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HUNTINGTON BEACH OPEN

MAY 19-21

**EVENT
GUIDE**



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

Founded in 1983, the AVP is the Gold Standard of Beach Volleyball in the U.S., facilitating tournaments nationwide, developing new talent, invigorating communities through sport, and promoting the beach volleyball lifestyle across the country.

For 40 years, we've attracted the best players, hosted entertaining events, and ran the most exciting matches. It's our 40th Birthday—we're going to celebrate as only the AVP can. On our sands, we'll make legends, and we'll make history. We are the AVP. We are beach volleyball.





A NOTE FROM **AL LAU** **AVP CEO**

The AVP is thrilled to be back in beautiful Huntington Beach for the first time since 2019.

Our athletes have missed playing next to the iconic Huntington Beach Pier, and for the diehard AVP fans of Orange County. With all of our top teams in attendance, the Huntington Beach Open will showcase the absolute best beach volleyball in the world. Our GA is free, as always, something we're really proud to continue offering. Free GA, plus Club VIP Courtside boxes, provides every fan unrivaled beach volleyball access in one of the USA's prettiest cities.

Best of luck to our athletes, and see you on the sand!

- Al Lau, AVP CEO



SCHEDULE

THE 2023 AVP HUNTINGTON BEACH PRO OPEN

FRIDAY MAY 19, 2023

Elimination Rounds

- 9:00AM** First Matches
- 12:00PM** Athlete Meet + Greet
- 3:00PM** Athlete Meet + Greet
- 4:40PM** Last Matches

AVP ATHLETE MEET + GREET

Make sure you're at the beach on Friday, May 19, and Saturday, May 20, for exclusive access to some of your favorite AVP athletes. At 12pm and 3pm on both Friday and Saturday of the Huntington Beach Open, a slew of pro AVP players will be at the AVP Merchandise Tent signing autographs, taking pictures, and meeting YOU!

First come, first served.

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023

Elimination + Winner's Semifinals

- 9:00AM** First Matches
- 12:00PM** Athlete Meet + Greet
- 3:00PM** Athlete Meet + Greet
- 4:40PM** Last Matches

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2023

- 9:00AM** First Matches
- 1:30PM** Men's Championship
- 2:30PM** Women's Championship

* ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE BASED ON TOURNAMENT PLAY, ALL TIMES PACIFIC



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FRIDAY MAY 19, 2023

DAY 1: WINNERS BRACKET BEGINS

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

Friday morning's 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.

SATURDAY MAY 20, 2023

DAY 2: SURVIVOR SATURDAY

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

Teams fight tooth and nail to advance, laying everything out on the court. Winners advance; losers go home. That is until the afternoon when Stadium Court sees the best of the weekend face off for a spot in the Semifinals. Every court on Saturday boasts incredible volleyball, from the heart and hustle on the outer courts to the spectacle on Stadium.

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2023

DAY 3: CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

Reaching Championship Sunday is what every AVP athlete dreams of.

We start the day with a battle for the Semifinals between the scrappy team who fought through Survivor Saturday and the team who fell on Saturday afternoon in the final round of the Winner's Bracket. Then, it's the high-stakes Semifinals with the best teams of the weekend, and finally—the last hurdle before hoisting an AVP trophy—the Finals.





BRACKET

THE 2023 AVP HUNTINGTON BEACH PRO OPEN

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We've got almost every AVP team in Huntington Beach, and they are hungry to hoist the first SoCal AVP Beach trophy of 2023.

