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JULY 2026



Hello Friends of the Florida Region,

Coming from college athletics, summer was always a great time to slow down, catch up, and prepare for the year ahead. In the USA Volleyball world, however, that certainly isn't the case! From the National Championships to Team Florida/All-Star preparations, along with budgeting and planning for the 2026-27 season, the Region Office continues to stay very busy.

The boys' Team Florida rosters have now been announced and are featured in this edition of the newsletter. We look forward to taking these young men—and our Team Florida girls—to Columbus, Ohio, at the end of July as we continue our tradition of excellence. I encourage you to take a few minutes to check out this year's teams. If you or your company/organization would be interested in sponsoring a Team Florida athlete or supporting the program as a whole, I would love to visit with you.

I also wanted to provide an update on the recent Board of Directors elections within the Florida Region. Congratulations to Robert Owen, who was elected as the Officials Representative, and Charlie Castillo, who was elected as Junior Representative.

- Robert was recently named USA Volleyball Official of the Year. His impact on the game extends far beyond the whistle. In addition to this prestigious national honor, Robert serves with distinction as Board Chair of the Central Florida chapter of the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO).
- Charlie played collegiate volleyball at Florida International University and began his coaching career in 2005 with Volleyball Players Academy in Miami. He later coached at Florida Atlantic University from 2012-2014 before returning to USA South. During his tenure, he has qualified six USA South teams for the USA Volleyball National Championships and has helped numerous athletes continue their careers at the collegiate level.

I look forward to working alongside Robert, Charlie, and the rest of our Board of Directors as we continue to grow and promote the sport of volleyball throughout the Florida Region.

Speaking of growing the game, the Try Volleyball program will soon be expanding. This USA Volleyball initiative helps clubs introduce new athletes to the sport by hosting free clinics and has become one of our most successful summertime programs. Last year, more than 30 Florida Region clubs participated in this national effort. The deadline to host a clinic this year is July 3rd. Because of the success of the program and the way the calendar falls this year, USA Volleyball has decided to make the program available year-round. Additional information on how your club can host a Try Volleyball event after September 1 will be shared soon.

Thank you for your continued support of the Florida Region. Have a safe, happy, and memorable Fourth of July!

Sincerely,

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

Kurt M. Esser
Executive Director/President





TEAM FLORIDA BOYS SELECTION CAMP

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

The selection process began with an exclusive camp held June 5 at Gainesville, 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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BOYS



U15



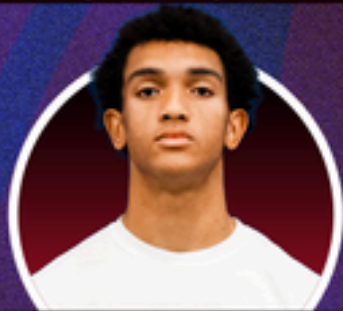
Breck Cœk
OH | 6'1" | Tribe



Davis Howell
OPP | 5'11" | Winter Park



Matthew Mora
S | 5'6" | Miami United



Stefano Giannell
OH | 6' | Ocean Bay



Bennett Chaffin
MB | 6'1" | Orlando Gold



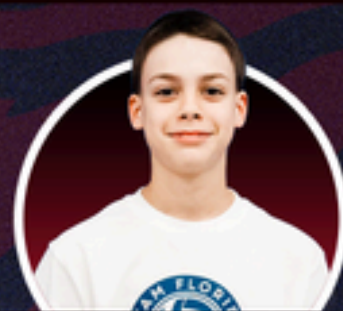
Blake Silva
S | 5'6" | JJVA



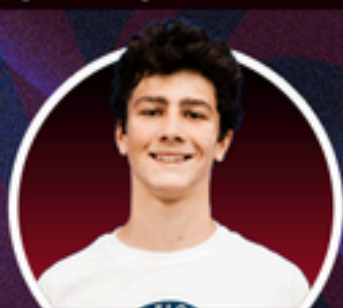
Griffin Van Deusen
OH | 6'3" | Winter Park



