USA VOLLEYBALL
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2020 OLYMPIC GAMES
Women’s and Men’s Beach Volleyball
May 10, 2018
AMENDED May 19, 2020

1. SELECTION SYSTEM

1.1. Provide the minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:

1.1.1. Nationality/Passport requirements:

Athlete must be a national of the United States at the time of nomination.

Athlete must hold a valid U.S. passport that will not expire for six months after the conclusion of the Games.

1.1.2. Minimum Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and IOC standards for participation:

Any competitor in the Olympic, Paralympic, Pan American or Parapan American Games must be a national of the country of the National Olympic Committee (NOC) or National Paralympic Committee (NPC) which is entering such competitor. For additional information regarding an athlete who is a national of two or more countries, has changed his or her nationality or acquired a new nationality, refer to the Olympic Charter (Rule 41), the IPC Handbook (Section 2, Chapter 3.1), or the PASO Statutes (Article XXII, Sections 4 and 5).

FIVB: Undergo Anti-Doping testing successfully during the qualification period starting June 1, 2018 and ending June 27, 2021. 2020.


IOC: Be at least fourteen (14) years of age as of the first day of Olympic competition.

IOC: In compliance with the Olympic Charter.
1.1.3. Minimum International Federation (FIVB) standards for participation (if any):

**IF:** United States Citizenship and eligible to compete for the United States.

**IF:** Reference Attachment at the link below for the IOC/FIVB approved Qualification System for Beach Volleyball as well as the events eligible to earn Quota Places (“FIVB Olympic Qualification Events”).


1.1.4. Other requirements (if any):

- Athletes must have successfully completed all Games Registration requirements by stated deadline.

- Must be current registrant of USA Volleyball including signed Code of Conduct (herein called “Code of Conduct” (See by example: http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Membership/Forms-and-Information. Code of Conduct Form will be updated by USA Volleyball for 2020-2021-2019-2020).

- Must sign a Medical Release for participants under 18 years of age (See by example link above. Form will be updated by USA Volleyball for 2020-2021-2019-2020).

- Any athlete age 18 or older will be required to undergo a background screen in accordance with the current USOPC Background Check Policy.

- Any athlete age 18 or older as of the Closing Ceremony will be required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s online training.

1.2. Tryout Events:

1.2.1. Provide the event names, dates and locations of all trials, events and camps to be used as part of the selection process.

Refer to 1.1.3.

Athletes will be nominated to participate in FIVB Olympic Qualification Events pursuant to Attachment B.

USA 2020 Olympic Games Quota Places earned through the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament, the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships or the Olympic Ranking List of June 14, 2021 will be filled by teams based on order of finish in the FIVB Olympic Ranking List as of June 14, 2021.
If an athlete is ranked with two different teams in the FIVB Olympic Ranking List as of June 14, 2021, and both teams are eligible, only the highest ranked team will be nominated.

If all four (4) (two men’s teams and two women’s teams) possible Quota Places are not earned per the paragraph above, then the U.S. will have an opportunity to win one (1) quota slot, per gender, via the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final) (reference www.volleyball.world/en/beachvolleyball/olympics/2020/competition/qualificationprocess Attachment A).

If the USA earns a 2020 Olympic Games Quota Place, in either gender, at the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final) it will be filled through the procedure described in Attachment C.

The event names, dates and locations that are used as part of the selection process can be found at www.fivb.org and www.norceca.org.

1.2.2. Provide event names, dates, locations and description of how athletes qualify for the trials, events and camps listed above in 1.2.1. (if any).

Reference Attachment B and C.

1.3. Provide a comprehensive, step-by-step description of the method that explains how athletes will go through the selection process to become Team nominees (include maximum Team size).

Reference Attachment B and C.

Maximum Team Size: Two (2) teams per gender of two (2) athletes each (8 persons)

2. DISCRETIONARY SELECTION (if applicable)

2.1. Provide rationale for utilizing discretionary selection (if any): N/A

2.2. List the discretionary criteria and explain how they will be used (if any): N/A

2.3. Provide the name of the committee that will be responsible for making discretionary selections, along with a complete list of the members’ titles currently serving on the committee: N/A

2.3.1. Specify the process that will be used to identify and handle any potential conflicts of interest involving a member of the committee: N/A
3. REMOVAL OF ATHLETES

3.1. Prior to acceptance of nominations by the USOPC, USA Volleyball has jurisdiction over potential nominees.

An athlete who is to be nominated to the Team by USA Volleyball may be removed as a nominee for any of the following reasons, as determined by USA Volleyball:

3.1.1. Voluntary withdrawal. Athlete must submit a written letter to the CEO of USA Volleyball.

3.1.2. Injury or illness as certified by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Volleyball. If an athlete refuses verification of his/her illness or injury by a physician (or medical staff) approved by USA Volleyball, his/her injury will be assumed to be disabling and he/she may be removed.