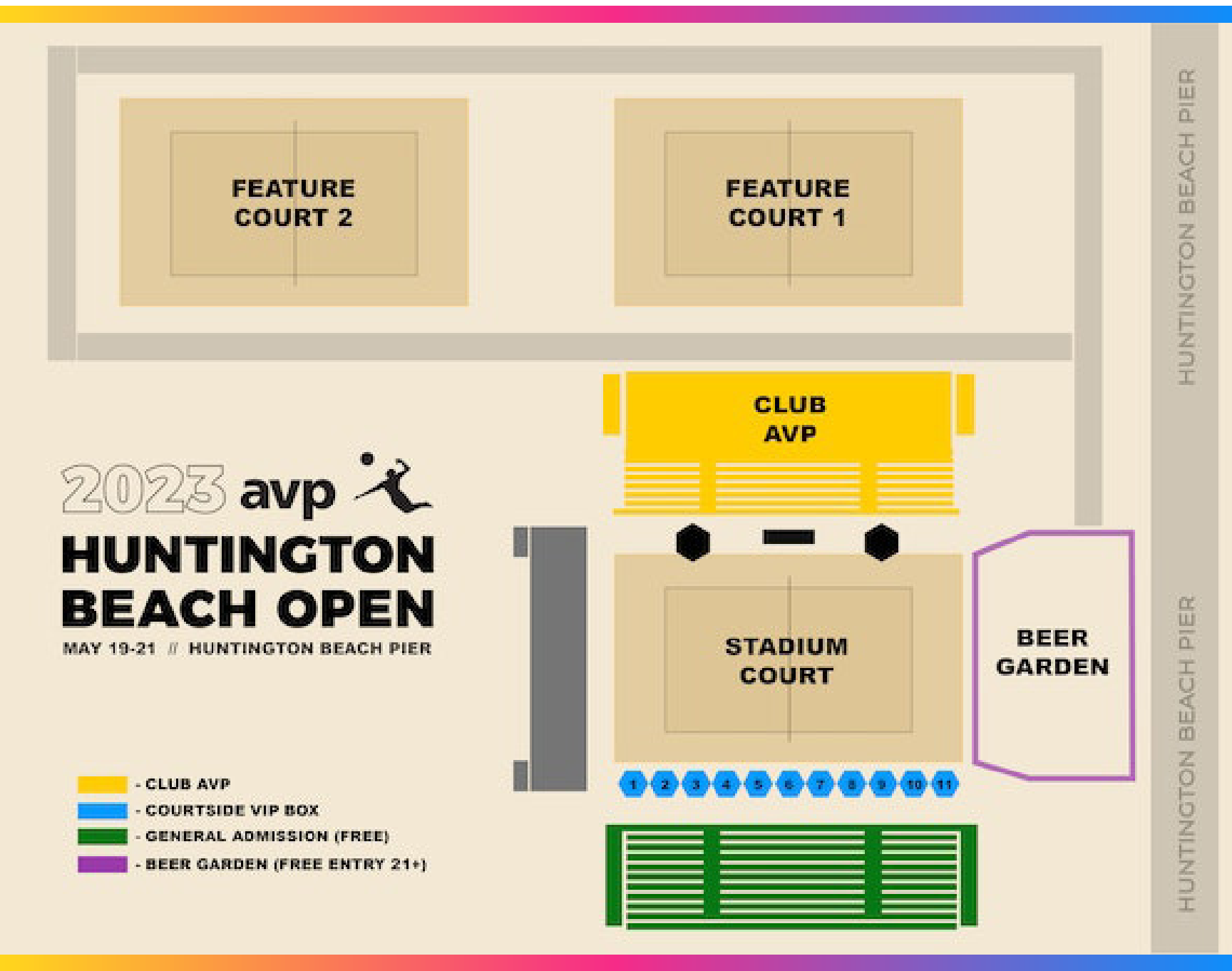
On the Women's side, we have some of the best teams on the planet, so much so that even the first round of the Qualifier is world-class. On Thursday morning, #1-seeded **Larissa/Lili** will take on #32-seeded Maria Clara-Salgado/Lexy Denaberg. That's a match fit for the Main Draw and sure to be a fun one, featuring three Brazilians who've known and been playing against each other for decades — a can't-miss match to start the weekend.

On the Men's side, we finally have all the top teams in the mix, including **both Crabb brothers**. New team **Miles Partain** and **Andy Benesh** make their AVP debut and have everyone talking about their quick, tricky offense and high ceiling of potential. The Men's Quali is also a stacked one with a few new faces. Beach volleyball legend and Olympic Gold & Silver medalist Alison is back on the AVP for the first time since 2009. Sam Schachter, one of Canada's top male players, has partnered with **Travis Mewhirter** for the weekend. The pair are the first team in the Quali and so ready for a Main Draw berth.



HUNTINGTON BEACH OPEN:

MAP





WHERE TO **WATCH**

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Stadium Court

ESPN+ will live stream Stadium Court play on Friday–Sunday. Stream starts at 9AM each day, and runs all day long.

The Championship Matches will be aired on ESPNU Monday, May 22 at 8pm (Eastern US)

Replays will be available for all tournament matches following each tournament's Finals broadcast. ESPN+ requires a subscription. Download and set up your account now to catch all the AVP action!



Courts 1 and 2

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.

Fans are rewarded with Bally Bucks for signing up, inviting friends, playing trivia, and watching the AVP. Bally Live's engagement platform offers fans a place to redeem Bally Bucks for incredible experiences, unique merchandise, and Gift Cards!

Download the app today and share it with fellow AVP fans.



An aerial photograph of Huntington Beach, California, showing the iconic Huntington Beach Pier extending into the ocean. The pier has several small structures along its length, including a lifeguard stand with a yellow top and a larger building with a red roof at the end. The beach is crowded with people, and the ocean waves are breaking onto the shore. The sky is clear and blue.

THE AVP + **SURFRIDER FOUNDATION**

“Leaving the beach better than we found it.”

The beach is our stage and our venue — The AVP works hard to ensure that the impact our events have on the local environment is only temporary. We are working with the Surfrider Foundation to organize and ensure cleanup is more than just cleaning up the beach from our event.

Please put your trash and recyclables in the provided bins or take it with you when you leave. Either way, it’s all of our jobs to pitch in.

To learn more about the AVP’s commitment to leaving the beach better than we found it, please visit **AVP.com/ESG**.

To learn more about the Surfrider Foundation, volunteer for cleanup, or make a donation, please either visit their Tent here at the Huntington Beach Open or go to **www.Surfrider.org**.





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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Your ticket to Forever Summer is here! 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.



THE 2023 AVP **PRO AND GOLD SCHEDULE**

Our 40th Anniversary Season is just getting started!
For a listing of all our events, tickets, and more, visit
avp.com/events.

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!!!



