



2016 AVP PRO BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR – Event #2 Huntington Beach, Calif. • May 5 – 8, 2016

ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT – The 2016 AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour makes the first of three stops in California with an event in Huntington Beach. Since 2000 Huntington Beach has hosted more AVP events than any other location. While the 2015 Manhattan Beach Open had more overall teams in both genders than this tournament, this weekend's event features the largest women's qualifier since July 2010 in Hermosa Beach (64 teams that year). The seven events on the slate this year will be held in five different states, and include the three most populous cities in the U.S. (New York, Los Angeles and Chicago). The only change from last year's slate is that San Francisco has been added while Cincinnati will now feature an FIVB tournament that the AVP is hosting. This marks the 33rd consecutive season the AVP has held competitions. Total prize money for this tournament will be \$150,000, with equal payouts for men and women, and the season payout totals \$1,150,000.

- The main draw will be a 16-team, double elimination format. Twelve teams from each gender are granted entry directly into the main draw from having sufficient points (from the best four events points totals from their last five AVP and AVPNext tournaments). The remaining four teams in each gender must earn a spot via the qualifier tournament, a single elimination event held on Thursday, May 5. There are a total of 65 men's teams and 54 women's teams in the field. The qualifier will consist of 49 men's matches and 38 women's matches, while the main draw features 29 matches for each gender. The main draw begins on Friday, May 6 and concludes on Sunday, May 8, and will be played on four courts at the pier in Huntington Beach. General admission is free throughout and premium ticket packages are available at avp.com or onsite. The championship matches will be Sunday at 12:30 pm (PT) and around 2:30 pm.

- NBC will broadcast live between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm PT. Chris Marlowe (play by play) and Kevin Wong (color commentary) will handle the announcing duties, with Dain Blanton contributing sideline reports. Live streaming takes place Friday through Sunday with the exception of the finals.

SEEDINGS SUMMARY – For the second straight event the top seeded men's team is Ryan Doherty and John Mayer, the winners in the season opener and whose six semifinals in the seven events last season were the most on Tour. Jake Gibb and Casey Patterson, who finished second in New Orleans, are the second seeds for the second straight tournament. The third seeds are Phil Dalhausser and Nick Lucena, who did not play in New Orleans. Taylor and Trevor Crabb are seeded fourth, having placed third both in the 2016 season opener as well as Huntington Beach last year.

- April Ross and Kerri Walsh Jennings are playing their first AVP event since 2015 New Orleans and hold the top seed. Coming off their first ever victory, Kimberly DiCello and Kendra VanZwieten are the second seeds, having advanced to the semifinals in five of their six tournaments together. Kelly Larsen and Betsi Metter Flint are seeded third, the highest seed either player has attained. The duo became the youngest to ever win an AVP event when they won in Cincinnati last year. Amanda Dowdy and Emily Stockman hold the number four spot. In their first AVP event together, in the season opener, they placed third, tying a career best for both players.

2016 AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour Schedule

Event Dates	Location	Tournament Format	Prize \$ - TV
April 14 - 17	New Orleans, Louisiana	16-team double elimination	\$150,000 – NBC (live)
<i>Doherty / Mayer 7th different team to win men's season opener in 7 years while DiCello / VanZwieten get first win</i>			
May 5 - 8	Huntington Beach, California	16-team double elimination	\$150,000 – NBCSN (live)
<i>Currently the location with the longest streak of hosting a pro beach tournament (each year since 1999)</i>			
June 2 - 5	Seattle, Washington	16-team double elimination	\$150,000 – NBCSN (live)
<i>Second time ever for AVP women in Seattle while the men compete for just the second time since 1990</i>			
June 16 - 19	New York City, New York	16-team double elimination	\$150,000 – NBC (live)
<i>Unique setting on the pier serves as the midpoint of the 2016 AVP season</i>			
June 23 - 26	San Francisco, California	16-team double elimination	\$150,000 – NBC (live)
<i>First AVP visit to the City by the Bay since 2009 and the only back-to-back event on the schedule</i>			
July 14 - 17	Manhattan Beach, California	32-team double elimination	\$200,000 – NBC (live)
<i>Biggest field of the season competes for plaques on the pier in this storied tournament</i>			
September 1 - 4	Chicago, Illinois	24-team double elimination	\$200,000 – NBC (live)
<i>Season ending championships occur after the Rio Olympics in most frequented location outside of California</i>			

HUNTINGTON BEACH HISTORY – Huntington Beach has hosted 18 men's and 22 women's events. The men have had a stop on the AVP Tour every year from 2000-2015 (the first two events here were different tours as was the one in 2012), while the women had eight years of events on other tours before the AVP made it an annual stop from 2002-2015, with the 2012 event coming on a different tour.

