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WELCOME TO THE

2023

The AVP is the gold standard of Beach Volleyball in the US, facilitating tournaments nationwide, developing new talent, invigorating communities through sport, and promoting the beach volleyball lifestyle across the country.

Our marquee Gold Series (the Atlanta, Manhattan Beach, and Chicago Open) represents the best of the AVP. Our greatest athletes, most thrilling competition, and most passionate audiences come together to create unforgettable events.

This is the Gold Series — this is beach volleyball.





OUR **40TH** **ANNIVERSARY** **SEASON**

In 1983 we came to the sand as the AVP. Since that first summer, we've attracted the best players, ran the most exciting matches, and shined our spotlight on the legends of the sport.

It's our 40th Birthday—we're going to celebrate as only the AVP can. On our sands, we'll continue to make legends, and we'll keep making history.

Find us online on Insta, TikTok, Facebook and Twitter @AVPBeach. Use #AVP40 to Join us in celebrating 40 years of AVP Beach Volleyball!



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A NOTE FROM **AL LAU** AVP CEO

This year not only marks the AVP's 40th Anniversary — it also marks the 33rd time the AVP has returned to Chicago.

Why do we keep coming back? The setting is incredible. The hospitality, unbeatable. The culture, the vibe... Chicago has it all. But the real reason is simple: Chicago fans — and fans throughout the Midwest—are among the best in the world. It's both a privilege and a rite of passage for AVP athletes to play on the shores of Lake Michigan.

The AVP and Bally's are especially proud this year to put on the 2023 Chicago Open with our presenting sponsors, CDW and Microsoft. Chicago-natives CDW have been instrumental in making this tournament the grand finale of our Gold Series for the season.

We wish you an unforgettable Labor Day weekend with us as we cheer on the greatest sport, and the greatest athletes, in the world.

See you on the sand,
Al Lau, AVP CEO



SCHEDULE GOLD SERIES

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

First + Second Rounds of Winners

8:00AM Box Office Opens

8:30AM First Matches

5:00PM Last Matches

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

Elimination + Final Round
of Winner's Bracket

8:00AM Box Office Opens

8:30AM First Matches

5:00PM Last Matches

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Fifth Place + Semis + Finals

8:00AM Box Office Opens

8:30AM First Matches

1:30PM Men's Championship

11:30AM PST

3:00PM Women's Championship

1PM PST

* NOTE: ALL TIMES IN LOCAL CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

AVP ATHLETE MEET + GREET

Friday, Sept. 1

Saturday, Sept. 2

**After the last Stadium
Court match of Friday
and Saturday**

On both Friday and Saturday, come to the AVP Shop after the final match of Stadium Court to meet the team you just watched win! The victors be stationed in the AVP Shop tent to meet you, sign your new merch, and maybe take a selfie or two. Don't miss this chance to rub shoulders with the greats right after witnessing said greatness.



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

DAY 1: WINNERS BRACKET BEGINS

Friday sets the weekend's stage, from unpredictable Cinderella stories to total domination from the usual suspects.

The bracket is just waiting to be upset. We've got top dogs facing underdogs, the evenly-matched 8 vs. 9 seed battle, and everything in between. We stay in the Winner's Bracket all day Friday, sending the losers to Saturday, where they'll fight to keep their tourney alive. The drama couldn't be higher.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

DAY 2: SURVIVAL SATURDAY

Survival Saturday in a few words? Win, or go home.

Teams fight tooth and nail to advance, leaving everything on the court. Winners move on; losers go home. That is until we head into Stadium for the last round of the Winners bracket, where the top performers of the weekend battle for a straight shot into the Finals. Every court on Saturday boasts incredible volleyball, from the heart and hustle on the outer courts to the spectacle on Stadium.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

DAY 3: CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

Reaching Championship Sunday is what every AVP athlete dreams of, especially in the final Gold Series event of the year. We get up early on Sunday to see which teams advance through the Contenders Bracket into the Semifinals, where we'll see the best teams of the weekend striving for the elusive Final. And then – the last hurdle before hoisting the Chicago Open trophy – we go live on ESPNU for the Women's and Men's Championship Matches.





