

# VolleyNews

A LIFETIME SPORT & A LIFETIME OF FRIENDSHIPS!



Happy Fall Y'all!

What a great time of year — post-season for Girls' High School Volleyball, Boys' Club season getting underway, cooler temperatures, and plenty of tricks, treats, and turkeys!

I wanted to take a moment to share some thoughts on gratitude. I'm extremely thankful for the warm reception I've received since stepping into this role in March. The Club & College Tour was a blast — it was great meeting so many of you, seeing your facilities, and hearing about your efforts to grow and support our sport.

I'm grateful that each of you continues to be a valued member of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. I also appreciate those who are striving to improve — whether through coaching, playing, or running top-notch clubs. During our recent New Club Director Academies and Coaching Clinics, it was inspiring to see such collaboration, energy, and enthusiasm.

I'm also thankful for the fantastic staff in the Florida Region office. Watching them work every day to make the Florida Region, our events, and your membership with USAV even better is truly rewarding. I also want to express my appreciation to our Board of Directors for their continued input and guidance in helping shape the future of the Florida Region.

Finally, I hope each of you will take some time on a frequent basis and reflect on what you are thankful for! Have a great November.

Sincerely,

Kurt M. Esser  
Executive Director/President



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*2025 NEW CLUB ACADEMY | EUSTIS, FL*



*2025 USAV COACH DEVELOPMENT CLINIC | LEESBURG, FL*

"EXCELLENCE IS NOT A SINGULAR ACT BUT A HABIT. YOU ARE WHAT YOU DO REPEATEDLY."

**-SHAQUILLE O'NEAL**



# FLORIDA REGION X USA VOLLEYBALL COACH DEVELOPMENT CLINIC RECAP!

TAKE A LOOK AT ALL  
OF THE CLUBS  
REPRESENTED  
AT THIS YEAR'S CLINIC!

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## THANK YOU TO OUR SPEAKERS!



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# **IVHF**

## **INDUCTION**

### **2025**

### **RECAP!**

**IN 2025, WE MARK A HISTORIC MILESTONE—130 YEARS SINCE THE INVENTION OF VOLLEYBALL**

THE BIRTHPLACE OF VOLLEYBALL ONCE AGAIN BECAME THE CENTER OF THE VOLLEYBALL WORLD AS THE INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME CELEBRATED ITS CLASS OF 2025 INDUCTION WEEKEND IN HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS. THIS YEAR'S CLASS REPRESENTS EXCELLENCE ACROSS INDOOR VOLLEYBALL, BEACH VOLLEYBALL AND PARAVOLLEY, HONORING OLYMPIC AND WORLD CHAMPIONS, GROUNDBREAKING PIONEERS, AND INFLUENTIAL LEADERS WHO HAVE ADVANCED THE SPORT ON AND OFF THE COURT.

## **CLASS OF 2025**

**DIMITAR KAROV (BULGARIA) - MALE INDOOR PLAYER**  
**IVAN MILJKOVIC (SERBIA) - MALE INDOOR PLAYER**  
**ROSA GARCIA RIVAS (PERU) - FEMALE INDOOR PLAYER**  
**FRANCESCA PICCININI (ITALY) - FEMALE INDOOR PLAYER**  
**LAURA LUDWIG (GERMANY) - FEMALE BEACH PLAYER**  
**KENT STEFFES (USA) - MALE BEACH PLAYER**  
**JÜRGEN WAGNER (GERMANY) - COACH**  
**BARRY COUZNER (AUSTRALIA) - PARAVOLLEY**  
**GUILLERMO 'WILLY' PAREDES (ARGENTINA) - REFEREE**

## **IVHF SPECIAL AWARDS**

**JOOP ALBERDA - MINTONETTE MEDALLION OF MERIT**  
**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS (PAVO) - COURT OF HONOR AWARD**  
**PETER DIAMOND - MAYORAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**  
**PAUL SUNDERLAND - AWARD FOR MEDIA EXCELLENCE**  
**ELEGANT AFFAIRS - WILLIAM G. MORGAN AWARD**





# 2025 FLORIDA REGION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS & AWARD NOMINATIONS



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## FLORIDA REGION AWARDS

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**NOMINATIONS  
OPEN 11/15 @9AM**







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PRESENTS

# THE POMPANO BEACH VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL

DEC. 4-7, 2025

## BEACH PRO TOUR - FUTURES

DEC. 5-6, 2025

U.S. BEACH CLUB EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

DEC. 6-7, 2025

PAN AMERICAN ZONE BEACH PARAVOLLEY EVENT

DEC. 7, 2025

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CHAMPIONSHIP**





**DECEMBER 7, 2025 | POMPANO BEACH, FL**

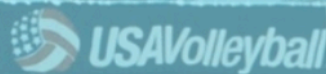


# BEACH

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VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL!**

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**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!**



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A MEMBERSHIP!**

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## 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.

