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TEAM FLORIDA DOMINATES; BRINGS HOME 5 MEDALS (2 GOLD, 2 SILVER, 1 BRONZE)

5 out of 6 Team Florida Indoor All-Star teams earned a medal at the 2022 USAV All-Star Championships in Tulsa, OK!

Eustis, FL –August 17, 2022 – Every year since 2000, The USA All-Star Championships (formerly USA High Performance Championships) have been held to showcase the best junior volleyball athletes from across the globe. They come together to compete against one another in a weeklong tournament. Six teams represented Team Florida this year, four girls' teams and two boys' team. The event was held in Tulsa, OK at the Cox Business Convention Center from July 19th – 23rd.

The Florida Region is proud to announce that five of the six teams earned a medal at the event. The two gold medals went to Boys' National Select (born 2007 & after), and Girls' Future Select (born in 2010 & after). Team Florida earned two silver medals in the Girls' International Select division (born in 2008-2009), Women's International Juniors division (born 03, 04, 05) and earned one bronze in the Boys' National Youth division (born in 2005-2006). Addition to each team's individual success, the Florida Region won USA Volleyball's inaugural Region Cup for being the most successful region at the tournament!

This year the Florida Region had coaches representing various colleges and multiple volleyball clubs from across the Florida Region. The coaching staff has over 75 combined years of Team Florida coaching experience and averages over 289 years of total coaching experience. Many of the Team Florida coaches have made multiple medal match appearances.

USA All-Star's 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 Baker's Sporting Goods. Additionally, this year the program had help from Ben Keyes, Dr. Cam Gholampour, Hector Negron and Carlos La Torre. Keyes is a licensed Massage Therapist and owner of RX Massage Therapy. He helped rehab the players so that they could be in their best performance shape for the duration of the tournament. Dr. Cam is an International Certified Sports Chiropractor and the owner of Strength & Spine Chiropractic that worked alongside Keyes. Negron and La Torre are the founders of The SpikeNet. Their team provided the Florida Region with real-time event coverage as well as post event interviews. The Florida Region sponsors, and business partners make this a one-of-a-kind experience for the athletes involved. The Florida Region is thankful for the time and effort everyone (coaches, players, parents, trainers and staff) puts in to make the Team Florida All-Stars program successful.

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“This was another great showing of our Team Florida Indoor All-Star athletes and coaches in Tulsa.” stated **Steve Bishop**, Executive Director & President for the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. He went on to say, “As one of the longest running regional all-star programs in the USA Volleyball family with 20 years of continual operations, we’ve had a long history of success. Since 2010, Team Florida has finished with the highest medal count winning 41 medals (23 gold, 10 silver, and 8 bronze) and has a running match record of 413-160, or a 72% win record at the all-star event. This tradition of excellence is a direct result of the extremely talented athletes & coaches that participate in our all-star program. In addition, our corporate partners (ASICS, Molten & Bakers Sporting Goods), our business partners (SpikeNet, Rx Massage Therapy and Strength & Spine Chiropractic) and our amazing staff & board support help to make it all possible. We could not be more grateful!”

The rosters are as follows:

Girls’ International Youth

Coaches	Athletes
<p>Head Coach Kelly Surrency - Formerly USF</p> <p>Assistant Coach Diego Perez Gaitan - Cape Coast VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Aaron Vargas - High Voltage VB</p> <p>Technical Coordinator Marquis Clark - East Tennessee State University</p>	<p>Outside Hitters (OH) Charley Goberville (Sarasota, FL) – OTVA Amaria King (Jacksonville, FL) – Jacksonville Skyline Kendra Pruitt (Naples, FL) – Florida Gulfside Connor Rahn (Orange Park, FL) – OTVA</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Jasmine Calton (Palm Bay, FL) – Cape Coast Lillian Hart (Ocala, FL) – Ocala Power Chelsea Sutton (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) - OTVA</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Madison Hammermeister (Ft. Myers, FL) – Florida Gulfside Aisha Keric (Naples, FL) – Gulfside</p> <p>Setters (S) Emily Collings (Jacksonville, FL) – Powers Volleyball</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Mackenzie Hultquist (Tallahassee, FL) – Tallahassee Volleyball Academy Alexa Haley (Naples, FL) – Florida Gulfside</p>

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Girls' International Select

Coaches	Athletes
<p>Head Coach Flavia Siqueira - Auburn University at Montgomery</p> <p>Assistant Coach Giovanny Delevry - East Tennessee State University</p>	<p>Outside Hitters (OH) Leilani Lawrence - Abreu (Tampa, FL) – OTVA Ainhoa Molleja (Miami, FL) – Miami Volleyball Academy Catherine Palmi (St. Cloud, FL) – Game Point Sophia Puleo (Tampa, FL) - OTVA</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) London Adkins (Ocoee, FL) – Five Stars Sophia Albaugh (Jacksonville, FL) – JJVA Julianna Manno (Lutz, FL) –OTVA</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Isabella Umpierre (Windermere, FL) – Top Select</p> <p>Setters (S) Sophia Dostic (Tampa, FL) – OTVA Eva Goodson (Tallahassee, FL) – Tallahassee Juniors</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Macy Mcamis (Jupiter, FL) – Jupiter Volleyball Avery Webb (St. Johns, FL) – JJVA</p>

