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AUGUST 18-20, 2023

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**WELCOME TO THE**



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!





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

2023 marks the 35th time the AVP will present the Manhattan Beach Open.

Some with us this weekend will remember all the way back to 1984, just a year after the AVP was founded, sitting on the sand watching young women and men who are now legends. Over the years, the Manhattan Beach Open has itself become legendary, serving as a cornerstone of American sports competition.

We cannot talk about the history of the Manhattan Beach Open without also recognizing the greatest fans in the world. AVP fans have just as big a role in the story as the legends. The unforgettable moments that we've cheered for, and the ones that we will cheer for this weekend, will see us write another chapter together.

The *Granddaddy of Them All* truly lives up to its name. There is nothing quite like this tournament, and we are proud to bring the Manhattan Beach Open to the world for our 40th Anniversary year.

See you on the sand,  
**Al Lau, AVP CEO**





## THE **MANHATTAN BEACH PIER CEREMONY**

To win the Manhattan Beach Open means having your name memorialized on the Pier. The plaque unveiling for last year's winners is traditionally held just before the Open gets underway, and this year is no exception.

On Thursday at 3:30PM on the Manhattan Beach Pier, the City and the AVP will hold a ceremony honoring 2022 Manhattan Beach Open champions Sara Hughes and Kelley Kolinske, and Tri Bourne and Trevor Crabb.



# SCHEDULE GOLD SERIES

## FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023

First + Second Rounds of  
Winners + Contenders Brackets

- 8:00 AM** Box Office Opens
- 9:00AM** First Matches
- 4:30PM** Last Matches

## SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 2023

Elimination + Final Rounds  
of Winner's Bracket

- 8:00AM** Box Office Opens
- 9:00AM** First Matches
- 4:30PM** Last Matches

## SUNDAY AUGUST 20, 2023

Fifth Place + Semis + Finals

- 7:00AM** Box Office Opens
- 8:00AM** First Matches
- 1:00PM** Men's Championship
- 2:00PM** Women's Championship

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## AVP ATHLETE MEET + GREET

**Friday, August 18, and  
Saturday, August 19  
1:00PM at the AVP Shop**

Make sure to hit the AVP Shop on Friday and Saturday at 1PM for exclusive access to some of your favorite AVP athletes. A slew of pro AVP players will be signing autographs, taking pictures, and chatting it up with fans. We'll have some MBO exclusive and 40th Anniversary gear – bring your Sharpie!

First come, first served.



# **FRIDAY AUGUST 18, 2023**

## **DAY 1: FIRST TWO ROUNDS**

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'll send winners onto Saturday, 1-time losers into the Contenders Bracket, and the 2-time losers home for the weekend. The drama couldn't be higher.

# **SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 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 Winner's 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 AUGUST 20, 2023**

## **DAY 3: CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY**

Reaching Championship Sunday is what every AVP athlete dreams of, especially in Manhattan Beach.

We get up early on Sunday to see which teams advance through the Contenders Bracket into the Semifinals. Then, we get the best teams of the weekend, striving for the elusive Final. And then – the last hurdle before chiseling their names on the Pier – we go live on ESPN2 for the Women's and Men's Championship Matches.





# BRACKET

## THE 2023 GOLD SERIES MANHATTAN BEACH OPEN

[avp.com/brackets](https://avp.com/brackets)

The bracket is stacked with new talent and AVP staples alike. Thursday's Qualifier is bursting with names ready to be made household. A 75-team cap plus the 32-team draw makes Manhattan Beach the biggest tournament on our schedule by far. Almost everyone will be in Manhattan Beach, grinding through the summer heat to get their name on the Pier.



# FOOD DRIVE:

## BEACH NATION, WILSON, and THE AVP TEAM UP

**Join AVP stars and legends of beach volleyball to support our community and the people of Maui!**

Beach Nation Volleyball, Wilson, and the AVP are teaming up at the 2023 Manhattan Beach Open to collect non-perishable food and donations for the **Westside Food Bank** and the Maui Food Bank. 50% of financial donations will go to Westside Food Bank, with the other 50% to the **Maui Food Bank** to help with those affected by the current disaster.

**We are suggesting that spectators donate either two items of non-perishable food or make a financial donation that fits their capabilities upon entry to the Manhattan Beach Open.**

Look for Beach Nation's tent next to the AVP Welcome Center to donate. While you're there, meet current AVP stars and legends of the game! Many will be popping in throughout the weekend to take pictures and sign autographs.

### **Please Consider Donating to the West Side Food Bank**

This partnership is in perfect alignment. Each organization benefits and services South Bay communities. Beach Nation makes opportunity possible by inspiring the human spirit, teaching life skills, and empowering people through sport and education. Wilson strives to empower their athletes on and off the court, and the AVP works to leave our beaches and communities better than we found them.



