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**INAUGURAL USA ALL-STAR VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS WAS A SUCCESS!**

Forty-Four junior all-star volleyball teams from eleven delegations competed at the 2021 USA All-Star Championships in Orlando, FL from July 21-25, 2021.

**Orlando, FL –July 30, 2021** – The 2021 USA All-Star Championships was produced by the regions of USA Volleyball and hosted by the Florida Region of USA Volleyball at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. The inaugural event featured all-star teams from ten of the forty Regions of USA Volleyball and two teams from the Federation of Puerto Rico. The teams competed in six divisions for girls and three divisions for boys. Delegations included Arizona, Badger, Florida, Gulf Coast, Iowa, North Country, Oklahoma, Old Dominion, Puerto Rico, Southern, and Western Empire. Nine out of the eleven delegations were awarded medals.

USA All-Star Championships Full Results:

**Girls Future Select Division (Born in 2008 or Later)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Team Florida GFS Red** (Florida Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **AZ Girls FS AZF** (Arizona Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Team Florida GFS Royal** (Florida Region)

All-Tournament Team – **Avery Webb** (Florida), **Eva Goodson** (Florida), **Macy Mcamis** (Florida), **Brenna Walsh** (Arizona), **Vega Tunnell** (Arizona), **Paige Lehman** (Florida)

MVP – **Amelia Snider** (Florida)

**Girls National Select Division (Born in 2006 or 2007)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Nike SRVA Girls Nat. Sel.** (Southern Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Iowa Select Red** (Iowa Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **OKRVA Select Red** (Oklahoma Region)

All-Tournament Team – **Kaira Knox** (Southern), **Valiree Schmus** (Southern), **Liz Thomas** (Southern), **Katie Quick** (Iowa), **Ava Goldsberry** (Iowa), **Arriana Brown** (Oklahoma)

MVP – **Addison Vinson** (Southern)

**Girls International Select Division (Born in 2006 or 2007)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **AZ Girls I-Select ANS** (Arizona Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Team Florida GIS** (Florida Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Badger Girls Select BNS** (Badger Region)

All-Tournament Team – **Kaia Pixler** (Arizona), **Raegan Richardson** (Arizona), **Mikayla Shepston** (Arizona), **Aisha Keric** (Florida), **Jarielys Giraud** (Florida), **Andi Spies** (Badger)

MVP – **Teraya Sigler** (Arizona)

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**Girls National Youth Division (Born in 2004 or 2005)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Iowa International Youth** (Iowa Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **GCR National Blue GCY** (Gulf Coast Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **OKRVA Youth** (Oklahoma Region)

All-Tournament Team – **Amelia Dugger** (Iowa), **Kiersten Schmitt** (Iowa), **Ava Schubert** (Iowa), **Oliva Bale** (Gulf Coast), **Julia Irmen** (Gulf Coast), **Brooke Tyler** (Oklahoma)

MVP – **Ava Reynolds** (Iowa)

**Girls International Youth Division (Born in 2004 or 2005)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Team Florida GIY** (Florida Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Team Florida GNY** (Florida Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Nike SRVA Girls Nat. You** (Southern Region)

All-Tournament Team – **Zeta Washington** (Florida), **Sydney Jackwin** (Florida), **Jessica Shattles** (Florida), **Alexa Washington** (Florida), **Dionna Mitchell** (Florida), **Ellie Pate** (Southern)

MVP – **Angeles Alderete** (Florida)

**Boys National Select Division (Born in 2005 or 2006)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Puerto Rico Select** (Club Voleibol Vaqueros Bayamon)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Nike SRVA Boys Nat. Sel.** (Southern Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Badger Boys Nat Sel** (Badger Region)

All-Tournament Team – **Diego Lopez** (Puerto Rico), **Franco Roark** (Puerto Rico), **Victor Torres** (Puerto Rico), **Caleb Blanchette** (Southern), **Harrison Girard** (Southern), **Nathan Flayter** (Badger)

