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**Florida Region of USA Volleyball Announces Rothman Orthopaedics as Official Sports Medicine Partner for Hickory Point Beach in Tavares, FL.**

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball and Rothman Orthopaedics will partner for the 22-23 season.

**Eustis, FL – November 28, 2022** – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is pleased to announce a new business partnership with Rothman Orthopaedic Institute for the upcoming 2022-2023 season. Rothman Orthopaedics will be the Official Sports Medicine Partner for events held at Hickory Point Beach in Tavares, FL. Rothman’s Nicole Wilson, M.D., fellowship trained Sports Medicine Physician will lead physician the partnership. Rothman Orthopaedics will provide certified athletic trainers (ATCs) for all Florida Region hosted beach events as well as provide additional medical staff as needed.

Rothman Orthopaedics, founded in Philadelphia, expanded their specialized practice to Central Florida in partnership with AdventHealth in 2020. They have a proud history of providing world-class care to athletes ranging from local high schools to professional sports & entertainment properties throughout Florida, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.

The Executive Director/President of the Florida Region, **Steve Bishop**, commented, “Rothman Orthopaedics is a well-known company with a stellar reputation in the medical community. They have offices in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Florida. They will add great value to our beach events and will provide great care for our many athletes that compete at Hickory Point Beach each year. We look forward to introducing our Florida Region members to Rothman Orthopaedics and their experienced team of medical professionals.”

“Rothman Orthopaedics is one of the leading providers of sports medicine care in the world, and we are privileged to now support USA Volleyball as we do other high-performing athletic organizations,” said **Alexander R. Vaccaro, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A**, President of Rothman Orthopaedics, Richard H. Rothman Professor and Chairman of the Department of Orthopaedics, and Professor of Neurosurgery at Thomas Jefferson University and Hospitals. “The health and safety of athletes are always our top priority, and this partnership further extends our elite care available to them on and off the court.”

“Rothman Orthopaedics is excited to collaborate with USA Volleyball in Florida for the upcoming season,” stated **Dr. Wilson**. “As a former volleyball player myself, I am well aware of the inherent risk of injury with this level of competition and I look forward to educating the athletes on prevention and recovery to ensure they can maintain their high-level of play throughout the season.”

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In addition, Rothman Orthopaedics will fund a \$1,000 Sports Medicine Scholarship for a high school senior selected by the Florida Region Scholarship Committee. The regional scholarship program started in 2007 and has supported over 250 high school seniors since inception. Representatives from Rothman Orthopaedics will be in attendance at the 2023 awards ceremony to present the new scholarship to a deserving high school senior.

**About Rothman Orthopaedics:**

Rothman Orthopaedic Institute is the largest musculoskeletal practice in the United States according to Becker’s Review. A world-leader in the field of orthopaedics, Rothman Orthopaedics partners with health systems, hospitals and physicians to build enduring musculoskeletal systems of care in communities that are high-quality, compassionate, affordable and grounded in evidence-based medicine.

Rothman Orthopaedic Institute orthopaedists treat patients in 43 locations and has surgical privileges at 71 facilities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Florida. With experts in nine orthopaedic sub-specialties including spine, hip and knee, foot and ankle, shoulder and elbow, hand and wrist, sports medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation, orthopaedic oncology and trauma, Rothman Orthopaedics is recognized for excellence in clinical treatment methods, research, education and technology.

Consistently recognized as national and regional “Top Docs,” Rothman Orthopaedics is proud to be the official team physicians for the Philadelphia Eagles, Phillies, the iconic Radio City Rockettes, The Big EAST Conference, as well as 63 college and high school teams.

For more information about Rothman Orthopaedic Institute, please visit [www.RothmanOrtho.com](http://www.RothmanOrtho.com).

**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 14,500 members. Indoor, outdoor, and Para programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is headquartered in Eustis, FL and manages the 21-court Hickory Point Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Tavares, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org).

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