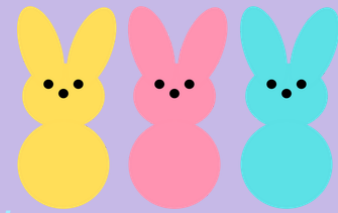


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A LIFETIME SPORT & A LIFETIME OF FRIENDSHIPS!



HELLO FRIENDS OF THE FLORIDA REGION,

WITH JUST OVER THREE WEEKS TO GO BEFORE THE ASICS FLORIDA CHALLENGE, THE REGION OFFICE IS BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT AND LAST-MINUTE PREPARATIONS. THIS IS SET TO BE THE LARGEST EVENT IN FLORIDA REGION HISTORY, AND WE WANT TO THANK ALL PARTICIPANTS, TEAMS, OFFICIALS, VENDORS, AND PARTNERS IN ADVANCE FOR HELPING MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

OUR ONGOING GOAL IS TO ENSURE OUR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS ARE SMOOTH, ENJOYABLE, AND MEMORABLE FOR EVERYONE PARTICIPATING AND ATTENDING. WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE A FEW SPECIAL FEATURES PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT:

- 25TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS BANQUET
- FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES
- FLORIDA REGION GEARUP DRIVE POWERED BY GEAR4ALL & GEAR FOR GLORY
- ENERGY STATION
- THE SPIKENET AND FRIENDS PODCAST

AND DON'T FORGET PAJAMA DAY ON FRIDAY, DIG PINK DAY ON SATURDAY, & CLUB PRIDE DAY ON SUNDAY – IT'S SHAPING UP TO BE A FUN AND MEANINGFUL WEEKEND!

I'D LIKE TO CLOSE WITH A HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY ANDREW ON HER RETIREMENT AS COMMISSIONER AND BOARD CHAIR OF THE FLORIDA REGION. MARY HAS DEDICATED NEARLY TWO DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE REGION AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SPORT OF VOLLEYBALL FOR 50 YEARS. THOSE WHO KNOW MARY UNDERSTAND THAT HER PASSION FOR VOLLEYBALL IS ONLY SURPASSED BY HER COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING AND UPLIFTING YOUNG PEOPLE. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED, BUT WE WISH HER ALL THE BEST IN HER RETIREMENT—AND WE FULLY EXPECT SHE'LL CHECK IN ON US FROM TIME TO TIME.

SINCERELY,

**KURT M. ESSER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT**



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2025 ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE | ORLANDO, FL



**"THE MOST IMPORTANT TRAITS OF A CHAMPIONSHIP CULTURE? TOUGHNESS AND TOGETHERNESS."
— KEVIN MCHALE**



AWARD WINNERS

Team Kiwi

Bruce Perry Volleyball Ambassador Award

Imanol Davila Morales

Ernest Langford Pioneer Award

Felix Torres

Meritorious Service Award

Wildfire Volleyball Academy

Most Improved Juniors Club

Gabriel Mercado

Outstanding Adult Referee
(Ben Jordan Golden Whistle Award)

Andrew Harris

St. Augustine Volleyball Association

Outstanding Club Director

Nicole Stout

Gainesville Juniors Volleyball Club

Alain Suarez

Miami Hype

Outstanding Junior Coach

Abygail (Abby) Smith

Gear for Glory

Outstanding Service Award



HALL OF FAME - CLASS OF 2026

Jennifer Joseph

Terri Kaiser



FLORIDA REGION OFFICIALS ADVANCED IN 2025

Liz Smith

Lionel Garcia

National Official

Ashley Hargiss

Eva Hormazabal

Junior National Official

15 SPECIAL AWARDS & OVER \$148,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED!
INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE MILESTONE 25TH ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY?

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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Adleigh Schwier

(Okeechobee, FL) – Upontop Volleyball Academy, Inc

Adriana Heinrichs

(Cudjoe Key, FL) – Southernmost Volleyball Club

Ashley Crick

(St. Johns, FL) – JJVA

Ava Zalta

(Land O Lakes, FL) – OTVA Volleyball Academy

Bella Johns

(Lake Butler, FL) – PSVA Volleyball Academy

Daniela Garrido

(Wellington, FL) – Wellington Volleyball Academy

Daniela Staton

(Delray Beach, FL) – Boomers Volleyball Academy

Danna Gomez

(Newberry, FL) – RADD Elite

Diego Requena

(Doral, FL) – Miami United Volleyball

Elle Smith

(St. Petersburg, FL) – St. Pete Volleyball Club

Emily McCrea

(Orange Park, FL) – Bubbles United Volleyball Academy

Evelyn Hammer

(Winter Park, FL) – Winter Park Volleyball Club

Grace Kovach

(Seffner, FL) – Florida Elite Volleyball Academy

Grace Lovell

(Jupiter, FL) – Upontop Volleyball Academy Inc

Hanna Hall

(Punta Gorda, FL)

