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# VOL-ENEWS

JUNE 2026



Hello Friends of the Florida Region,

Hope everyone is off to a great start to June and looking forward to an exciting summer. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, our Marketing Coordinator, Kris Cifelli, has departed the organization. After careful consideration, we have decided to partner with The SpikeNet as our official marketing agency. The SpikeNet will support the Florida Region staff with social media, graphic design, website management, event signage, and other marketing initiatives. We are excited to strengthen our partnership with a company that shares our passion for the sport of volleyball.

Congratulations to all the ladies who earned a spot on Team Florida (the teams are featured later in this edition). Best of luck as well to the boys participating in Team Florida tryouts prior to the Molten Boys Southeastern Championships in Ocala. We look forward to taking these teams to Columbus in late July and competing for the Region Cup (Team Florida has won 10 of the last 13 years). If your company or club is interested in sponsoring a Team Florida athlete or supporting Team Florida as a whole, please let us know.

The USAV Adult Open Championship recently concluded in Orlando, where the Florida Region sponsored a team in the sitting division. Team Florida earned a bronze medal and was the only team in the division without a current Paralympian on its playing roster. Thanks to Linda Gomez Pai and Chris Seilkop for serving as coaches. As the tournament began on Memorial Day, and with several veterans competing on our team and throughout the event, I was reminded of the sacrifices made by those who have served our country. We are grateful for their dedication and service.

As summer begins, I encourage everyone to take some time away from volleyball. A change of pace can help refresh both the mind and body. Rest is an essential—and often overlooked—part of growth and development. Spend quality time with family and friends, create lasting memories, and enjoy the moment.

Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt M. Esser".

Kurt M. Esser  
Executive Director/President





# TEAM FLORIDA GIRLS SELECTION CAMP



The Florida Region is proud to announce its Team Florida Indoor All-Stars, with four girls teams set to compete at the 2026 All Stars Championships, July 23–26 in Columbus, Ohio. The teams will represent the U13, U15, U17, and U19 divisions, showcasing some of the top talent across the state.

The selection process began with an exclusive camp held May 9 at The Villages Charter School in Middleton, Florida. This was not an open registration event. Invitations were extended to athletes from the 2025 Team Florida roster and those ranked on the Florida Athlete Power Ranking list, which was based on top-five finishes in the highest divisions of select 2025 tournaments. From there, Team Florida coaches selected athletes to attend the camp and compete for a roster spot.

Athletes involved in the National Team Development Program (NTDP) were also considered, even if scheduling conflicts prevented camp attendance. Final selections were based on performance, skill, and overall fit for the team.

The recently announced rosters highlight not only individual achievement but also the strength of Florida's club programs, which continue to develop athletes at a high level.

Congratulations to all athletes who competed, and to those selected to represent Florida on the national stage. The countdown to Columbus is officially underway.

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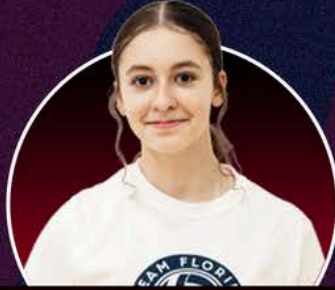
GIRLS



