



NEWPORT BEACH VOLLEYBALL INVITATIONAL 4-MAN

OFFICIAL EVENT REGULATIONS

Event Dates: October 17-18, 2026

Location: Blackie's Beach, Newport Beach Pier

Organizer: Kevin Martin

Host: Steve Obradovich

Tournament Director: Megan Burgdorf

Version: 1.0 (8-31-2026)

1. PURPOSE

These regulations govern the organization and conduct of the Newport Beach Volleyball Invitational (NBVI), a four-person team event for both genders. All athletes, officials, staff, volunteers, and accredited personnel are expected to comply with these regulations throughout the event. Participation in the event constitutes acceptance of these regulations.

2. GOVERNING AUTHORITY

The competition will be conducted under:

- Guidance from the Official Rules of Beach Volleyball (https://www.fivb.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/FIVB-4x4_BeachVolleyball_Rules2023_2024-EN_Final.pdf) where applicable
- These Event Regulations, specifically around the modified rules for four-man competition
- Decisions of the Tournament Director

In the event of a conflict, these Event Regulations shall prevail unless otherwise specified. These Event Regulations are subject to change.

3. EVENT INFORMATION

Dates	October 17-18, 2026, play starts at 8:00 AM and finishes around 5:30 PM
Teams	Seven teams of four people per gender (56 athletes total)
Competition Courts	Two competition courts (Court 1 and Court 2) will be set up at Blackie's Beach near Newport Beach Pier (https://maps.app.goo.gl/oaKbxhLfBekfBGSm8)
Warm-Up Courts	A warm-up court will be available next to the competition courts beginning Friday, available upon request and around other scheduled events (megan@beachvolleyballconsulting.com)
Athlete Lounge	A covered tent will be available onsite in a private area for athletes, including water and snacks, electricity, Wi-Fi and tables and chairs
Medical Area	A covered medical tent with first aid as well as medical services for athletes will be available onsite in a private area for athletes
Tournament Office	Eagle Four Partners, 1400 Newport Center Dr Ste 230, Newport Beach, CA 92660
Accommodation	Main Draw Tournament players can avail of a discounted room at Balboa Bay Club at the rate of \$200 per night if required on Saturday or Sunday evenings.
Official Ball	Mikasa

4. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money will be distributed according to the published payout schedule per team. The total prize purse per gender is \$100,000.

1 st	\$33,000
2 nd	\$21,000
3 rd	\$15,000
4 th	\$11,000
5 th	\$8,000
6 th	\$7,000
7 th	\$5,000

Athletes are responsible for any applicable taxes. Should an athlete be replaced due to injury any prize money owed is split between the injured athlete and the replacement. If an athlete does not compete and withdraws from the event they forfeit the right to any prize money.

5. COMPETITION FORMAT

This is a two-day competition consisting of seven four-man teams in each gender. Saturday will be the qualification tournament, where four teams battle to gain entry into the main draw tournament that will be held on Sunday. Only one team qualifies to move on, all others are eliminated. Sunday will have four teams competing for the title, three auto entry teams and one team from the qualification tournament.

For the qualification tournament:

- Starting at 8:00 AM - Round robin pool play, one set to 21, rally scoring, win by two points, no cap
- Upon completion of pool play, pool results will reseed teams. Pool standings will be determined by match wins. In the event of a tie between two teams, head-to-head result will determine placement. In the event of a three- or four-team tie, point differential among the tied teams will determine placement. If the tie remains, overall pool point differential will be used, followed by a random draw. Based on the pool results a single elimination match for the qualification entry will take place (1 v 4 and 2 v 3). This match will be best of three sets (21, 21, 15 pts, win by two points, no cap)
- The winners of each match will play off for the final main draw entry. The losing teams will play off for 6th place. The winners match will be best of three sets (21, 21, 15 pts, win by two points, no cap). The 6th place match will be best of three sets (15, 15, 15 pts, win by two points, no cap)
- The winning team for each gender will advance to the main draw as Seed 04 and compete on Sunday. All other teams are eliminated.

