

new mexico beach volleyball

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2018 SCHEDULE

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A	3/2	10/10 Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	12pm
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W	3/3	20/19 Washington	Tucson, Ariz.	10am
GCU	3/9	Grand Canyon	Phoenix, Ariz.	5pm
4	3/9	Abilene Christian	Phoenix, Ariz.	7pm
果	3/10	Grossmont	Phoenix, Ariz.	11am
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	3/17	Houston Baptist	Tavares, Fla.	8am
A	3/17	Stetson	Tavares, Fla.	10am
FIU	3/17	Florida International	Tavares, Fla.	1pm
*	3/18	UNC Wilmington	Tavares, Fla.	9am
8	3/18	College of Charleston	Tavares, Fla.	1pm
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5/4-6 NCAA Championships Gulf Shores, Ala. TBA

All times are Mountain Time and subject to change • Bold denotes a home match
Rank is denoted in the order of DiG Magazine Poll/AVCA Coaches' Poll

NEW MEXICO OPENS 2018 SEASON AT ARIZONA INVITATIONAL

The University of New Mexico beach volleyball team opens its 2018 season with a sizable challenge this weekend as it travels to the Arizona Invitational to take on three nationally ranked teams in No. 10/10 Arizona, No. 17/20 Loyola Marymount and No. 20/19 Washington.

With six freshman, eight total underclassmen and tons of raw potential, the Lobos talented roster will be put to the test right away as they look for some early-season wins at Bear Down Beach in Tucson.

But, youth notwithstanding, head coach **Jeff Nelson** and assistants **Pauline Manser** and **Daniel Foo** have the pieces to convert all of the Lobos' potential into real success and build on the program's burgeoning pedigree.

For this first weekend, the Lobos will rely on their veterans for contributions across their projected starting lineup.

Senior **Eastyn Baleto** looks to spearhead New Mexico efforts this season after reaching 50 individual career wins last spring. The only Lobo in program history to reach that plateau, Baleto will likely team up with **Lauren Twitty** in Arizona, a rising sophomore who tallied a freshman-record 18 wins in 2017.

Senior **Chloe Crappell**, another four-year veteran of the team, will also be looked upon for strong results as she is slated to partner with freshman **Yasmin Tan** in the No. 2 slot.

Sophomore Emily Nenninger & junior Carly Beddingfield, another set of returners, will be also counted on as they team up in the No .4 spot.

Bookending the team's projected lineup are two pairings of newcomers, with senior **Maddie Irwin** & freshman **Erin Martin** in the No. 1 position and freshmen **Abbey Willison** & **Kayla Long** in the No. 5 spot.

New Mexico's youth also translates into additional flexibility across the lineup. A number of the Lobos can switch partners and positions from match to match, giving Nelson and his staff some versatility that can pay dividends in the early part of the season.

Such versatility will be particularly important

THIS WEEK



10/10 ARIZONA (3.0)

Tucson, Ariz. • Bear Down Beach Friday, March 2 • 12 p.m. MT



17/20 LOYOLA MARYMOUNT (2-0)

Tucson, Ariz. • Bear Down Beach Friday, March 2 • 5 p.m. MT



20/19 WASHINGTON (0.0)

Tucson, Ariz. • Bear Down Beach Saturday, March 3 • 10 a.m. MT

this opening weekend as UNM vies with some teams that have already gotten their toes in the sand this season.

UNM opens its season vs. the host Wildcats Friday at noon, followed by the Lions at 5 p.m. on Friday and the Huskies at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

NEW MEXICO RECEIVING VOTES IN NATIONAL POLLS

New Mexico beach volleyball is receiving votes in the first regular-season editions of both the AVCA Collegiate Beach Coaches Poll and the DiG Magazine Beach Volleyball Poll that were released Monday, February 26.

Following up on its second straight season of 17 wins, New Mexico opens its 2018 season receiving votes in both major national beach volleyball polls, which list 20 teams each. Unofficially, the Lobos rank 24th in the DiG Magazine poll and 27th in the AVCA poll.

UNM was also receiving votes in the preseason editions of both polls.

In both polls, USC, the winners of the first two NCAA Beach Volleyball Championships, is No. 1, with Hawai'i ranked No. 2 in both polls.