U13



**Julieta Arnaiz**  
OH | 5'6" | Miami Volleyball Academy



**Valentina Gelabert**  
OPP | 5'7" | Top Select



**Mariyah Lenfert-Ziegler**  
MB | 5'7" | Jax Skyline



**Abigail Hill**  
OH | 5'7" | Top Select



**Valentina Delgado**  
UTL | 5'6" | Miami Volleyball Academy



**Gace Lacayo**  
S | 5'0" | Miami Hype



**Juliana Rodriguez**  
OH | 5'6" | Jupiter Elite



**Kenzie Cook**  
MB | 5'10" | Tampa United



**Lilly Larson**  
S | 5'10" | Top Select



**Ava Zichella**  
OH | 5'5" | Miami Volleyball Academy



**Naomi Faust**  
MB | 5'11" | Tampa United

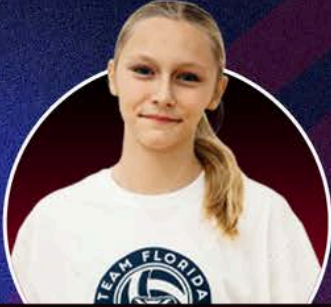


**Isabella Comey**  
LIB | 5'0" | OTVA Tampa

**GIRLS**



**U15**



**Baleigh Eatman**  
OH | 5'9" | Ocala Power



**Violet Clemente**  
OPP | 6'0" | Jupiter Elite



**Bailey Hunt**  
S | 5'10" | Ocala Power



**Jenae Maduro-Breedy**  
OH | 5'10" | Top Select



**Elyn Blaker**  
MB | 5'11" | FEVA



**Harper Truesdell**  
S | 5'10" | Winter Park



**Alexa Sickel**  
OH | 5'8" | High Tide



**Molly Maranzana**  
MB | 6'0" | OTVA Tampa



**Mikyla Jones**  
S/OPP | 5'8" | Top Select



**Ella Valentino**  
OH | 5'9" | OTVA Orlando



**Jessalyn Watkins**  
MB | 6'0" | OTVA Tampa



**Amanda Querales**  
LIB | 5'4" | Miami Volleyball Academy

**GIRLS**



**U17**



**Taryn Lambert**  
OH | 5'11" | Winter Park



**Lia Hufford**  
Utility | 5'9" | Winter Park



**Maggie Prentice**  
MB | 6'2" | Tribe



**Avery LiCalzi**  
OH | 5'8" | Ocala Power



**Rachael Luis**  
OPP | 6'2" | 305 VBC



**Harper Lanza**  
S | 6'0" | Countdown



**Ema Michell**  
OH | 6'1" | Game Point



**Alessandra Harris**  
MB | 6'1" | 407 VBC



**Maysen Way**  
S | 6'0" | Ocala Power



**Ella Mossbacher**  
OH | 6'1" | OTVA Tampa



**Angelyn Hunt**  
MB | 5'10" | Ocala Power



**Avery Hummel**  
LIB | 5'7" | OTVA Tampa

**GIRLS**



**U19**



**Natalia Baquerizo**  
OH | 6'1" | American Athletic Club



**Abigail Buffington**  
OPP | 6'3" | St. Pete VBC



**Brooklyn Sippio**  
MB | 6'4" | Game Point



**Lia Ray**  
OH | 5'10" | Tribe



**Madison Hewitson**  
Utility | 6'0" | Ocala Power



**Natasha Macau**  
S | 5'10" | Miami Volleyball Academy



**Emily Reed**  
OH | 5'9" | Ocala Power



**Addyson Avery**  
MB | 6'1" | Ocala Power



**Juliette Watson**  
S | 5'11" | OTVA Jacksonville



**Gigi White**  
OH | 5'10" | OTVA Tampa



**Haley Higgins**  
MB | 6'1" | Top Select



**Lyla Huggins**  
LIB | 5'6" | Ocala Power



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# UPCOMING EVENT

## 2026 Molten Boys Southeastern Championship

With just one week to go, excitement is building for the 2026 Molten Boys Southeastern Championship in Gainesville. As teams prepare to compete, there are a few important reminders to ensure a smooth and successful event experience.

Team check-in will close on Friday, June 5 at 3:00 PM. Coaches and club directors are encouraged to review and verify all roster details before the deadline to avoid any last-minute issues.

Spectator tickets are now available for purchase. Attendees should be sure to obtain their team code from their club prior to buying tickets to ensure proper access.

Official tournament apparel will be available on-site under the Florida Region tents located next to Court 9. This will be the go-to spot for event merchandise throughout the championship.

Team bag tags can be picked up beginning Saturday after 8:00 AM at the Ticketing Help Desk. Please note that only coaches or club directors are permitted to collect these items.

With preparations underway and competition around the corner, the stage is set for an exciting weekend of volleyball. Gainesville is ready to welcome teams, families, and fans for another memorable championship event.

Learn more by visiting: <https://floridavolleyball.org/blog/event/molten-boys-southeastern-championships/>





# NEW PARTNERSHIP

## THE SPIKENET

What started as a collaborative working relationship more than a decade ago has grown into something far more impactful. The Florida Region and The SpikeNet are proud to officially expand their partnership through a new marketing and media collaboration.

For the past 10 years, The SpikeNet has worked alongside the Florida Region to highlight the stories that define volleyball across the state. From athletes and coaches to clubs, officials, and major events, the partnership has consistently focused on showcasing the people and moments that shape the game in Florida.

With this new chapter, The SpikeNet will serve as the Florida Region's official marketing and content partner. This expanded role will include comprehensive event coverage, original storytelling, interviews, social media campaigns, behind-the-scenes features, and a wide range of digital content designed to engage and grow the volleyball community.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment to elevating the sport and celebrating the individuals who make it thrive. As the game continues to grow across Florida, this collaboration will play a key role in bringing those stories to a broader audience.

The Florida Region and The SpikeNet look forward to continuing this journey together and building on a decade of meaningful work within the volleyball community.



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# TEAM FLORIDA'S SITTING TEAM

Team Florida delivered an impressive performance at the 2026 Adult Open National Championships, earning a bronze medal in the sitting division on home soil in the Sunshine State.