BRACKET

THE AVP BALLY'S GOLD SERIES CHICAGO OPEN PRESENTED BY CDW AND MICROSOFT

avp.com/brackets

Every top team is headed to Chicago. Only three duos have won more than one AVP title in 2023; will the growing giant in Partain/Benesch go three for three? Will Kloth/Nuss or Cheng/Hughes top the Gold Series with a third AVP title, or will one of the other winners get their second victory? Maybe it will be a new team entirely, someone who finishes their season stronger than they started.





KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Planning your trip to/from the Chicago Open?
Making Chicago a stop for business or pleasure? Visit flychicago.com for more information on Chicago O'Hare and Midway International Airports, offering flights from over 250 locations worldwide.



The AVP is proud to partner with Chicago O'Hare and Midway International Airports for the 2023 Chicago Open.

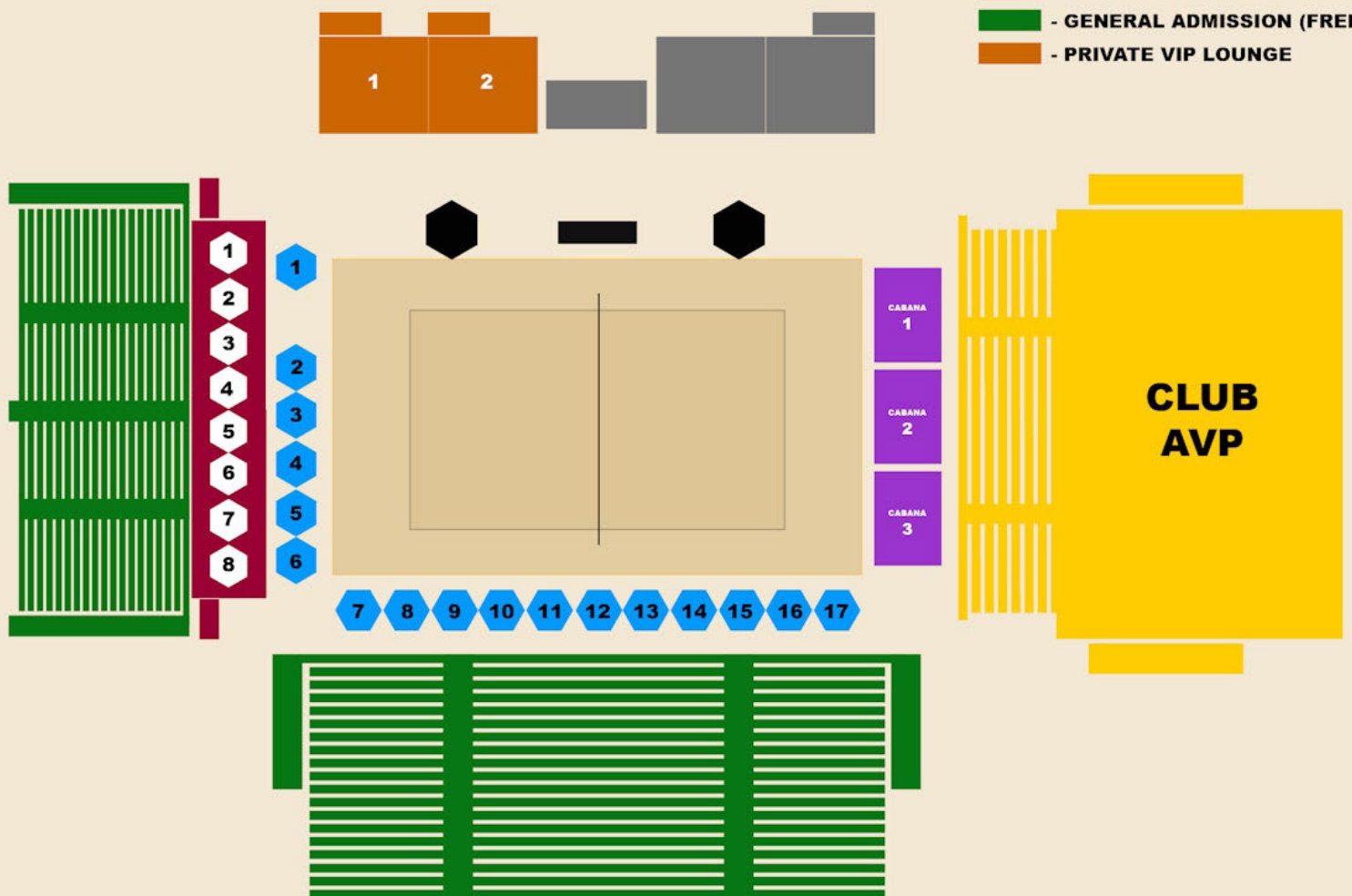


CHICAGO OPEN

MAP



- PRIVATE CABANAS
- COURTSIDE VIP BOX
- THE DECK
- CLUB AVP
- GENERAL ADMISSION (FREE)
- PRIVATE VIP LOUNGE



WHERE TO **WATCH**

THE AVP BALLY'S GOLD SERIES CHICAGO OPEN PRESENTED BY CDW AND MICROSOFT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

LIVE ON **ESPN+**

AT 1:30PM / 11:30AM PST

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP LIVE ON

LIVE ON **ESPN U**

AT 3:00PM / 1:00PM PST

* ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL US UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE



ESPN+ and TSN+



ESPN+ (TSN+ in Canada) will live stream Stadium Court play Friday–Sunday. The stream starts with start of play each day, and runs through the end of the day.

On Sunday, the Men's Final will stay on ESPN+/TSN+. At 3 PM Central, coverage will switch to ESPNU to feature the Women's Final. Call your cable provider and make sure ESPNU is part of your package now!



Bally Live

