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# TEAM FLORIDA DOMINATES; BRINGS HOME 4 GOLD MEDALS, 1 SILVER, 1 BRONZE

All six Team Florida High Performance volleyball teams earned medals at the 2017 USA Volleyball High Performance Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. This is the first time in the program's history that all Team Florida teams earned a medal in their respective divisions.

**Eustis, FL – July 25, 2017 –** The Florida Region is proud to announce that all six of their Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star teams brought home medals from the 2017 USA High Performance Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

The four (4) gold medals went to the Girls' International Youth (ages 16-17), Girls' National Select (ages 14-16), Girls' Future Select (ages 13 and under) and Boys' Regional Youth (ages 18 and under) teams. The silver medal went to the Boys' National Youth (ages 18 and under) team, while the bronze medal went to the Girls' National Youth (ages 16-17) team.

This is the fourth year in a row that Team Florida has taken the gold medal in the Girls' National Select division. This is also the first time in the program's history that a boys' team has earned a gold medal.

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 12th 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 Ft. Lauderdale, FL at the Broward County Convention Center from July  $18^{th} - 22^{nd}$ .

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' International Youth (GIY)

Head Coach: Julie Darty (Jacksonville University)

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Coach: Travers Green (University of South Florida)

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach: Tony Cothron (Manatee Area Volleyball Club)
Statistician: Semei Tello (Orlando Tampa Volleyball Academy)

Shania Cromartie (Tallahassee, FL) Annie Cate Fitzpatrick (Ocala, FL) Lindsey Pliapol (Port Orange, FL) Camryn Vogler (Tampa, FL) Cameron Scheitzach (Orlando, FL) Savannah Vach (Winter Springs, FL) Milla Ciprian (Saint Johns, FL) Giao Huynh (Melbourne, FL) Makayla Washington (Tallahassee, FL) Lauren Bandera (Pembroke Pines, FL) Taylor Roberts (Marianna, FL) Kellyn Trowse (Tampa, FL)

### Girls' National Select (GNS)

Head Coach: Flavia Siqueira (Lynn University)

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Coach: Giovanny Delevry (Florida Institute of Technology)

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach: Diego Perez-Gaitan (Cape Coast Volleyball Club)

Jordan Benoit (Naples, FL) Abby Nieporte (Boca Raton, FL) Mila Yarich (Tampa, FL) Sophia Leon-Tabor (Fort Myers, FL) Mackenzie Martin (Ormond Beach, FL) Deborah Rodriguez (Tampa, FL) Laura Caro (Orlando, FL) Jordan Hardy (Winter Park, FL) Alanys Viera (Longwood, FL) Anna Herrington (Orlando, FL) Skylar English (Naples, FL) Saskia Hernandez (Miami, FL)

#### Girls' Future Select (GFS)

Head Coach: Brian Goodhind (Reinhardt University)

1st Assistant Coach: Ore Pablos (Lynn University/ Wildfire Volleyball Club)

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach: Nicole Russell (Palm Beach Juniors)

Brianna Anderson (Gainesville, FL) Ana Julia Bleeker (Windermere, FL) Victoria Hamby (Weston, FL) Breanah Rives (Naples, FL) Cayli Russo (Port Saint Lucie, FL) Alexa Washington (Tallahassee, FL) Cambrie Riffe (Ocoee, FL)
Zoe Talabong (Orlando, FL)
Clara Alford (Crawfordville, FL)
Kenyce Johnson (Pompano Beach, FL)
Cailin Demps (Tallahassee, FL)
Elaisa Villar (Hialeah, FL)

# Boys' Regional Youth (BRY)

Head Coach: Rob Holley (Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association)

1st Assistant Coach: Tom Snodgrass (Orlando Gold/ Orlando Tampa Volleyball Academy)

2nd Assistant Coach: Ashley Schinzing (Orlando Gold/ Orlando Tampa Volleyball Academy)

Jose "Nacho" Hidalgo (Weston, FL) Omar Hoyos (Pembroke Pines, FL) Jomar Mondestin (Miami, FL) Jayden Young (Lake Worth, FL) Diego Savelli (Miami, FL) Christian Viera (Longwood, FL) Austin Cinci (Lighthouse Point, FL) John Payne (Winter Park, FL) Justin Talabong (Orlando, FL) Paul Magnant (Palm Bay, FL) Ryan Peluso (Palmetto Bay, FL) Trevor Schultz (Saint Augustine, FL)

## Boys' National Youth (BNY)

Head Coach: Dexter Rogers (Orlando Tampa Volleyball Academy) 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Coach: Israel Delgado (Santa Fe College) 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach: Corey Marks (MVP Academy)

Michael Colonna (Miami, FL) Daniel Hermida (Orlando, FL) Adam Wienckowski (Jacksonville, FL) Sean Drexl (Coconut Creek, FL) Heath Hughes (Haines City, FL) Kyle Franklin (Lake Worth, FL) Dylan Ryan (Oviedo, FL) Luke Taffer (Merritt Island, FL) Trevor Kennan (Madeira Beach, FL) Clay Messenger (Saint Augustine, FL) Luis Kannee (Miami, FL) Diego Villafane (Miami, FL)

# Girls' National Youth (GNY)

Head Coach: Adis Imamovic (Jacksonville Juniors Volleyball Association)

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Coach: Jonathan Wong (Bradley University))

2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Coach: Corey Sarubbi (Lynn University/ Wildfire Volleyball Club)

Andrea Bernal (Miami, FL) Erin Carter (Orlando, FL) Kylee Quigley (Port Saint Lucie, FL) Kariana Ayala (Gainesville, FL)

Kariana Ayala (Gainesville, FL) Jaquline Mueller (Gainesville, FL) Lilijana Henderson (Wellington, FL) Aja Jones (Bradenton, FL) Veresia Yon (Tallahassee, FL) Marley Banton (Saint Augustine, FL) Mariah Walker (Sarasota, FL) Leila Babikir (Boca Raton, FL) Madison Salvatoriello (Oviedo, FL)

# 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: <a href="https://www.USAVolleyball.org">www.USAVolleyball.org</a>.

## 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 14,500 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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