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## **NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**

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### **ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### **Overview – Beach Volleyball**

The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association (NMIVA) will conduct qualifying events in order to select athletes for the 2011 Men's & Women's Beach Volleyball Teams for the following events:

- 2011 FIVB World Cup – Sub Zonal Phase – Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands: March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- 26<sup>th</sup> Summer Universiade 2011 – Shenzhen, China: Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011
- 2011 Pacific Games – Noumea, New Caledonia: Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- World University Championships – Maceio, Brazil: July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- [Other events TBA]

The initial selection process for athletes will involve all current members of the NMIVA who apply for the team. The athletes will be identified and selected based on the highest total points earned after the completion of the qualifying events for the Beach Volleyball National Teams. The final selection will be made by NMIVA, subject to final review by NMASA.

Each athlete must fill out the required application forms provided by NMIVA and must meet the requirements set forth by the NMIVA and NMASA. Each athlete is required to participate in the fundraising efforts to send Team Marianas to the events mentioned above. The exact amount of funds needed to be raised will be determined and announced by NMASA.

*Note: Athletes may be required to cover the costs of equipment, uniforms, travel, and/or other expenses related to traveling, competing and training (i.e. cost of gym memberships, facility usage fees, etc.) which cannot otherwise be covered through NMIVA or sponsors or other fundraising activities. Events identified above are tentative targets and are subject to change or cancellation depending on team readiness and/or financial ability to participate.*

#### **Nomination Date**

The final selection of nominated athletes will be submitted by NMIVA to NMASA no later than thirty (30) days prior to competition.



### **Final Announcement**

Announcements for the 2011 CNMI Beach Volleyball National Team will be posted on or about the first week of April 2011, on the NMIVA web site (<http://www.nmivolleyball.org>), announced in the Saipan Tribune and Marianas Variety as well as through other media outlets, and other written notification circulated directly by NMIVA.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for nomination, an athlete must meet the eligibility rules established for the particular competition. A hard copy of these residency guidelines will be made available to each athlete who participates during the qualifying events. In addition, the athlete must be in good standing with NMIVA and NMASA.

Athletes must have the ability to play the sport and have all the skills necessary to perform the required drills during training, practices, camps, etc. They must also possess the ability to execute and perform all of the requisite training associated with player development in the sport. Each athlete should possess competition experience, such as: current/former athlete in a league or tournament.

To be eligible for selection, an athlete must be a registered member of NMIVA. A non-refundable annual membership fee of \$20.00 must be paid to NMIVA. Checks may be payable to the *Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association (NMIVA)*.

### **Additional Requirements for Selection – An Athlete MUST:**

1. Sign and abide by the NMASA/NMIVA Code of Conduct and any other applicable contractual documentation/forms required by the NMIVA, NMASA, Micronesian/Pacific/FISU/Olympic Games Council, or the Micronesian/Pacific/FISU/Olympic Games Organizing Committee, including the Oceania Zonal Volleyball Association (OZVA), Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) and Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB);
2. Submit himself/herself without any reservations to all doping control policies of the NMIVA, NMASA, Micronesian/Pacific Games/FISU/International Olympic Council, the Micronesian/Pacific Games/FISU/International Olympic Games Organizing Committee, and the World Anti-Doping Association (WADA);
3. Be between the age of sixteen (16) and forty-three (43). Anyone over the age of 35 will be subject to special Board consideration and approval.
4. Commit to following and maintaining a coach-mandated training program from the time of nomination until the end of the competition events mentioned above;
5. Maintain contact on a consistent basis with the National Team Coaches and inform them of your training progress;
6. Exhibit good sportsmanship and good character both on and off the practice/playing court;
7. Attend all mandated training sessions, camps or practices, unless other arrangements are made with the National Team Coaches;
8. Perform/participate in all fundraising activities for NMIVA, NMASA, the CNMI National Team and Team Marianas;



9. Pay an initial application fee as may be required.
10. Valid proof (birth certificate and/or passport) of age and citizenship.

*NOTE: Athletes who are off-island must attend the qualifying events for the team and are required to return to the Northern Mariana Islands by the start of summer vacation to train with the team, or at least sixty (60) days prior to competition. Athletes must provide proof that they are/have been actively competing in the sport while abroad in the form of a letter sent personally to the NMIVA and signed by a coach/trainer, and/or placement at a competition.*

**Qualifying Events – Men’s & Women’s**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday – Jan. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2011	8:00am	Pacific Islands Club
Sunday – Jan. 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	8:00am	Pacific Islands Club
Sunday – Feb 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	8:00am	Pacific Islands Club
Saturday – Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	8:00am	Hyatt Regency Saipan
(“For the Love of Volleyball” Tournament)		
Fri.-Sun. – Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	8:00am	Fiesta Resort & Spa
(“Marianas Cup”)		
Fri.-Sun. – Mar. 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> , 2011	8:00am	Pacific Islands Club
(“FIVB World Cup-Sub Zonal Phase” Olympic Qualifying Tournament)		

**\*\* Dates and locations are subject to change due to adverse weather conditions or if courts are not available**

Qualifiers: A minimum of four (4) with a maximum of six (6) events.