Gavin Quintana
MB | 5'11" | Winter Park



Gabriel Diez
LIB | 5'6" | Miami United



Ben Winters
OH | 5'11" | Winter Park



Joshua Wødson
MB | 5'10" | Orlando Gold



Ajay Irwin
UTL | 5'7" | Winter Park

BOYS



U17



Kellan Gentile
OH | 6'3" | Orlando Gold



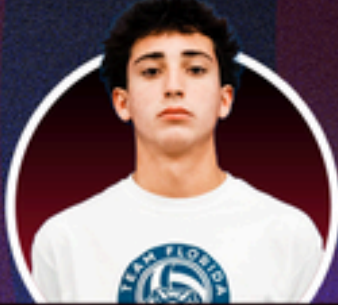
Marcos Sanchez
OPP | 6'5" | Miami United



Kenny Perez
S | 6'1" | Miami United



Kevin Perez
OH | 6'2" | Miami United



Eric Leao
MB | 6'3" | Tribe



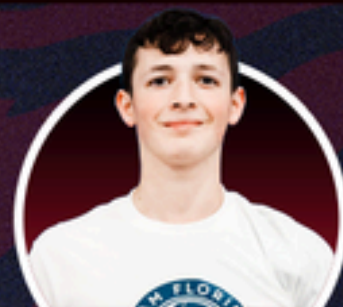
Cole Stroup
S | 6'5"



Kaden Rosario
OH | 6'4" | Miami United



Jack Swartzbaugh
MB | 6'5" | Tribe



Joseph Virginio
LIB | 5'7" | Miami United



Jude Stroup
OH | 6'5"



Chase Teasley
MB | 6' | Orlando Gold



Liam Alvarado
UTL | 5'8" | Orlando Gold

BOYS



U19



Gavin Bybee
OH | 6'7" | Tribe



Micah Amestoy
OPP | 6'8" | Tribe



Zac Crandell
S | 6'3" | Winter Park



Timeo Domergue
OH | 6'5" | Tribe



Nicholas Castillo
MB | 6'5" | Tribe



Elijah Lam
S | 6'2" | Ocean Bay



Cøper Greer
OH | 6'3"



Philip Hanna
MB | 6'5" | Winter Park



Toby Davis
LIB | 6' | Winter Park



Aquiles Lorenzo
OH | 6'4" | Miami United



Jayden McCoy
MB | 6'4" | Winter Park



Derick Delgado
LIB | 5'8" | Tropics



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NEW DIRECTORS



ROBERT OWEN

OFFICIALS REPRESENTATIVE

CHARLIE CASTILLO

JUNIORS REPRESENTATIVE

The Florida Region is proud to welcome two outstanding leaders to its Board of Directors following the recent elections. Congratulations to Robert Owen, elected as Officials Representative, and Charlie Castillo, elected as Junior Representative. Robert, recently honored as USA Volleyball Official of the Year, brings exceptional leadership and a deep commitment to the sport, further demonstrated through his role as Board Chair of the Central Florida chapter of PAVO. Charlie adds an impressive coaching background, with collegiate experience at FIU and FAU, and a proven track record of developing athletes and guiding six USA South teams to the USA Volleyball National Championships. Together, their experience and passion will be invaluable as we continue to grow and elevate volleyball across the Florida Region.



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FL REGION RESULTS FROM THE 11S-15S GJNC

The Florida Region would like to recognize the teams that earned top finishes at the 2026 USA Volleyball Girls Junior 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.

| DIVISION | TEAM | FINISH |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 15 Open | OT 15 T Randy | 2nd |
| | Top Select 15 Elite | 25th |
| | GJ 15 ADIDAS | 31st |
| | Tribe 15 VKTRY Cardinal | 43rd |
| 15 National | OPU 15-1 | 13th |
| | Gulfside 15U Prime | 28th |
| 15 USA | OT 15 T Jenn | 3rd |
| | Tribe 15 VKTRY Navy | 3rd |
| | Countdown 15-1 Elite | 5th |
| | Top Select 15 Top Blue | 13th |
| | OT 15 O Christian | 18th |
| | Miami Hype 15U PRIME1 | 23rd |
| | FSC Elite 15 Blue | 28th |
| | FEVA 15 Katia | 43rd |
| 15 Liberty | JAX SKYLINE 15 Royal | 1st |
| | Elite 15 National Nancy | 2nd |
| | Heat 15 Elite | 9th |
| | USA South 15 Premier Purp | 13th |
| | MVA 15 Julio | 21st |
| 15 American | WPVC 15 Armour Black | 43rd |
| | GP 15 National | 53rd |
| | Cape Coast 15 SATURN | 59th |
| | PSVA 15-1 | 61st |
| | GJ 15 PREMIER | 65th |
| 15 Freedom | OVA 15 Black | 21st |
| | FEVA 15 Brittany | 35th |





