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USA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS TAKE ON CHINA JUNE 26 & 27 IN SAN JOSE TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!

San Jose, CA: Tickets for the 2009 FIVB World League match -- USA vs China -- being held in San Jose, will go on sale today, Friday, April 10th. This is the first time that an international volleyball event of this caliber has been hosted in the Bay Area.

The U.S. Men's National Volleyball Team (ranked No. 2 in the world) will face China on June 26 & 27 (7 p.m. both nights) at the San Jose State University Event Center. The two teams last played at the 2008 Beijing Olympics where the U.S. Men won the gold medal.

"We are thrilled to welcome the USA Olympic gold medalist and defending World League champion team, and to host the Chinese national team in San Jose for this very special event," said Patricia Ernstrom, executive director of the San Jose Sports Authority. "Hosting an international contest of this caliber represents a unique opportunity for San Jose, and the entire Bay Area, to witness the highest level of athletic competition right in our own backyard."

The U.S. Men are the defending champions of the 2008 World League, the elite men's volleyball competition in which the world's best teams are divided into four pools and play for six straight weekends in June and July.

Winners from each pool, the host country and a pick from among the second place teams will go to the final round in Belgrade, Serbia on July 22-26. The total World League prize purse is more than \$20 million, with the winning team collecting a prize of more than \$1 million.

Federation Internationale De Volleyball (FIVB), the World Games organizer, governs all forms of Volleyball and Beach Volleyball worldwide. FIVB has created World League providing international competition in non-Olympic years. More information about World League can be found at: www.fivb.org

Tickets will be on sale through Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com, 1-800-745-3000), the San Jose State box office, the HP Pavilion ticket office, and through Northern California Volleyball Association (NCVA). NCVA will sell tickets onsite at their upcoming volleyball tournaments -- the *No Dinx Far Western National Tournament* and *Girls Power League Regionals*, as well as through their office.

Ticket Type	Advance Price	Event Day Price	2-Day Strip Ticket Price
General Admission	\$15	\$18	\$25*
General Admission for Seniors, Military, and USAV Members	\$12	\$15	
Lower Reserved	\$25	\$25	\$45*
General Admission, Group of 20+	\$10*	N/A	

*Available until June 1st.

Group tickets are only available at San Jose State Box Office and through NCVA.

Box office information:

Event Center, San Jose State University

290 South 7th Street

San Jose, CA 95192

(408) 924-6333 phone

(408) 924-6395 fax

Box Office Hours: 10:00am - 5:00pm Monday - Friday, 10:00am-Noon on Sunday, Closed on Saturday

HP Pavilion at San Jose

525 W. Santa Clara St.

San Jose, CA 95113

(408) 999-5719 phone

Ticket Office Hours: 9:30am - 5:30pm Monday - Friday

About the San Jose Sports Authority

The San Jose Sports Authority is a non-profit organization whose mission is to increase the City of San Jose's economic development, visibility and civic pride through sports. Serving as the City's sports commission since its inception in 1991, the Sports Authority has provided leadership and support to attract or host nearly 200 sporting events in San Jose and the South Bay. The Sports Authority also supports and operates community, youth and amateur sports programs, including the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame, The First Tee of San Jose, and the REACH Youth Scholarship Program. To learn more, visit www.sjsa.org.

About USA Volleyball

Founded in 1928, USA Volleyball is a Colorado incorporated non-profit organization recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and the Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) as the National Governing Body for the sport of Volleyball in the United States.

USA Volleyball is responsible for both the Olympic disciplines of indoor volleyball and beach volleyball. USA Volleyball has over 240,000 registered members, 12,000 teams and 5,000 clubs nationwide. With an annual budget in excess of \$11 million dollars, USA Volleyball supports the USA men's and women's senior national team programs, youth and junior national teams, national championship events, coaching education and certification programs, grassroots development, and programs for the disabled and Paralympic Teams. USA Volleyball has a rich tradition of success as evidenced by winning an Olympic medal in every Olympic Games since 1984 and capturing numerous World Cup, World Championship and Continental Championship titles.

USA Volleyball is committed to and works toward opportunity for all to participate. It is an advocate for all Americans endeavoring to assure universal access to opportunities at all levels of the game. To learn more, visit www.usav.org.

About Northern California Volleyball Association

Northern California Volleyball Association's (NCVA) mission is to support and develop NCVA programs, community volleyball programs and organizations, actively collect and distribute volleyball-related information, and provide educational opportunities for the regional volleyball community while working in conjunction with volleyball's national governing body.

2009 marks the 27th year anniversary of the NCVA servicing Northern California and Northern Nevada. In the last 24 years, NCVA has grown from a small Mom and Pop region to the 4th largest of the 40 regions nationwide. Over the years the NCVA has been recognized for being on the forefront of new developments in the way that they organize tournaments, large venues on sport courts, Power League, Area League and Non-Leagues.

NCVA looks forward to reaching a membership base of 14,000 members for the 2008-2009 season. To learn more, visit www.ncva.com.

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