Points earned for each qualifier:	10 points	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	8 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	6 points	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	4 points	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	2 points	5 <sup>th</sup> Place

**Selection Procedure**

The final selection of athletes will be made by NMIVA sixty (60) days prior to the start of competition. NMIVA will take into consideration the recommendations made by the coaching staff.

The final selection of athletes will be transmitted to NMASA no later than fifty (50) days prior competition.

If an athlete refuses/declines his/her selection, the athlete automatically forfeits any and all fees/dues previously paid and may be subject to possible sanctions i.e.: be deemed ineligible to try out for the team for a period of no longer than one quadrennial which could jeopardize the athlete’s ability to take part in all major quadrennial events.



### Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is comprised of the certified and active coaches, and the officers and board members of the NMIVA. Currently, they are:

President	Laurie Peterka	(FIVB Certified Coach)
Vice President	Gabriel C. White	(FIVB Certified Coach)
Secretary	Mili Saiki	(FIVB Certified Coach)
Treasurer	Michael Pai	
General/Legal Development	Kelley Butcher Russ Quinn	(FIVB Certified Coach)
Youth Outreach	Edward T. Salas	
Coach	Tyce Mister	(FIVB Certified Coach)
Coach	Nick Gross	
Coach	Kim Peterson	(FIVB Certified Coach)
Coach	Joe Taijeron	(FIVB Certified Coach)

Athletes will be scored and ranked both as teams and on an individual basis. Athletes will ultimately be identified and/or selected by the Selection Committee based on their previous performances and/or recognition at the following:

- A. Past Qualifying Tournament(s)
- B. Local Tournament(s)
- C. Other Elite Level Competition(s)
- D. Selection Criteria
  1. Qualifier points will count for 70% of qualification;
  2. Athlete must attend a minimum of 90% of scheduled practices, attendance counting for 15% of qualification - The schedule of practices will be provided in a separate document.
  3. Coach evaluation will count for 10% of qualification - The criteria set forth by the coach will be provided in a separate document.
  4. Other considerations shall be factored into the selection process and shall include:
    - i) Physicality - Height, strength, speed and vertical jump.
    - ii) Teamwork - The willingness to accept a role that leads to team success.
    - iii) Positive Attitude - Exhibiting enthusiasm and support of teammates.
    - iv) Versatility - Exhibiting a balance between offensive and defensive skills as well as the ability to play multiple positions and fulfill multiple roles.
    - v) Maturity - Exhibiting an ability to adjust to various situations, dealing with adversity, and reacting appropriately.



- vi) Coach Direction – Exhibiting the ability to process and incorporate input from the coaching staff.
- vii) Evidence of a positive trajectory or performance.
- viii) Other: Intangible considerations that affect the dynamics and performance of the team. The sport of volleyball is not a measured or timed event. In the selection of athletes who will compete together as a team, it is difficult to make selection decisions based solely upon the objective criteria. It is the belief of NMIVA that considering the mix of Selection Criteria set forth above, which includes subjective components as well as objective statistical measures in evaluation of performance ability, will result in selection of the best athletes who will work together as an effective team and contribute to team success.

### **Conflict of Interest**

If an athlete who is being considered for selection has a conflict of interest with an individual(s) in the Selection Committee and/or NMIVA Board, the individual(s) in the Selection Committee and/or NMIVA Board shall recuse himself/herself from any discussion and decision regarding the athlete's selection.

### **Due Process**

Any athlete who is displeased with his/her ranking, placement, or nomination will first meet with the NMIVA National Team Coach and/or the NMIVA Board. If the athlete is still displeased he/she has the right to send a grievance to NMASA. The athlete may contact NMASA at 234-6547 for assistance in contacting the proper NMASA members, or send an email to NMASA Secretary General, Ms. Rose Igitol ([rose.igitol@yahoo.com](mailto:rose.igitol@yahoo.com)).