Florida State, UCLA and Pepperdine rank 3-4-5 in the DiG Magazine poll. In the AVCA poll, UCLA is No. 3, with Florida State No. 4 and Pepperdine No. 5.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School	University of New Mexico
City/Zip	Albuquerque, N.M. 87106
Founded	1889 by Territorial Legislature
	34,650 (Făll 2015
	Lobos
School Colors	Cherry & Silve
	NCAA Division
President	Dr. Garnett S. Stokes (as of March 1)
Vice President for Athletics.	Eddie Nuñez
Deputy A.D./Internal/SWA	Janice Ruggiero
Deputy A.D./External	Brad Hutchins
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Beach volleyball staff

Head Coach	Jeff Nelson (Ball State, 1986)
	11th overall season, 4th beach season
Assistant Coach	Pauline Manser (New Mexico, 1991)
Year at UNM	3rd season overall/beach
Volunteer Assistant	Daniel Foo (New Mexico, 2006)
Year at UNM	4th season overall/beach
Athletic Trainer	Colleen Duff

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PROGRAM HISTORY

First Season of Beach Volleyball	2015
First Head Coach	
All-Time Record	37-30

TEAM INFORMATION

2017 Overall Record	17-10 (.630)
2017 Final National Ranking	Receiving Votes (DiG/AVCA)
2017 Postseason Finish	N/Á
Returning/Lost	5/10
Newcomers	7
Returning Redshirts	0
Home Courts	Lucky 66 Bowl

2018 ROSTER

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NO.	NAME	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
1	Yasmin Tan	5-11	Fr.	Melbourne, Australia (Yarra Valley Grammar School)
2	Eastyn Baleto	5-8	Sr.	Seattle, Wash. (West Seattle HS)
4	Emily Nenninger	5-5	So.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado HS)
5	Chloe Crappell	5-7	Sr.	Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS)
11	Maddie Irwin	5-11	Sr.	Tucson, Ariz. (Catalina Magnet HS)
12	Hailey Rubino	5-11	Fr.	Leesburg, Va. (Loudoun County HS)
14	Erin Martin	5-7	Fr.	Denver, Colo. (Horizon HS)
15	Lauren Twitty	6-1	So.	Broadlands, Va. (Briar Woods HS)
21	Carly Beddingfield	6-3	Jr.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Bosque School/Long Beach State)
22	Kayla Long	5-3	Fr.	Tucson, Ariz. (Empire HS)
24	Abbey Willison	5-11	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Sandia HS)
RS	Morgan Schreckler	6-1	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Desert Vista HS)

PRONUNCIATION

· Abbey Willison

Eastyn Baleto	East-in Buh-let-oh	Chloe Crappell	Cruh-PELL
Yasmin Tan	. Yaz-min	Pauline Manser	Man-zer

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

FRESHMEN (6)	SOPHOMORES (2)	JUNIORS (1)	SENIORS (3)
 Kayla Long 	 Emily Nenninger 	 Carly Beddingfield 	 Eastyn Baleto
 Erin Martin 	 Lauren Twitty 	,	 Chloe Crappell
 Hailey Rubino 	•		 Maddie Irwin
 Morgan Schreckler 			
Yasmin Tan			

BEACH-ONLY PLAYERS (5) **CROSSOVER PLAYERS (7)**

Eastyn Baleto	Maddie Irwin	 Carly Beddingfield 	Yasmin Tan
 Chloe Crappell 		 Kayla Long 	 Lauren Twitty
 Erin Martin 		 Hailey Rubino 	 Abbey Willison
 Emily Nenninger 		 Morgan Schreckler 	·

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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jeff Nelson (11th season overall, 4th beach | Ball State, 1986) Assistant Coach: Pauline Manser (3rd season overall/beach | New Mexico, 1991) Volunteer Assistant: Daniel Foo (4th season overall/beach | New Mexico, 2006)

POSSIBLE NEW MEXICO LINEUP

<u>PAIR</u>	PLAYERS	OUR.	SEED	ALL.TIME	STREAK
No. 1	Maddie Irwin & Erin Martin	0-0	0-0	0-0	
No. 2	Chloe Crappell & Yasmin Tan	0-0	0-0	0-0	
No. 3	Eastyn Baleto & Lauren Twitty	0-0	0-0	0-0	
No. 4	Emily Nenninger & Carly Beddingfield	0-1	0-0	0-1	L1
No. 5	Abbey Willison & Kayla Long	0-0	0-0	0-0	