Competing in front of a home crowd added an extra layer of energy and motivation, and the team rose to the occasion with resilience and determination throughout the tournament. Their effort and consistency ultimately secured a spot on the podium, marking a significant achievement against top national competition.

Winning in Florida made the moment even more meaningful. With local supporters behind them, Team Florida showcased not only their skill but also the passion and pride that define the state's volleyball community.

This bronze medal finish is a testament to the team's grit, teamwork, and dedication over the course of the event. From start to finish, the squad demonstrated heart and competitive spirit, representing Florida at the highest level.

Congratulations to Team Florida's sitting volleyball team on an outstanding performance and a well-earned place among the nation's best.





# 2026 USA VOLLEYBALL ADULT OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Florida Region would like to recognize the teams that earned top finishes at the 2026 USA Volleyball Adult Open National Championship while proudly representing Florida. It is always exciting to see the continued growth of the sport and the strong presence of Florida athletes competing at the national level.

Learn more about the event here: <https://usavolleyball.org/event/2026-usa-volleyball-open-national-championship/>

Division	Best FL Finish	Team
Men A	1st	TEAM CCVL (FL)
Men's B	1st	The Simpsons (FL)
Men's BB	1st	TEAM YOYO FLORIDA (FL)
Women's A	1st	Miami Hype Elite (FL)
Co-Ed 4s	2nd	Upper Left VBC - Coed 1 (FL)
Men's Open	2nd	TEAM YOYO USA (FL)
Men's 73 & Over	3rd	AVIV-BOOMERS-73 (FL)
Sitting	3rd	Team Florida Sitting (FL)
Special Olympics	3rd	Westside Team Florida (FL)
Women's BB	4th	All Navy Women's (FL)
Women's Open	4th	TampaBang Lifetime Family (FL)
Out of System Co-ed	5th	Infinity (FL)
Men's 55 & Over	5th (tie)	RJ VOLLEYBALL 55+ (FL)
Women's B	5th (tie)	Team Tequila (FL)
Women's 45 & Over	7th	BrasilISC/Orlando (FL)
Co-Ed 4s Reverse	8th	VTNZ (FL)
Men's 70 & Over	8th	Masters Inc 65s (FL)
Women's 40 & Over	9th (tie)	Montverde40+ (FL)
Men's 60 & Over	13th	Masters Inc 60s (FL)
Women's 55 & Over	15th	Volleyfrogs-60 (FL)
Women's 60 & Over	15th	Volleyfrogs-60 (FL)
Women's 50 & Over	20th	Hot Peppers (FL)



