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USAV Beach Volleyball FAQ

1. How do I play in the Olympics?

Qualification for the Olympics has historically been via the FIVB World Tour. For more information please refer to the FIVB website - [Official Competition Forms \(fivb.com\)](https://www.fivb.com/OfficialCompetitionForms).

2. If I need to play on the FIVB World Tour to get to the Olympics, how do I get on the FIVB World Tour?

Entry into FIVB tournaments is decided by FIVB Athlete Entry Points. Entry Points are your best 3 out of 4 finishes in the last 365 days, including: FIVB Future, Challenge, Elite 16, Beach Volleyball World Championships and Continental Tour events. For FIVB Elite 16 events 12 teams per gender make the main draw and 16 teams per gender play in a single elimination qualification tournament for the last 4 spots. For FIVB Challenge events 16 teams per gender make the main draw and up to 32 teams per gender play in a single elimination qualifier for the final 8 spots. For FIVB Future events 12 teams per gender make the main draw and up to 16 teams per gender play in a single elimination qualifier for the final 4 spots. USAV provides travel funding to qualified teams to FIVB Elite 16 and Challenge events but does not provide any funding for Future events. For more information regarding FIVB regulations please visit: [Tools \(fivb.com\)](https://www.fivb.com/Tools). Registration links for USA athletes for FIVB events and information regarding FIVB event registration can be found here: [Event Registration - USA Volleyball](https://www.usavolleyball.org/EventRegistration).

3. How do I get FIVB Entry Points, if I need FIVB Entry Points to play on the World Tour?

The other way to accumulate FIVB Entry Points is by playing in Continental Tour (NORCECA) events. Continental Tour events reward you 100 points for a 1st place finish. USAV is guaranteed 1, but often receives 2, team per gender per NORCECA event. Qualification for a NORCECA event is done through a USAV-hosted NORCECA Playoff.

4. What is a NORCECA Playoff?

A NORCECA Playoff is a 12-team or 16-team tournament usually held in Southern California near the USAV office in Torrance, CA. The winning team qualifies for a pre-determined number of NORCECA Continental Tour events. The next highest finishing teams are offered spots in the NORCECA events as they become available. Registration for NORCECA Playoffs and information regarding NORCECA Playoffs can be found here: [Event Registration - USA Volleyball](https://www.usavolleyball.org/EventRegistration). Seeding for a NORCECA Playoff is done by USAV Ranking Points.

5. What are USAV Ranking Points?

The USAV Ranking Point System encapsulates a multitude of tournaments across the country and assigns points for those tournaments based on prize money, number of teams, competition level, etc. These points

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allow for an objective pathway to the National Team for any volleyball player. On this website you can check your USAV Ranking Points: <https://usav.seedlingpal.com/rankings>.

6. What are the levels of the Beach National Program?

The BNP is divided into the Beach National Team (BNT) and the Talent Protection Pipeline (TPP). The BNT is the top 12 athletes per gender who meet certain minimum requirements. The TPP is athletes identified by USAV to be part of the BNP based on objective results and performance at tryouts, camps, or other observational opportunities. Most if not all the athletes in these compete at the international level.

7. I just finished playing NCAA volleyball, what are my options in pursuing a career in beach volleyball?

Some options to pursue a career in beach volleyball include: participating in domestic and local/regional beach volleyball tournaments around the country to earn USAV Ranking Points, attend available tryouts or camps, and/or attend a NORCECA Playoff. Participating in these options will most likely help you improve your skills, provide objective results that you can compare against your peers, and can help you attain ranking points to qualify for events. You can also see if your eligible to participate in the USAV Collegiate Beach National Team and find information on the website: [Beach Collegiate Teams - USA Volleyball](#).