Seed indicates record in that position • Lineup subject to change

THE JEFF NELSON FILE

NEW MEXICO HEAD COACH

ALMA MATER: Ball State, 1986 **COLLEGIATE PLAYING EXPERIENCE:**

Setter/Outside Hitter/Defensive Specialist, Ball State, 1985-86

COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

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	New Mexico Head Coach	2007-pres. (11th season)
	Court Record204-133	3 (.605, 2007-pres., 11 seasons)
	Beach Record 37-30	(.552, 2015-pres., 3 seasons)
	San Francisco Head Coach	2003-06 (4 seasons)
		76-51 (.598)
	Texas Tech Head Coach	1995-2002 (8 seasons)
	Record (Pct.)	166-96 (634)

OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Muncie Burris HS Assistant Coach (1995)
 Arizona State Assistant Coach (1990-95)
 U.S. Olympic Festival West Assistant Coach (1994)
 U.S. Olympic Festival North Assistant Coach (1993)
 U.S. Junior National Boys Head Coach (1992)
 U.S. Junior National Boys Assistant Coach (1991)
 Minnesota Assistant Coach (1989-90)
 Minnesota Monarchs (MLV) Head Coach (1989) and Assistant Head Coach (1988) Assistant Head Coach (1988)
- Nebraska Graduate Assistant (1986-88)

FAMILY: Harley, 23, and Kaden, 19

CAREER RECORD US. ALL OPPONENTS

<i>SCHOOL</i>	won	<u>LOST</u>
Abilene Christian	0	0
Air Force	2 0 2 1 2 2 1 0 6 2	0
Arizona	0	6
Arizona State	2	4
Benedictine at Mesa	1	0
California	2	0
CSU Bakersfield	2	1
CSUN	1	0
College of Charleston	0	Ō
Colorado Mesa	6	Ō
Colorado State	2	0
Florida Atlantic		1
Florida International	0	Q
Florida State	0	1
Georgia State	0	1
Grand Canyon	0	5
Grossmont	0	0
Houston Baptist	0	Ü
Irvine Valley College Jacksonville State	1	Ü
	1	0
ULM Lineale Managial	1 0 2 0	1
Lincoln Memorial	2	Ü
LSU	0	4
Loyola Marymount	1	1
MiraCosta College	1	U
Morehead State New Mexico State	1	0
New Orleans	1	0
UNC Wilmington	Ó	0
Pacific	1	0
Sacramento State	1	0
San José State	2	0
Santa Clara	1 1 2 1 0	Ů
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Bold denotes 2018 opponent

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national Rankings

AUCA POLL (FEB. 26)

RK.	SCHOOL	REC.	PREV.
1	USC	4-0	1
2	Hawai'i	3-1	5
3	UCLA	3-1	3
4	Florida State	4-0	4
5	Pepperdine	2-1	2
6	LSU	3-1	6
7	Long Beach State	0-0	7
8	Cal Poly	4-2	14
9	South Carolina	3-1	8
10	Arizona	3-0	9
11	Florida International	3-0	11
12	Grand Canyon	0-4	10
13	Georgia State	2-2	12
14	TCU	3-1	13
15	Stetson	1-3	15
16	Stanford	0-4	17
17	Florida Atlantic	1-2	16
18	Tulane	0-0	18
19	Washington	0-0	19
20	Loyola Marymount	2-0	20

Also Receiving Votes: Arizona State, Saint Mary's, California, Oregon, Utah, Colorado Mesa, New Mexico, Nebraska, Florida Gulf Coast, UNC-Wilmington, Florida Southern, UAB, Central Arkansas

DIG MAGAZINE POLL (FEB. 26)

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RK.	SCHOOL	2016 REC.	PREV.
1	USC (15)	4-0	1
2	Hawaii	3-1	4
3	Florida State	4-0	5
4	UCLA	3-1	3
5	Pepperdine	2-1	2
6	LSU	3-1	6
7	Cal Poly	4-2	11
8	Long Beach State	0-0	7
9	South Carolina	3-1	9
10	Arizona	3-0	8
11	Grand Canyon	0-4	10
12	Florida International	3-0	12
13	TCU	3-1	13
14	Georgia State	2-2	16
15	Stanford	0-4	14
16	Stetson	1-3	15
17	Loyola Marymount	2-0	17
17	Arizona State	1-2	19
19	St. Mary's	2-0	NR
20	Washington	0-0	18

Also Receiving Votes: Tulane, California, Florida Atlantic, New Mexico

Italics indicate a 2018 New Mexico opponent

RANKING SUPERLATIVES

NOTE	DIG POLL	AVCA POLL
Number of Weeks Ranked	5	
Number of Weeks RV	11	10
Total No. of Weeks RV/Ranke	d 16	10
Highest Ranking	12	
Record when Ranked	7-8	

New Mexico will open its season this weekend against three ranked teams, facing off against No. 10/10 Arizona, No. 17/20 Loyola Marymount and No. 20/19 Washington at the Arizona Invitational in Tucson.

