

*** * MEDIA ALERT * ***

AVP GOLD SERIES // MANHATTAN BEACH OPEN: August 16 - 18

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Manhattan Beach Pier Hosts Olympians and AVP Champions at the Sixth Stop of the Prestigious Annual Three-Day AVP 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 // Manhattan Beach Open. The AVP Gold Series // Manhattan Beach Open is recognized as the Super Bowl of beach volleyball, with a big stage, big money and a big reward as AVP stars fight for the chance to enshrine their name on the Manhattan Beach Pier. This is the second Gold Series tournament of the 2019 Pro Tour and the last of the three California stops. 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.

Every year at the Gold Series // Manhattan Beach Open, nearly 200 teams put it all on the line to become one of four athletes to cement their name in beach volleyball history. The 2019 Gold Series // Manhattan Beach Open will be made up of 32 Main Draw teams for both men and women, 14 auto entries, 10 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** and **Sean Rosenthal**
- AVP champions and standout pros **Casey Patterson, Alix Klineman, Taylor Crabb** and **Emily Day**
- Rising stars **Troy Field, Tim Bomgren, "The Beard Bros" Riley** and **Maddison McKibbin**, former pro NBA player **Chase Budinger** and more!

Details:

- **When:** August 16-18, 2019
- **Where:** Manhattan Beach Pier @ [2 Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266](#)
- **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, August 18 at 8 p.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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