Nebraska Cornhuskers women's volleyball

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The **Nebraska Cornhuskers women's volleyball** team competes as part of [NCAA Division I](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NCAA_Division_I), representing the [University of Nebraska–Lincoln](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/University_of_Nebraska%E2%80%93Lincoln) in the [Big Ten](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Ten_Conference). Nebraska plays its home games at the [Bob Devaney Sports Center](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bob_Devaney_Sports_Center) and has sold out every home match since 2001.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-2) The team has been coached by [Dani Busboom Kelly](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dani_Busboom_Kelly) since 2025.

The program was founded in 1975 and is one of the most decorated in women's volleyball, with more wins than any other program and five [national championships](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NCAA_Division_I_women%27s_volleyball_tournament).[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-3) Nebraska has been ranked in every weekly poll since the introduction of the [AVCA National Poll](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Volleyball_Coaches_Association) in 1982 and has spent more weeks ranked number one than any other program. The Cornhuskers' 102 All-Americans are the most in the country.[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-4)[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-mediaguide-5) Nebraska regularly leads the NCAA in average attendance and has participated in several of the highest-attended women's volleyball games ever played.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-6) On August 30, 2023, Nebraska and [Omaha](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Omaha_Mavericks) played at [Memorial Stadium](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memorial_Stadium_(Lincoln)) in front of 92,003 people, the highest-attended women's sporting event in the world.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-BBC-7)[[8]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-ESPN-8)

**History**

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**Pat Sullivan (1974–76)**

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Until the 1972 passing of [Title IX](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Title_IX), Nebraska's volleyball program existed for four years as an "extramural" sport operating as a part of the school's physical education department.[[9]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-9) Pat Sullivan was hired in 1974, and she led the program's first season of varsity competition. Though the school offered its first scholarships for female student-athletes to members of this team, which went 25–10–1 and placed sixth in the [AIAW](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AIAW)'s Region VI tournament, the university recognizes 1975 as its inaugural season due to "a lack of records [from 1974] and tradition."[[10]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-Lincoln-10) Sullivan compiled an 83–21 record over two official seasons, including an AIAW regional final appearance in 1975 and NU's first [Big Eight](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Eight_Conference) championship in 1976.[[11]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-11) Sullivan would later go on to coach volleyball at [George Washington University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Washington_Revolutionaries) for nine seasons, as well as be a professor there.[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-12)[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball#cite_note-13)

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[Pat Sullivan (1974–76)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball" \l "Pat_Sullivan_(1974%E2%80%9376))

[Terry Pettit (1977–99)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball" \l "Terry_Pettit_(1977%E2%80%9399))

[John Cook (2000–2024)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball" \l "John_Cook_(2000%E2%80%932024))

[Dani Busboom Kelly](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nebraska_Cornhuskers_women's_volleyball" \l "Dani_Busboom_Kelly)

**Coaches**

**Coaching history**

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| **No.** | **Coach** | **Tenure** | **Overall** | **Conference** | **Achievements** |
| **1** | Pat Sullivan | 1975–76 | 83–21 (.798) | 5–0 (1.000) | Conference champion (1976) Conference tournament champion (1976) |
| **2** | [Terry Pettit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_Pettit) | 1977–99 | 694–148–12 (.820) | 254–15–1 (.943) |  |
| **3** | [John Cook](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Cook_(coach)) | 2000–2024 | 722-103 (.875) | 438–57 (.885) |  |
| **4** | [Dani Busboom Kelly](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dani_Busboom_Kelly) | 2025– | 0–0 (–) | 0–0 (–) |  |