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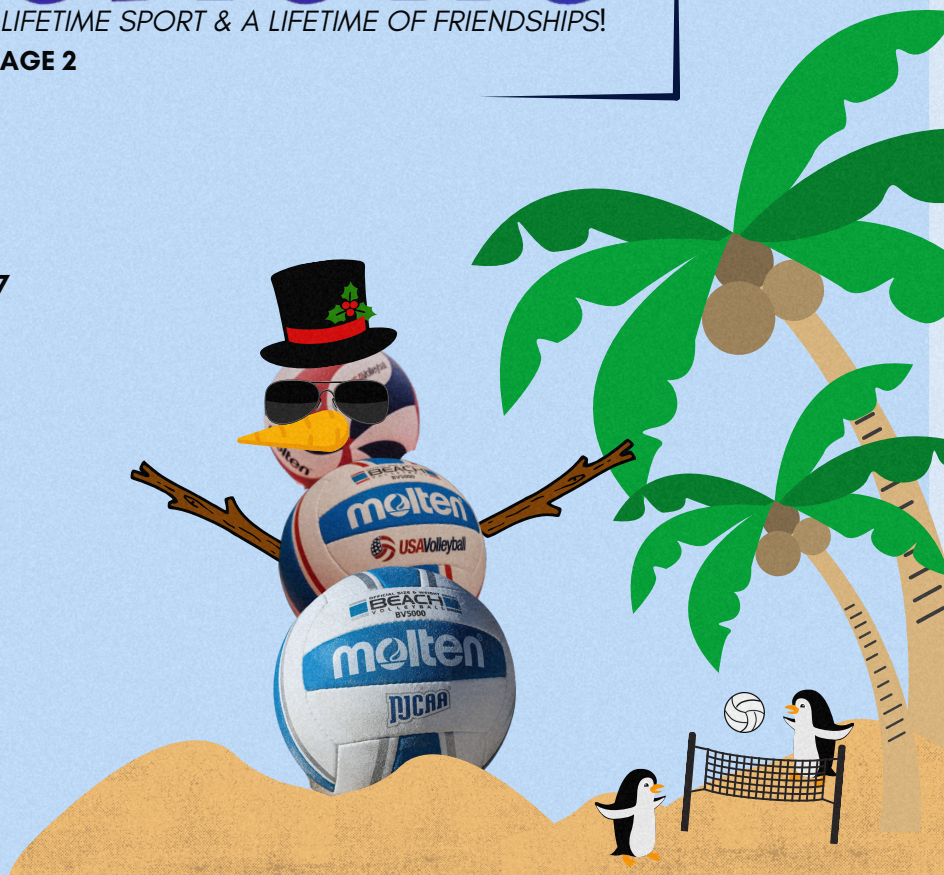
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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

**2024 Florida
Region Award
Nominations and
Scholarship
Applications are
NOW OPEN!**

FLORIDA REGION AWARDS

Some of the greatest names in volleyball reside right here in our region! Their hard work and dedication to furthering the sport such as by coaching a team, running a club, attending clinics, getting certified, planning events, and improving our region every year should be recognized!

SCHOLARSHIPS

In just the last season, the Florida Region with the help of our generous sponsors, has awarded \$132,000 in scholarships to high school seniors across the region!

CLICK HERE TO APPLY!

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23-24 SEASON MEMBERSHIP

Junior Athlete Memberships are available for purchase **NOW!**

Adult Memberships are available for purchase **NOW!**

(Club Directors, Club Administrators, Officials, Coaches, Chaperones, Volunteers)

[Click here for the 23-24 Membership Guide](#)

Please read this document before purchasing a membership for your daughter or son.

[Click here.](#)

To purchase a membership for the 23-24 season, **[click here.](#)**



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2023 AVCA CONVENTION

DEC 13-17 IN TAMPA, FL

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**2023 NCAA D1 WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL FINAL FOUR**