- Across all the different tours, each of the first 10 men's tournaments had been won by different teams before Phil Dalhausser and Todd Rogers claimed their second title in 2008. That duo won four times in Huntington Beach, and no other team has been able to win more than once. Entering the 2016 event, in the last six years (five of which were AVP events), there have been six different men's winning teams in Huntington Beach. Karch Kiraly won three times including 2005, which marked the final victory in Kiraly's career, and he set a record for being the oldest to win an event at 44 years and 9 months. His win in 2003, with Brent Doble, retains the mark as the oldest team to win a tournament (just shy of 76 years, 5 months of age). Despite the numerous tournaments in Huntington Beach, only five players have won multiple times. The 2004 victors were Jason Ring / George Roumain, whose title was the only one in their careers, while in 2011 Matt Prosser won his only tournament. In 2013 Theo Brunner won his first AVP title, while in 2015 John Hyden's win with Tri Bourne established him as the second oldest player to win an event (42 years, 11 months).

- The women have had 15 different winning teams, with four teams winning at least twice. Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh Jennings won five times, and three other teams won twice. The title by Holly McPeak / Elaine Youngs was in their first tournament playing together, the first of their 10 wins as a team. In 1989, McPeak played here and finished 17th, marking the only time in her career she had a finish as low as 17th in a domestic event. The 2010 win by Jennifer Kessy was her 15th overall win (seventh domestic), but her first time winning in SoCal. In 2013 Jennifer Fopma and Brooke Sweat each chalked up their first AVP titles here. Walsh Jennings has won six times in her previous eight AVP events here, marking the second most of any location for her (won seven times in Manhattan Beach).

- Here are the results of all of the tournaments held in Huntington Beach:

MEN – AVP events

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
2000	Canyon Ceman / Brian Lewis	Adam Johnson / Karch Kiraly	Eduardo Bacil / Fred Souza	Matt Unger / Mike Whitmarsh
2001	Scott Ayakutubby / Eduardo Bacil	Canyon Ceman / Mike Whitmarsh	Nick Hannemann / Adam Jewell	Mike Lambert / Collin Smith
2002	Eric Fonoimoana / Dax Holdren	Canyon Ceman / Mike Whitmarsh	Brent Doble / Karch Kiraly	[3rd] Stein Metzger / Kevin Wong
2003	Brent Doble / Karch Kiraly	Todd Rogers / Sean Scott	Sean Rosenthal / Larry Witt	[3rd] Scott Ayakutubby / Brian Lewis
2004	Jason Ring / George Roumain	Sean Rosenthal / Larry Witt	Dain Blanton / Jeff Nygaard	[3rd] Karch Kiraly / Mike Lambert
2005	Karch Kiraly / Mike Lambert	Sean Rosenthal / Larry Witt	Jake Gibb / Stein Metzger	[3rd] Todd Rogers / Sean Scott
2006	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Brent Doble / Ryan Mariano	Mike Lambert / Stein Metzger	[3rd] John Hyden / Jeff Nygaard
2007	Mike Lambert / Stein Metzger	Jake Gibb / Sean Rosenthal	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	[3rd] John Hyden / Brad Keenan
2008	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	John Hyden / Brad Keenan	Matt Fuerbringer / Casey Jennings	[3rd] Stein Metzger / Mark Williams
2009	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	Jake Gibb / Sean Rosenthal	Matt Olson / Kevin Wong	[3rd] John Hyden / Sean Scott
2010	Phil Dalhausser / Todd Rogers	John Hyden / Sean Scott	Jake Gibb / Sean Rosenthal	[3rd] Casey Patterson / Kevin Wong
2011	Matt Olson / Matt Prosser	John Hyden / Sean Scott	Nick Lucena / Stein Metzger	[3rd] Jake Gibb / Ty Loomis
2013	Theo Brunner / Nick Lucena	Tri Bourne / John Hyden	Jake Gibb / Sean Rosenthal	[3rd] Brad Keenan / John Mayer
2014	Jake Gibb / Casey Patterson	Tri Bourne / John Hyden	Adrian Carambula / Stafford Slick	[3rd] Ryan Doherty / Nick Lucena
2015	Tri Bourne / John Hyden	Ryan Doherty / John Mayer	Jake Gibb / Casey Patterson	[3rd] Taylor Crabb / Trevor Crabb