FL REGION RESULTS FROM THE 11s-15s GJNC

| DIVISION | TEAM | FINISH |
|-------------|--|--|
| 14 Open | Top Select 14 Elite Tribe 14 VKTRY Cardinal GP 14 National WPVC 14 Armour Black OT 14 T Jody | 11th 13th 21st 28th 40th |
| 14 National | JAX SKYLINE 14 Royal OT 14 O Omi | 5th 19th |
| 14 USA | OPU 14-1 MVA 14 Freideman OT 14 T Cici 305VBC 14E Ruben | 9th 23rd 28th 31st |
| 14 Liberty | FEVA 14 Katia FL Momentum 14 Gold Tampa North 14 Black Tampa United VBA 14 Black USA South 14 Premier Purp GSI 14 Green | 3rd 5th 13th 31st 31st 37th |
| 14 American | St. Pete 14 Teal Top Select 14 Top Blue WPVC 14 Armour Orange 14 PREMIER WILLIE NVA GP 14 Premier PSVA 14-1 | 25th 25th 43rd 45th 53rd 59th |
| 14 Freedom | OVA 14 Black Cape Coast 14 CHALLENGER PVC 14-1A | 13th 19th 25th |





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| DIVISION | TEAM | FINISH |
|-------------|--|---|
| 13 Open | GJ 13 ADIDAS Wildfire 13N Open FEVA 13 Fernando | 13th 32nd 33rd |
| 13 National | OT 13 T Kesha GP 13 National | 19th 26th |
| 13 USA | OT 13 T Patty MVA 13 Pedro High Tide 13 Elite OT 13 O TJ Jupiter Elite 13E Tampa United VBA 13 Black Elite 13 National CD OT 13 J Jenna | 5th 22nd 27th 27th 29th 33rd 41st 47th |
| 13 Liberty | Top Select 13 Top Blue LEGACY 13 ELITE GABY OVA 13 Black Upontop 13s Elite FSC Elite 13 Blue NMBVB 13U Nelson 305VBC 13N Christian WPVC 13 Armour Black | 5th 13th 13th 19th 23rd 37th 39th 41st |





FL REGION RESULTS FROM THE 11s-15s GJNC

| DIVISION | TEAM | FINISH |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 13 American | PSVA 13-1 | 2nd |
| | 407 13 Orange | 9th |
| | Cape Coast 13 COLUMBIA | 21st |
| | Gulfside 13U Prime | 45th |
| | OPU 13-1 | 53rd |
| | Buffalo Stampede 13-1 | 75th |
| | FTL 13U Fusion Teddy | 89th |
| 12 National | Top Select 12 Elite | 27th |
| 12 USA | GJ 12 PREMIER | 2nd |
| | GP 12 National | 7th |
| | JAX SKYLINE 12 Royal | 15th |
| | OPU 12-1 | 17th |
| | OT 12 T Liz | 25th |
| 12 American | Tampa United VBA 12 Black | 9th |
| | Hunter's 12U Black | 34th |
| | Miami Hype 12U POWER | 35th |
| | OVA 12 Black | 54th |
| | AVA 12 Coral | 63rd |
| 11 National | Top Select 11 Elite | 3rd |
| | Upontop 11s | 19th |
| 11 American | WGVC 11-1 NATIONAL | 1st |
| | GP 11 National | 5th |





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USA Volleyball

TRY VOLLEYBALL - LAST CALL! As we enter the final push for Try Volleyball, please note that the deadline to schedule clinics is July 3. While we may still accept dates after that, they are not guaranteed, and host kits may not arrive in time. If your region or clubs are considering adding a clinic, now is the time to lock in details so we can fully support you with materials and logistics. I

n the meantime, promotion is key, share clinic details on your social channels, email current and past families, and connect with local schools and community organizations to maximize visibility.

