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TEAM FLORIDA ANNOUNCES 2016 INDOOR HP ALL-STAR COACHES

This year's roster includes 24 coaches from 9 colleges and numerous volleyball clubs across Florida.

Eustis, FL – November 23, 2015 – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is proud to announce the 2016 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 2016 championship tournament will be held July $19^{th} - 23^{rd}$ in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The Florida Region will send 6 girls' teams and 2 boys' teams to represent Florida. Below are the teams and their coaches for 2016:

WOMEN INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR (WIJ)

- Head Coach Adis Imamovic (Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association)
- o 1st Assistant Tom May (Sideout Volleyball Club)
- o 2nd Assistant Angie Strickland (Tallahassee Juniors)

• GIRLS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (GIY)

- Head Coach Julie Darty (Jacksonville University)
- 1st Assistant Jonathan Wong (University of Tennessee)
- 2nd Assistant Tony Cothron (Manatee Area Volleyball Club)
- GIRLS NATIONAL YOUTH (GNY)
 - Head Coach Jeff Huebner (College of Coastal Georgia)
 - 1st Assistant Marc Neef (University of Central Florida)
 - o 2nd Assistant Janett Benoit (Vibe Volleyball Academy)
- GIRLS NATIONAL SELECT RED (GNSR)
 - Head Coach Flavia Siqueira (College of Central Florida)
 - 1st Assistant **JD Malone** (Adrenaline USA Volleyball)
 - o 2nd Assistant Corey Sarubbi (Wildfire Volleyball)
- GIRLS NATIONAL SELECT BLUE (GNSB)
 - Head Coach Giovanny Delevry (Florida Institute of Technology)
 - o 1st Assistant Ore Pablos (Lynn University)
 - o 2nd Assistant Rachel Farrell (Florida MOJO)
- GIRLS FUTURE SELECT (GFS)
 - Head Coach **Christopher Taylor** (Keiser University)
 - o 1st Assistant Linda Gomez (Warner University)
 - o 2nd Assistant Corey Marks (Marks Volleyball Prep Academy)

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BOYS NATIONAL YOUTH (BNY)

- Head Coach Steve Benson (Warner University/ Florida WAVE)
- 1st Assistant Dexter Rogers (Tampa Bay Volleyball Academy)
- 2nd Assistant Jesus Montalvo (352 Elite)

BOYS NATIONAL SELECT (BNS)

- o Head Coach Rob Holley (Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association/ Florida WAVE)
- 1st Assistant Tom Snodgrass (Orlando Gold)
- 2nd Assistant Semei Tello (Ocean Bay Volleyball Club/ Florida WAVE)

In 2015, gold medals were won by the Girls' National Select Red (ages 14 and under) and Girls' National Youth (ages 15-16) teams, while a silver medal went to the Girls' International Youth (ages 15-16) team.

Steve Bishop, Executive Director of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, said, "This is another great lineup of coaches for our 2016 Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star program. With over 45 coaches applying for 24 positions, the committee was challenged with tough decisions and much deliberation went into the selection process. Fielding eight teams in 2016 will be our highest number since the inception of our program back in 2002. This year we will have coaches from nine different colleges on staff. I look forward to co-hosting the event in Ft. Lauderdale again and welcoming the world's best junior volleyball teams to Florida!"

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 11^{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 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.

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