



**USA Volleyball**

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## Volleyball Trivia Questions

1. What college gave the first ever volleyball scholarship 40 years ago?  
Penn State, UCLA, Shorter College
2. Who is the only American to win medals at 3 Olympic Games in volleyball?  
Steve Timmons, Karch Kiraly, Gene Selznick
3. Who invented volleyball?  
Sven Haarhoff, William Morgan, Jim Frazier
4. What well known professional athlete took to the court and played professional indoor volleyball four vs. six, and doubles volleyball on the beach?  
Pele, Wilt Chamberlain, Jim Brown
5. What ways do volleyball teams not qualify for the Olympic Games?  
Top 3 at World Cup, Qualifying Tournament, At Large Selection
6. When were the Olympic Games first seen on television?  
1932, 1948, 1936
7. In the ancient Olympic Games, there was only 1 event. What was it?  
Weightlifting, Athletics, Swimming
8. When did the USA win its first gold medal in volleyball?  
1984, 1952, 1972
9. What was the original name of volleyball?  
Handball, Throwball, Mintonette
10. When did volleyball become an Olympic sport?  
1964, 1928, 1952
11. What was the first USA city to host the Olympic Games?  
Chicago, St. Louis, Boston
12. What famous sports announcer commentated the USA Women's Volleyball match against Japan in the 1968 Olympic Games?  
Chris Schenkel, Jim McKay, Howard Cosell

13. What are the dimensions of an indoor volleyball court?  
8m x 15m, 9m x 18m, 10m x 17m
14. The USA won the gold medal in men's volleyball in 1988. Which team won the silver?  
Brazil, CIS, Argentina
15. Which country has competed in each of the previous 10 volleyball tournaments?  
Brazil, USA, Japan
16. Who served the gold medal match point for the USA in 1984?  
Steve Timmons, Karch Kiraly, Pat Powers
17. What is the height of the net in men's international volleyball?  
2.54m, 2.27m, 2.43m
18. Which men's volleyball team won the gold medal at the 1994 World Championships in Athens?  
Italy, USA, Brazil
19. What is the average height of the current USA men's volleyball team?  
6'5", 6'6", 6'2"
20. Which volleyball team has won eight of the World League championships?  
Japan, USA, Italy, Brazil
21. Where did Hugh McCutcheon coach before he became part of the USA men's program?  
Stanford, UCLA, BYU
22. In which arena was the 1984 Olympic volleyball tournament held?  
Long Beach Arena, The Forum, The L.A. Arena
23. How many Olympic gold medals have been won by the USA men's indoor volleyball team?  
1, 4, 2
24. When was the sport of volleyball invented?  
1912, 1815, 1895
25. Which men's volleyball team won the gold medal at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona?  
Brazil, Italy, USA
26. Which men's volleyball team has won four World League titles?  
USA, Japan, Brazil, Russia, Italy
27. What two-time male Olympian coached a Junior Olympic volleyball team to a national title in 1981?

Steve Timmons, Bob Ctvrtlik, Craig Buck

28. Name the USA National Volleyball Team coach with the longest tenure and winningest record?  
Doug Beal, Terry Liskevych, Fred Sturm
29. Name the USA Women's National Volleyball Team member who played in FOUR Olympics.
30. The first Olympic gold medal in women's volleyball went to which country?  
Japan, USSR, France
31. The first Olympic gold medal in men's volleyball went to which country?  
USSR, USA, Japan
32. Name the USA National Volleyball Team player who has his/her own question in the game Trivial Pursuit?  
Bob Ctvrtlik, Lori Endicott, Scott Fortune
33. What was the nickname of Lang Ping, China's women's coach, when she helped China win 5 World Titles?  
The Golden Crush, The Iron Hammer, The Ripper
34. Name the famous TV and motion picture actor who has been the honorary captain of the men's USA National Volleyball Team from 1984 through 1996?  
Tom Selleck, Gene Hackman, Tom Hanks
35. How long were the first Olympic Games?  
5 Weeks, 5 Days, 5 Months
36. How many events took place in the 1896 Olympic Games?  
9, 14, 5
37. What sport does not have qualifying events for the Olympic Games?  
Tennis, Table Tennis, Yachting

