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OCTOBER 2026



Hello Florida Region Members,

We in the Region office hope that your October is off to a great start and all of your fall activities and plans are going well.

I wanted to take a minute and update you that Florida Region awards and scholarships applications will be open soon (November 2nd). If you are a high school senior, I highly encourage you to review the criteria and apply. It is a competitive process that considers community service as well as academics. There are also 10 regional awards that will open up for nominations. And if you know of any "legends" in the Florida region who you think have earned "Hall of Fame" status, please let us know!

We are excited to announce the Annual Florida Region Coaches Clinic. This will be taking place on November 14 th at Lake Sumter State College. Scheduled instructors include Dr. Jenny Johnson, Chief of Education with American Sport Education (<https://www.americansporteducation.com/>) and former Director of Education Services with USAV; Jessica Perez with Positive Coaching Alliance (<https://positivecoach.org/>) and one of the coaches for the Orlando Valkyries (<https://provolleyball.com/teams/orlando-valkyries>).

Speaking of the Valkyries, we have once again partnered with Orlando's MLV team to promote the sport. Our partnership includes the clinic mentioned above, appearances by the Valks at the ASICS Florida Challenge and more access to tickets this year. My hope is to have a "Team Florida" Day at one of the matches. Additionally, we will be giving away some VIP level seats throughout their 2027 Season.

Our event registration numbers remain strong. Thank you! As you may have figured out, the ASICS Florida Challenge is on Easter Weekend. We are planning accordingly and this year, we'll once again have a room at the convention center for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They will be organizing services, details to follow.

Have a fun and safe October (including Halloween) ...and as always, thank you for you membership and participation with the Florida Region of USA Volleyball!

Best,

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

Kurt M. Esser
Executive Director/President





COACHES CLINIC SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 14!



Sharpen your coaching skills and bring fresh ideas back to your team! Join the Florida Region for an in-person USA Volleyball Coaches Clinic on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg, Florida.

This full-day clinic combines classroom learning with on-court sessions, giving coaches an opportunity to learn, connect, and grow alongside fellow members of the volleyball community.

Featured guests include Jenny Johnson of American Sport Education; the Orlando Valkyries; and Positive Coaching Alliance.

Doors open at 8:30 AM for check-in, followed by classroom and on-court sessions from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. A working lunch will be provided by USAVFL, with dismissal at 5:00 PM.

Before attending, please make sure you have an eligible USAV coach membership, a current background screen, and current SafeSport training. Wear athletic attire and come ready to participate, gym sessions are part of the day!

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for a full day dedicated to becoming a stronger, more effective coach.

Register here: <https://square.link/u/xFIejLCe>



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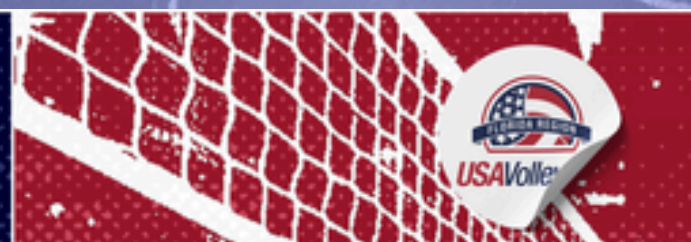
ORLANDO VALKYRIES



COACHES CLINIC

NOVEMBER 14, 2026

LAKE SUMTER STATE COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL GYM AND MAGNOLIA ROOM
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SCHOLARSHIPS, REGIONAL AWARDS & HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION



The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is proud to recognize the student-athletes and leaders who make our volleyball community exceptional. In 2026, the Region awarded \$148,000 in scholarships to 30 high school seniors, bringing the program's total support to more than \$1.15 million since 2007!

For high school seniors preparing for their next chapter, we encourage you to review the scholarship criteria and apply. This is a competitive selection process that considers both academic achievement and community service, not just accomplishments on the court. Take time to review the requirements, prepare a complete application, and highlight how you've made a difference in your school and community.

Nominations will also open for 10 regional awards, providing an opportunity to recognize individuals whose dedication and contributions help our sport thrive. Think about the people who go above and beyond, and be ready to help us celebrate their impact.

And don't forget our volleyball legends! If you know someone in the Florida Region whose lasting contributions have earned them consideration for Hall of Fame recognition, please let us know. Help us honor those who have shaped our volleyball community while supporting the next generation of leaders.



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From Team Florida to Penn State, Timeo Domergue is putting in the work to take his game to the next level. In Episode 19 of SpikeNet & Friends, we sit down with Team Florida alum, USA Volleyball NTDP athlete, Club Tribe standout, and future Penn State Nittany Lion Timeo Domergue to talk about his volleyball journey, the recruiting process, and the mindset behind competing at a high level.