To make it easy, use the ready-to-go Marketing Toolkit with graphics, sample posts, and messaging: <https://usav-try-volleyball.sportngin.com/clinicmarketing>. Thank you for helping us create a fun and welcoming first experience for families entering the sport. For any questions or support, don't hesitate to reach out.



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ALUM SHOUTOUT



CAMERON
THORNE

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NAMED TO THE USAV MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

STARS & STRIPES



SCRIMMAGE ROSTER

Team Florida would like to congratulate Florida Region alum Cameron Thorne on being named to the USA Volleyball Men's National Team Stars & Stripes Scrimmage Roster!

Catch Cameron participated in this scrimmage June 12 and took the court representing the next generation of American volleyball.



ALUM SHOUTOUT



ELLIE
ENGER

NAMED TO THE

USAV U17 GIRLS



NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER

Back to red, white, and blue...Team Florida alum Ellie Enger is once again on the Girls U17 National Team roster. Huge congrats, Ellie!

Wishing you the best, go make us proud!



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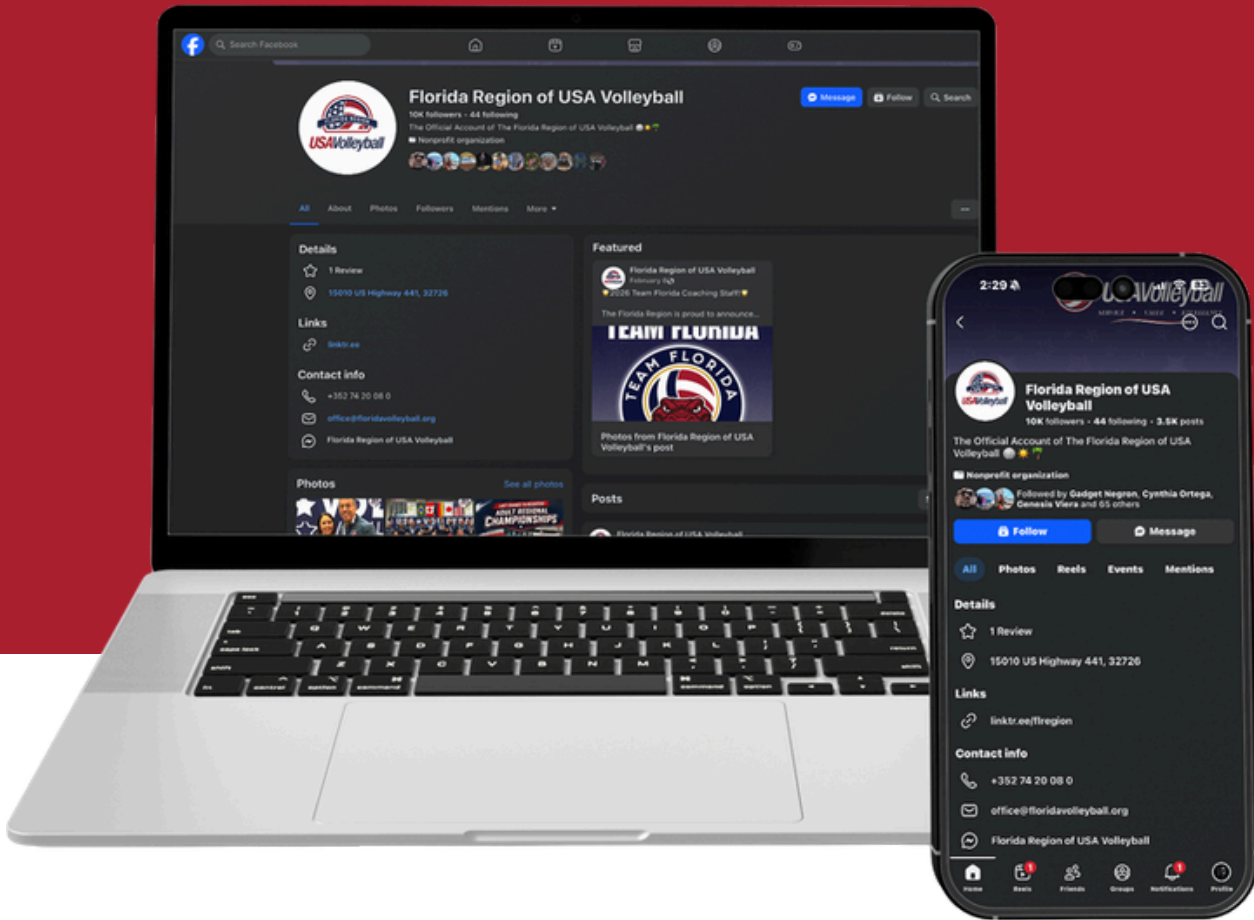