Bally Live will stream Courts 1 and 2 across two different channels. Replays will be available for a limited time after the tournament finishes on Sunday.

Bally Live—a FREE watch and earn app—offers 24/7 sports coverage. The AVP has its own dedicated channels with nonstop beach volleyball.

For more information: avp.com/where-to-watch





STREAMING COVERAGE

FRIDAY

Stadium ESPN+ // 8:30AM – 5PM

Feature Courts 1 + 2 BallyLIVE // 8:30AM – 5PM

SATURDAY

Stadium ESPN+ // 8:30AM – 5PM

Feature Courts 1 + 2 BallyLIVE // 8:30AM – 5PM

SUNDAY

Stadium ESPN+ // 8:30AM – 3PM

Feature Court 1 BallyLIVE // 8:30AM – 1PM

MEN'S FINAL will stream live on ESPN+ at 1:30PM

WOMEN'S FINALS will move from ESPN+
to ESPNU (on cable only) at 3:00PM

* ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL US AND APPROXIMATE BASED ON TOURNAMENT PLAY

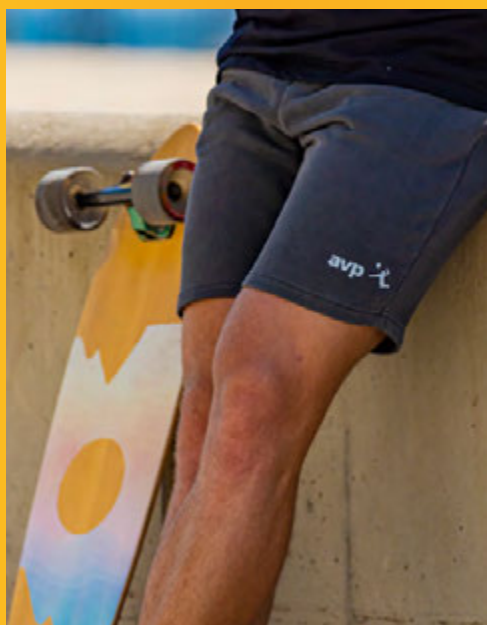




NEW!

AVP 40TH ANNIVERSARY **MERCH**

Don't get stuck in last season's swag. Rep your favorite sport in style with fresh new 40th Anniversary AVP merch. Available on-site at the Merch Tent or online at shop.avp.com.



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BECOME AN **AVP MEMBER**

Unlock the ultimate AVP experience and gain access to dozens of beach benefits by becoming a member for \$44/year!

BE AN EARLY BIRD EVERY TIME.

Have first-priority access to tickets before they go on sale to the general public and select AVP merchandise before it goes on sale for everyone else.

EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS

30% off Wilson Volleyball products, 15% off Spikeball kits, 15% off at select hotel partners, and many more partner discounts...

To learn more and sign up, visit avp.com/membership.



STAY CONNECTED

To keep up on AVP news, including news about our star athletes, tournaments, and more, sign up for the AVP newsletter at avp.com.

SEE YOU ON THE SAND!!!