DEC 14 & 17 IN TAMPA, FL

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23-24 INDOOR EVENT CALENDAR



Jan. 26-28	Florida Fest Girl's 18Q & Boys' JNQ	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Feb. 9	Team Florida Girls All-Star Evaluation	Orlando, FL
Feb. 10-11	Florida Regional 18Q	Orlando, FL
Feb. 10-11	Florida USAV Gold Series	Orlando, FL
Mar. 2-4	USAV Sunshine Classic JNQ Week 1 (hosted by USAV)	Orlando, FL
Mar. 8-10	USAV Sunshine Classic JNQ Week 2 (hosted by USAV)	Orlando, FL
Apr. 19	22nd Annual FR Awards Ceremony	Orlando, FL
Apr. 19-21	ASICS Florida Volleyball Challenge	Orlando, FL
Apr. 26-28	USAV Girls' 18U Jr. National Championships	Baltimore, MD,
May 18	USAVFL Adult Regional Championships	Leesburg, FL
May 24-29	USAV Open Adult Nat. Championships	Columbus, OH
May 31	Team FL Boys' Indoor All-Star Tryout	Ocala, FL
June 1- 2	Molten Boys' SE VB Championships	Ocala, FL
June 21 - 24	USAV Girls' Jr. Nat. Championships 11U-13U	Dallas, TX
June 26 - July 3	USAV Boys' Jr. Nat. Championships	Dallas, TX
July 3-11	USAV Girls' Jr. Nat. Championships 14U-17U	Las Vegas, NV

A full list of Florida Region sanctioned events can be found online at floridavolleyball.org



2024 FLORIDA FEST

GIRLS 18Q
&
BOYS JNQ

JANUARY 26-28

**GREATER FORT LAUDERDALE / BROWARD
COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER - FORT
LAUDERDALE, FL**

**THIS EVENT IS A COMBINED BOYS BID AND GIRLS 18S QUALIFIER EVENT.
DIVISIONS RANGE FROM 14U-18U BOYS & 18U GIRLS TEAMS.**

BIDS AVAILABLE:

BOYS BIDS (14U-18U): OPEN & USA

GIRLS 18U BIDS: OPEN, USA, LIBERTY, & AMERICAN

NUMBER OF BIDS PER EACH DIVISION WILL BE POSTED ON THE EVENT WEBSITE.

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2024 FLORIDA REGIONAL 18 QUALIFIER

★ FEBRUARY 10-11
★ ORLANDO, FL

The Florida Regional 18Q is for junior Florida Region girl's teams seeking an 18U bid.

Bids Available: National, American, and Freedom bids will be awarded to the top 18U teams. Number of bids per division will be provided by the USAV National Office.



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!





FLORIDA USAV
GOLD SERIES
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FEBRUARY 10-11

ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER

ORLANDO, FL

Top 13U-17U Teams

1 National Bid in each age division

This invitation-only tournament for top ranked Florida Region teams will be held at the Orange County Convention Center on February 10-11, 2024. This event will offer a National Bid for the winner of the 13U-17U divisions! Top teams in each age division will square off in this elite level event.

Click to see the unique FL USAV Gold Series Tournament Format.

(2 days, 1 wave of play each day, 5 matches per team)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, [CLICK HERE](#).

23-24 OUTDOOR EVENT CALENDAR



Oct. 7-8	Sand Court Experts Rental	Tavares, FL
Oct. 20-22	P1440 Rental	Tavares, FL
Nov. 4-5	Sandbox Rental	Tavares, FL
Nov. 11-12	Sandstorm Rental	Tavares, FL
Dec. 2-3	Sandbox Rental	Tavares, FL
Dec. 9-10	USAV Beach ParaVolley National Training Camp	Tavares, FL
Dec. 27-29	P1440 Rental	Tavares, FL
Jan. 1-2	Sandstorm Rental	Tavares, FL
Jan. 13-14	Sandbox Rental	Tavares, FL
Feb. 3-4	Sandbox Rental	Tavares, FL
Feb. 10-11	Sandstorm BNQ	Tavares, FL
Mar. 1-2	Warner University Rental	Tavares, FL
Mar. 9-10	Ron Jon Beach N Board	Cocoa Beach, FL
Apr. 6-7	Sandstorm BNQ	Tavares, FL
Apr. 12-14	AVCA Small College Beach Championships	Tavares, FL

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NATIONAL RANKED FLORIDA TEAMS

AVCA DI

#20 U of Florida
Record: 18-9

#22 Florida State
Record: 23-8

AVCA DII

#1 U of Tampa
Record: 28-1

#17 U of West Florida
Record: 25-7

AS OF 11/28
INFO VIA:
AVCA
NJCAA

**CONGRATULATIONS FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN
STATE COLLEGE FOR WINING THE NJCAA DI
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!**

PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

For use during the 2023-2024 Season

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under ³	14 & Under ⁴	13 & Under ⁵	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Aug	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sept	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Oct	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Nov	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dec	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Jan	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Feb	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mar	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Apr	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
May	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016

¹ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

² **Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

³ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.