NIFTY 50

Through the first three years of the program, one Lobo has stood above the rest as the winningest player for UNM.

Eastyn Baleto, a senior from Seattle, enters her final year in the sand with 50 career wins in the sand, easily tops in the team's record books.

A three-year alum of the program, Julia Warren, is second with 47 wins, while Marisa Doran and Lise Rugland both have 41.

The next closest active player is **Chloe Crappell** with 11 career wins.

Baleto's career record is 50-16, which stands third-best in program history with a minimum of 20 matches played. Doran (41-10, .803) and Lauren Twitty (18-5, .783) are the only two Lobos ahead of Baleto.

SHE'S BEEN EVERYWHERE

Over the course of the three-year history of New Mexico beach volleyball, only one player has managed to play at least one match in every position. That player: **Chloe Crappell**.

During the 2017 season, she finally completed the feat with her debut at the No. 4 slot at the Wildcat Spring Challenge.

Crappell, a senior from Albuquerque, has seen action at the 1's, 2's, 3's, 4's and 5's positions for the Lobos.

She's played the bulk of her 26 career matches at the Nos. 2 and 3 courts, going 3-3 and 0-7, respectively. She is also 1-2 all-time at the 1's, and 4-2 at the 4's and 3-1 at the 5's.

The only other players who have come close to the platinum sombrero are alumnae Julia Warren and Lise Rugland, who played in four of the five positions during the first three years of the program.

SUCH DICE DEIGHBORS

New Mexico is a bit of an island in the world of NCAA beach volleyball. The Lobos are the only team in the state of New Mexico to sponsor beach volleyball as an NCAA varsity sport, so with the lack of in-state competition, UNM has to find nearby neighbors for games.

With multiple schools in Arizona sponsoring the sport, the Lobos can travel west for some matches, which means New Mexico has played its fair share of games against those schools.

In fact, of the 67 matches ever played in UNM history, 18 have come against Arizona schools. (That's just over 25 percent.)

The Lobos have played both Arizona and Arizona State six times, plus five matches against Grand Canyon. The 18th match came in the team's

2017 opener vs. Benedictine University at Mesa.

UNM will get one more opportunity to add to this list during the 2018 season as it plays Arizona twice and Arizona State, Grand Canyon and Benedictine once each.

HOME AWAY FROM HOME?

As noted above, the Lobos have played schools from Arizona a number of times, with 18 matches against Copper State schools through the first three seasons of the program.

However, New Mexico's affinity for the state of Arizona doesn't stop there.

Over the program's 67-match history, UNM has played 33 of its matches in the state of the Arizona, just a tick below half of its total number of matches (about 49.3 percent, in case you were wondering).

This season, UNM will again venture west as it's scheduled to play nine of its 22 matches in Arizona.

SCOUTING ARIZONA

Arizona heads into this weekend having already kicked off its 2018 campaign with the Cactus Classic in Tucson. There, the Wildcats swept three matches against Benedictine at Mesa, Abilene Christian and San Jose State.

As Arizona went undefeated in every position, all of its players enter March undefeated as well. In fact, UA only lost two sets the entire weekend, and the Wildcats allowed their opponents to score more than 15 points in just nine sets the entire tournament (with all coming vs. SJSU).

During the Cactus Classic, Arizona competed Olivia Hallaran/Kacey Nady in the No. 1 slot twice, with Natalie Anselmo/Olivia Macdonald seeing action in the No. 2 spot twice and the No. 1 position once.

An already familiar team to UNM, the upperclassmen-laden Wildcats also have a familiar face on the roster in New Mexico State transfer Jordan Abalos.

SCOUTING LOYOLA MARYMOUNT

Like Arizona, Loyola Marymount has also opened its season already, sweeping a pair of matches vs. CSU Bakersfield and Vanguard.

The Lions had little problem in both contests, dropping just a single set all weekend, with their opponents scoring at more than 15 points in just four sets.