### **Amendment Rights Reserved**

The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association (NMIVA) is the National Federation for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Beach & Indoor Volleyball. NMIVA maintains accredited memberships with the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB), Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC), Oceania Zonal Volleyball Association (OZVA) and the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association (NMASA). NMIVA reserves the right to amend these Athlete Selection Criteria at any time, with or without notice, wherever NMIVA, in its sound judgment, determines that it is in NMIVA's best interests to do so.

### **Attachments**

- 1) AVC Health Certificate
- 2) NMASA Code of Conduct
- 3) Training schedule
- 4) Training Execution Plan
- 5) Athlete Participation Contract
- 6) Eligibility Criteria
  - a. 2011 FIVB WORLD CUP – OLYMPIC SUBZONAL PHASE ELIGIBILITY
  - b. MICRONESIAN GAMES ELIGIBILITY
  - c. PACIFIC GAMES ELIGIBILITY



## 2011 FIVB WORLD CUP – OLYMPIC SUBZONAL PHASE ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in the 2011 FIVB World Cup – Olympic Subzonal Phase, an athlete shall:

1. Hold the citizenship of the country they represent in accordance with the FIVB regulation.

A player with duly proven dual citizenship or with one citizenship and two optional National Federations to play with may not be registered by the second Federation to represent the country concerned once he/she has played for the first one, unless

- a. He/she produces a valid passport as proof;
  - b. He/she can prove two years continuous residence within the territory of the second National Federation;
  - c. Within this two-year period he/she has not played for any team into AVC/FIVB competitions under the authority of his/her first National Federation;
  - d. His/her first National Federation has not suspended him/her for misconduct while he/she was playing under its authority for either a local or a foreign team;
2. Register with their respective National Federation.
  3. Register with the AVC/FIVB through their respective National Federation.



## MICRONESIAN GAMES ELIGIBILITY

- (1) To be eligible to compete in the Micronesian Games, an athlete shall:
  - a. Complete all entry and other applicable contractual documentation.
  - b. Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Micronesian Games Council, or their respective Micronesian Games Association (MGA) or International Federation, or under the World Anti Doping Code.
  - c. Comply with the applicable rules and regulations of the Council and this Constitution, and the provisions of the World Anti Doping Code.
  - d. Meet the following conditions for inclusion in a team selected by the MGA to represent its country, state, or territory:
    - i. Have been born in the territory of a Member MGA, and have resided in the territory of a member MGA for at least three years prior to the opening of the Games; or
    - ii. Is the child of at least one parent, or two grandparents, who were born in the territory of a member MGA; or
    - iii. Have resided in the territory of a member MGA for at least seven years prior to the opening of the Games, and resides as of the opening of the Games in the country, state, or territory for which he or she will compete.
- (2) The temporary absence of an athlete from the territory of a member MGA for purposes such as education, sports training, military service, and health care, or other legitimate absences of a similar kind, shall not be considered as interrupting a previously-established residency.
- (3) An MGA shall be required to submit competitor entries by name at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Games and each entry shall be accompanied by all necessary certification. Late Entries by Name will not be accepted.



## PACIFIC GAMES ELIGIBILITY

- (1) An athlete to be eligible to compete in the Pacific Games or Pacific Mini Games shall:
  - a. Complete all entry and other applicable contractual documentation.
  - b. Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by the Council, or their respective Pacific Games Association (PGA) or International Federation or under the World Anti-Doping Code.
  - c. Comply with:
    - i. The applicable rules and regulations of the Council and this Constitution
    - ii. The applicable rules and regulations of the relevant International Federations subject to the provisions of this Charter.
    - iii. The provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code
  - d. Meet the following citizenship and residency conditions for inclusion in a team selected by the PGA to represent its Country/Territory:
    - i. Be a citizen of the country/territory the athlete is to represent at the Games and be able to demonstrate residency in that country/territory.
    - ii. For the purposes of this clause:
      1. “citizen means the holder of a current valid and applicable passport of the country/territory the athlete represents.
      2. “applicable passport” for countries/territories is as follows: Northern Mariana Islands PGA – United States of America Passport
      3. “residency” means that the athlete shall be a citizen of the country/territory the athlete represents and have resided not less than five (5) years (cumulatively, whether consecutively or not) at any time in that country/territory of the PGA.
      4. For the avoidance of doubt the temporary absence of an athlete from the country/territory of their citizenship for purposes such as education and sports training, military service and health care and other legitimate absences of a like kind shall be considered as residency.
- (2) A PGA shall be required to submit competitor entries by name at least sixty (60) days prior to the commencement of the Games and each entry shall be accompanied by all necessary certification.
- (3) Late Entries by Name will not be accepted.