Saturday, October 17, 2026 – Qualification Tournament		
Time	Court 1	Court 2
8:00 AM	W Pool 1 v 4	W Pool 2 v 3
8:45 AM	M Pool 1 v 4	M Pool 2 v 3
9:30 AM	W Pool 2 v 4	W Pool 1 v 3
10:15 AM	M Pool 2 v 4	M Pool 1 v 3
11:00 AM	W Pool 1 v 2	W Pool 3 v 4
11:45 AM	M Pool 1 v 2	M Pool 3 v 4
12:30 PM	W Playoff 1 (1 v 4)	W Playoff 2 (2 v 3)
1:30 PM	M Playoff 1 (1 v 4)	M Playoff 2 (2 v 3)
2:30 PM	W Qualifier	W 6 th Place
3:30 PM	M Qualifier	M 6 th Place
6:00 PM	Legends Excusive Preview	

For the main draw tournament:

- Starting at 8:00 AM - Round robin pool play, one set to 21, rally scoring, win by two points, no cap
- Upon completion of pool play, pool results will reseed teams. Pool standings will be determined by match wins. In the event of a tie between two teams, head-to-head result will determine placement. In the event of a three- or four-team tie, point differential among the tied teams will determine placement. If the tie remains, overall pool point differential will be used, followed by a random draw. Based on the pool results a single elimination match for the qualification entry will take place (1 v 4 and 2 v 3). This match will be best of three sets (21, 21, 15 pts, win by two points, no cap)
- The winners of each match will play off for gold. The losing teams will play off for 3rd place. The winners match will be best of three sets (21, 21, 15 pts, win by two points, no cap). The 3rd place match will be best of three sets (15, 15, 15 pts, win by two points, no cap)
- An awards ceremony will take place following the completion of both genders' gold medal matches.

Sunday, October 18, 2026 – Main Draw Tournament		
Time	Court 1	Court 2
8:00 AM	W Pool 1 v 4	W Pool 2 v 3
8:45 AM	M Pool 1 v 4	M Pool 2 v 3
9:30 AM	W Pool 2 v 4	W Pool 1 v 3
10:15 AM	M Pool 2 v 4	M Pool 1 v 3
11:00 AM	W Pool 1 v 2	W Pool 3 v 4
11:45 AM	M Pool 1 v 2	M Pool 3 v 4
12:30 PM	W SF 1	W SF 2
1:30 PM	M SF 1	M SF 2
2:30 PM	W Gold	W Bronze
3:30 PM	M Gold	M Bronze
4:30 PM	Awards Ceremony	

Games may start at a later time but will not begin before the stated match time. The Tournament Director may adjust the format due to weather, court availability, or unforeseen circumstances.

6. SEEDING

Teams in the main draw will be seeded based on a random draw. The fourth team that wins the qualification tournament will be Seed 04. Qualification tournament teams will be seeded based on a random draw.

7. ENTRY & TEAMS

Athletes for both genders are selected by the Organizers based on a combination of competitive standing, experience, marketability, leadership, and/or other criteria determined by the Organizers (Olympian, Elite 16 Athlete, AVP League Athlete, AVP Athlete Ranked Athlete Top 25, Rising Stars, Wild Cards). This event has been created with the intention to support those American athletes in their aspirations of qualifying for the Olympics. All athletes must:

- Meet player eligibility requirements
- Complete registration before the deadline
- Sign all required waivers and agreements
- Be in good standing with the organizing body

Each 4-man team per gender will consist of a max of four athletes. Three teams will automatically qualify to the main draw and are invited as a team to compete by the Organizers. Four teams will contend for the final spot in the Qualification Tournament, these athletes are invited and/or may be awarded a wild card.

For the main draw, should an athlete decline to play with their invited rostered team, they may forfeit the right to gain automatic entry to the main draw and may be placed into the qualifier draw. For the Qualification Tournament, should an athlete decline to play with their drafted rostered team, they may forfeit the right to gain entry into the competition.

