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## **MB FINANCIAL PARK AT ROSEMONT WELCOMES EVP PRO BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR FOR SUMMER 2014**

### 2014 EVP Rocks Rosemont Will Feature Professional Men and Women's Volleyball Teams

ROSEMONT, IL – **MB Financial Park at Rosemont** is heating things up this summer by partnering with the **EVP Pro Beach Volleyball Tour** to bring a professional volleyball tournament to Rosemont. The EVP Rocks Rosemont 2014 will kick off July 10 through July 19 at MB Financial Park at Rosemont with amateur matches in several sports including sand volleyball, beach tennis, rugby and sand soccer. 300 tons of white silica sand will be delivered to the Park to create the massive sports beach for the tour.

Professional men's and women's beach volleyball teams from across the nation will arrive at MB Financial Park to compete for the chance to win a large cash prize Friday, July 18 and for the championship title Saturday, July 19.

All-American professional volleyball teams will compete in 20 cities across the country in order to qualify to participate in the final pro championship at MB Financial Park. The final pro championship teams that have been qualified to participate thus far include:

#### EVP Pro Beach Men's Teams (Qualified thru 12/13/13)

1. Ed Ratledge/Matt Olson – Huntington Beach, CA
2. Ryan Wrublik/Richie Thomas – Glendale, AZ
3. Justin Phipps/James Fellows – Fort Myers, FL
4. Will Robbins/Lloy Ball (Gold Medalist 08) – Fort Wayne, IN

#### EVP Pro Beach Women's Teams (Qualified thru 12/13/13)

1. Irene Hester/Emily Haas – Glendale, AZ
2. Sara Hughes/Kirby Burnum – Hermosa Beach, CA
3. Carolina Sowel/Helene Rancourt – Deerfield Beach, FL
4. Jen Drouin/Heather Martin – Jacksonville Beach, FL

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"The EVP Tour has been traveling the United States for 20 years and we are so excited to come to MB Financial Park in Rosemont for the first time," says EVP Tour Commissioner Ross Balling. "The Village has opened their arms to our staff, athletes and fans to make this event special. I am excited to have 32 pro teams representing 20 states compete this summer. This will be a major event for our staff and the beach sports fans across the US."

Spectators of all ages are invited to watch the volleyball matches free of charge and participate in action-packed activities including meet and greets with professional players and interactive games with chances to win EVP prizes.

This championship event will be filmed for TV broadcast on several networks including Comcast, Attitude, Timewarner and MAVTV.

Leading up to the professional beach volleyball tournament, MB Financial Park and EVP Beach Volleyball Tour will also host other levels of competition in which the public can register their teams. Amateur divisions include boys and girls ages 12-18, who have the chance to win awards for event participation. Beach tennis, sand soccer and beach rugby tournaments will also be available at the Park starting July 10, with the finals for each sport taking place July 19.

**About The Village of Rosemont, Illinois:** Rosemont, Illinois, Chicagoland's business and entertainment suburb, is conveniently located five minutes from O'Hare Airport and twenty minutes from Chicago's downtown. Rosemont is home to the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, a wide variety of hotel and dining options, the Allstate Arena, the Rosemont Theatre and a host of entertainment and retail venues including MB Financial Park at Rosemont and the Fashion Outlets of Chicago. Rosemont continues to grow and evolve based on the new vision of Mayor Bradley A. Stephens. For more information, visit [www.rosemont.com](http://www.rosemont.com).

**About The MB Financial Park at Rosemont:** MB Financial Park at Rosemont is a 200,000 square-foot entertainment and dining complex whose 10 venues offer upscale international cuisine, live music and comedy, state-of-the-art film, bowling and more. Conveniently located near O'Hare International Airport, MB Financial Park at Rosemont is easily accessible from Chicago as well as the suburbs. The address is 5501 Park Place, a new looping street situated west of River Road between Bryn Mawr and Balmoral Avenues. A 20-minute drive from Chicago's Loop, MB Financial Park at Rosemont is walking distance from the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, the CTA Blue Line Rosemont station and Rosemont Theatre. Convenient parking is available. For more information visit [www.mbparkatrosemont.com](http://www.mbparkatrosemont.com).

**About the EVP Beach Volleyball Tour:** The EVP Tour has established itself as the largest national pro-am volleyball attraction in America. The tour travels to 20 key markets across the country hosting qualifying events from March through October with a final tournament bringing together the top volleyball teams from across the nation. The EVP Beach Volleyball Tour's primary goal is to support beach volleyball events that engage families, fans, athletes, students, communities and sponsors in a great day at the beach. At each event, spectators will not only see elite athletes compete on the sand for top honors, but also have the chance to interact with the pros by participating in contests and promotions at hosting venues. EVP Tour events channel local resources and draw all participants together, benefiting the entire community. For more information please visit [www.evptour.com](http://www.evptour.com).

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