

*** * MEDIA ALERT * ***

AVP GOLD SERIES // CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CHICAGO August 30 - September 1

NOW ACCEPTING MEDIA CREDENTIAL APPLICATIONS

Oak Street Beach Hosts Olympians, AVP Champions and Midwest Stars at the Annual Three-Day AVP Gold Series Championship Tournament & Festival

Who: Members of the press assigned to cover the 2019 season of the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour may apply for credentials. **Apply online here:** <https://avp.com/press-registration/>

What: The AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, the longest running professional beach volleyball tour in the world, returns for the Gold Series // Championships in Chicago. No city outside the state of California has hosted more pro beach tournaments than Chicago, and this year, the Windy City will add one more to its tally as the AVP Gold Series Championships return to Oak Street Beach. Under the watchful eye of the city skyline, Chicago fans will pack the stands to watch the pros battle it out for the elevated AVP points and prize money on the line. Fans in attendance will enjoy an interactive sponsor village experience that includes fan activations, giveaways, product sampling, athlete meet 'n greets, top local food, AVP's wine and beer garden (age 21+, ID required) and more.

The 2019 Gold Series // Championships in Chicago will be made up of 24 Main Draw teams for both men and women, 14 auto entries, two wild cards and eight teams from the Qualification round. Athletes will take center stage as they entertain fans and compete for a slice of the increased \$300,000 in prize money. Top players include:

- Olympians **April Ross, Phil Dalhausser, Sarah Pavan** and **Sean Rosenthal**
- Stars of the Midwest include **Tim Bomgren, Stafford Slick** and **Sheila Shaw**
- AVP champions and standout pros **Casey Patterson, Alix Klineman, Taylor Crabb** and **Emily Day**
- Rising stars “**Team TNT**” **Troy Field** and **Tim Bomgren, Brandie Wilkerson**, “**The Beard Bros**” **Riley** and **Maddison McKibbin**, former pro NBA player **Chase Budinger** and more!

Details:

- **When:** August 30 - September 1, 2019
- **Where:** Oak Street Beach @ [1000 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60611](#)
- **Tournament Viewing:** Live Friday-Sunday with one TBD final on Amazon Prime Video at primevideo.com/avp and one TBD final on NBCSN on Sunday, September 1 at 11:30 a.m. PT
- **Event Photos & Press Kit:** Will be accessible via <https://thesocialpresskit.com/avp-media>
- **Credential Details:** Information regarding credential pick-up, press center hours, and arrival instructions will be provided to approved applicants prior to the event.

About AVP

Established in 1983 and headquartered in Southern California, the AVP (Association of Volleyball Professionals) is the world's premier beach volleyball organization. The AVP today is comprised of five divisions: AVP Academy, AVPNext, the AVP Pro Tour, AVP America and their non-profit 501(c)3 organization, AVPFirst. With a 36-year rich history in creating, staging, and marketing some of the most innovative and engaging sporting events in North America, the AVP has successfully developed an annual circuit that is not just a sporting event, but a lifestyle as well. The AVP has been the home of some of the most respected athletes in professional sports, including: gold medalists Karch Kiraly, Kent Steffes, Misty May-Treanor, Kerri Walsh-Jennings, Todd Rogers, Dain Blanton, and Phil Dalhausser. For more information, please visit AVP.com.

***** In order to be approved for credentials, applications must be from working members of the media on editorial assignment. *****

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