Team Entry Points to maintain their position in the playoff draw or they will be removed and USAV will enter the highest-seeded eligible team from the reserve list and reseed the playoff accordingly. The injured athlete must provide a medical certificate from a certified medical doctor. USAV reserves the right to have the USAV BNT Head Athletic Trainer evaluate the athlete to confirm the injury. Should the new team maintain a spot in the playoff draw, USAV will not provide a registration fee refund and the withdrawing athlete will have to get reimbursed directly from the replacement athlete. If the new team does not maintain a spot in the tournament draw, then USAV will refund the athlete registration fee(s) minus any processing fee(s) incurred by USAV.

## 9. REMOVAL OF ATHLETE(S)

- 9.1 Any athlete confirmed to compete in the USAV Playoff or NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament may be removed as a competitor for any of the following reasons, as determined by USAV:
- 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.
  - Violation of USA Volleyball's Code of Conduct.
  - An Anti-Doping Violation.
- 9.2 Any athlete removed from the team according to a provision above has the right to a hearing per USAV Bylaws (Article X & XIII) or USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.





## 10. NORCECA BEACH VOLLEYBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT FUNDING

- 10.1 USAV will cover the \$500 team entry fee for one (1) team per gender.
- 10.2 The promoter is responsible for covering the hotel and meals for one (1) U.S. team per gender from the Thursday night before the tournament to the Monday morning following the tournament.
- 10.3 USAV will provide an \$800 per athlete travel stipend to be paid within thirty (30) days following the event. Athletes must book their own travel.

## 11. DISCLAIMER

- 11.1 If any force of nature or force majeure should cause the alteration or cancellation of the USAV playoff as outlined in the document, these selection procedures may be revised by USA Volleyball.
- 11.2 If any force of nature or force majeure should cause the alteration or cancellation of the NORCECA Beach Volleyball World Championship Qualification Tournament, these selection procedures may be revised by USAV and USAV is not responsible for any airline or other fees incurred by the athlete(s).

## 12. ATHLETE INQUIRIES

- 12.1 Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete should contact Sean Scott ([sean.scott@usav.org](mailto:sean.scott@usav.org)).
- 12.2 If you have further questions that the USAV Beach staff could not answer, please contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman at [ombudsman@usathlete.org](mailto:ombudsman@usathlete.org).

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**ATTACHMENT A – 8 Team Single Elimination Playoff**



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