Hannah Williams

(Lady Lake, FL) – Ocala Power United Volleyball

Isabella Cox

(Parkland, FL) – Tribe Volleyball

Jayden Roberts

(St. Augustine, FL) – Jacksonville Skyline Volleyball

Jenna Cuadra

(Miami, FL) – Tribe Volleyball

Jordan Tyler

(Minneola, FL) – American Athletic Club

Leah Richason

(Seminole, FL) – St. Pete Volleyball Club

Lia Gonzalez

(Miami, FL) – Miami Volleyball Academy

Lilly Kirby

(Casselberry, FL) – Winter Park Volleyball Club

Macy McAmis

(Jupiter, FL) – Jupiter Volleyball Club

Parker Provance

(Naples, FL) – USA South Volleyball

Peyton Douglas

(Lithia, FL) – OTVA Volleyball Academy

Peyton Garrick

(Naples, FL) – USA South Volleyball

Remington Foes

(Ft. Myers, FL) – USA South Volleyball

Sophia Ierulli

(Bradenton, FL) – Elite Sports

Yasmin Dias Tonon

(Boca Raton, FL) – Tribe Volleyball



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WE ARE LESS THAN 1 MONTH AWAY!

HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO NOTE!

4/24  

PAJAMA DAY!

4/25 

DIG PINK DAY! 

4/26 

CLUB PRIDE DAY!

PARKING

PARKING AT THE ORANGE COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER WILL BE LIMITED - EXPECT DELAYS!

- GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME!
- WALK IF POSSIBLE, CARPOOL WITH YOUR TEAM, & UTILIZE THE FREE SHUTTLE.
- THE EVENT ENTRANCE IS LOCATED AT WEST HALL C.

LIVESTREAM

THE OFFICIAL LIVESTREAMING PARTNER FOR THE ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE IS BALLERTV!

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH](#)



SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE!

[OR CLICK HERE TO VISIT OUR EVENT PAGE!](#)



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EVENT APPAREL

THE OFFICIAL APPAREL PARTNER FOR THE ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE IS LUCKYDOG VOLLEYBALL!

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THEIR BOOTH ON SITE FOR YOUR OFFICIAL EVENT MERCHANDISE.



LUCKYDOGVOLLEYBALL.COM



MEDIA

OUR OFFICIAL MEDIA PARTNER FOR THE ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE IS THE SPIKENET!

MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW THEIR SOCIALS SO YOU NEVER MISS ANY OF THE ACTION!



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OTHER VENDORS



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)

JOIN US ON 4/26 FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 10AM, 11AM, AND NOON!



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BRING YOUR NEW OR PRE-LOVED VOLLEYBALL/SPORTS GEAR TO THE COLLECTION STATIONS LOCATED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE (WEST C)!

THE ENERGY STATION

THE ENERGY STATION IS A DEDICATED ATHLETE SPACE DESIGNED TO SUPPORT REGULATION AND COMPOSURE BETWEEN MATCHES WITHIN THE EVENT ENVIRONMENT.

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BIG THANK YOU TO MARY ANDREW!

The Florida Region extends its sincere thanks to Mary Andrew for her 35 years of dedication and service in growing our region. Mary has made a lasting impact through her many roles, including coach, club director, tournament director, and board member.

As Mary Andrew steps down from her most recent position as Board Chair/Commissioner, we recognize and appreciate her significant contributions to the growth of our sport and her role in helping make the Florida Region one of the top regions in the country.

Mary Andrew expressed “I will always cherish the passion, commitment, and sense of community that define the Florida Region. The friendships and relationships I have built during my time serving this organization will remain among the most meaningful of my life. Thank you for the trust you placed in me and for the opportunity to serve this remarkable community.”

Thank you Mary Andrew!



MEET OUR 2026 TEAM FLORIDA COACHING STAFF!

U19 GIRLS



JEFF REAVIS
HEAD COACH



MCKENSIE HEROLD
ASSISTANT COACH



JON WONG
ASSISTANT COACH

U17 GIRLS



ADIS IMAMOVIC
HEAD COACH



DEVIN MITCHELL
ASSISTANT COACH



ANTHONY (TONY) COTRON
ASSISTANT COACH

U15 GIRLS



ISREAL DELGADO
HEAD COACH



PEDRO PENATE
ASSISTANT COACH



EVELYN VERAS
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U13 GIRLS



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HEAD COACH



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ASSISTANT COACH



JESSICAH MACINTYRE-BULLOCK
ASSISTANT COACH

U19 BOYS



COREY MARKS
HEAD COACH



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ASHLEY CARUCO
ASSISTANT COACH

