

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THIS SUMMER?

How About Playing Volleyball Outdoors?

2018 DELTA REGION BEACH SCHEDULE

Volleyball doesn't have to end in April. Clubs in the Delta Region are hosting outdoor sand & grass tournaments for junior players & adults this summer! Look above at the events already on the Delta Region Beach Schedule!

Great News—if you are already a member it doesn't cost you any more to play Beach!

If you have a 2018 USAV membership—no additional membership fee is needed to play sanctioned outdoor volleyball ...AND, you will still be covered with USAV insurance (*hopefully, you won't need it though*).

Most events are doubles—so, grab your best friend and head to an event and have some fun! What if your best friend is not a member? No worries, they can register for a **Summer Membership for just \$10**. Tell them to go to the region website and click on: "Summer Only Membership".

WHY PLAY BEACH VOLLEYBALL?

- Doubles provides the best in random, game-like volleyball experiences with a high number of contacts per person. Each player's weaknesses are practiced throughout the game - if you're a bad passer, you get served. If you're a bad setter, your partner is served and you must set.
- You are forced to become a better player, and to extend your range on defense as you are required to cover the entire court.
- You develop communication skills with a single partner before moving on to a 6-person system.
- You are able to enhance strength and conditioning through increased movement.
- You learn the responsibility of playing every play with your partner.
- Whether it's on the beach or grass, 4-on-4 or 2-on-2, outdoor volleyball is a fun and effective way to gain valuable playing experience and to get an edge on other players.
- Play hard, play often and play outdoors to become a better all-around player.
- You get to coach yourself!
- Collegiate Beach Volleyball was approved to become a championship NCAA D1 sport in October, 2014 and D2/D3 in January, 2015.

Beach Volleyball is on the rise with many NCAA schools adding Beach Volleyball to their athletic programs, with additional opportunities for scholarships. The University of Central Arkansas in Conway is competing in its second year of Beach Volleyball. They have a couple home matches remaining---check out their schedule [HERE](#) and go root them on!

USA NATIONAL BEACH TOUR

This season, the Delta Region joins the other 40 regions in USA Volleyball to form the **USA National Beach Tour**.



Beginning in 2018, the USA National Beach Tour will offer the following beach championship events:

- Junior Beach National Championships (JBNC)
- Adult Beach National Championships (ABNC)

Under the JBNC, there will be several divisions offered:

- National Open [bid won at Beach National Qualifier]
- Regional Open [bid won at Beach Regional Qualifier]
- Patriot [non-bid division]

There will be two opportunities for junior teams to win bids to the USA Jr. Beach National Championships (JBNC):

- Beach Regional Qualifiers (BRQs)--Produced by Regions—**Delta Region has 4 Bids to award in each age division! The Delta BRQ will be held June 2-3 in Little Rock, AR.**
- Beach National Qualifiers (BNQs)--Sanctioned by USAV

The Adult Beach National Championships (ABNC) will be an open registration event and will offer divisions for men, women, and coed.

Additional information on these events will be posted on [USAVs](#) website when they are finalized.

National Qualifiers Set for USA National Beach Tour Championships



COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (updated Feb. 22, 2018) – The nation’s best youth beach volleyball players will compete for coveted spots into the inaugural USA National Beach Tour Championships through 16 Beach National Qualifiers (BNQs) being held coast-to-coast showcasing the fastest growing sport under the sun.

The BNQs, held in 16 different regions of USAV, run from March 3 to July 15. Each BNQ will award National Open Division bids to nationals in four age groups (12U, 14U, 16U and 18U) in both genders. The top four pairs in each division will earn a spot into the championship. Players can compete in multiple qualifiers to increase their chances of earning a coveted bid. The USA National Beach Tour Championships hits the

sands of Siesta Key, Florida, from July 19-24.

In addition, USA Volleyball will be conducting seven Beach High Performance Selection Camps across the United States from early March to early May, followed by a Beach HP A2 Camp June 7-8 in Lisle, Illinois. These events will be held in conjunction with the Beach National Qualifier schedule.

For more information and to register for Beach High Performance Selection Camps, [click here](#).

For more information on the USA National Beach Tour, visit nationalbeachtour.com.

2018 USA National Beach Tour – Beach National Qualifier Schedule (as of Jan. 25)

Dates: Region | Age Divisions | City, State | Location

March 3-4: Florida | All | Tavares, Florida | Hickory Point Beach

March 24: Southern California | All | Hermosa Beach, California | Hermosa Beach

April 7: Carolina | 14U & 18U | Greensboro, North Carolina | Beach South Sandy Camp and Pinetop Club

April 7: Northern California | 12U & 16U | Santa Cruz, California | Santa Cruz Main Beach

April 8: Northern California | 14U & 18U | Santa Cruz, California | Santa Cruz Main Beach

