

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual MARIANAS CUP BEACH VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION & GUAM VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION  
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 MARIANA ISLANDS - GUAM & SAIPAN



## JUNIOR CUP

**LOCATION:** Guam  
**DATES:** February 15-16, 2014  
**VENUE:** The Beach Bar & Grill  
 Gun Beach, Tumon Bay

- DESCRIPTION:**
- Men's & Women's Doubles
  - 19U Event
  - One day pool play
  - One day double elimination
  - Standard FIVB 2-person beach volleyball rules apply



**PRIZES:** 1st place teams play one match to 21 with their choice of a pro player of the same gender; medals and volleyballs for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place, and a selection of gift certificates



## PRO AM OPEN

**LOCATION:** Northern Mariana Islands  
**DATES:** February 21-23, 2014  
**VENUE:** Fiesta Resort & Spa  
 Garapan, Saipan

- Men's & Women's Doubles
- The Pro Am Open combines the talents of professional beach volleyball players and the enthusiasm of dedicated amateurs. This event draws professionals from all over the world.
- All Professional and/or National Team ability level players are requested to participate in the raffle drawing allowing amateur players an opportunity to play with a "Pro" (*exemptions are available*)
- Professional and/or National Teams players cannot enter the Open with their partner or another person of the same ability level (*exemptions are available*)
- Must be 18 years old or have parent/guardian permission to participate
- One day pool play
- One day 16-team double elimination
- Standard FIVB 2-person beach volleyball rules apply

Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$10,000 min prize purse), 1<sup>st</sup> place gets round trip airfare, accommodations and meals for 3-days for the following year, medals and a selection of sponsors gifts



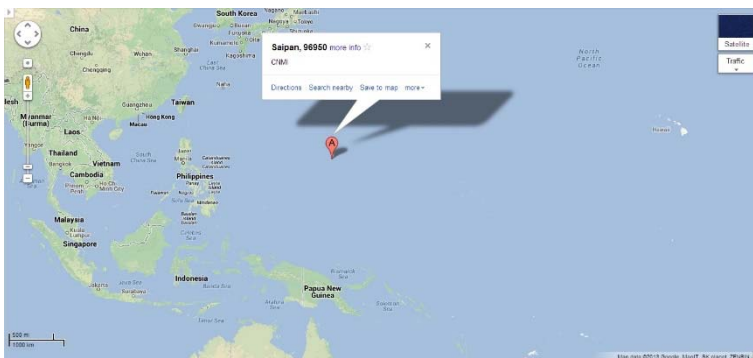
## KIDS CUPS

**LOCATION:** NMI & Guam  
**DATES:** March 1, 2014  
**VENUE:** Same venues respectively

- 4-person Co-Ed
- 17U and 14U Divisions
- Half day pool play (morning)
- Half day double elimination (afternoon)
- Maximum five (5) players per team
- One opposite gender on the court at all times
- Generally, standard FIVB 2-person beach volleyball rules apply with the following reward program
- The reward program provides a team that scores a point with an extra point if they display the proper volleyball skills of bump, handset and overhead kill
- In the 14U division kids attempting over hand services get a second chance if they do not make it.
- All players must serve and the serve MUST rotate

Medals and volleyballs for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place

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# PRO AM OPEN INSIDER INFO

The weekend event starts with exhibition matches by the Pro players for both men's and women's teams. Teams are divided by country or by Pro player draw amongst themselves. In 2008, the event was officially sanctioned by FIVB as an exhibition match.



*Kentaro Ashi of Japan goes up for the block against Kirk Pitman of New Zealand – Marianas Cup Beach Volleyball Festival, Saipan (2012)*

So now we've got you thinking, "... how do I get my chance to play with a Pro?" Right? Well, here are some tips. To begin with you have to be in it to win it... and, it's all about "fun"draising!

Amateur player-partners may purchase raffle tickets starting from the time that they complete their registration until about 15-minutes before winners are drawn.



*Local Guam amateur players win the raffle draw to split and play with Hiroyo Kenada and Megumi Murakami of Japan*

Following the end of each of the exhibition matches, our MC pulls out the lucky raffle winners (amateur players) tickets, who then get to draw blindly from a box to see which pro players they will split with their partner.

Partners decide between themselves who will play with which pro and the new matches enter the pool play and double-elimination portion of the weekend long event vying for over US\$15,000 in prizes.



*Jeff Carlucci of USA playing with local amateur Misaki Cramer*

The Marianas Cup Beach Volleyball Festival combines the talents of professional beach volleyball players and the enthusiasm of dedicated amateurs. In the past, this event has drawn professionals from the U.S., Japan, Korea, Italy, New Zealand, Russia and the U.K.

Beijing Olympian Phil Dalhausser played this tournament from 2006-2009!



*Phil Dalhausser - Beijing Olympics 2008*