38. How many volleyball players does the FIVB estimate are there worldwide?  
300 Million, 500 Million, 800 Million, 1 billion
39. Which country has won the most Olympic Medals in indoor volleyball?  
USA, Japan , USSR
40. Which county won the most gold medals in the first modern Olympic Games in 1896?  
USA, Germany, Hungary
41. The 1940 Summer Olympic Games were canceled because of war. Where were they originally scheduled to be held?  
Tokyo, Helsinki, London
42. The 1944 Summer Olympic Games were canceled because of war. Where were they scheduled to be held?  
London, Tokyo, Helsinki
43. Where is the FIVB headquartered?  
Brazil, Switzerland, USA
44. Where has The World Cup of Volleyball been held since 1977?  
Japan, Brazil, Italy
45. How many Athletes competed in the first Modern Olympic Games?  
155, 311, 196
46. In what state was volleyball born in?  
New York, Massachusetts, California
47. In what year was the FIVB formed?  
1928, 1937, 1947
48. How many Athletes Villages were used during the 1996 Olympic Games?  
1, 5, 8
49. Who teamed with Misty May in 2004 to become known as the "Golden Couple" of beach volleyball?  
Kerri Walsh, Holly McPeak, Elaine Youngs
50. At 18 years old she became the youngest player to ever win a Senior level International Beach Volleyball event.  
Ana Paula Connelly, Kerri Pottharst, Carolina Solberg Salgado
51. How much did NBC Universal pay to be able to televise the 2004 Olympic Games?  
\$450, \$560, \$793 million dollars

52. Volleyball was invented in Massachusetts in 1895. What other Olympic sport was invented there?  
Basketball, Baseball, Rhythmic Gymnastics
53. Name the only woman to play for a Division I men's volleyball program?  
Laurel Brassey, Rita Crockett, Debbie Green
54. Which Coach has led the USA in three Olympic Games?  
Mick Haley, Doug Beal, Terry Lisykevych,
55. How many torchbearers carried the Olympic Flame on its journey through the United States on its way to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta?  
6,000, 10,000, 12,000
56. In the 2000 Olympics, which team won the Men's Gold Medal in Beach Volleyball?  
Ricardo/Emmanuel, Blanton/Fonimoana, Kiraly/Johnson
57. Of the Men's volleyball teams that competed in the 2004 Olympic Volleyball Tournament, which team has competed in the most Olympic Games?  
Argentina, Brazil, Italy
58. Who coached the USA women during the 1964 Olympic Games?  
Doc Burroughs, Harlan Cohan, Harry Wilson
59. Who coached the USA men during the 1968 Olympic Games?  
Mike Bright, Jim Coleman, Gene Selznick
60. How many nations are part of the original founding nations of the FIVB?  
14, 19, 25
61. How many affiliated National Federations are members of FIVB?  
180, 218, 147
62. Where was the first World Championship of Volleyball held?  
Holyoke, Moscow, Prague
63. Where was the FIVB founded?  
Holyoke, Paris, Prague
64. The president of the FIVB is Dr. Ruben Acosta. When was he elected?  
1976, 1984, 1992
65. How many major volleyball competitions are conducted by the FIVB?  
1, 4, 8

66. What nation has medaled in volleyball in every Olympics since 1984?  
Brazil, USA, China, Japan
67. What is the number of countries that competed at the 2004 Olympic Games?  
175, 185, 202
68. Where were the 2006 Men's World Championships of Volleyball held?  
Athens, Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro

## ANSWERS

1. UCLA
2. Steve Timmons
3. William Morgan
4. Wilt Chamberlain
5. At Large Selection
6. 1936 in Berlin
7. Athletics
8. 1984
9. Mintonette
10. 1964 in Tokyo
11. St. Louis in 1904
12. Howard Cosell
13. 9m x 18m
14. CIS
15. Brazil
16. Steve Timmons
17. 2.43m (approximately 8ft)
18. Italy
19. 6'5"
20. Italy
21. Stanford
22. Long Beach Arena
23. 2
24. 1895
25. Brazil
26. Brazil
27. Craig Buck
28. Terry Liskevych
29. Tara Cross Battle

30. Japan
31. USSR
32. Bob Ctvrtlik
33. The Iron Hammer
34. Tom Selleck
35. 5 months
36. 9
37. Tennis
38. 800 million
39. USSR
40. USA
41. Tokyo
42. London
43. Lausanne, Switzerland
44. Japan
45. 311
46. Massachusetts
47. 1947
48. 8
49. Kerri Walsh
50. Carolina Solberg Salgado
51. \$793 million
52. Basketball
53. Laurel Brassey
54. Doug Beal
55. 10,000
56. Blanton/Foniomoana
57. Brazil
58. Doc Burroughs
59. Jim Coleman
60. 14
61. 218
62. Prague
63. Paris
64. 1984
65. 4
66. USA
67. 202, the most ever
68. Tokyo