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### 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

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# 25-26 INDOOR EVENT CALENDAR

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

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



# NEW 2026 INDOOR EVENT LOGOS!



2026 FLORIDA USAV GOLD SERIES



2026 FLORIDA FEST JNQ



2026 FLORIDA REGIONAL 18Q



2026 ASICS FLORIDA VB CHALLENGE



2026 MOLTEN BOYS SOUTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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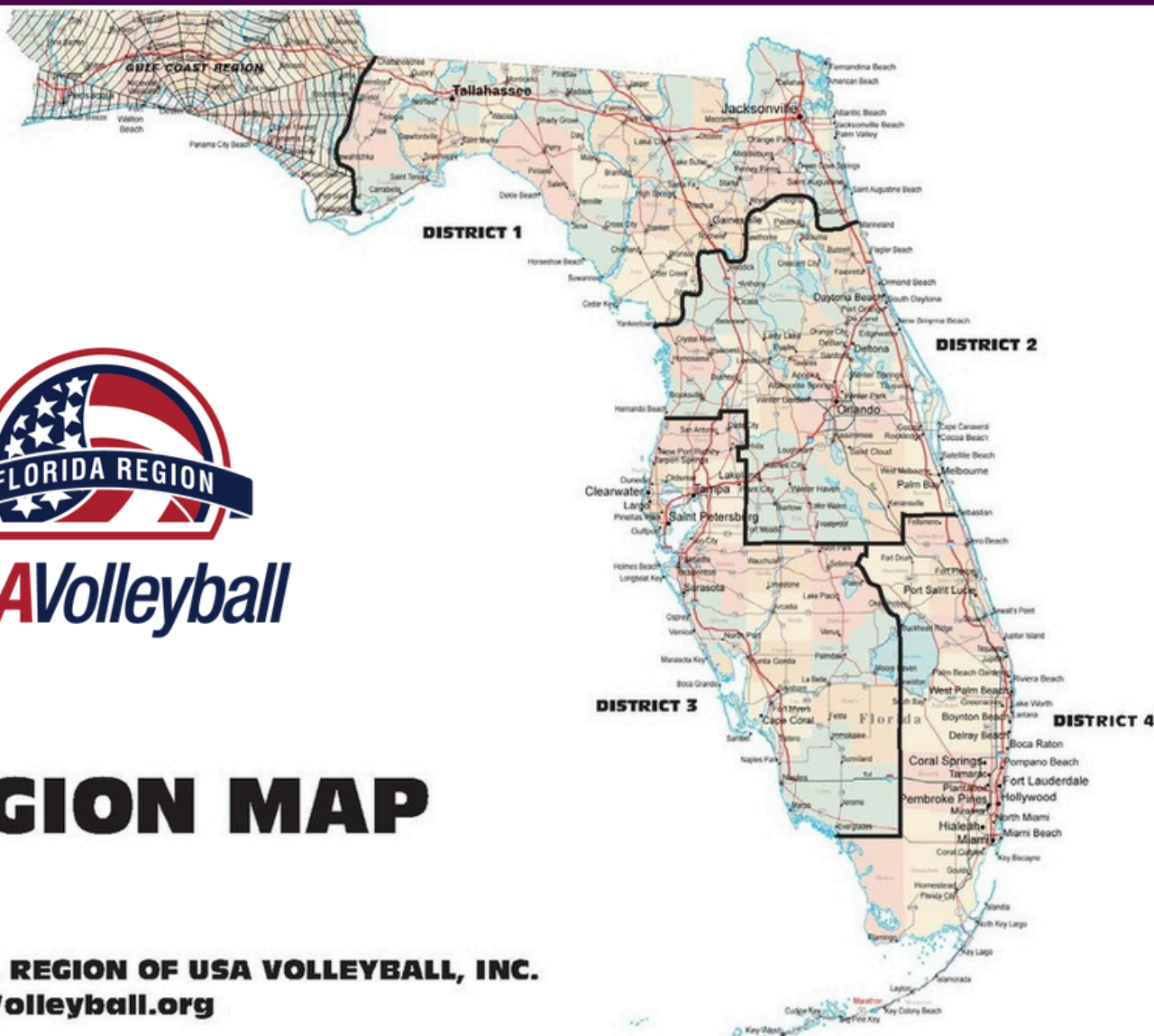
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# FLORIDA REGION MAP

4 DISTRICTS  
170+ Clubs



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





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2025  
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DEVELOPMENT  
CLINIC  
LEESBURG, FL



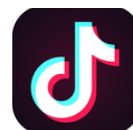
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