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Association of Volleyball Professionals Kicks Off 2018 Pro Beach Volleyball Tour Season
Nation's premier tour will hit cities from coast to coast between May and September

The Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP), the nation's premier beach volleyball tour, will officially kick off its 2018 season in one of America's most exciting capital cities, Austin, Texas from May 17 – 20 at Krieg Fields. Making its way across the county and back again, the tour will continue with stops in New York City, Seattle, San Francisco, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Chicago. Featuring the most decorated names in the sport, fans will be able to watch AVP stars and Olympians Phil Dalhausser, April Ross, and Jake Gibb, among many others, as they battle for both the title and prize money from coast to coast. For a full roster of athletes, please visit: <https://avp.com/players>.

Established in 1983, the AVP has a 35-year rich history creating, staging, and marketing some of the most innovative and engaging sporting events in North America and has been the home of some of the most respected athletes in professional sports, including: gold medalists Karch Kiraly, Kent Steffes, Misty May-Treanor, and Todd Rogers.

"We are so thrilled to be able to bring the highest level of beach volleyball culture to major cities across America," says Donald Sun, managing partner, AVP. "Whether you're a budding professional player, a die-hard fan, or a casual observer, the AVP pro tour will provide everyone with a truly memorable beach experience no matter the city in which they attend. So if you come out to witness the highest level of competition or simply join us to soak up some fun in the sun in the festival area – we promise that every stop will provide 'not your average day at the beach.' This season is sure to be the biggest and the best yet and we look forward to bringing beach volleyball to the masses like never before," Sun continues.

The 2018 AVP pro tour schedule is as follows:

2018 Dates	Event	Location
May 17 - 20	Austin Open	Krieg Fields – Austin, Texas
June 7 - 10	Gold Series: New York City Open	Pier 25/26, Hudson River Park – New York, New York
June 21 - 24	Seattle Open	Lake Sammamish State Park – Seattle, Washington
July 5 - 8	San Francisco Open	Pier 30/32, The Embarcadero – San Francisco, California
July 26 - 29	Hermosa Beach Open	Hermosa Beach Pier – Hermosa Beach, California
August 16 - 19	Gold Series: Manhattan Beach Open	Manhattan Beach Pier – Manhattan Beach, California
August 30 – September 2	Gold Series: The Championships	Oak Street Beach – Chicago, Illinois

In addition to watching world-class athletes battle for the podium, fans can enjoy an interactive sponsor village experience, including: free falling into the AVP Jump Zone, partaking in top local food options,

visiting AVP's new wine and beer garden (age 21+, ID required), bouncing in the kid-friendly bounce house, dancing the day away with tunes provided by AVP-icon DJ Roueche, and more.

As with all AVP events, general admission is free for everyone. Attendees looking for a more elevated experience with luxurious seating, food, drinks, and amazing court views, can purchase VIP tickets, selecting from Club AVP, The Deck, Courtside Box, or Courtside Cabana levels. To learn more and/or to purchase VIP tickets, please visit <https://avp.com/tickets>. For media on editorial assignment, please visit <https://avp.com/press-registration> to apply for credentials.

For fans and followers unable to attend, please visit <http://www.avp.com/live> for live scoring updates and to watch all stadium court matches. At-home viewers can also log in to Amazon's [Prime Video](#) which will now, for the first time ever, deliver live coverage of main draw matches from each pro tour stop through 2020.

For traditional broadcast viewing access, please tune into NBCSN to watch the finals in every city. Check your local listings for each of the tour stops.

Get more information about the tournament at www.AVP.com.

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About AVP

Established in 1983 and currently headquartered in Southern California, the AVP (Association of Volleyball Professionals) is the world's premier beach volleyball organization. The AVP today is comprised of four divisions: AVP Academy, AVPNext, the AVP Pro Tour, and their non-profit 501(c)3 organization, AVPFirst. With a 35-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, and Phil Dalhausser. For more information, please visit www.AVP.com.

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