Girls' Future Select

Coaches	Athletes
<p>Head Coach Hector Ramirez - Tribe VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Candance Lunford - Formerly JJVA</p> <p>Assistant Coach Adriana McLamb - Game Point VB</p>	<p>Outside Hitters (OH) Addelyn Van Duinen (Bradenton, FL) – Bradenton Spartans Elite Ellie Enger (Orlando, FL) – Winter Park Cecilia Ithier (Orlando, FL) – Game Point</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Makaia Mohammed (Trinity, FL) – OTVA Juliana Lopez (Windermere, FL) – Game Point Adrienne Willis (Orlando, FL) – Game Point</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Alyssa James (Parkland, FL) – Tribe Hannah Vanzwieten (Coral Springs, FL) - Tribe</p> <p>Setters (S) Molly Monday (Lutz, FL) – Tampa North Mila Zujovic (Tampa, FL) – OTVA</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Sofia Tang (Tampa, FL) – OTVA Lila Varitek (Longwood, FL) – OTVA</p>

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Women's International Juniors

Coaches	Athletes
<p>Head Coach Jeff Reavis - Ocala Power United</p> <p>Assistant Coach Karly Padilla - Elevate VB</p> <p>Technical Coordinator Jon Wong - Texas Tech University</p>	<p>Outside Hitters (OH) Jalynn Brown (New Smyrna Beach, FL) – DME Sports Dionna Mitchell (Orlando, FL) – Top Select Erika Spankus (Palm Harbor, FL) – Team Kiwi</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Hazel Alevok (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) – Wildfire Volleyball Academy Rauly Eason (Fleming Island, FL) – OTVA Ezzie Thompson (Spring Hill, FL) – No Name</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Sarah Schnell (Pembroke Pines, FL) – Miami Hype Jalyn Stout (Alachula, FL) – Gainesville Juniors</p> <p>Setters (S) Jessica Shattles (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) – OTVA Emily Navarro (Davie, FL) – Wildfire Volleyball Academy</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Demetria Davis (Gainesville, FL) – Gainesville Juniors Mckenna Yates (Morriston, FL) – MAX Performance</p>

Boys' National Youth

Coaches	Athletes
<p>Head Coach James Snodgrass - Orlando Gold VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Ashley Schinzing - Orlando Gold VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Jesse Day - Florida Mojo VB</p>	<p>Outside Hitters (OH) Quinn Bishop (Jupiter, FL) – Ocean Bay Cam Gray (Orlando, FL) – 352 Elite Jason Harris (Saint Marys, GA) – Orlando Gold</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Jefferson Moreno (Miami, FL) – Miami United Eliel Salva - Torres (Kissimmee, FL) – Toreros VB Academy Toulmin Williams (Ocoee, FL) – Orlando Gold</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Carson Pliapol (Port Orange, FL) – Orlando Gold Ketcher Stewart (Winter Park, FL) – Winter Park</p> <p>Setters (S) Owen Holowecky (Loxahatchee, FL) – Ocean Bay Will Mcelveen (Windermere, FL) – 352 Elite</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Julian Gonzalez (Apopka, FL) – Orlando Gold Antonio Medina (Orlando, FL) – 352 Elite</p>

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Boys' National Select

Coaches	Athletes
<p>Head Coach Dexter Rogers - OTVA</p> <p>Assistant Coach Ashley Monfort - JJVA</p> <p>Assistant Coach Tony Gaetan - 352 Elite VB Club</p>	<p>Outside Hitters (OH) Mateo Foronda (Weston, FL) – Miami United Gabriel Perez-Malo (Miami, FL) – Miami United Lucas Riva (Miami, FL) – Miami United Tyler Windt (Casselberry, FL) – Winter Park</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Isaiah Mccoy (Lantana, FL) – Ocean Bay Brendan Valentin (Oviedo, FL) – Winter Park Nicholas Watson (Royal Palm Beach, FL) – Ocean Bay</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Carlos Pelaez (Wellington, FL) – Ocean Bay</p> <p>Setters (S) Zac Crandell (Dunnellon, FL) – Winter Park Tyler Johnson (Weston, FL) – Miami United</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Austin Aultman (Longwood, FL) – Winter Park Nicholas Baker (Orlando, FL) – Winter Park</p>

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 over 17,000 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.

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