U17 BOYS



MARQUIS CLARK
HEAD COACH



CHARLES NORMAN
ASSISTANT COACH



JESSE DAY
ASSISTANT COACH

U15 BOYS



DEXTER ROGERS
HEAD COACH



ASHLEY MONFORT
ASSISTANT COACH



ASIMA MULALIC
ASSISTANT COACH

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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



APRIL 24-26, 2026 | ORLANDO, FL

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2026 USA Volleyball Adult Open National Championship (Adult Opens)

May 22-27, 2026 | Orlando, FL

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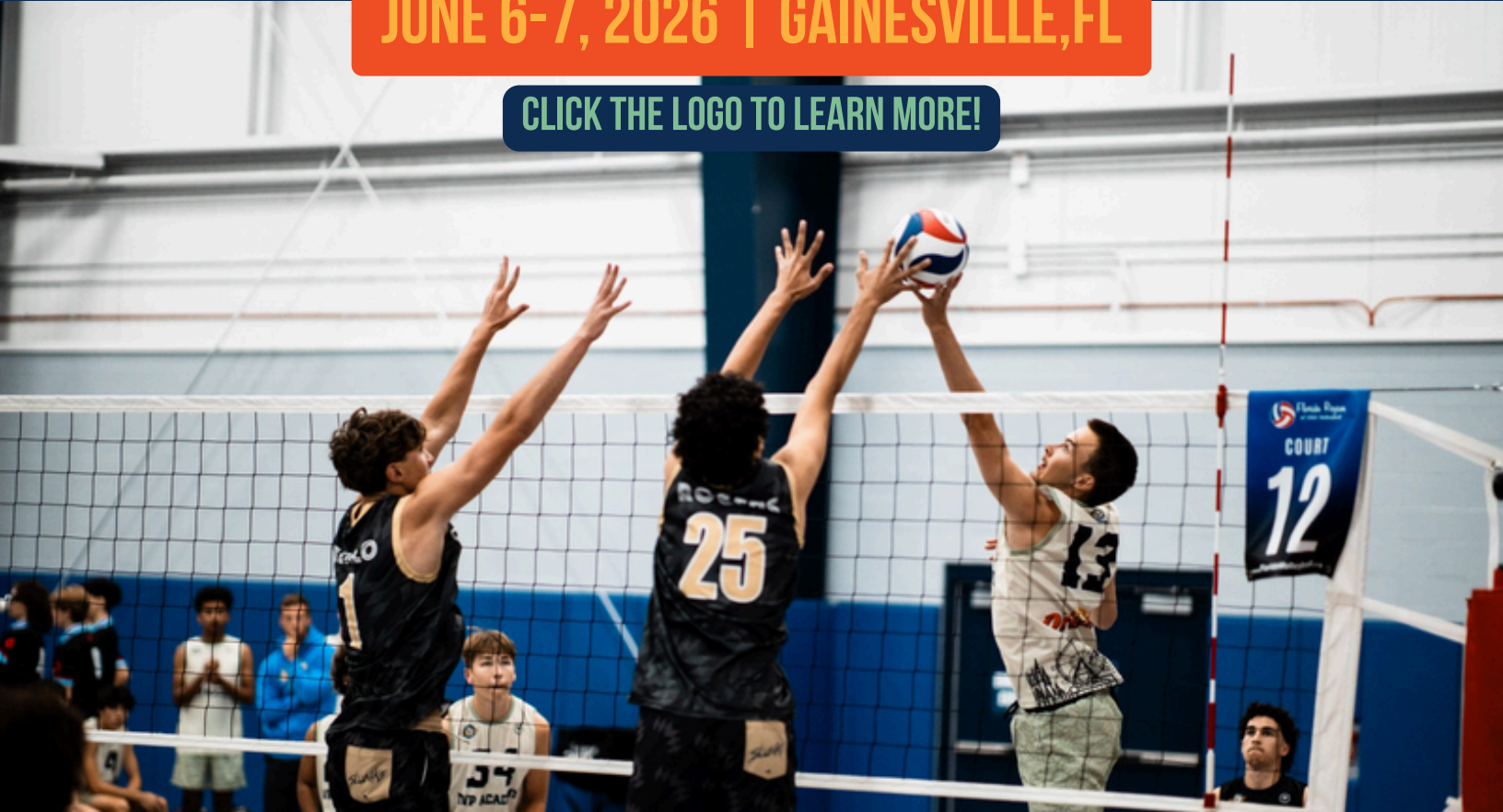
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JUNE 6-7, 2026 | GAINESVILLE, FL

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Take The Perfect Pass Challenge

The Perfect Pass Challenge uses volleyball to spread Side-Out's metastatic breast cancer research into communities through athlete outreach.



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FLORIDA REGION MAP

4 DISTRICTS
170+ Clubs



USA Volleyball

REGION MAP

FLORIDA REGION OF USA VOLLEYBALL, INC.
FloridaVolleyball.org

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



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