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WOMEN'S NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION (WNVA)

Milwaukee, WI & Orlando, FL (August 2023) Breaking News! It's official!! It's finally here. **The Women's National Volleyball Association (WNVA)** and **National Volleyball League (NVL)** joined forces and proudly present the official women's professional volleyball league in the USA as a career path.

Volleyball has come a long way from the early days at the YMCA gymnasium of Holyoke, Massachusetts. In 1895, one hundred and twenty-eight (128) years ago a vision manifested. William G. Morgan, founder of then *Mintonette* (Volleyball) put his vision into action and started the sport of Volleyball, where men and women played together on the same court at the same time. Later, Alfred Halstead, an observer noticed the volleying nature of the game and suggested that it be renamed from Mintonette to volley ball. It then evolved from two words *volley and ball* to one word ***Volleyball***. It is now one of the big five ***international*** sports.

While internationally it is thriving, in the USA there are limitations. Most women volleyball athletes who have chosen the sport as their profession, oftentimes will be forced to change career paths or travel and reside internationally due to the lack of opportunities in the USA, until now. ***“It was time to launch WNVA to provide new professional career opportunities in the United States for women. Volleyball athletes can make a living doing what they love right at home. A new vision has manifested, and volleyball will never be the same, as WNVA is here!”*** Explained **Dr. Carolyn G. Anderson**, Interim Commissioner and Visionary. The Vision of WNVA & NVA (for men) are in alignment, as both organization wanted to provide more opportunities in the USA for men and women. Today, we start a new era for professional sport, like WNBA, NBA, NFL, NHL, etc., We are building on the foundation that USAV National Olympic Team has built as they exquisitely represent the USA over the years, as well as the platform that NVA (men) is also building.

The official website and press conference will debut on September 13, 2023. Over the next few months, more information will be forthcoming from WNVA's Commissioner, Founders, Team Owners, Players, Partners, Sponsors, and the likes. The first official national championship will be held in 2024 and WNVA's Executives will be court side at several NCAA and NAIA games this season. Stay informed and abreast of upcoming events, press conferences and more by visiting:

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