



# Beach Volleyball

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**DATES:** Saturday 9 – Friday 22 August 2008 (Days 1 – 14)

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**VENUES:** Chaoyang Park Beach Volleyball Ground

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**CAPACITY:** 12,200 spectators

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**EVENTS:** Men's and Women's

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**MEDALS:** Men - 1 gold, silver, bronze  
Women - 1 gold, silver, bronze

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# Beach Volleyball Schedule

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## Day 1 Saturday 9 August

09:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool A
10:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool B
11:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool A
12:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool B
13:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool C
14:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool D
18:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool C
19:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool D
20:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool E
21:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool F
22:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool E
23:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool F

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## Day 2 Sunday 10 August

09:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool B
10:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool C
11:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool B
12:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool C
13:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool D
14:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool E
18:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool D
19:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool E
20:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool F
21:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool A
22:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool F
23:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool A

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## Day 3 Monday 11 August

09:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool C
10:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool D
11:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool C
12:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool D
13:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool E
14:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool F
18:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool E
19:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool F
20:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool A
21:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool B
22:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool A
23:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool B

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## Day 4 Tuesday 12 August

09:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool D
10:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool E
11:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool D
12:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool E
13:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool F
14:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool A
18:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool F
19:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool A
20:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool B
21:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool C
22:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool B
23:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool C

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## Day 5 Wednesday 13 August

09:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool E
10:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool F
11:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool E
12:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool F
13:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool A
14:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool B
18:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool A
19:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool B
20:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool C
21:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool D
22:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool C
23:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool D

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## Day 6 Thursday 14 August

09:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool F
10:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool A
11:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool B
12:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool C
13:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool D
14:00	Women Preliminary Round - Pool E
15:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool F
16:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool A
17:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool B
18:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool C
19:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool D
20:00	Men Preliminary Round - Pool E
21:00	Women Classification Round
21:00	Women Classification Round
22:00	Men Classification Round
22:00	Men Classification Round

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## Day 7 Friday 15 August

09:00	Women Round of 16
10:00	Women Round of 16
11:00	Men Round of 16
12:00	Men Round of 16
18:00	Women Round of 16
19:00	Women Round of 16
20:00	Men Round of 16
21:00	Men Round of 16

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## Day 8 Saturday 16 August

09:00	Women Round of 16
10:00	Women Round of 16
11:00	Men Round of 16
12:00	Men Round of 16
18:00	Women Round of 16
19:00	Women Round of 16
20:00	Men Round of 16
21:00	Men Round of 16

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## Day 9 Sunday 17 August

10:00	Women Quarterfinal
11:00	Women Quarterfinal
20:00	Women Quarterfinal
21:00	Women Quarterfinal

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## Day 10 Monday 18 August

10:00	Men Quarterfinal
11:00	Men Quarterfinal
20:00	Men Quarterfinal
21:00	Men Quarterfinal

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## Day 11 Tuesday 19 August

09:00	Women Semifinal
10:00	Women Semifinal

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## Day 12 Wednesday 20 August

09:00	Men Semifinal
10:00	Men Semifinal

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## Day 13 Thursday 21 August

09:00	Women Bronze Medal Match
11:00	Women Gold Medal Match
12:10	Women Medal Ceremony

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## Day 14 Friday 22 August

09:00	Men Bronze Medal Match
11:00	Men Gold Medal Match
12:10	Men Medal Ceremony

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## Andrew **SCHACHT**

**Date of Birth:** 22 May 1973  
**Age at Games:** 35  
**Born:** Adelaide, SA  
**Lives:** Adelaide, SA  
**Height / Weight:** 191cm (6' 3"), 95kg (209lbs)  
**Institute / Academy:** Australian Institute of Sport  
**Coach:** Craig Marshall (2002 - present)  
**Secondary Education:** Morialta High school, SA  
**Tertiary Education:** Tourism Management Certificate, Adelaide Institute of TAFE, SA

