

## **223. HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT VOLLEYBALL**

- Volleyball was developed in 1895 by William G. Morgan at the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) in Holyoke, Massachusetts.
- It was created for businessmen who required a game that involved less physical contact than basketball.
- Volleyball blended elements of baseball, basketball, handball, and tennis.
- Volleyball was originally played using a tennis net hung 6 feet 6 inches above the floor.
- The first game of volleyball was played on July 7 1896 at Springfield College.
- Official volleyball was designed in 1900.
- The set and spike were introduced in the Philippines in 1916.
- The United States Volleyball Association (USVBA, now called USA Volleyball) was formed in 1928.
- Volleyball was introduced to the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1964.
- The Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) was formed in 1983.
- US men's team won the Gold medal and the US Women's team won the Silver medal at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles.
- US men's team won the Gold medal at the 1988 Olympics in Korea.
- Volleyball celebrated 100 years of existence in 1995.
- Two-person beach volleyball was added to the Olympics in 1996.

## **224. VOLLEYBALL PLAYER ROTATION**

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