April 28: Sun Country | 12U & 16U | Albuquerque, New Mexico | The Fieldhouse

April 29: Sun Country | 14U & 18U | Albuquerque, New Mexico | The Fieldhouse

April 29: Arizona | 12U & 16U | Glendale, Arizona | Victory Lanes

May 6: Arizona | 14U & 18U | Glendale, Arizona | Victory Lanes

May 5-6: Gulf Coast | All | Gulf Shores, Alabama

May 12: Carolina | 12U | Apex, North Carolina | Southern Sand Complex

May 12-13: Puget Sound | 14U, 16U, B12U, B14U | Snohomish, Washington | Bottega Fitness Park

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May 12-13: Lone Star | All | Galveston, Texas | East Beach/Appfel Park

May 13: Carolina | 16U | Apex, North Carolina | Southern Sand Complex

May 27-28: Southern | All | Cartersville, Georgia | Rally Volleyball at Lakepoint

June 2-3: Chesapeake | All | Ocean City, Maryland | Beach at Ocean City

June 2-3: North Texas | TBD | McKinney, Texas | The Beach at Craig Ranch

June 2-3: North Texas | TBD | Plano, Texas | Madsand

June 2-3: North Texas | TBD | Arlington, Texas | ACE Volleyball

June 2-3: North Texas | TBD | Grand Prairie, Texas | Winning Edge

June 2-3: North Texas | TBD | Fort Worth, Texas | Game on Sports Complex

June 9: Great Lakes | All | Chicago, Illinois | Montrose Beach

June 9-10: Ohio Valley | All | Columbus, Ohio | Flannagan's Dublin

June 16-17: Heart of America | TBD | Kansas City, Missouri | Volleyball Beach

June 16-17: Heart of America | TBD | Blue Springs, Missouri | Centerline Volleyball

June 16-17: Heart of America | TBD | Kansas City, Missouri | KC Beach

July 7-8: Pioneer | All | Louisville, Kentucky | King Louie Sports Complex

2018 USA Volleyball Beach High Performance Selection Camps

March 2: Beach HP Selection Camp, Tavares, Florida | Hickory Point Beach

March 23: Beach HP Selection Camp, Hermosa Beach, California | Hermosa Beach

April 6: Beach HP Selection Camp, Santa Cruz, California | Santa Cruz Main Beach

April 6: Beach HP Selection Camp, Greensboro, North Carolina | Beach South Sandy Camp and Pinetop Club

April 27: Beach HP Selection Camp, Albuquerque, New Mexico | The Fieldhouse

April 28: Beach HP Selection Camp, Glendale, Arizona | Victory Lanes

May 4: Beach HP Selection Camp, Gulf Shores, Alabama | Gulf Shores

June 7-8: Beach HP A2 Camp, Lisle, Illinois | Four Lakes

QUICK RULES of THE GAME

- Rally Scoring: 2 games to 21, with third game to 15 (if necessary) or 1 game to 28 (rally scoring)
- 4 team pools will play 2 games to 21 with no tie breaker, 6 team pools will play 1 game to 28 points
- Juniors will referee each other's matches during pool play and all bracket play with the exception of championship matches
- Block counts as a contact
- No Open hand dinks/tips
- One Toss per serve
- Players may not "set" the ball or contact the ball with finger action in an attempt to play the ball when receiving the serve.
- Any contact with any part of the net by a player's body is a violation.
- Players handling the ball must set the ball in direction they are facing or directly behind them (shoulders squared) when returning the ball over the net.
- Side Changes in multiples of seven (7) when the set goes to 21 or 28. Side changes in multiples of five (5) when the set goes to 15.
- Time-Outs: Each team is allowed one 30 second time-out per set.
- Active coaching is limited to time-outs and in between sets and matches. In addition for the IBVL and Club Championships only, active coaching is allowed during side changes. The coach may not enter the court. The interaction must take place during the time allowed when players change sides of the court and play must immediately begin after the side change.
- For the 12U divisions, all contacts that are hit overhand are considered a driven ball. The first contact may be received with multiple contacts (on the same attempt) or may take the ball with an open hand or set.
- Athletes may wear socks or sand socks during competition. No shoes, sandals, etc. may be worn during competition.

Note about boys playing: In Delta Region events (*other regions may not allow this*): Boys 13 and under can play with a male or female partner, and can play against teams of girls. If a boy under 13 is playing in the girls division of a tournament, he must play up an age division. Boys over the age of 13 must compete in a boys division, provided there are enough teams to make a boys division. If a boy under the age of 13 wins a tournament, they will be asked to play up an age division in their next tournament.

TEAMS AND UNIFORMS:

Two Players with no substitutes.

Only the team Captain may interact with the referees, to request timeout or explanation of rule.

Players must play barefoot or in sand socks. Sand socks are highly recommended due to the expected high temperatures during this time of year. No sandals or tennis shoes will be allowed during play.

Uniforms are required, as per event requirements. (*Note: some region events do not require uniforms (check with event coordinator prior to entering event).*)

- In Junior competition, shorts with tops are typical requirements.
- Legal uniform numbers are 1 or 2, in traditional beach doubles.
- When uniforms are required, they should be worn from the coin toss onwards.
- Numbers should be visible.
- Cold weather gear (sweats suits, Lycra undergarments etc.) may be allowed (guideline temperature: “below 60 degrees”)

Please check back later for additional events to be added to the 2018 Delta Region Beach Schedule!