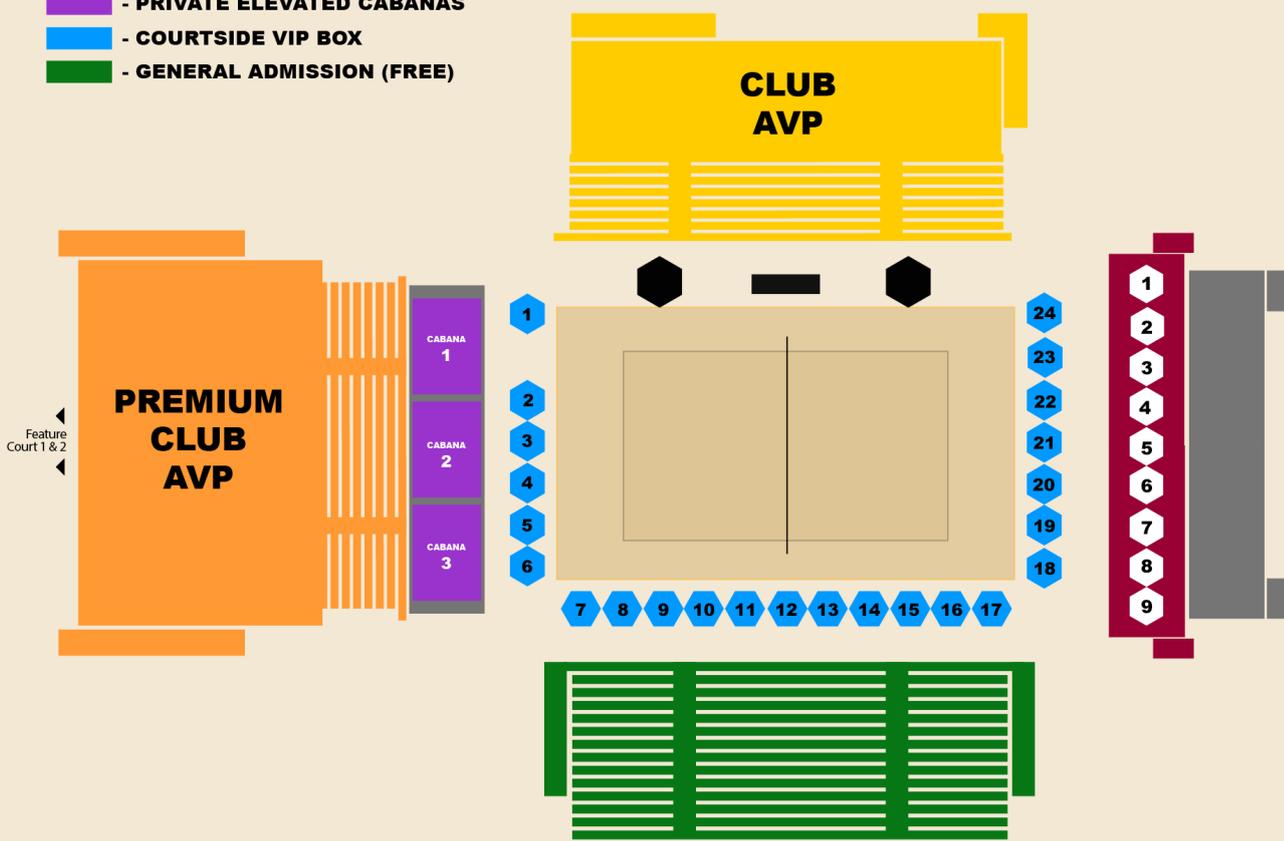
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# MAP