⁴ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

⁵ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.

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2023-2025 USA Volleyball Rules Change Summary

USAV 4.3.3.1a: Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered side to side on the front and back of the jersey. Numbers are recommended to be placed on the upper half of the jersey. Numbers may not extend below the player's waist and may not be tucked into the uniform bottom.

USAV 5.1.2.1, added: Judgment decisions are not subject to protest. A protest related to a judgment decision may result in a penalty (red card) being assessed to the coach.

USAV 5.2.3.4: During the match, the coach may give instructions to players on the court while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to and including the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. The coach must not obstruct the view of the line judges.

USAV 5.3.1: One assistant coach at a time may stand to give instructions to the players on the court but has no right to intervene in the match. During play, the assistant coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to and including the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. The assistant coach must not obstruct the view of the line judges.

New for 14-and-under age groups:

New USAV 12.4.4a: Once the serving action is initiated, including an underhand serve, if the server tosses the ball and then catches it or allows it to fall to the floor, this is considered a service tossing error, including a ball that touches the server as it falls.

USAV 12.4.4b: After a service tossing error, the referee must authorize the service again (re-serve) and the server must execute it within the next 8 seconds.

Rule 12.5.1: The players of the serving team must not prevent their opponent, through individual or collective screening, from seeing the service hit and the flight path of the ball. Should either be visible to the receiving team, this is not a screen.

USAV 12.5.2: A player or group of players of the serving team make(s) a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways, during the execution of the service, or by standing grouped, and in so doing hides both the service hit and the flight path of the ball until the ball reaches the vertical plane of the net.

Rule 14.3: In blocking, the player may place his/her hands and arms beyond the net, provided that this action does not interfere with the opponent's play. Thus, it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net before an opponent has executed an attack hit.

Rule 14.6.1: The blocker touches the ball in the OPPONENT'S space before the opponent's attack hit.

New USAV 19.2d: When two Liberos are used, both Liberos can be in uniforms different from each other and from the rest of the team.

USAV 24.2.7d: During the match, the coach or captain may request verification of the number of team substitutions or time-outs. If incorrect information is provided by the 2nd referee and the team acts directly upon this misinformation resulting in an illegal substitution (per USAV 15.9.1) or an excessive time-out, the referee's error will be corrected with no penalty or sanction assessed to the team. If an illegal (excessive) substitution does not result, the substitution may still be withdrawn prior to the next serve without sanction or penalty.



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FLORIDA REGION OF USA VOLLEYBALL

Club Seal Program for Junior Clubs in Florida



GOLD SEAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be a current Florida Region club in good standing
2. All adult staff must be SafeSport trained
3. Club will ensure that all youth/junior volleyball coaches in their club register with USAV and pass a USAV background screen prior to participating with any athletes
4. Club will ensure that all youth/junior coaches are USAV IMPACT certified at a minimum.
5. Must comply with the Club Director Code of Ethics
6. Must post the Spectator/Parent Code of Conduct in all practice facilities
7. All Club Leadership must complete Club renewal application and personal USAV membership, background screen and complete required SafeSport training course by August 25th each season.
8. Not have any Incident Review findings against the club for a two year period
9. Not have received any Notices of Infraction for a two year period
10. Not be on probation or suspension (Club or Club Director)
11. Must post the Harassment Policy on home page of club website.

