

# VolleyNews

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Hello Florida Region Members!

I hope this monthly newsletter finds you well and ready for the start of a great school and membership year.

For those who may not know, I am the new Executive Director/President of the Florida Region. I took over in March and am loving it so far! My background is in College Athletics (35 years in JUCO to NCAA Division I Athletic Departments), so I am still learning all the nuances of the world of Volleyball.

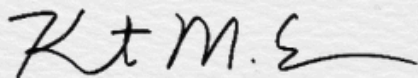
Over the last 5+ months, I have developed four areas that will be my focus:

- **Increasing the value and educational opportunities for members** – we started a partnership with Positive Coaching Alliance, and I am attending a Gold Medal Square Clinic in November. Looking to partner HUDL to provide a discount to interested Clubs.
- **Enhancing the event experience for our players, families, and coaches** – we want to make these big events even more fun!
- **Raising the profile of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball** – Please notice the relaunched website. We look to stream more events and have community involvement/service as part of our events.
- **Growing Resources** – Attracting more sponsors can provide resources to more educational opportunities, more fun at our events and more scholarships to award for those attending college and/or trade schools.

This fall I am traveling throughout the Region via the Club and College tour. I will be visiting as many clubs as possible (mostly hosting the directors at college matches). I hope to see you during this time. If not and you have feedback or ideas to share, please send me a note at [Kurt@floridavolleyball.org](mailto:Kurt@floridavolleyball.org).

Hope to see you at one of our great events in the spring of 2026.

Sincerely,



Kurt M. Esser

Executive Director/President



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2025 FLORIDA REGION NEW CLUB DIRECTOR MEETING | EUSTIS, FL

**"BELIEVE YOU CAN AND YOU'RE HALFWAY THERE" - THEODORE ROOSEVELT**



# **25-26 SEASON MEMBERSHIPS!**



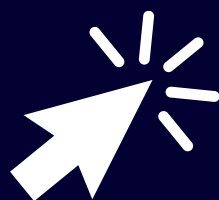
**JUNIOR ATHLETE MEMBERSHIPS  
NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!**

**ADULT MEMBERSHIPS ARE  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!**

**STARTING AUGUST 1ST**

**(CLUB DIRECTORS, CLUB ADMINISTRATORS, OFFICIALS, COACHES, CHAPERONES, VOLUNTEERS)**

**CLICK HERE FOR THE 25-26 MEMBERSHIP GUIDE!**



**PLEASE READ BEFORE PURCHASING  
A MEMBERSHIP!**

**CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE A MEMBERSHIP!**

# SAVE THE DATE

## EVENT REGISTRATION

SEPTEMBER 2ND  
@NOON EDT

## HOUSING

SEPTEMBER 3RD

- FLORIDA FEST JNQ
- FLORIDA REGIONAL 18Q

SEPTEMBER 10TH

- ASICS FLORIDA VB CHALLENGE
- MOLTEN BOYS SE CHAMPS

@NOON EDT

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# FLORIDA REGION OFFICIALS SHOUTOUT!

## - RECENTLY ADVANCED OFFICIALS -



**EVA HORMAZABAL & ASHLEY HARGISS**  
**JR. NATIONAL REFEREES**

**THESE OFFICIALS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT OUR  
25TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY IN APRIL 2026!**

# Gold Medal SQUARED

## JOIN GMS IN FORT LAUDERDALE THIS FALL! GMS FOUNDATIONS COACHING CLINIC

**Dates: November 14-16, 2025**

**VENUE:** TRIBE VOLLEYBALL, 1801 GREEN RD, POMPANO BEACH, FL 33064

### Meet your coaches.



**Chris McGown** (Head Coach - LOVB Austin)

Chris, a founding member and award-winning coach, led BYU to an MPSF title, NCAA runner-up, and was named MPSF & AVCA Coach of the Year.



**Luka Slabe** (Assistant Coach - USA Men)

Luka, a Slovenian native and BYU alum, helped Team USA win its first Olympic Gold in Tokyo and now leads NC State's women's program.



**Joe Trinsey** (Gold Medal Squared)

Joe, one of the world's top volleyball statisticians, is renowned for turning data into powerful insights for coaches.

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## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE'S NEW LOOK!



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## FLORIDA REGION OF USA VOLLEYBALL

FOR ADULTS, JUNIORS, COACHES & OFFICIALS

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### ABOUT

## FLORIDA REGION OF USA VOLLEYBALL

Our mission is to aggressively promote the sport of volleyball throughout Florida and provide competitive playing opportunities for athletes of all ages. We are an affiliate of USA Volleyball, the National Governing Body for the sport of volleyball as designated by the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee.

[Learn More](#)



### Florida Regions Bids and Rankings

Ranking reports will be posted by the end of day on Thursdays



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### Vol-eNews August 2025 Edition

Read the August issue of Vol-eNews, our official newsletter



[Read the Full Issue](#) >>

### Team Florida All-Stars – Back-to-Back Winners

Team Florida earned five medals and claimed the Region Cup



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# 25-26 INDOOR EVENT CALENDAR

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JAN 10-11	FLORIDA USAV GOLD SERIES	ORLANDO, FL
JAN 24-26	FLORIDA FEST JNQ	ORLANDO, FL
FEB 21-22	FLORIDA REGIONAL 18 QUALIFIER	WESLEY CHAPEL, FL
FEB 26-MAR 1	SUNSHINE CLASSIC GNQ	ORLANDO, FL
APR 24-26	ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE	ORLANDO, FL
MAY 1-3	USAV 18S JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	RENO, NV
MAY 22-27	USAV OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	ORLANDO, FL
TBD	USAVFL ADULT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	TBD
JUNE 5-7	GIRLS JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	COLUMBUS, OH
JUNE 6-7	MOLTEN BOYS SOUTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP	GAINESVILLE, FL
JUNE 19-22	GIRLS JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (10-13S)	MINNEAPOLIS, MN
JUNE 25 - JULY 3	GIRLS JR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (14-17S)	INDIANAPOLIS, IN
JULY 8-11	BOYS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP	PHOENIX, AZ
JULY 23-26	USAV ALL-STAR CHAMPIONSHIPS	COLUMBUS, OH

A full list of Florida Region sanctioned events can be found online at [floridavolleyball.org](http://floridavolleyball.org)





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# FLORIDA REGION MAP

4 DISTRICTS  
170+ Clubs



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





# LET'S GET SOCIAL!



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**2025 NEW CLUB  
DIRECTOR MEETING IN  
EUSTIS, FL**



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