McKayla Ferris/Savannah Slattery led the way in the No. 1 spot with two wins, while Maddie Leiphardt/Veronica Nederend finished with two wins in the No. 2 position.

LMU has an exceptionally large roster with 19 players, including four graduate transfers (including Ferris and Leiphardt) and four upperclassmen.

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NEW MEXICO SUPERLATIVES

LOBOS RECORD WHEN...

OVERALL:

Overall Record	0-0
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Neutral	0-0
Against Ranked Opponents	0-0
Against Unranked Opponents	
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In 5-0 Matches	0-0
In 4-1 Matches	
In 3-2 Matches	
Other Finishes	
When the No. 1 spot wins	0-0
When the No. 1 spot loses	
When the No. 2 spot wins	
When the No. 2 spot loses	
When the No. 3 spot wins	
When the No. 3 spot loses	
When the No. 4 spot wins	
When the No. 4 spot loses	
When the No. 5 spot wins	
When the No. 5 spot loses	
First of day	0-0
Second of day	
Third of day	
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STREAKS:	
Longest Win Streak	0
Longest Losing Streak	
Active Streak	

CAREER RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL CAREER WINS

RK.	PLAYER	WINS	YEARS PLAYED
1.	Eastyn Baleto	50	2015-pres.
2.	Julia Warren	47	2015-17
3.	Marisa Doran	41	2016-17
	Lise Rugland	41	2015-17
5.	Devanne Sours	39	2015-17
6.	Ashley Kelsey	32	2015-17
7.	Cassie House	29	2016-17
8.	Hannah Johnson	21	2015-16
9.	Lauren Twitty	18	2017
10.	Maddie Mayfield	16	2015-16

Individual Pairs wins

RK.	PAIRS	WINS	YEARS PLAYED
1.	Baleto & Doran	41	2016-17
2.	Rugland & Sours	34	2016-17
3.	House & Kelsey	28	2016-17
4.	Johnson & Warren	18	2016
5.	Warren & Twitty	17	2017
6.	Heilborn & Mayfield	14	2016

Bold indicates current player

SCOUTING WASHINGTON

Washington comes into this weekend looking to open up its season like the Lobos. Ranked 19th in the AVCA Coaches Poll and 20th in the DiG Magazine poll, the Huskies are already commanding respect after an 11-7 campaign in 2017 that saw UW finish third at the Pac-12 Championships.

Led by new head coach Steve Whitaker, a former Washington volunteer assistant, the Huskies are balanced with six seniors and nine upperclassmen.

Indoor standouts Crissy Jones and Courtney Schwan give UW some experience in the sand, and the Huskies won't be lacking in size with nine players measure at six feet or taller.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL CONTINUES ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN FALL 2017

After posting another strong campaign in the sand last spring, the University of New Mexico beach volleyball team posted a superb semester in the classroom last fall.

The Lobos registered a team GPA of 3.84 for the Fall 2017 semester, the second-highest team GPA in the seven-semester history of the program. The Lobos' Fall 2017 GPA trails only their Spring 2017 GPA of 3.85.

This past semester was the sixth semester that the team registered a mark of at least 3.4.

The beach team combined with the rest of the women's sports at UNM for a 3.57 GPA. It's the 21st straight semester of at least a 3.3 GPA and the ninth straight semester with at least a 3.5 recorded by the combined women's teams, as well.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL EARNS AVCA TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD IN 2017

New Mexico beach volleyball was honored by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) on Monday, July 24, as the Lobos earned the AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2016-17 academic year.

The team recorded team GPAs of 3.46 in both the Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters.

The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team GPA on a 4.0 scale.

19 collegiate beach teams were recognized for the 2016-17 academic year.

This honor was the first such selection for the program, which wrapped up its third season of competition last spring. The Lobos logged back-to-back program records in GPA during the 2016-17 academic semesters.

