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Dear Members:

The Pre-tournament Manual for the 2009 US Open Volleyball Championships is now available on the USA Volleyball website at: <http://volleyball.teamusa.org/events/2245> . All competition will be conducted at the Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, Arizona. You can place the link above on your region website and distribute to you adult team representatives. Dates of competition are listed below:

Open Division: May 29 – June 1

AA & A Divisions: May 29 – June 1

BB & B Divisions: June 2 – 5

U-Volley (height restricted): May 31 – June 1

Co-Ed Reverse: May 29- May 30

Co-Ed Regular: May 31 – June 1

Masters “0’s”: May 29 – June 1 (except Women’s 70+: May 30 – June 1)

Masters “5’s”: June 2 – June 5 (except Men’s 75+: June 2 – 4)

On-line registration for this event will be done through the Advanced Events System <https://www.advancedeventssystem.com/Default.aspx> . Teams may contact me if they do not remember their login information from 2009 or if they need help entering their team.

Teams will send the entry form and fee either directly to the region office (AA, A, BB, B) or USA Volleyball office to my attention at the National Office and a copy to the region office (Open, Co-Ed, U-Volley, Masters/Seniors). The entry deadlines are listed in the pre-tournament manual.

Please note that USA Volleyball has instituted a “Stay And Play” policy which requires teams to book hotel accommodations through THS (www.thsweb.com). The reasons for implementing the "Stay and Play" policy are to increase the amount of room nights available to teams and to help police the rates the hotels are offering. By increasing the number of room nights actually used for the purpose of attending our events, USA Volleyball is able to prove to the host cities our positive impact on their local economy and thus build stronger relationships as well as help to offset convention center pricing and keep entry fees at the current levels.

Teams and players can check out the Player / Team matching service in case a team needs a few players or players are looking for a team. The address is:
http://volleyball.teamusa.org/events/2245/page?page_id=8158