Timeo shares what it has been like training in the USA Volleyball National Team Development Program, competing alongside some of the best young players in the country, and learning firsthand how demanding elite volleyball can be. From handling faster offenses and bigger blocks to prioritizing serve receive, ball control, volleyball IQ, recovery, and a strong attitude, he breaks down the details he is taking back to the gym. We also dive into his path with Team Florida and Club Tribe, the value of playing beach volleyball, studying top players through film, and why competing with better athletes has motivated him to keep growing. Timeo reflects on his commitment to Penn State, the ups and downs of recruiting, and why finding the right fit mattered more than simply choosing a big-name program.

Beyond volleyball, we talk music, guitar, snorkeling, his goal of studying biology and marine science, and his dream of competing professionally and eventually at the Olympic level. For young players, Timeo's advice is simple: focus on the basics, master ball control, work on your serve receive, and pursue the sport you truly love.

From Florida to Team Florida, the NTDP, Club Tribe, and the Nittany Lions, this is a conversation about ambition, hard work, enjoying the process, and building toward big goals.

Watch full episode here: https://youtu.be/C2E9v2_TJvs





2026-2027 EVENT SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 25,
2026

INDOOR CLUB ACADEMY
EUSTIS, FL

NOV 14,
2026

COACHES CLINIC,
LEESBURG, 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
CONVENTION CENTER ORLANDO

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 21-24
2027

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DEC

2026

12-13th

NIKE FL Holiday Challenge - Daytona Beach, FL

JAN

2027

9-10th

NIKE FL Winter VB Festival - Daytona Beach, FL **

16-18th

NIKE First in Show - Ocala, FL

29-31st

NIKE National Harbor Showdown - D.C. & Jessup, MD

FEB

2027

6-7th

NIKE Daytona Beach 100 - Daytona Beach, FL

13-15th

NIKE Savannah Showdown - Savannah, GA

19-21st

NIKE Boston National Qualifier #1 - Boston, MA **

26-28th

NIKE Boston National Qualifier #2 - Boston, MA **
Molten FL Pre-Q, presented by NIKE - Tampa, FL

MAR

2027

13-14th

NIKE March Mayhem #1 - Tampa, FL

20-21st

NIKE March Mayhem #2 - Tampa, FL

26-28th

NIKE Boston National Qualifier #3 - Boston, MA

APR

2027

10-11th

NIKE Winner's Circle - Ocala, FL

MAY

2027

29-31st

NIKE FC Power Championships - Daytona Beach, FL

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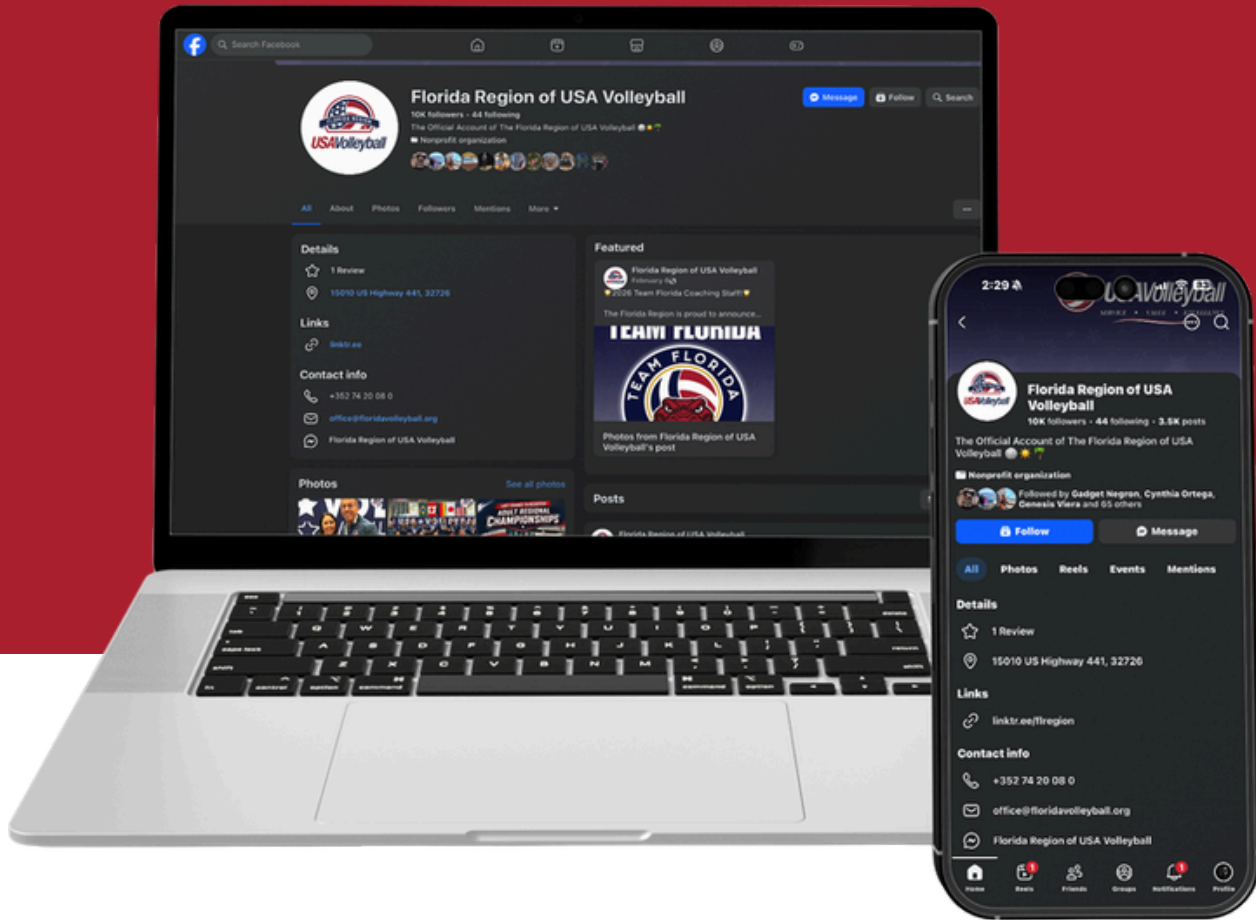