A PRIMER ON BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Beach volleyball and court volleyball share many of the same basic rules. Each side gets three hits, there's rally scoring, and a team earns a points when the ball hits the ground or goes out of bounds. But there are some key difference between the two sports:

- Beach volleyball is a partner sport played during the spring. Court volleyball is a six-player sport played during the fall.
- Beach volleyball plays the best of three sets, with the first two sets played to 21 points, and a tiebreaker set played to 15 points, if necessary. A set must be won by at least two points.
- Open-handed tipping is prohibited in beach volleyball and the block touch counts as one of three permitted contacts.
- Coaches may only speak or give any kind of input to their players during timeouts or between sets.
- Beach volleyball players switch sides of the court every seven points during a 21-point set and every five points during a 15-point set.
- Beach volleyball is usually contested in dual matches, where the winning team is the school that wins three of five individual matches versus its opponent. Similar in format to tennis, each of those individual matches consist of a doubles — a pair of teammates ranked by ability — that are matched against their corresponding doubles from the opposing team.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL ENTERS 3RD SEASON AS 90TH NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Before the 2016 season, the NCAA approved beach volleyball as the 90th NCAA Championship at the 2015 NCAA Convention, which allowed the sport to advance from the emerging sports for women list to a full-fledged NCAA championship.

The NCAA Beach Volleyball Committee also determined the sport will be officially referred to as "beach volleyball". When the sport was placed on the list of emerging sports for women in 2009, it was called sand volleyball. But because the sport is known as beach volleyball at all other levels of play throughout the world, the committee made its decision to refer to the sport as beach volleyball.

The third-annual NCAA Beach Volleyball Championships will take place May 4-6, 2018 at the Beach at Gulf Shores in Gulf Shore, Alabama. The championship will have an eight-team bracket that will be played in a double-elimination format.

USC has won the first two NCAA National Championships, 3-0 over Florida State in 2016 and 3-2 over Pepperdine in 2017.

Beach volleyball is the fastest-growing NCAA sport with 55 Division I colleges and universities sponsoring. NCAA rules require 40 sponsoring schools to request an NCAA championship. Data shows that on average, 60 percent of participants at a sponsoring school participate only in beach volleyball instead of playing both beach and indoor volleyball.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SCORE	REC.	1	2	3	4	5	RANK*
March 2	10/10 Arizona!	Tucson, Ariz.								
March 3	17/20 Loyola Marymount	! Tucson, Ariz.								
March 3	20/19 Washington!	Tucson, Ariz.								
March 9	Grand Canyon	Phoenix, Ariz.								
March 9	Abilene Christian	Phoenix, Ariz.								
March 10	Grossmont	Phoenix, Ariz.								
March 16	Houston Baptist [^]	Tavares, Fla.								
March 16	Stetson [^]	Tavares, Fla.								
March 16	FIU^	Tavares, Fla.								
March 17	UNC Wilmington [^]	Tavares, Fla.								
March 17	Col. of Charleston [^]	Tavares, Fla.								
March 30	Colorado Mesa	Albuquerque								
March 30	Abilene Christian	Albuquerque								
March 31	Arizona State	Albuquerque								
March 31	Abilene Christian	Albuquerque								
April 6	Grossmont	El Cajon, Calif.								
April 14	Abilene Christian+	Kingsville, Texas								
April 14	Texas A&M-Kingsville+	Kingsville, Texas								
April 15	St. Edward's+	Kingsville, Texas								
April 15	Texas A&M-CC+	Kingsville, Texas								
April 20	Arizona#	Tucson, Ariz.								
April 20	Benedictine#	Tucson, Ariz.								
April 21	Utah#	Tucson, Ariz.								

[!] Arizona Invitational ^ Stetson/Hickory Point Lake Bash + Javelina Battle on the Beach # Bear Down Bash

^{*} Rank is denoted in the order of DiG Magazine Poll/AVCA Coaches' Poll

PAIRS RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

NO.	INDIVIDUAL	OVERALL W-L	TOURNEY W-L	DUALS W-L	NO. 1 W-L	NO. 2 W-L	NO. 3 W-L	NO. 4 W-L	NO. 5 W-L
1	Yasmin Tan								
2	Eastyn Baleto								
4	Emily Nenninger								
5	Chloe Crappell								
11	Maddie Irwin								
12	Hailey Rubino								
14	Erin Martin								
15	Lauren Twitty								
21	Carly Beddingfield								
22	Kayla Long								
24	Abbey Willison								
	Team								
Totals	3								
Perce	entage								

CAREER STATISTICS

CAREER PAIRS RECORDS

PAIR	OVERALL W-L	TOURNEY W-L	DUALS W-L	NO. 1 W-L	NO. 2 W-L	NO. 3 W-L	NO. 4 W-L	NO. 5 W-L
Carly Beddingfield/Emily Nenninge	er 0-1		0-1					0-1
Carly Beddingfield/Chloe Crappell	3-1		3-1			0-1	2-0	1-0

