

*** * MEDIA ALERT * ***

AVP HAWAII OPEN PRESENTED BY HAWAII TOURISM SEPTEMBER 20 - 22, 2019

NOW ACCEPTING MEDIA CREDENTIAL APPLICATIONS

*Waikiki Beach Hosts Born-in-Hawaii Stars, Olympians and AVP Champions at the Annual
Three-Day AVP Tournament & Festival*

Who: Members of the press assigned to cover the 2019 season of the AVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour are invited to 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 2019 AVP Hawaii Open presented by Hawaii Tourism. AVP is coming back to Waikiki in style, expanding to an open tournament with a full 16-team Main Draw. Partnering with Hawaii Tourism, the official agency for tourism in Hawaii, the AVP will build the beach festival experience along the beach at Fort DeRussy and Duke Kahanamoku Beach. With many AVP athletes born in Hawaii, the AVP Hawaii Open will excite and delight residents and visitors. Fans in attendance will enjoy an interactive sponsor village experience that includes family-friendly activities, giveaways, product sampling, athlete meet 'n greets, top local food, AVP's wine and beer garden (age 21+, ID required) and more.

The 2019 AVP Hawaii Open will be made up of 16 Main Draw teams for both men and women, four auto entries (champions of the 2019 Huntington Beach Open, Austin Open, Seattle Open, Hermosa Beach Open), six Gold Series results entries, two wild cards and four teams from the Hawaii Qualification Round taking place Thursday, Sept. 19. Athletes will take center stage as they entertain fans and compete for a slice of the \$200,000 in prize money. Top players include:

- Olympians **April Ross, Phil Dalhausser, Sarah Pavan** and **Sean Rosenthal**
- Born-in-Hawaii Pros including **Taylor** and **Trevor Crabb** and **“The Beard Bros” Riley** and **Maddison McKibbin**
- University of Hawaii athletes **Karissa Cook, Katie Spieler** and **Brittany Tiegs**
- AVP champions and standouts **Casey Patterson, Alix Klineman** and **Emily Day**
- Rising stars **“Team TNT” Troy Field** and **Tim Bomgren, Brandie Wilkerson**, former pro NBA player **Chase Budinger** and more.

Details:

- **When:** September 20-22, 2019
- **Where:** [Fort DeRussy at Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii](#)

- **Tournament Viewing:** Live Friday-Sunday with one TBD final on Amazon Prime Video at primevideo.com/avp and one TBD final on NBCSN on Monday, September 23 at 4:30 p.m. PST
- **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.

About the Hawaii Tourism Authority

The Hawaii Tourism Authority is the State of Hawaii agency responsible for strategically managing its support of the tourism industry. Established in 1998 to support Hawaii's leading industry and largest employer, HTA continually strives to help ensure tourism's sustainability and the benefits it brings to residents and communities statewide. For more information about HTA, please visit www.hawaiitourismauthority.org.

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

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