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# 2026-2027 EVENT SCHEDULE

**AUGUST 22,  
2026**

**INDOOR CLUB ACADEMY  
EUSTIS, FL**

**OCTOBER 25,  
2026**

**INDOOR CLUB ACADEMY  
EUSTIS, FL**

**JAN 9-10,  
2027**

**FLORIDA USAV GOLD SERIES  
ORLANDO, FL**

**JAN 23-25,  
2027**

**FLORIDA FEST JNQ  
ORLANDO, FL**

**FEB 20-21,  
2027**

**FLORIDA REGIONAL 18 QUALIFIER  
WESLEY CHAPEL, FL**

**MARCH 25,  
2027**

**AWARD CEREMONY  
ORLANDO, FL**

**MARCH 26-  
28, 2027**

**ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE  
ORLANDO, FL**

**MAY (TBD)**

**FLORIDA ADULT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
TBD**

**MAY (TBD)**

**GIRLS SELECTION CAMP  
TBD**

**JUNE 4,  
2027**

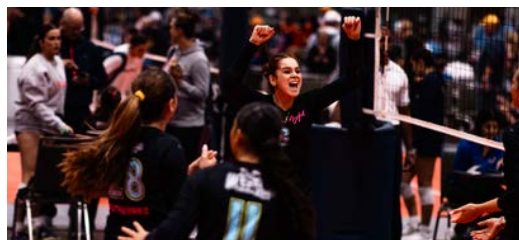
**BOYS ALL- STARS EVALUATIONS  
OCALA, FL**

**JUNE 5-6,  
2027**

**BOYS SOUTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP  
OCALA, FL**

**JULY (TBD)**

**USA VOLLEYBALL ALL-STARS  
ARIZONA**



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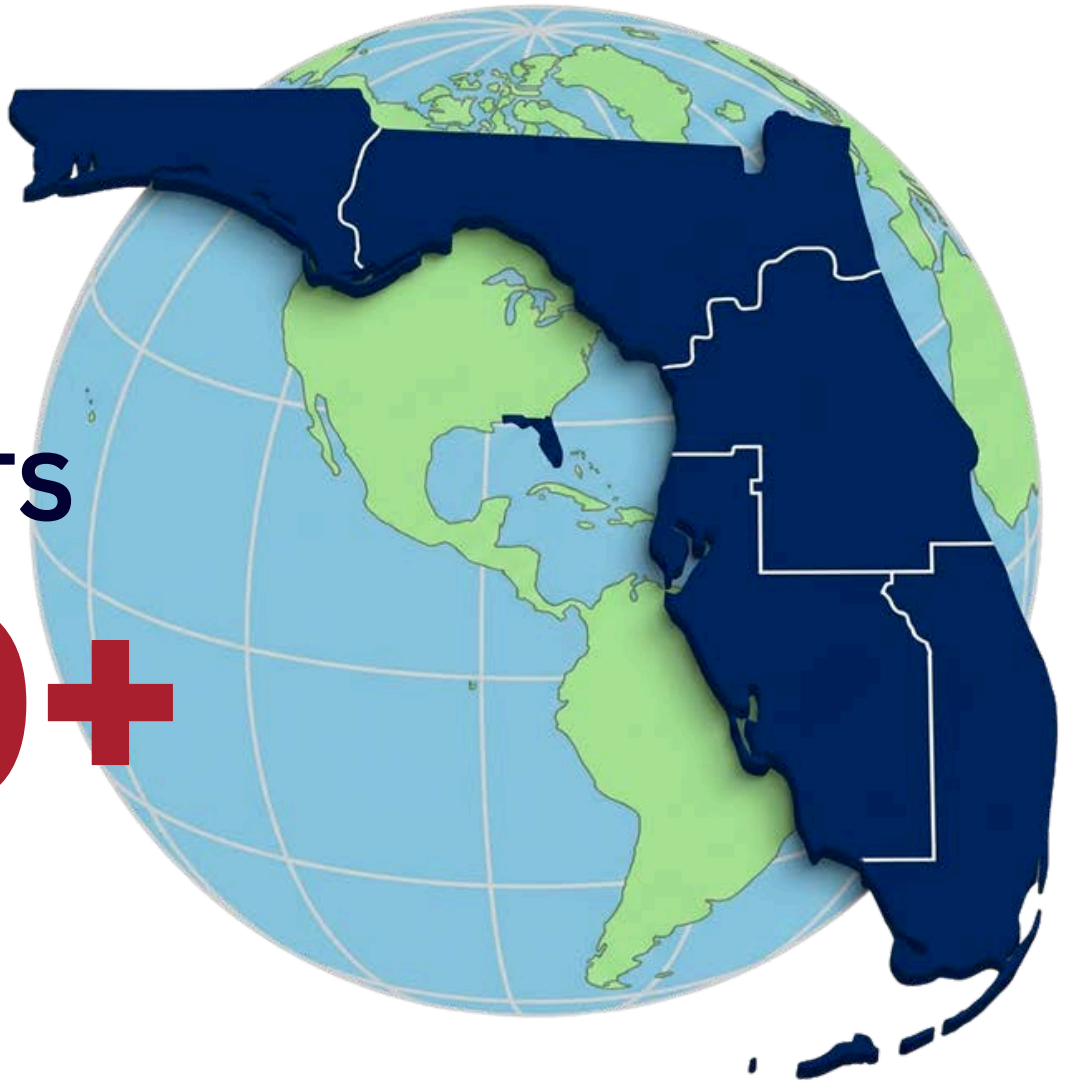
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**CLUBS**

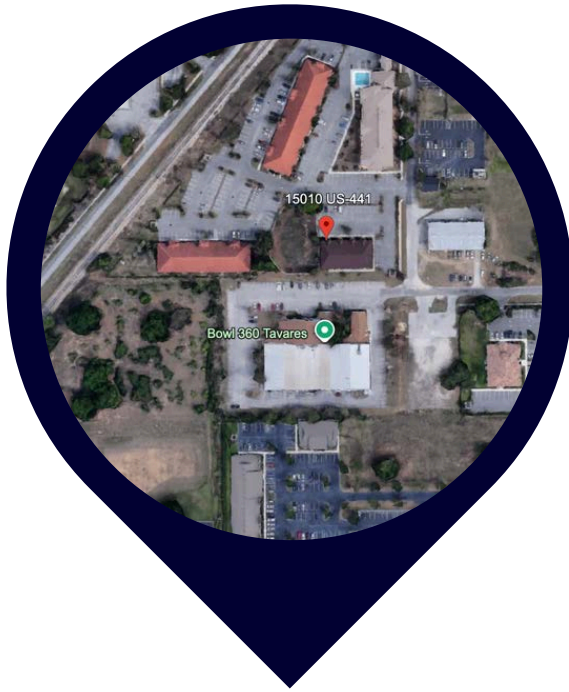


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