MEN – non AVP events

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
1975	Greg Lee / Jim Menges	Mike Carey / Dennis Hare	Gary Hooper / Marshall Savage	Bob Jackson / Ron Von Hagen
1999	Adam Johnson / Karch Kiraly	Carl Henkel / Kevin Wong	Rob Heidger / Sinjin Smith	Brent Doble / Lee LeGrande
2012	John Hyden / Sean Scott	Jake Gibb / Sean Rosenthal	Ryan Doherty / Casey Patterson	[3rd] Brad Keenan / John Mayer

WOMEN – AVP events

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
2002	Holly McPeak / Elaine Youngs	Barbra Fontana/Dianne DeNecochea	Annett Davis / Jenny Johnson Jordan	[3rd] Lisa Arce / Linda Hanley
2003	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Holly McPeak / Elaine Youngs	Annett Davis / Jenny Johnson Jordan	[3rd]Jen Meredith/Wendy Stammer
2004	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Barbra Fontana / Jennifer Kessy	Angie Akers / Rachel Wacholder	[3rd] Carrie Dodd/Nancy Mason
2005	Rachel Wacholder/Elaine Youngs	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Dianne DeNecochea / Tammy Leibl	[3rd] Jennifer Kessy/Holly McPeak
2006	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Rachel Wacholder/Elaine Youngs	Nicole Branagh / Holly McPeak	[3rd]Mimi Amara/Tatiana Minello
2007	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Nicole Branagh / Elaine Youngs	Tyra Turner / Rachel Wacholder	[3rd] Jennifer Kessy / April Ross
2008	Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh	Tyra Turner / Rachel Wacholder	Annett Davis / Jenny Johnson Jordan	[3rd]Nicole Branagh/Elaine Youngs
2009	Nicole Branagh / Elaine Youngs	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross	Annett Davis / Jenny Johnson Jordan	[3rd]Brooke Hanson / Lisa Rutledge
2010	Jennifer Kessy / April Ross	Nicole Branagh / Misty May-Treanor	Rachel Scott / Elaine Youngs	[3rd] Angie Akers / Tyra Turner
2011	Lauren Fendrick / Brooke Niles	Jenny Kropp / Whitney Pavlik	Kristen Batt / Brooke Sweat	[3rd] Angie Akers / Nicole Branagh
2013	Jennifer Fopma / Brooke Sweat	Lauren Fendrick/Brittany Hochevar	April Ross/Kerri Walsh Jennings	[3rd] Emily Day / Summer Ross
2014	April Ross / Kerri Walsh Jennings	Heather McGuire / Whitney Pavlik	Lauren Fendrick/ Brooke Sweat	[3rd] Lane Carico / Kim DiCello
2015	Lauren Fendrick / April Ross	Nicole Branagh / Jenny Kropp	Brittany Hochevar / Misty May-Treanor	[3rd] Emily Day / Jennifer Kessy

WOMEN – non AVP events

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	3rd / 4th
1989	Patty Dodd / Jackie Silva	Nina Matthies / Elaine Roque	Judy Bellomo / Lisa Strand Ma'a	Gail Castro Kehl / Lori Forsythe
1989	Patty Dodd / Jackie Silva	Linda Chisholm / Janice Harrer	Nina Matthies / Elaine Roque	Dale Hall / Karolyn Kirby
1990	Patty Dodd / Karolyn Kirby	Janice Harrer / Jackie Silva	Linda Chisholm / Linda Hanley	Nina Matthies / Elaine Roque
1995	Holly McPeak / Nancy Reno	Linda Hanley / Karolyn Kirby	Liz Masakayan / Angela Rock	Lisa Arce / Patty Dodd
1996	Lisa Arce / Holly McPeak	Barbra Fontana / Linda Hanley	Patty Dodd / Christine Podraza	Krista Bloomquist/Danalee Bragado
1997	Lisa Arce / Holly McPeak	Barbra Fontana / Linda Hanley	Linda Chisholm / Deb Richardson	Marla O'Hara / Ali Wood
1998	Lisa Arce	Angela Rock	Barbra Fontana	[3rd] Holly McPeak
1999	Lisa Arce / Barbra Fontana	Annett Davis / Jenny Johnson Jordan	Liz Masakayan / Elaine Youngs	Holly McPeak / Nancy Reno
2012	Jenny Kropp / Whitney Pavlik	Lauren Fendrick / Rachel Scott	Jennifer Fopma / Brooke Sweat	[3rd] Brooke Niles / Tyra Turner

