



16th Annual 2021 Global Challenge

Bulletin One: June 16, 2021

Team Information

- 1) Rosters need to be emailed to solomoncory8@gmail.com by July 1, 2021. Please include the players full name, date of birth, height, position and current club team.
- 2) Uniforms: You will need one set of light uniforms and one set of dark uniforms.
- 3) A rooming list needs to be turned in no later than June 26, 2021. One week before the start of the tournament I will give you specific details on the rooming list. Please email them to solomoncory8@gmail.com
- 4) **Shirt Exchange: Please have all your players bring tee-shirts for our big tee-shirt exchange party.**
- 5) **Tournament Information:** One week prior to your departure I will provide you with all the necessary information for the tournament. Exact details will not be worked out until that time. At this moment the following teams are coming to the Global Challenge:

European Teams U23 (Brijuni Division)

- Czech Republic Federation Team
- NKBM Branik, Maribor
- Hungary Federation Team
- Durham University England
- Israel Federation Team.

USA teams U23 (Brijuni Division)

- BIP SE Team
- Team BIP
- USANY
- Team Golden State

European Teams U18 (Istria Division)

- OK Pula, Youth, Croatia
- NKBM Branik, Maribor, Slovenia
- Emilia Volley, Italy
- Valsa Volley, Italy
- Czech Republic Federation Team
- Hungary Federation Team
- RVS Latvia
- North Macedonia Federation Team. (50% commitment)

USA Teams U18 (Istra Division)

- BIP Southeastern Team
- Team BIP West Side
- Kaulukoa Volleyball Hawaii

- 6) The Technical meeting will be held at Hotel Pula on July 12th at 6:00 pm.
- 7) Tournament results will be updated each night along with journal entries on the Bring It USA site at <http://bringitusa.com/gc2021/>
- 8) Opening Ceremonies: The ceremonies will be held in the town square of Pula on the evening of July 12, 2021 at 9 pm. It will be hot, the only requirement is that teams have matching shirts. (It is fine to wear shorts.) **We ask that each team bring a flag from their country. Please note we will not determine the exact nature of the Opening Ceremonies until a later date due to COVID-19**
- 9) Plan to arrive at Hotel Pula before 3 pm if possible. All teams start with lunch on the 12th and end with breakfast on the 17th.
- 10) Again, exact details for the tournament will come one week before the tournament.

11) Social Media sites: www.bringitusa.com/gc2021
Facebook: www.facebook.com/bringitusaglobalchallenge/
Instagram: @global_challenge_pula
Twitter: @gcpula

- **If you or the girls are posting on any form of social media we ask that you tag us so we can easily repost your and their content.**

12) Global Challenge History/Mission: The Global Challenge is based around the following principals:

1. The Global Challenge is first and foremost a development tournament. Everything is designed around the development of athletes.
2. The Global Challenge is designed to match up teams from North America with teams from around the world.
3. The Global Challenge is a cross between a formal FIVB tournament and a friendly match concept.
4. The Global Challenge is designed to give USA players exposure to FIVB rules. (NCAA and College rules are different)

13) Exact COVID-19 requirements will be listed defined at the end of June due to the daily changing situation. The tournament will have on site a certified mobile testing unit which we can perform both rapid and PCR tests if needed. Exact costs for these tests will be outlined at a later day. However, each European team needs to 100% understand that requirements for their team to enter and exit Croatia. These requirements are stated very clearly on numerous Croatian web sites. USA teams will be instructed on their requirements via email.