3.1.3. Violation of USA Volleyball’s Code of Conduct (See by example: http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Membership/Forms-and-Information. Code of Conduct Form will be updated by USA Volleyball for 2020-2021/2019-2020).

An athlete who is removed from the Team pursuant to a provision above has the right to a hearing per USA Volleyball’s Bylaws (Article XI and XIV) or USOPC Bylaws, Section 9.

3.2. Once an athlete nomination is accepted by the USOPC, the USOPC has jurisdiction over the Team, at which time, in addition to any applicable USA Volleyball Code of Conduct, the USOPC’s Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures apply. The USOPC’s Code of Conduct and Grievance Procedures can be found at:

http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athlete-Ombudsman/Resources/Code-of-Conduct
https://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Ombudsman/Games-and-Competition
http://www.teamusa.org/Footer/Legal/Governance-Documents

3.3. An athlete may be removed as a nominee to the Team or from the Team for an adjudicated violation of IOC, PASO, IPC, WADA, IF, USADA and/or USOPC anti-doping protocol, policies and procedures, as well as the U.S. Center for SafeSport Code, the USOPC Athlete Safety Policy and USA Volleyball’s Athlete Safety Policy, as applicable.

4. REPLACEMENT OF ATHLETES

4.1. Describe the selection and approval process for determining replacement athlete(s) should a vacancy occur:
4.1.1. **prior to submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:**

In the event a qualified and nominated Team loses one of its athletes due to those reasons identified in Section 3, then the remaining athlete of that Team may select an athlete to complete the Team from the Replacement Pool. The Replacement pool shall be those athletes of the same gender who are eligible to compete in the Olympic Games and meet the FIVB Eligibility Criteria and are not already nominated to compete.

If a selected Replacement Pool athlete declines to participate with the remaining athlete, the procedure will be repeated until the Team is complete. Should an athlete in the Replacement Pool decline to play with the remaining athlete, then the Replacement Pool athlete shall forfeit the right to compete in the 2020 Olympic Games.

Should the remaining athlete decline to play with any of the Replacement Pool athletes, then the remaining athlete shall forfeit the right to compete in the 2020 Olympic Games, and a replacement team shall be identified as the next highest placing eligible team (not already nominated) in the final FIVB Olympic Ranking List as of June 14, 2021.

In the event that a qualified and nominated team (both athletes) is entirely removed pursuant to Section 3, then a replacement team shall be identified as the next highest placing eligible team, not already nominated, in the final FIVB Olympic Ranking List as of June 14, 2021.

4.1.2. **after submission of Entries by Name to the Local Organizing Committee, including any applicable group or committee:**

Same as 4.1.1

5. **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

USA Volleyball will retain the approved Selection Procedures and all supporting documents, including scouting or evaluation forms, etc., and data from the selection process for six months past the date of the Closing Ceremony of the Games.

6. **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the USOPC Code of Conduct, the following documents are required to be signed by an athlete as a condition of nomination to the Olympic Games:

- USAV’s Registration Form including Code of Conduct (See by example: [http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Membership/Forms-and-Information](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Membership/Forms-and-Information). Code of Conduct Form will be updated by USAVolleyball for 2020-2021-2019-
Signed Medical Release for participants under 18 years of age (See by example link above. Form will be updated by USA Volleyball for 2020-2021-2019-2020).

7. PUBLICITY/DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEDURES

The USOPC approved Selection Procedures (complete and unaltered) will be posted/published by USA Volleyball in the following locations:

7.1. USA Volleyball Web site: www.usavolleyball.org

These procedures will be posted as soon as possible, but not more than five business days following notice of approval by the USOPC.

7.2. Other: n/a

8. DATE OF NOMINATION

The Nomination of Athletes form, including the Replacement Pool (which shall include all of the not already qualified athletes from among those meeting the FIVB Eligibility Criteria) will be announced to all athletes and submitted to the USOPC on or before:

- **July 2, 2020**
- **June 18, 2021** – for quotas secured prior to Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final)
- **July 1, 2021** – for any quotas earned through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup (Continental Final)

9. MANDATORY TRAINING AND/OR COMPETITION

Specify the location, schedule and duration of mandatory training and/or competition: N/A

10. ANTI-DOPING REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must adhere to all IOC, WADA, FIVB, USADA and USOPC anti-doping protocols, policies and procedures, as applicable. This includes participation in Out-of-Competition Testing as required by the IOC, WADA, FIVB, USADA and USOPC Rules, as applicable.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF SELECTION PROCEDURES

The following committee/group (include names and titles) was responsible for creating these Selection Procedures:

Kerry Klostermann, Secretary General
Peter Vint, Chief of Sport (involved in amendment drafting)
12. NGB/HPMO BYLAWS AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The USA Volleyball Bylaws and Grievance Procedures can be found at:
http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/About-Us/Governance.aspx

13. INTERNATIONAL DISCLAIMER

These procedures are based on IOC and FIVB rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in IOC and FIVB rules and regulations will be distributed to the affected athletes immediately. The selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Volleyball. However, the selections are always subject to unforeseen, intervening circumstances, and realistically may not have accounted for every possible contingency.