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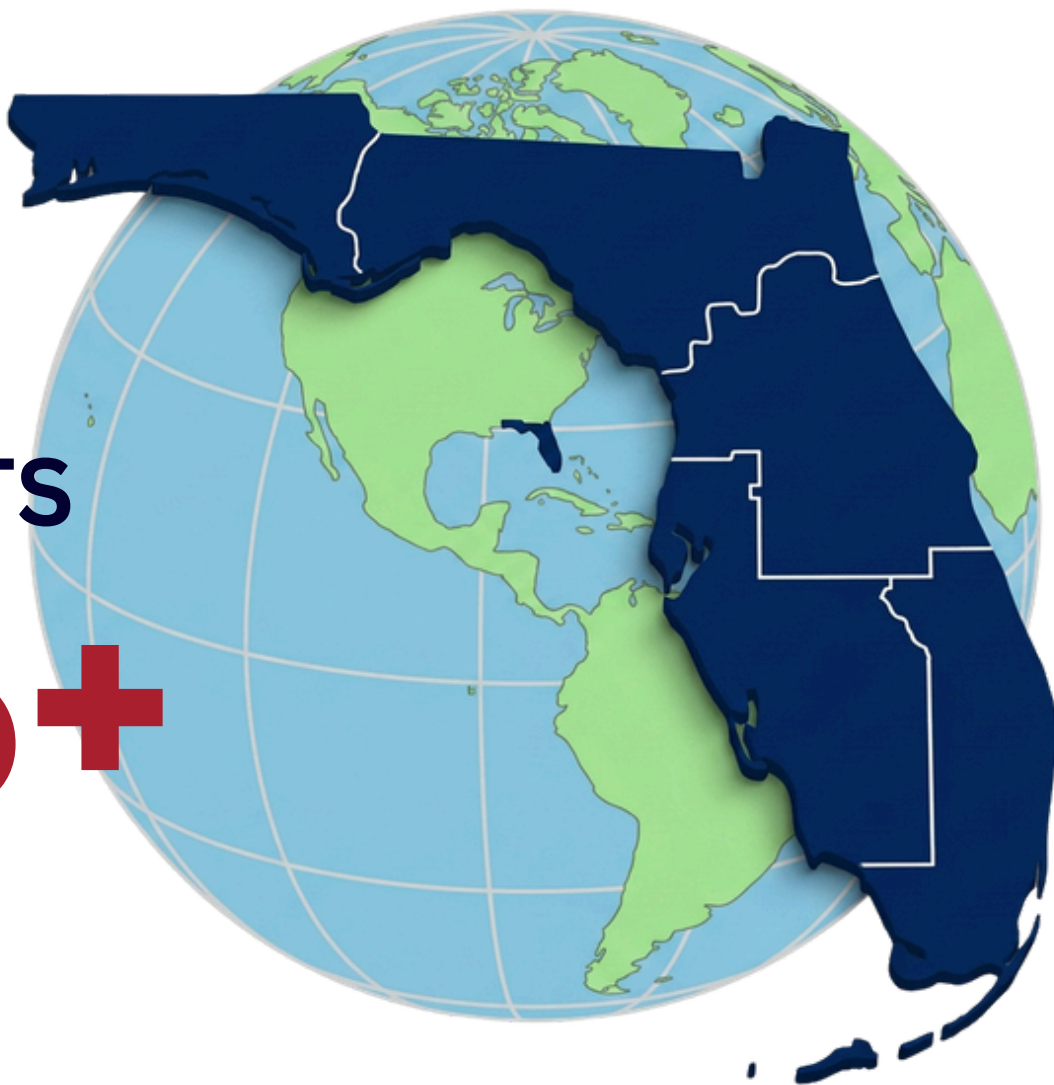
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176+

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