



Team Florida
USA Volleyball HP

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TEAM FLORIDA BRINGS HOME TWO GOLD & ONE SILVER MEDAL!

Three out of six Team Florida High Performance volleyball teams earn medals at the 2015 USA Volleyball HP Championships in Des Moines, Iowa.

Eustis, FL – August 7th, 2015 – The Florida Region is proud to announce that three out of their six Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star teams brought home medals from the 2015 USA HP Championships in Des Moines, Iowa.

The two gold medals went to the Girls National Youth (ages 15 & 16) and Girls National Select Red (ages 14 and under) teams. The silver medal went to the Girls International Youth (ages 17-19) team.

High Performance has made a positive impact on the Florida Region by bringing all-star athletes, college coaches and club volleyball coaches together from all areas of the state. Team Florida was sponsored and outfitted by ASICS and 1st Place Volleyball, making this the 10th year in a row.

Every year, the USA HP Championships are held to showcase some of the best athletes from across the globe. They come together to compete against one another in a week long tournament. Team Florida was represented by six teams this year; four girls' teams and two boys' teams. The event was held in Des Moines, Iowa at the Iowa Events Center from July 21st – 25th. There were 15 courts with 97 teams present from six different countries; the U.S., Australia, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Canada and New Zealand.

Each Team Florida all-star team was assigned three coaches, with the majority of them being former or current college coaches. The rosters are as follows:

Girls National Select Red (GNSR)

Head Coach: Flavia Siqueira (College of Central Florida)

1st Assistant Coach: Giovanni Delevry (FIT)

2nd Assistant Coach: Ore Pablos (Lynn University)

Lindsay Barkett (Vero Beach, FL)
Naomi Cabello (Clermont, FL)
Nina Sharpton (Palm Harbor, FL)
Sydney Bowles (Winter Garden, FL)
Anastasia Scott (Jacksonville, FL)
Isabella Lamus (Miami, FL)

Colleen Siebold (Weston, FL)
Valeria Castro (Miami, FL)
Lauren Davis (Longwood, FL)
Kellyn Trowse (Tampa, FL)
Gabrielle Curran (Naples, FL)
Rajini Fitzmaurice (Lake Mary, FL)

Girls National Youth (GNY)

Head Coach: Adis Imamovic (JJVA)

1st Assistant Coach: Tony Cothron (Manatee Area VBC)

2nd Assistant Coach: Candace Lunford (JJVA)

Melissa Elias (Lake Mary, FL)
Carlee Baxter (Daytona Beach, FL)
Fabiola Rosado (Lakeland, FL)
Madison Sullivan (Jacksonville, FL)
Nicole Decker (Coral Springs, FL)
Lucila Grinspan (Weston, FL)

Alana Nelson (Tampa, FL)
Madison Besterfield (Wesley Chapel, FL)
Aspen Dangren (Kissimmee, FL)
Gabriela Beverly (Miami, FL)
Jocelyn Garcia (Miami, FL)
Danielle Ballou (Tarpon Springs, FL)

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Girls International Youth (GIY)

Head Coach: Brian Imperiale (University of Tampa/ Florida WAVE)

1st Assistant Coach: Travers Green (University of South Florida/Florida WAVE)

2nd Assistant Coach: Jonathan Wong (University of Tennessee)

Shannon Crenshaw (Longwood, FL)

Nylah Demps (Tallahassee, FL)

Makala Heidelberg (Winter Garden, FL)

Macy Phillips (Rockledge, FL)

Mikayla Shields (Orlando, FL)

Anna Marie Giannini (Port Orange, FL)

Mattison McKissock (Orlando, FL)

Samanntha Mueller (Gainesville, FL)

Riley Coonan (Jacksonville, FL)

Alejandra Rodriguez-Lopez (Doral, FL)

Catherine Trueheart (Riverview, FL)

Nikkia Benitez (Miami-Dade, FL)

“We are very proud of our athletes and coaches that participated this year and very appreciative to our program sponsors,” said Steve Bishop, Executive Director and President of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. “While all of the teams exceptionally represented our state, it is worth a mention that this is the third year in a row that a Girls National Select team has won the gold medal for Team Florida. Of those three years, the past two were led by head coach, Flavia Siqueria. This team also went undefeated throughout the entire tournament, which is a huge accomplishment for our delegation. As the 3rd oldest HP program in the US, our talent level continues to grow and we look forward to many continued years of success!”

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: www.USAVolleyball.org.

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 13,500 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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