**Olympic Games:** 2004 Athens - Beach Volleyball - Round of 16 (9th)

**Major Injuries:** Right shoulder supra scapula nerve release which required surgery; Right shoulder AC Joint removal.

### Recent Performances:

3rd - 2008 FIVB World Tour Poland Open (Stare Jablonki, Poland);  
 7th - 2008 FIVB World Tour China Open (Shanghai, China);  
 3rd - 2007 FIVB World Championships (Gstaad, Switzerland);  
 5th - 2007 FIVB World Tour France Open (Marseille, France);  
 2nd - 2007 FIVB World Tour Canada Open (Montreal, Canada);  
 4th - 2007 FIVB World Tour Croatia Open (Zagreb, Croatia)

### Career Highlights:

Placing ninth at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games and bronze medal at the 2007 World Championships.

### Interesting Facts:

- Andrew began his indoor volleyball career at high school at the age of 15, moving quickly into State junior teams. In 1991 he was offered a SASI scholarship for indoor volleyball and played on his first senior national team for Indoor Volleyball in 1995.
- The same year Andrew switched to beach volleyball playing full time on the World Tour for 1996 and in 2001/02 received the Best Setter Award on the National Tour.
- Andrew and Joshua Slack have paired since 2002 winning a bronze medal in the World Tour event in Portugal in 2003 and achieving a top 10 ranking in 2004 with a ninth placing at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.
- In 2007 the pair were only the second Australian men's team in the history of the FIVB World Tour to make the gold medal match coming up against reigning Olympic champions Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos of Brazil, matching the 2001 efforts of Prosser and Zahner who won the 2001 Tour stop in Berlin.
- This was followed by a bronze medal at the FIVB World Championships - the first Australian men's team to medal at the World Championships.
- Andrew has won two National Titles (2004 and 2001). In 2007 Andrew and Joshua Slack were named joint SASI Male Athletes of the Year.
- Andrew is the Deputy chair of the SASI Athletes' Commission. His father is a former Senator and his great grandmother was the first Captain of the Australian Women's Hockey Team.



## Joshua **SLACK**

**Date of Birth:** 16 December 1976  
**Age at Games:** 31  
**Born:** Brisbane, QLD  
**Lives:** Adelaide, SA  
**Height / Weight:** 191cm (6' 3"), 88kg (194lbs)  
**Institute / Academy:** Australian Institute of Sport  
**Club:** Norths Volleyball Club, QLD  
**Coach:** Craig Marshall (1998 - present)  
**Secondary Education:** St Laurences College, QLD  
**Tertiary Education:** Bachelor Surveying and Information Technology, Queensland University of Technology

**Olympic Games:** 2004 Athens - Beach Volleyball - Round of 16 (9th)  
 2000 Sydney - Beach Volleyball - Round 3 (17th)

**Major Injuries:** Twice suffered a spontaneous Pneumothorax obtained at random (a collapsed lung) in 2004, the second time pushing his heart to one side of his body.

### Recent Performances:

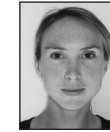
3rd - 2008 FIVB World Tour Poland Open (Stare Jablonki, Poland);  
 7th - 2008 FIVB World Tour, China Open (Shanghai, China);  
 3rd - 2007 FIVB World Championships (Gstaad, Switzerland);  
 5th - 2007 FIVB World Tour France Open (Marseilles, France);  
 2nd - 2007 FIVB World Tour Canada Open (Montreal, Canada);  
 4th - 2007 FIVB World Tour Croatia Open (Zagreb, Croatia)

### Career Highlights:

Qualifying for the Olympics in 2000 and 2004 and winning bronze at the World Championships in 2007.

