



NORTH AMERICAN GAY VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION TO HOST CHAMPIONSHIPS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Tournament will Celebrate its 35th Anniversary May 26-28

COLUMBUS (May 18, 2017) – The North American Gay Volleyball Association (NAGVA) Championships will be held at the SMG-managed Greater Columbus Convention Center on May 26-28, 2017.

The event will bring in 94 teams and close to 1,000 players, coaches, volunteers and fans to Columbus. Athletes from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico will travel to the city to compete in the tournament, which will celebrate its 35th anniversary this year. Teams will play on 20 courts in the Greater Columbus Convention Center Hall B. Admission is free for all who wish to attend.



"I could not be more excited to welcome all of the teams and spectators to the NAGVA Championship in my hometown of Columbus," says **Jason Fallon, President of NAGVA**. "We are proud to be celebrating our 35th Championships this year and continue to provide a safe place for anyone to be themselves while playing the sport of volleyball."

Pool play begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 26 in Hall B of the Greater Columbus Convention Center and continues until Saturday, with bracket play beginning Saturday afternoon. On Sunday, tournament play will conclude and will be followed by a Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Union Station Ballroom in the Convention Center. A full schedule can be found [here](#).

SVEDKA Vodka, Axis Nightclub and Union Café will sponsor the event. The benefitting charities of the Championships are **Kaleidoscope Youth Center**, an organization dedicated to supporting LGBTQ youth and their allies, and the **Buckeye Region Anti-Violence Organization (BRAVO)**, an organization that works to eliminate violence both within and behalf of the LGBTQ community.

The NAGVA Championships join the annual NAGVA Labor of Love Volleyball classic, the 2015 and 2010 North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA) Gay Softball World Series and the annual Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance (GLTA) Columbus Classic as other notable LGBTQ sporting events hosted in Columbus.

About NAGVA

The North American Gay Volleyball Association is a non-profit 501(c)(7) organization, committed to promoting and developing the sport of volleyball in the LGBTQ community. The organization's over 4,000 members are diverse and non-exclusionary through the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

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