Captains for the qualification tournament will be named from the remaining player pool for each gender by the Organizers. Teams will be drafted for the qualification tournament by **Monday, August 31, 2026**.

Alternate athletes will also be named should a substitution be required.

Interested athletes can register for a Wild Card by **Friday, September 4, 2026, by 12:00 PM, PT** (<https://forms.gle/fdKLagLnzZiKQELL7>). Wild Card athletes that are awarded entry will need to accept their place in advance of the competition. Alternate athletes will be notified following the draft. The Tournament Director can name up to four wild card athletes per gender.

The Tournament Director reserves the right to verify eligibility at any time.

8. REGISTRATION

Registration for invited athletes includes:

- Accept invitation via email by **Wednesday, August 19, 2026, by 12:00 PM, PT.**
- Confirm required information, sign athlete agreement and provide prize money payment details by **Wednesday, August 26, 2026, by 12:00 PM, PT.**

Registration for the Wild Card includes:

- All athletes interested in receiving a wild card entry must register their interest by **Friday, September 4, 2026, by 12:00 PM, PT.** Visit: <https://forms.gle/KtuwxKH6k95k2DDo8>

Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the organizers.

9. PLAYER SELECTION

CAPTAIN SELECTION

The event will feature seven designated team captains per gender. Captains will be selected by the Event Organizers based on a combination of competitive standing, experience, marketability, leadership, and/or other criteria determined by the Organizers. Each captain will serve as the leader of one team.

Main draw tournament teams are:

No.	Tournament	Women	Men
1	Main Draw	Captain: Kelly Cheng - Kristen Cruz, Megan Kraft, Taryn Brasher	Captain: Miles Evans – Chase Budinger, Trevor Crabb, Wyatt Harriso
2	Main Draw	Captain: Julia Donlin - Betsi Flint, Kylie Deberg, Lexy Denaberg	Captain: Miles Partain – Derek Bradford, Evan Cory, James Shaw
3	Main Draw	Captain: Savvy Cory - Devon Newberry, Geena Urango, Megan Rice	Captain: Taylor Crab – Andy Benesh, Jacob La Bouliere, Phil Dalhausser

Qualification tournament captains will be selected following confirmation of the Main Draw team selection.

No.	Tournament	Women	Men
1	Qualification	Carli Lloyd	Chaim Schalk
2	Qualification	Hailey Zacca	Cody Caldwell
3	Qualification	Sara Hughes	Paul Lotman
4	Qualification	Terese Cannon	Seain Cook

PLAYER POOL

All eligible players who have accepted their invitation to compete in the event will be placed in the official player pool, see Appendix A. The total number of players available for selection is 28 per gender. Qualification tournament captains are responsible for selecting players from the approved player pool during the draft. Some remaining wild card athletes not selected to a team may serve as the competition alternates.

SERPENTINE DRAFT

Player selection will be conducted using a serpentine draft format. The draft will consist of consecutive rounds of player selection. The order of selection will reverse after each round.

The initial draft order will be determined by random draw and announced prior to the beginning of the draft. Once the draft begins, the draft order may not be changed except at the discretion of the Event Organizer due to an extraordinary circumstance.

Qualification Tournament Draft Order				
Round	Pick 1	Pick 2	Pick 3	Pick 4
1	Team 4	Team 3	Team 2	Team 1
2	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
3	Team 4	Team 3	Team 2	Team 1

PLAYER SELECTION RULES

Each captain must select an eligible player when called upon. The captain has up to two minutes to confirm their selection. If a captain does not make a selection within the allotted time, the Tournament Director may select the next eligible player according to the predetermined ranking list. A captain may not select:

- A player who has already been selected;
- A player who is ineligible to participate;
- A player who has withdrawn from the event.

Once announced, a selection is considered final and cannot be changed, except with approval from the Tournament Director.

ROSTER REQUIREMENTS

Each captain will be responsible for building a roster of four players. The Organizers may establish roster requirements to ensure competitive balance. Any roster restrictions will be communicated before the draft begins.

TRADES

Players may not be traded between teams after being selected.