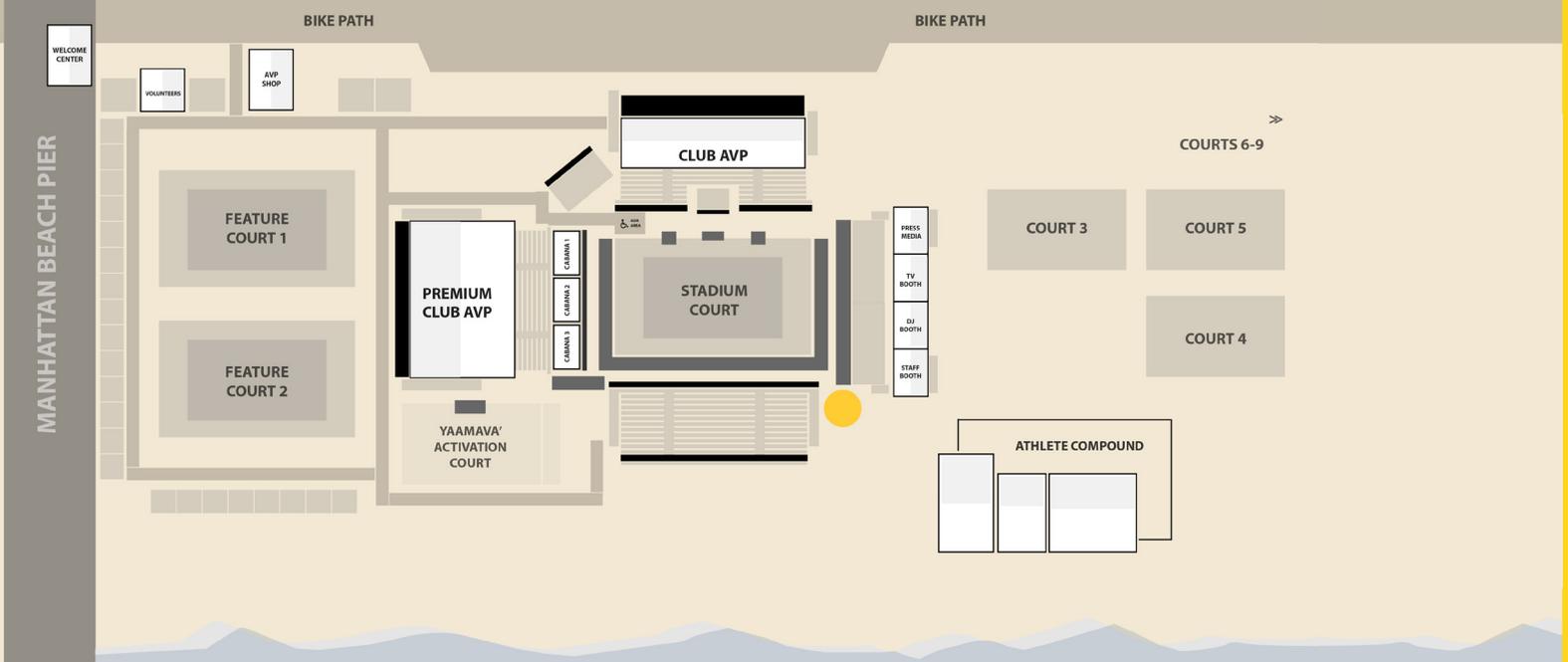
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- CLUB AVP
- PREMIUM CLUB AVP
- PRIVATE ELEVATED CABANAS
- COURTSIDE VIP BOX
- GENERAL ADMISSION (FREE)

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## WHERE TO **WATCH**

AVP MANHATTAN BEACH OPEN  
**CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES LIVE ON**  
**ESPN2**  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 - 1:00PM (PST) / 4:00PM (EST)

**ESPN+** ESPN and TSN+

**TSN+**

ESPN+ will live stream Stadium Court play on Friday–Sunday. Stream starts with start of play each day, and runs through the end of the evening and conclusion of play. In Canada, fans can watch the ESPN stream on TSN+.

**Bally LIVE**

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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](https://avp.com/where-to-watch)





# STREAMING COVERAGE

## FRIDAY

**Stadium** ESPN+ // 9AM – 5:30PM (9 matches)

**Feature Court 1** BallyLIVE // 9AM – 5:30PM (9 matches)

**Feature Court 2** BallyLIVE // 9AM – 5:30PM (9 matches)

**Courts 3 – 9** (live scored only – 9am to 5:30pm)

## SATURDAY

**Stadium** ESPN+ // 9AM – 5:30PM (9 matches)

**Feature Court 1** BallyLIVE // 9AM – 5:30PM (9 matches)

**Feature Court 2** BallyLIVE // 9AM – 3:30PM (7 matches)

**Courts 3** (live-scored only – 9am to 3:30pm)

## SUNDAY

**Stadium** ESPN+ // 8AM – 3PM (6 matches)

**Feature Court 1** BallyLIVE // 8AM – 12PM (4 matches)

**Transition to ESPN2 for the Finals**

**1pm** // Men's championship **2pm** // Women's Championship

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**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](https://shop.avp.com).



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# POWER TO THE PLAYER

Play empowered. Play like the game is yours.

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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](https://avp.com/membership).



# THE 2023 AVP GOLD SERIES SCHEDULE

Our 40th Anniversary Season Gold Series concludes with the Chicago Open this Labor Day weekend, September 1-3. It's the best time to visit the Windy City.

Club AVP, Deck, and Courtside Tix, plus discounted weekend, 3-day passes, and four packs are still available on [AVP.com](https://www.avp.com). On the fence? Just think what Ferris would do.

To keep up on AVP news, including news about our star athletes, tournaments, and more, sign up for the AVP newsletter at [avp.com](https://www.avp.com).

**SEE YOU ON THE SAND!!!**