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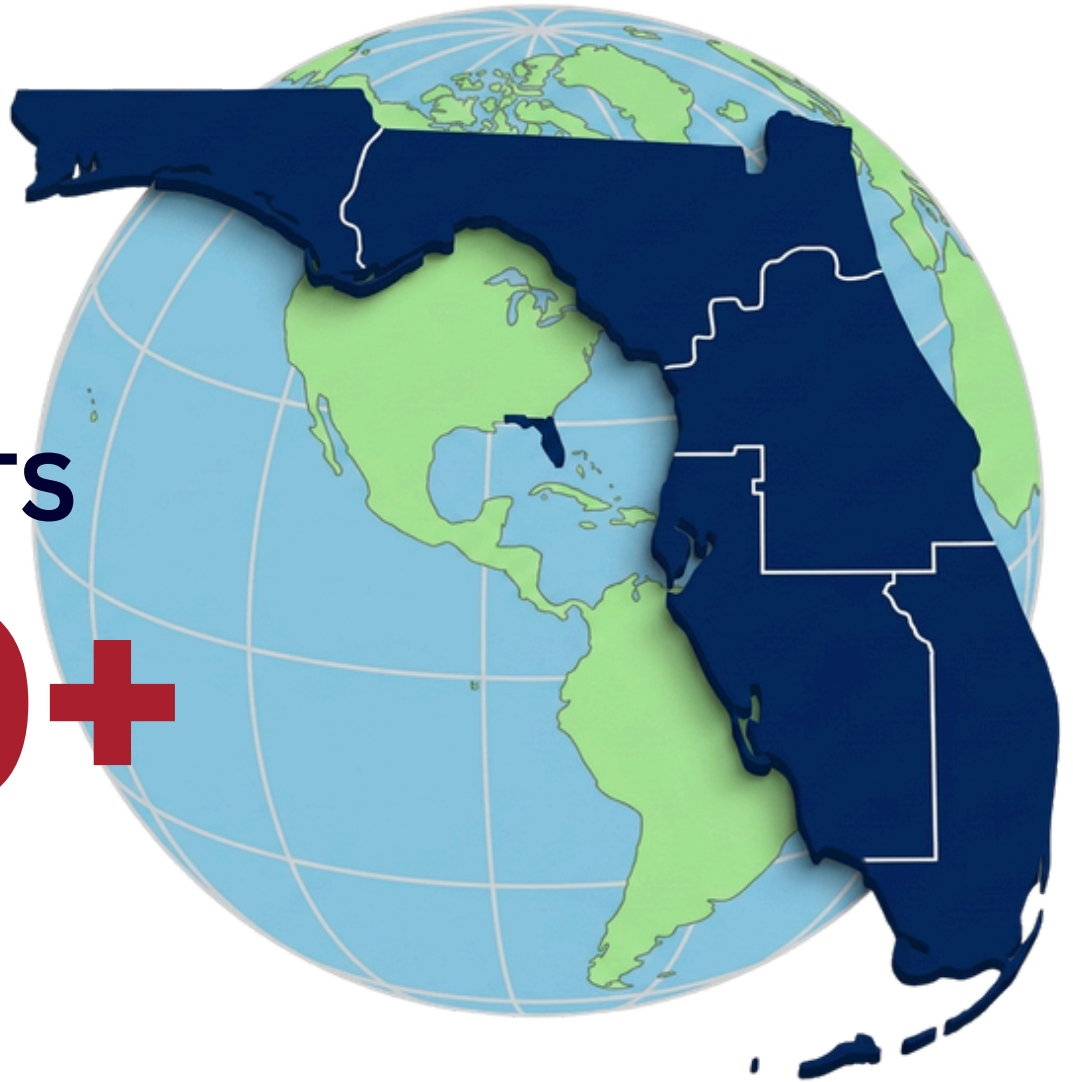
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