HUNTINGTON BEACH SAND BITS – Of the 130 men's players competing this weekend, 98 call California home, including nine from Huntington Beach, and a total of 14 different states plus Puerto Rico are represented. There are two teenagers competing (19-year olds Eric Beranek and Ben Vaught) while 15 players are 40 or older, led by Kevin Kuerbis at 51 years old. Of the heights known, Jonathan Alvarez and Dillan Bennet are the shortest at 5'10" while at the other end of the spectrum is 7'1" Ryan Doherty and 7'0" Robbie Page. Todd Rogers is playing for the 329th time, followed by Jake Gibb (250 events), while 13 players are playing their first ever pro beach event. Phil Dalhausser leads the pack with 81 career wins followed by Todd Rogers with 78 and Jake Gibb with 30. Out of 65 partnerships, 33 are competing together for the very first time and five have played together 13 or more times. The most experienced tandem is Jake Gibb / Casey Patterson (58th event together) followed by Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena (44th). There are four teams here which have previously won an AVP event including Jake Gibb / Casey Patterson (10 AVP wins), Phil Dalhausser / Nick Lucena (two AVP wins), Ryan Doherty / John Mayer and Brad Keenan / Ty Trambly (one AVP win each).

- There are 108 women playing this weekend, 85 are from California, including seven from Huntington Beach.

The players come from 13 different states, including five which are unique from the men (meaning a total of 19 states plus Puerto Rico are represented). The field includes 11 teenagers (Kendyl Brennan, Presley Forbes, Kylin Loker and Lindsey Sparks are all 16 years old, while Ashley Delgado, Iya Lindahl, Chloe Luyties and Camryn Sanchez are all 17 years old, and Gigi Hernandez, Morgan Martin and Madi Yeomans are all 18 years old) while the two oldest are Valinda Roche (52) and Kelly Drobeck (42). Of the heights known, Nicole Bateham, Terri Del Conte and Tamao Nakayama all measure 5'5" while Falyn Fonoimoana and Lindsey Fuller are each 6'4". Seventeen players are making their pro beach volleyball debut while the most experienced is Kerri Walsh Jennings (217th tournament) followed by April Ross (199th tournament). Walsh Jennings has tallied 127 overall victories (74 on the AVP Tour), which is more than any other player's total events played besides Ross. Behind her is her teammate Ross, who has 47 career victories, 24 of which have come on the AVP. The women feature 33 tandems (out of 54 total) playing alongside each other for the first time and just seven having played together eight or more times. Sisters Katie Jameson and Tracy Jones (102 events) lead the pack in experience. The top three women's seeds are the only ones which have won an AVP title previously, with Ross and Walsh Jennings with nine AVP titles (and 17 overall), while Kim DiCello / Kendra VanZwieten and Kelley Larsen / Betsi Metter Flint each both with one AVP win.

TIME FOR TEN? – April Ross and Kerri Walsh Jennings are looking to notch their 10th AVP victory, something that only five other women's tandems have achieved. The most impressive aspect is that they have collected their nine wins in just 10 AVP tournaments. As a pair on the AVP Tour Ross and Walsh Jennings are 49-1 in matches, entering Huntington Beach with a 41-match winning streak (and eight consecutive AVP titles). Their only loss together domestically came right here in Huntington Beach on October 20, 2013, getting swept by Lauren Fendrick and Brittany Hochevar.

- Here is a look at the top five women's teams in terms of AVP wins together, and how long it took to get their 10th win as a pair:

63, Misty May-Treanor / Kerri Walsh Jennings	won for 10th time in their 10th event
14, Nicole Branagh / Elaine Youngs	won for 10th time in their 35th event
12, Cammy Ciarelli / Holly McPeak	won for 10th time in their 17th event
12, Jennifer Kessy / April Ross	won for 10th time in their 46th event
10, Holly McPeak / Elaine Youngs	won for 10th time in their 23rd event

RELATIVELY SPEAKING – There are quite a few family connections in this event. On the men's side there are brother pairs competing together including the Crabbs (Trevor and younger brother Taylor), the Bomgrens (Brian and younger brother Tim) and the McKibbins (Riley and younger brother Maddison). There are two sets of sisters playing here – Katie (Lindquist) Jameson and younger sister Tracy (Lindquist) Jones as well as Sarah and younger sister Jessica Mendoza. And there are more than just blood relationships in this tournament. Both of the players on the top-seeded women's team have husbands who are competing here. Kerri Walsh Jennings is married to Casey Jennings, while April Ross is married to Brad Keenan. Both of those couples have previously won a pro beach volleyball event on the same weekend, joining Mike and Patty Dodd, who were the first to accomplish that feat. Other couples playing here include Phil and Jennifer Dalhausser, and Billy and Janelle Allen.