### Interesting Facts:

- Joshua started playing Beach Volleyball in 1998 to get fit for soccer. He never looked back competing on the world tour in 1999 and his first Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000.
- In 2002 Joshua moved to Adelaide to continue training with coach Craig Marshall. He convinced current partner Andrew Schacht out of retirement and the following year the pair won bronze at the 2003 World Tour in Portugal, a national title, a top 10 international ranking and 2004 Olympic Team selection.
- In October 2004 Joshua suffered a spontaneous pneumothorax obtained at random. Similar to a collapsed lung, a small hole in the lung allows air into the chest cavity causing it to collapse even more. Happening twice, the second was more severe and suffered just two weeks later, causing his heart to be pushed to the other side of his body.
- In 2007 the pair were the second Australian men's team in the history of the 20+ year FIVB World Tour to make the gold medal match, coming up against reigning Olympic champions Emanuel Rego and Ricardo Santos of Brazil.
- This was followed by a bronze medal at the 2007 FIVB World Championships becoming the first Australian men's team to medal at a World Championship and the highest ever performance by an Australian men's volleyball team in Beach or Indoor competition.



## Tamsin **BARNETT**

**Date of Birth:** 10 March 1980  
**Age at Games:** 28  
**Born:** Adelaide, SA  
**Lives:** Ballarat, VIC  
**Height / Weight:** 193cm (6' 3"), 75kg (165lbs)  
**Institute / Academy:** Australian Institute of Sport  
**Coach:** Carlos Galletti (2005 - present)  
**Secondary Education:** Ballarat and Queens Grammar, VIC  
**Tertiary Education:** Bachelor of Arts (Communications and Asian Studies), Griffith University, QLD

**Olympic Games:** 2000 Sydney - Indoor Volleyball - Preliminaries (11th)

**Major Injuries:** Meniscal tear right knee in 2003; Tore the perineal sheath of right ankle during training at the AIS in 1999 requiring six months in rehab.

### Recent Performances:

4th - 2008 FIVB World Tour Japan Open (Osaka, Japan);  
 5th - 2008 FIVB World Tour China Open (Shanghai, China);  
 5th - 2007 World Tour Canada Open (Montreal, Canada);  
 5th - 2007 FIVB World Tour Norway Grand Slam (Stavanger, Norway);  
 5th - 2007 FIVB World Tour France Grand Slam (Paris, France);  
 1st - 2007 FIVB World Tour Korean Open (Seoul, Korea)

### Career Highlights:

Winning the Seoul FIVB World Tour Event in 2007 with Nat Cook and first appearance at the Olympics in Sydney in 2000 with family watching and playing at home.

### Interesting Facts:

- Tamsin was a serious rower during her school years winning a silver medal in schoolgirls open womens coxed four at the Australian Championships in 1996 and gold in 1997. After playing her first Indoor Volleyball Nationals in 1997 Tamsin accepted an AIS scholarship in 1998.
- Tamsin played over 250 indoor volleyball internationals from 1998 - 2005 including the World Championships and 2000 Olympic Games.
- Tamsin played in two European Professional Leagues, winning the German National League in 2001/02 with Schweriner SC (first Australian woman to win a European League Championship) and in 2002/03 for the Spanish League with Caja d'Avila placing fourth in the league and in the CEV cup.
- Tamsin tore her meniscus while playing in the finals of the Spanish league in 2003. Returning to Australia for surgery she missed out on the 2004 Olympic selections. Following rehabilitation she was unable to play on the hard volleyball courts, so in 2004 she began training on the beach in Melbourne. Within a year she was competing on the FIVB World Tour and in the same year won three Australian National Tour events with Summer Lochowicz.
- Training with the AIS in Adelaide, Tamsin paired up with Cook for the first time at the 2005 - 2006 Nationals clinching the title.
- Winning the 2007 Seoul Open (only their third World Tour event) Tamsin was named 2007 Most Improved Player FIVB World Tour. In 2008 she won her third consecutive National title with Cook. Tamsin's grandfather was selected to sail for the Netherlands in the Olympics but did not compete due to World War 2.