CAREER INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

NO.	INDIVIDUAL	OVERALL W-L	TOURNEY W-L	DUALS W-L	NO. 1 W-L	NO. 2 W-L	NO. 3 W-L	NO. 4 W-L	NO. 5 W-L
1	Yasmin Tan								
2	Eastyn Baleto	50-16		50-16		3-4	18-7	29-5	
4	Emily Nenninger	1-1		1-1					1-1
5	Chloe Crappell	11-15		11-15	1-2	3-3	0-7	4-2	3-1
11	Maddie Irwin								
12	Hailey Rubino								
14	Erin Martin								
15	Lauren Twitty	18-5		18-5			1-0	3-1	14-4
21	Carly Beddingfield	7-9		7-9			0-5	6-2	1-2
22	Kayla Long								
24	Abbey Willison								
RS	Morgan Schreckler								

DUAL MATCH RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SCORE	REC.	1	2	3	4	5	RANK*
March 2	Benedictine	Mesa, Ariz.	W, 5-0	1-0	W	W	W	W	W	18/NR
March 3	20/RV Loyola Marymount	Phoenix, Ariz	L, 1-4	1-1	L	L	L	L	W	18/NR
March 3	11/12 Grand Canyon	Phoenix, Ariz.	L, 1-4	1-2	L	W	L	L	L	18/NR
March 4	Colorado Mesa	Phoenix, Ariz.	W, 4-1	2-2	W	W	W	W	L	18/NR
March 4	15/RV TCU	Phoenix, Ariz.	L, 2-3	2-3	L	L	W	L	W	18/NR
March 11	Texas A&M-Kingsville!	Tempe, Ariz.	W, 5-0	3-3	W	W	W	W	W	RV/RV
March 12	9/12 Arizona State!	Tempe, Ariz.	L, 2-3	3-4	W	L	L	W	L	RV/RV
March 12	13/8 Arizona!	Tempe, Ariz.	L, 1-4	3-5	L	W	L	L	L	RV/RV
March 17	17/RV Florida Atlantic^	Tavares, Fla.	L, 2-3	3-6	L	W	L	L	W	RV/RV
March 17	12/8 Georgia State^	Tavares, Fla.	L, 2-3	3-7	L	W	L	W	L	RV/RV
March 17	Morehead State [^]	Tavares, Fla.	W, 5-0	4-7	W	W	W	W	W	RV/RV
March 18	Jacksonville State [^]	Tavares, Fla.	W, 5-0	5-7	W	W	W	W	W	RV/RV
March 18	14/12 Stetson^	Tavares, Fla.	L, 1-4	5-8	L	L	L	W	L	RV/RV
March 18	Lincoln Memorial [^]	Tavares, Fla.	W, 5-0	6-8	W	W	W	W	W	RV/RV
March 31	CSU Bakersfield+	Tucson, Ariz.	W, 5-0	7-8	W	W	W	W	W	RV/RV
March 31	8/8 Arizona+	Tucson, Ariz.	L, 1-4	7-9	L	L	L	L	W	RV/RV
April 1	Santa Clara+	Tucson, Ariz.	W, 4-1	8-9	W	W	L	W	W	RV/RV
April 7	Colorado Mesa	Albuquerque	W, 5-0	9-9	W	W	W	W	W	RV/RV
April 8	Colorado Mesa	Albuquerque	W, 4-1	10-9	L	W	W	W	W	RV/RV
April 14	Lincoln Memorial#	Birmingham, Ala.	W, 5-0	11-9	W	W	W	W	W	NR/RV
April 14	UAB#	Birmingham, Ala.	W, 4-1	12-9	W	W	L	W	W	NR/RV
April 14	UT Martin#	Birmingham, Ala.	W, 5-0	13-9	W	W	W	W	W	NR/RV
April 15	UAB#	Birmingham, Ala.	W, 3-2	14-9	L	W	W	W	L	NR/RV
April 21	19/NR Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	L, 1-4	14-10	L	L	L	L	W	RV/NR
April 21	20/NR California	Tempe, Ariz.	W, 3-2	15-10	W	W	L	W	L	RV/NR
April 22	Air Force	Albuquerque	W, 5-0	16-10	W	W	W	W	W	RV/NR
April 22	Air Force	Albuquerque	W, 5-0	17-10	W	W	W	W	W	RV/NR

[!] Sun Devil Challenge ^ Stetson Beach Invitational + Wildcat Spring Challenge # Blazer Beach Duals