If any force of nature, or force majeure, should cause the alteration or cancellation of any of the selection events listed in this document, these selection procedures will be revised, pursuant to their resubmission to the USOPC.

14. ATHLETE OMBUDSMAN

Athletes who have questions regarding their opportunity to compete that are not answered by USA Volleyball may contact the USOPC Athlete Ombudsman, Kacie Wallace, by:
- Telephone at (719) 866-5000
- Email at ombudsman@usathlete.org
- https://www.teamusa.org/athlete-ombudsman
15. **NGB/HPMO SIGNATURES**

I certify that I have read and understand the standards/criteria set by our IF and/or CF (PAG/PPAG only) and incorporated those standards/criteria into our Selection Procedures. I further certify that the information provided herein regarding Athlete Selection Procedures represents the method approved by USA Volleyball.

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*Signature by the AAC Representative constitutes that he/she has read and understands the Selection Procedures and certifies that the Selection Procedures submitted represent the method approved by the NGB/PSO. If the AAC Representative reads and does not agree with the Athlete Selection Procedures being submitted by the NGB/PSO, he/she may submit those reasons in writing to his/her Sport Performance representative.
Hi, Jamie & Chris, Sean, Peter and I have approved the attached amended procedures. If you are good, please send me an email indicating approval, thanks, KK.
Just reviewed. I'm good with it. Thanks guys!

Hi, Sean & Peter this looks fine to me are you both OK? If so please do an email approval and I’ll get to Jamie and Chris, thanks, KK.
Looks good to me and I approve. Thank you!

Just reviewed. I’m good with it. Thanks guys!
Hello,

I approve.

Chris Seilkop
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For the most up-to-date version, go to
and click on the link called “Qualification System”
ATTACHMENT B (Subject to the provisions of Section 13 of the Procedures)

2018 – 20210 Beach Volleyball Event Nomination Procedures

FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament (Date TBD):
Entry into the FIVB Beach Volleyball Olympic Qualification Tournament will be based on then current FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations.

2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships:
Entry into the 2019 FIVB Beach Volleyball Senior World Championships will be based on the then current FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations. If USAV has a discretionary berth, selection for entry will be specified in the 2019 USAV Beach National Program Handbook.

2018 – 20210 FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour 1-Star to 5-Star events:
Entry will be based on the then current FIVB Beach Volleyball Sports Regulations.

2018 – 20210 Beach Volleyball Continental Cup:
Entry will be based off a team’s FIVB Olympic Ranking as of June 14, 2021, 15, 2020 or as of the FIVB/NORCECA entry deadline whichever comes first, based on then current FIVB/NORCECA regulations.

In the event of a tie in the established FIVB Olympic Ranking between two or more teams the following criteria will apply in the following order, to determine the team(s) eligible for entry:

1. The total FIVB Ranking points accumulated as a team through the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships, FIVB World Tour 1- Star to 5-Star events and recognized Continental Tour Finals (in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered) from 1st September 2018 until 134th June 20210 or the entry deadline established for the Continental Cup whichever comes first;

2. The total number of events (the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships, FIVB World Tour 1-Star to 5-Star events and recognized Continental Tour Finals [in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered]) the team has participated in from 1st September 2018 to 134th June 20210;

3. The highest FIVB Ranking Points obtained as a team in one single event (either the 2019 FIVB Senior World Championships, FIVB World Tour 1-Star to 5-Star events and recognized Continental Tour Finals [in case of multiple participation during the Qualification Period, only the best result will be considered]) from 1st September 2018 to 134th June 20210; if still tied, the 2nd highest FIVB Ranking Points obtained as a team in one single event from 1st September 2018 to 134th June 20210; if still tied, then 3rd highest or 4th highest, etc. until the tie is broken.
4. In the event that the tie cannot be broken, the quota place will be allocated by a playoff between the tied teams, date, location, and format to be announced as soon as known.

If an athlete is ranked with two different teams in the FIVB Olympic Ranking as of the deadlines set forth in these procedures for the respective competitions, and both teams are eligible, only the highest ranked team will be nominated.
ATTACHMENT C

Beach Volleyball Continental Cup Quota Place

Any USA 2020 Olympic Games Quota Place earned through the Beach Volleyball Continental Cup will be filled based on a playoff between the two teams that participated in and earned the Quota Place via the respective Continental Final. The format, date, time and location of the playoff will be decided by those individuals listed in Section 11 and the affected athletes notified immediately upon the decision being made. The team that wins the playoff will be nominated to compete in the 2020 Olympic Games.