FAMILIAL FATHFULNESS – This will be the 100th AVP event together for sisters who went to high school at Ocean View High in Huntington Beach, Katie (Lindquist) Jameson and younger sister Tracy (Lindquist) Jones. Tracy has never played an AVP event with a partner other than her sister. This tournament will mark their first AVP event since July 2010 in Hermosa Beach.

CELEBRATION TIME – During this weekend's event, three players will be celebrating a birthday. Amanda Dowdy will turn 26 on Thursday, May 5. Iya Lindahl celebrates her 18th birthday on Sunday, May 8 while Christian Honer turns 21 that day.

NEW ORLEANS NUGGETS – The 2016 season opener in New Orleans was the earliest start for the AVP since 2009. Both the men's and women's #1 seeds won the same tournament for the first time since the 2015 New Orleans Open. In the same weekend, the tallest player to ever win an AVP title (Ryan Doherty, 7'1") won as did the shortest player (tied) to ever win an AVP event (Kendra VanZwieten, 5'6").

- For the seventh straight season a different team won the AVP season opener as top-seeded Ryan Doherty and John Mayer claimed the title. The duo went undefeated in matches, but three of the five matches went to a third set after the top seeds lost the first set each time.

- Kim DiCello and Kendra VanZwieten each earned the top seed for the first time in both players' careers, and they lived up to their billing. This marked the first AVP win for both players, who got revenge in the finals against a team that defeated them the prior day.

#1 Ryan Doherty / John Mayer def. Jake Gibb / Casey Patterson 9-21, 21-17, 15-8 (1:09)

#1 Kim DiCello / Kendra VanZwieten def. #4 Angela Bensed / Geena Urango 21-19, 19-21, 15-13 (1:00)

2016 QUALIFIER LIST – Here's a look at the teams who have qualified this season (qualification tournament seed) and how they finished in the main draw:

HUNTINGTON BEACH - Men

Ty Loomis / Ed Ratledge (Q1) – 13th place
 Marty Lorenz / Adam Roberts (Q2) – 7th place
 Adam Cabbage / Alejandro Parra (Q3) – 13th place
 Skylar DelSol / Raffe Paulis (Q13) – 13th place
DelSol advances to his first AVP main draw

HUNTINGTON BEACH - Women

Kristine Monforte / Traci Morin (Q3) – 13th place
 Aurora Davis / Traci Weamer (Q4) – 13th place
 Bree Scarbrough / Brittany Tiegs (Q25) – 7th place
 Brook Bauer / Madison Fitzpatrick (Q26) – 9th place
Bauer / Fitzpatrick 4th youngest team to ever qualify

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE – Given that this year is a qualifying year for the 2016 Rio Olympics, several of the top teams are competing internationally for two possible spots and thus will not be in Huntington Beach. Thus far on the men's side this season Phil Dalhausser and Nick Lucena have chalked up three wins plus a silver medal and a fifth place finish in their quest for an Olympic berth. Their three wins is the most on the FIVB Tour, with just one other tandem winning twice. Tri Bourne and John Hyden have a silver, a bronze and a fifth place finish, and are competing this week in Sochi, Russia, while Jake Gibb and Casey Patterson, who are currently the top ranking American duo in the Olympic qualifying, have two fifth place and three ninth-place finishes in 2016. The next two highest ranked teams from the U.S. are Dalhausser / Lucena and Bourne / Hyden. On the women's side, April Ross and Kerri Walsh Jennings have won four medals in their four events in 2016 including two golds (tied for the most on the FIVB Tour). Two women's teams are competing in Sochi, including Emily Day / Jennifer Kessy and Jennifer Fopma / Brittany Hochevar. Currently the top three American women's teams in the Olympic qualifying rankings are Ross / Walsh Jennings, Lauren Fendric / Brooke Sweat, and Day / Kessy.

WHAT'S UP NEXT – The AVP remains on the West Coast, moving up North for a tournament in Seattle June 2-5. That event kicks off a busy month domestically, as three events take place in June, with the Tour going from the West Coast to the East Coast (New York City) and back to the West Coast (San Francisco).