^{*} Rank is denoted in the order of DiG Magazine Poll/AVCA Coaches' Poll

PAIRS RECORDS

PAIR	OVERALL W-L	TOURNEY W-L	DUALS W-L	NO. 1 W-L	NO. 2 W-L	NO. 3 W-L	NO. 4 W-L	NO. 5 W-L
Cassie House/Ashley Kelsey	17-10		17-10	12-10	5-0			
Lise Rugland/Devanne Sours	20-7		20-7	4-1	16-6			
Eastyn Baleto/Marisa Doran	18-7		18-7			14-5	4-2	
Jackie Baro/Carly Beddingfield	3-7		3-7			0-4	3-2	0-1
Jackie Baro/Victoria Spragg	1-2		1-2			0-2	1-0	
Jackie Baro/Lauren Twitty	1-0		1-0				1-0	
Chloe Crappell/Victoria Spragg	3-3		3-3				2-2	1-1
Eastyn Baleto/Victoria Spragg	1-0		1-0				1-0	
Victoria Spragg/Carly Beddingfield	1-0		1-0				1-0	
Julia Warren/Lauren Twitty	17-5		17-5			1-0	3-1	13-4
Julia Warren/Victoria Spragg	3-1		3-1				1-0	2-1
Carly Beddingfield/Chloe Crappell	3-1		3-1			0-1	2-0	1-0
Emily Nenninger/Lyric Ellison	1-0		1-0					1-0
Carly Beddingfield/Emily Nenninge	er 0-1		0-1					0-1
Team	2-0		2-0				1-0	1-0
Totals	91-44		91-44	16-11	21-6	15-12	20-7	19-8
Percentage	.674		.674	.593	.778	.556	.741	.704

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

NO.	INDIVIDUAL	OVERALL W-L	TOURNEY W-L	DUALS W-L	NO. 1 W-L	NO. 2 W-L	NO. 3 W-L	NO. 4 W-L	NO. 5 W-L
1	Devanne Sours	20-7		20-7	4-1	16-6			
2	Eastyn Baleto	19-7		19-7			14-5	5-2	
3	Ashley Kelsey	17-10		17-10	12-10	5-0			
4	Emily Nenninger	1-1		1-1					1-1
5	Chloe Crappell	6-4		6-4			0-1	4-2	2-1
11	Jackie Baro	5-9		5-9			0-6	5-2	0-1
12	Lyric Ellison	1-0		1-0					1-0
13	Carly Beddingfield	7-9		7-9			0-5	6-2	1-2
14	Carson Heilborn								
15	Victoria Spragg	9-6		9-6			0-2	6-2	3-2
21	Julia Warren	20-6		20-6			1-0	4-1	15-5
22	Marisa Doran	18-7		18-7			14-5	4-2	
24	Cassie House	17-10		17-10	12-10	5-0			
25	Lise Rugland	20-7		20-7	4-1	16-6			
31	Lauren Twitty	18-5		18-5			1-0	2-1	15-4
	Team	2-0		2-0				1-0	1-0
Totals	}	91-44		91-44	16-11	21-6	15-12	20-7	19-8
Perce	entage	.674		.674	.593	.778	.556	.741	.704

BROADCAST ROSTER



5-11 • FR
Melbourne, Australia
Yarra Valley Grammar School



5-8 • SR Seattle, Wash. East Seattle HS



5-5 • SO
Albuquerque, N.M.
Eldorado HS



CHLOE CRAPPELL 5-7 • SR Albuquerque, N.M. La Cueva HS



5-11 • SR Tucson, Ariz. Catalina Magnet HS



5-11 • FR
Leesburg, Va.
Loudoun County HS



5-7 • FR
Denver, Colo.
Horizon HS



6-1 • SO
Broadlands, Va.
Briar Woods HS



6-3 • JR
Albuquerque, N.M.
Bosque School/Long Beach State



KAYLA LONG5-3 • FR
Tucson, Ariz.
Empire HS



5-11 • FR
Albuquerque, N.M.
Sandia HS



MORGAN SCHRECKLER6-1 • FR
Phoenix, Ariz.
Desert Vista HS



JEFF NELSON Head Coach 11th Season Overall/4th Beach Ball State, 1986



Assistant Coach
3rd Season Overall/Beach
New Mexico, 1991



Volunteer Assistant
4th Season Overall/Beach
New Mexico, 2006



Athletic Trainer
1st Season Overall/Beach
Michigan State, 2006