GOLD SEAL BENEFITS

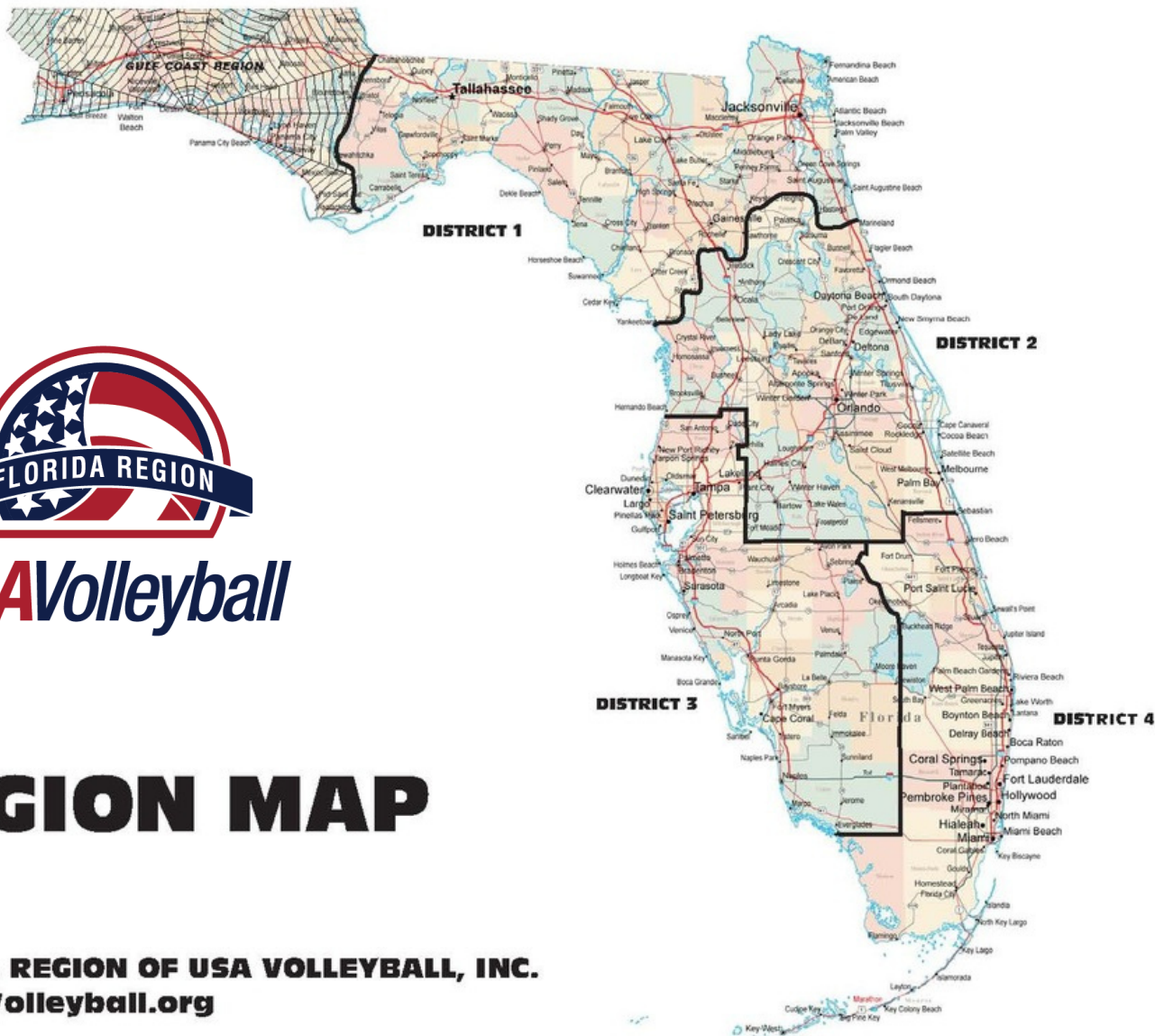
1. Club will be able to post the Gold Seal logo on the club website and any/all club literature during the year it is applicable.
2. Recognition of Gold Seal will be posted on the Club Directory page.
3. Club will be featured in the monthly Vol-e News Newsletter.
4. Club is eligible for drawing giveaways from the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. The drawing will be held on Thursday, January 18th, 2024 on a Facebook live (@floridaregion) at 4pm.

Prizes available:

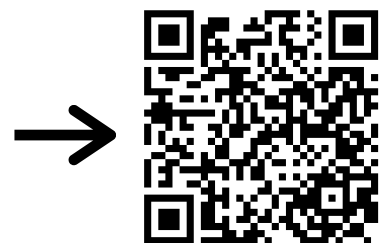
- Two winners will receive six Molten Super Touch volleyballs and a Molten ball bag (\$550 value each)
- One winner will receive FREE team entry to ASICS Florida Volleyball Challenge in the regional division (\$500 value)
- Two winners will get their club registration reimbursed (\$100 value each)

FLORIDA REGION MAP

4 DISTRICTS
150+ Clubs



Use the interactive maps to find a club near you by scanning this code!



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Team Florida Girls U15 National

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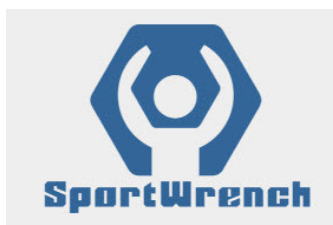
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