## Natalie **COOK**

**Date of Birth:** 19 January 1975  
**Age at Games:** 33  
**Born:** Townsville, QLD  
**Lives:** Brisbane, QLD  
**Height / Weight:** 181cm (5' 11"), 72kg (158lbs)  
**Institute / Academy:** Australian Institute of Sport  
**Coach:** Carlos Galletti (2007 - present)  
 Steve Anderson (1995 - 2006)  
**Secondary Education:** Corinda High, QLD

**Olympic Games:** 2004 Athens - Beach Volleyball (4th)  
 2000 Sydney - Beach Volleyball (1st)  
 1996 Atlanta - Beach Volleyball (3rd)

**Major Injuries:** Tore labrum in bronze medal match during the 2004 Athens Olympic Games.

### Recent Performances:

4th - 2008 FIVB World Tour Japan Open (Osaka, Japan);  
 5th - 2008 FIVB World Tour China Open (Shanghai, China);  
 5th - 2007 FIVB World Tour Canada Open (Montreal, Canada);  
 5th - 2007 FIVB World Tour Norway Grand Slam (Stavanger, Norway);  
 5th - 2007 FIVB World Tour France Grand Slam (Paris, France);  
 1st - 2007 FIVB World Tour Seoul Open (Seoul, Korea)

### Career Highlights:

Gold medal at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and bronze in Atlanta 1996.

### Interesting Facts:

- Natalie has finished in the top 4 at the last 3 Olympics. In Beijing she will be the only female Beach Volleyball athlete to compete at four Olympic Games. She has played 135 International events (at time of Olympics), has 27 podium finishes, 41 final four finishes (as at May 2008) and 12 National Titles.
- She started playing indoor volleyball at school in 1989 and in 1992 she made her debut for Australia as captain of the Australian Indoor Junior Team. When Beach Volleyball was announced as an Olympic sport in 1993 Natalie switched disciplines and the following year competed and won her first National Championships.
- Only in the sport for two years she won silver at the 1996 Brazil FIVB Open, Olympic bronze in Atlanta with partner Kerri Pottharst turned into Olympic gold four years later at the 2000 Olympic Games in front of a home crowd. The following year Natalie clinched three 2001 World Tour podium finishes and four fourth places.
- In 2003 she won World Championship bronze with Nicole Sanderson but suffered a severe shoulder injury which she carried for all of 2004 including into the Olympic Games missing out on a medal with Nicole Sanderson placing fourth.
- In 2005 she teamed up with current partner, Tamsin Barnett to win the 2005 National Championships but it was not until 2007 that the pair became permanent partners. Natalie moved to Adelaide to train with Tamsin and in 2007 they won the Seoul Open in only their third World Tour event.



## Craig **MARSHALL** Section Manager / Coach, Men

**Date of Birth:** 2 August 1970  
**Born:** Brisbane, QLD  
**Lives:** Adelaide, SA  
**Olympic Games:** 2004 Athens - Coach, Beach Volleyball (Australia)  
 2000 Sydney - Coach, Beach Volleyball (Australia)

### Management / Coaching History:

- Current AIS / National Men's Beach Volleyball Coach (Australia)
- 2002 - 2005 SASI Volleyball Head Coach
- Coached at two Olympic Games, five World Championships, 11 seasons on World Tour and one Goodwill Games.



## Carlos **GALLETTI** Coach, Women

**Date of Birth:** 29 December 1970  
**Born:** Brasilia, Brazil  
**Lives:** Grange, SA  
**Olympic Games:** 2004 Athens - Head Coach, Beach Volleyball (Greece)  
 2000 Sydney - Head Coach, Beach Volleyball (Greece)

### Management / Coaching History:

- Current Assistant Coach, Women's Beach Volleyball Team (Australia).
- 2000 - 2004 Head Coach, Beach Volleyball (Greece).

### Interesting Facts:

- Current AIS / National Women's Beach Volleyball Coach (Australia)
- 2002 - 2004 Women's Beach Volleyball Head Coach (Greece)
- Carlos has been involved in volleyball since he was 14. He played on the Brazilian National Tour from 1992 - 1999 and the FIVB World Tour achieving a Tour Championship in 1995 (with Andre Gomes).
- Played American Volleyball Professionals Tour (AVP) in 1997 and 1999 with two second placings.