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## **USAV Beach Volleyball FAQ**

### **1. How do I play in the Olympics?**

Qualification for the Olympics is currently completed through the FIVB World Tour. The FIVB qualification process can be found here: [2020 Olympic Qualification System](#). If a team earns USA a quota spot for being one of the top 15 teams in the world, they will qualify for the Olympic Games.

### **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 4 out of 6 finishes in the last 365 days, including: FIVB 1 – 5 stars and Continental Tour events, For FIVB 3 - 5-star events, 24 teams per gender make the main draw and 32 teams play in a single elimination qualification tournament for the last 8 spots. FIVB 2 star events should have a main draw of 24 teams and a qualification tournament of 24 teams. FIVB 1 star events should have a main draw of 16 teams with a 16-team qualification tournament. USAV provides travel funding options for FIVB 3-5 star events, but does not provide any funding for 1 and 2-star events. For more information regarding FIVB regulations please visit: [FIVB Beach VB Regulations](#). Registration links for USA athletes for FIVB events can be found here: [USAV Event Registration](#). Additionally, please see the following for more specific information about registering for FIVB events: [FIVB Event Registration](#).

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 single elimination 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 can be done here: [USAV Event Registration](#). Seeding for a NORCECA Playoff is done by USAV Ranking Points. Additionally, please see the following for NORCECA Playoff Registration info: [NORCECA Playoff Regulations](#).

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## 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 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.seedingpal.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 are ranked in the top 80 per gender according to FIVB Athlete Entry Points. 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 of 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 High Performance Collegiate Beach National Team: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/high-performance/beach/collegiate>

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