MVP – **Ramon Rosado** (Puerto Rico)

**Boys National Youth Division (Born in 2003 or 2004)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **WEVA Youth – Blue** (Western Empire Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **WEVA Youth – Red** (Western Empire Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **San Juan VC 18U** (San Juan Volleyball Club)

All-Tournament Team – **Kyle Zelasko** (Western Empire), **Carter Dittman** (Western Empire), **Casey Jackson** (Western Empire), **Billy Wieberg** (Western Empire), **Dylan McFadden** (Western Empire), **Antonio Feliciano** (San Juan)

MVP – **Cole Ignaszak** (Western Empire)

**Boys International Youth Division (Born in 2002, 2003 or 2004)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – **Iowa Boys Youth** (Iowa Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – **Team Florida BNY** (Florida Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – **Nike SRVA Boys Nat. Youth** (Southern Region)

All-Tournament Team – **Tate Sandvig** (Iowa), **Tyler Morgan** (Iowa), **Henry Valdivia** (Iowa), **Klistan Lawrence** (Florida), **Ryan Peluso** (Florida), **Tate Colebaugh** (Southern)

MVP – **Max Roquet** (Iowa)

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**Total Medal Count:**Florida – **2 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze (6)**Southern – **1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (4)**Iowa – **2 Gold, 1 Silver (3)**Arizona – **1 Gold, 1 Silver (2)**Western Empire – **1 Gold, 1 Silver (2)**Puerto Rico – **1 Gold, 1 Bronze (2)**Oklahoma – **2 Bronze (2)**Badger – **2 Bronze (2)**Gulf Coast – **1 Silver (1)****Region Cup Winner: Iowa Region**

The Region Cup is issued to the top finishing delegation based on points earned for each division finish. Points are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place only. If a region has multiple teams in a division, points are only awarded to the highest finishing team. Iowa won the Region cup with 37 points, followed by Florida with 35 points and then Southern with 27 points.

Several delegation leaders shared their thoughts on the inaugural event:

**Brian Sharkey**, HP Program Director for the Badger Region commented: “Throughout the week, parents from all of the Badger Region teams marveled at the seamlessness of the tournament from HPCs to USA All-Star. Many understood the hard work it took to bring the event to fruition. Florida Region and its staff did a great job in every aspect and has motivated me and others in our Region to look for ways to continue to make this a marquee event that all Regions will want to join in future years.”

**Philip Bryant**, Gulf Coast Region Commissioner stated: “Amazing event, amazing opportunity for 44 teams and an amazing production by your Florida Region staff. Our Gulf Coast teams, coaches and each family have shared what a wonderful experience the All Star Championships were for them during the trip.”

**Kurt Trout**, Iowa Region HP Program Director added: “I cannot express my gratitude and thanks to all of you for helping to make this event actually beyond a success. There is NO WAY I would have imagined on that Friday afternoon in May, that in about six weeks we could have turned out such a phenomenal event like it was! Steve and his Florida staff were the most gracious and incredible hosts, and you all worked so hard that people who were veterans of this event noticed its "upgrade". Kudos and congrats to everyone!!!”

**Shawn McCarty**, Commissioner of the Oklahoma Region: “I want to thank Florida Region for the outstanding job at the All-Star Tournament. The event ran seamlessly. Kudos for pulling this off on such a short notice. Our delegation was very impressed with the tournament. We are interested in seeing what the future holds.”

**About the USA Volleyball Regions:**

The 40 regions operate in affiliation with USA Volleyball (USAV), which serves as the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States. They operate collectively as the Regional Volleyball Association Assembly (RVAA). Their structure consists of 40 independent region leaders working together in partnership with USAV to serve 400,000+ members annually. The regions offer grassroots indoor, outdoor, & para volleyball for adults, juniors, coaches, & officials. More info at [www.usavregions.org](http://www.usavregions.org).

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