FINAL ROSTERS

Following completion of the draft, each captain's roster will be confirmed by the Tournament Director. Final rosters will be published by the Organizer and will remain in effect for the duration of the event unless modified under the substitution or injury provisions of these regulations.

UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

If a selected player becomes unavailable after the draft, the Tournament Director will allow the captain to select an athlete from the identified Alternate Athlete List, Appendix B. The Organizer may conduct a supplemental selection, assign a replacement player, or otherwise modify the roster in order to preserve the integrity and competitive balance of the event. The Tournament Director's decision regarding player selection and roster eligibility is final.

10. RULES OF THE GAME

As noted in section 2. Governing Authority, the official rules of beach volleyball will apply where applicable to the fours game, including the use of antennas and inclusion of let serves. In addition, these rules also apply:

- Each team will nominate a team captain, no coaching permitted
- Athletes do not need to rotate positions on the court
- Athletes must rotate serving in the same order throughout the game
- If an athlete is injured and can not finish the game or match, the team may compete with three athletes, a designated alternate athlete may be used as a replacement athlete at the discretion of the Tournament Director (prize money will be divided between the injured athlete and their replacement)

11. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Athletes must wear the sponsor provided uniforms (tops and bottoms) while competing and during awards ceremonies. Base layer and personal performance gear (hat/visor, sunglasses, sand socks) may be worn underneath or in addition. The Tournament Director may reject accessories that do not comply.

12. INJURIES

Medical staff may evaluate any injured athlete. The Tournament Director reserves the right to remove an athlete deemed medically unable to continue. Alternate athletes will be onsite should a replacement be required. The injured athlete and replacement will split any prize money earned.

13. WEATHER POLICY

Competition may be suspended due to:

- Lightning, dangerous wind, heavy rain or extreme heat
- Unsafe court conditions or unforeseen emergency situations

The Tournament Director determines when play resumes.

14. ATHLETE CONDUCT

Athletes shall:

- Display sportsmanship
- Respect staff, officials, volunteers and opponents
- Follow venue rules
- Protect tournament property

All participants are expected to:

- Compete fairly
- Respect diversity and inclusion
- Protect the integrity of the sport
- Respect officials and volunteers
- Promote a positive image of beach volleyball

Unsportsmanlike behavior may result in sanctions, removal from the event and/or loss of prize money.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

Participation grants the Organizer the right to use:

- Photographs
- Video
- Audio
- Live broadcasts
- Interviews

for promotional, broadcast, and commercial purposes without additional compensation unless otherwise agreed.

16. SPONSORSHIP

Athletes shall comply with event sponsorship requirements. Each team will have their own sponsor provided by the Organizer. Teams will wear their teams sponsor logo on their uniforms. All athletes are required to meet and take a photo with their sponsor.

17. INSURANCE

Athletes participate at their own risk. The Organizer recommends that all participants maintain personal medical and travel insurance.

18. FORCE MAJEURE

The Organizer is not responsible for cancellations or changes resulting from:

- Weather
- Natural disasters
- Government restrictions
- Public health emergencies
- Power failures
- Other circumstances beyond reasonable control

19. AMENDMENTS

The Organizer reserves the right to amend these regulations when necessary. Updated regulations become effective immediately upon publication.

20. CONTACT INFORMATION

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8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

APPENDIX A – PLAYER POOL

Women's Player Pool to be Drafted From

Abby Van Winkle, Alaina Chacon, Ally Batenhorst, Corinne Quiggle, Maddie Anderson, Molly Martin, Molly Shaw, Piper Ferch, Teegan Van Gunst, Toni Schalk, Xolani Hodel

Men's Player Pool to be Drafted From

Avery Drost, Gage Basey, Hagen Smith, Logan Webber, Peter Connole, Ryan Ierna, Ryan Wilcox, Theo Brunner, Thomas Hurst, Tim Bomgren, Tim Brewster, Troy Field

APPENDIX B – ALTERNATE ATHLETE LIST

To be updated at the earliest by Friday, September 4, 2026.