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TEAM FLORIDA ANNOUNCES 2015 INDOOR HP ALL-STAR COACHES

This year's roster includes 18 coaches from 10 colleges and numerous volleyball clubs across Florida.

Eustis, FL – December 1, 2014 – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is proud to announce the 2015 HP All-Star coaching roster! The Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star program allows elite youth and junior volleyball athletes to play for college coaches and represent the Florida Region at an international volleyball tournament each year called the USA High Performance Championships.

The 2015 championship tournament will be held July 21st – 25th in Des Moines, Iowa. The Florida Region will send 4 girls' teams and 2 boys' teams to represent Florida. Below are the teams and their coaches for 2015:

GIRLS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (GIY)

- Head Coach Brian Imperiale (University of Tampa)
- o 1st Assistant Travers Green (University of South Florida/Florida WAVE)
- o 2nd Assistant Jonathan Wong (University of South Florida)

• GIRLS NATIONAL YOUTH (GNY)

- Head Coach Adis Imamovic (JJVA)
- o 1st Assistant Tony Cothron (Manatee Area Volleyball Club)
- o 2nd Assistant Candace Lunford (St. John's River State College)
- GIRLS NATIONAL SELECT 1 (GNS)
 - Head Coach Flavia Siqueira (College of Central Florida.)
 - 1st Assistant Giovanny Delevry (FIT)
 - o 2nd Assistant Ore Pablos (Lynn University)
- GIRLS NATIONAL SELECT 2 (GNS)
 - o Head Coach Brian Goodhind (Webber International University)
 - o 1st Assistant Christopher Taylor (Northwood University)
 - 2nd Assistant Rachel Farrell (Florida MOJO)
- BOYS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (BIY)
 - Head Coach Greg Villareal (University of Miami/Florida WAVE)
 - 1st Assistant Dexter Rogers (Tampa Bay Volleyball Academy)
 - 2nd Assistant Ashley Schinzing (Orlando Gold)
- BOYS NATIONAL YOUTH (BNY)
 - Head Coach Rob Holley (JJVA/Florida WAVE)
 - o 1st Assistant Tom Snodgrass (Orlando Gold)
 - o 2nd Assistant Semei Tello (University of Central Florida)

In 2014, gold medals were won by the Girls' International Youth (ages 15 & 16) and Girls' National Select (ages 14 and under) teams, while two bronze medals went to the Women International Juniors (ages 17-19) and Boys' International Youth teams (ages 16-18.)

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Steve Bishop, Executive Director of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, said, "This year's roster of coaches is once again exceptional! We received 33 applications for the 18 available coaching spots and we are honored that so many great coaches across Florida are interested in working with our Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star program. Of the 18 coaches selected, 14 of them either currently have or have had college coaching experience. Those that are currently with a college represent 10 well known colleges from across Florida. As the third oldest indoor HP region, Team Florida has medaled at almost all of the competitions since forming an all-star program in 2001. We look forward to working with our outstanding 2015 Team Florida coaches and earning a spot on the medal stand in Des Moines!"

Team Florida is also excited to announce that the teams will be sponsored and outfitted by ASICS and 1^{st} Place Volleyball, making this the 10^{th} year in a row.

The High Performance Championship runs under FIVB (Federation Internationale de Volleyball) protocols which governs and manages all forms of volleyball across the globe. The FIVB promotes competitions and satisfies sponsors' needs. It aims to develop Volleyball as a major world media and entertainment sport, while giving athletes the exposure they need to further their careers in volleyball.

About USA Volleyball:

USA Volleyball is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States and is recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Additional information on USA Volleyball can be found at: <u>www.USAVolleyball.org</u>.

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves approximately 12,500 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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