
FLORIDA REGION
VOL-ENEWS
NOVEMBER 2026

Hello Florida Region Members,

Hope everyone had a spooky-good Halloween! There is a lot happening across the Florida Region, so let's get to it!

Scholarships & Awards
High school seniors, need some additional funds to help pay for college? The Florida Region Scholarship Program applications are now open! Also open is the Florida Region Awards nomination process. Be sure to check out page 13 for scholarship information and page 13 for award nomination details.

Florida Region Coaching Clinic
We've added a legend to this year's Florida Region Coaching Clinic! John Kessel will be joining us as our featured clinician. John has conducted clinics in more than 80 countries and all 50 states. He'll join Dr. Jenny Johnson (American Sports Institute), Erin Olson (Orlando Valkyries), and Jessica Perez (Positive Coaching Alliance) for a full and meaningful day of instruction at Lake-Sumter State College.

Registration details can be found on page 5. Also, please note that this clinic will count toward the new USAV Certification Program administered by ASI (see page 11).

Orlando Valkyries – 2027 Schedule
The 2027 Orlando Valkyries schedule has just been released! The season kicks off January 9, the same weekend as the Florida Region's Gold Series tournament. The Valks will have 13 home matches this spring. You can find all the dates, times, and ticket information here.

Women's Volleyball World Cup Coming to Orlando
Also recently announced were the teams coming to Orlando for the Women's Volleyball World Cup. It's exciting to see both Team USA and Brazil playing their pool matches at the Kia Center! Ticket and schedule information will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

Club Recruiting Policies & Tryout Dates
The Region Office has received a significant number of emails and questions regarding club recruiting policies and tryout start dates. Historically, the Region has not established policies in these areas, recognizing that each club operates as its own business. However, we understand the interest and concerns being expressed by our membership.

To that end, the Region is putting together a small, representative committee of club directors and owners to review these topics. Once the committee is finalized, we will seek input and specific recommendations from the broader membership. We want to make sure the voices of our members and clubs are heard as we work through these discussions.

Good luck to all the schools wrapping up their volleyball seasons. Enjoy November and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Finally, please know that the Florida Region of USA Volleyball appreciates your membership, your participation, and your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone on the courts in January!

Best,

Kurt M. Esser
Executive Director/President





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2026 SCHEDULE 2027

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

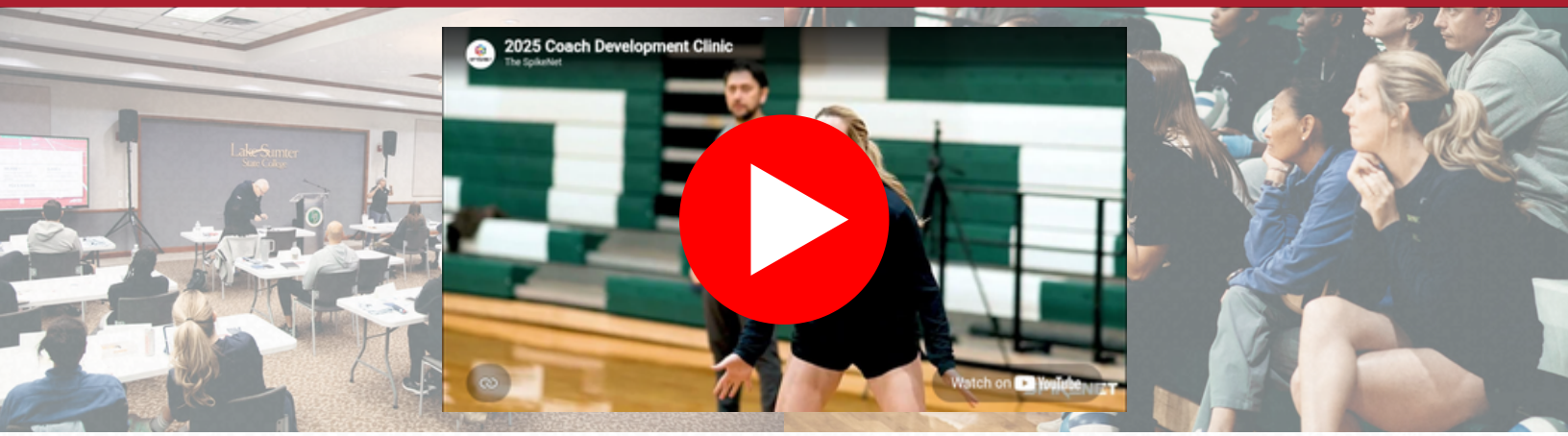
OCT 24-25, 2026	WPVC BOYS KICK OFF ORLANDO, FL
DEC 12-13, 2026	WINTER PRE-SEASON INVITATIONAL FORT LAUDERDALE, FL
DEC 12-13, 2026	BAY AREA BLIZZARD WINTER HAVEN, FL
JAN 9-10, 2027	NIKE FLORIDA WINTER VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL DAYTONA BEACH, FL
JAN 23-25, 2027	FLORIDA FEST JNQ ORLANDO, FL
MAY 29-30, 2027	WPVC MEMORIAL DAY CLASSIC ORLANDO, FL
JUN 5-6, 2027	MOLTEN BOYS SOUTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS OCALA, FL
JUN 11-13, 2027	USAV BOYS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ANAHEIM, CA





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NOVEMBER 14, 2026



Coaches, This One's a No-Brainer!

You spend your season helping players get better. On November 14, take a day to invest in your own development at the USA Volleyball Coaches Clinic at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg, Florida.

Join the Florida Region for a full day of classroom learning, on-court sessions, and connection with fellow coaches. It's an opportunity to step outside your routine, ask questions, explore new perspectives, and bring fresh ideas back to your team.

This outstanding lineup includes John Kessel, Jenny Johnson with American Sport Education, Erin Olson, Assistant Coach of the Orlando Valkyries, and Positive Coaching Alliance.

A chance to learn from this group and spend the day focused on becoming a stronger, more effective coach? No-brainer.

Whether you're looking for a fresh approach, a different perspective on a coaching challenge, or meaningful conversations with others in the volleyball community, make plans to be part of this in-person experience.

Bring your questions, invite your coaching staff, and come ready to participate, not just sit and listen. With gym sessions included, please wear athletic attire.

Register here:
https://floridavolleyball.org/blog/event/coaches-clinic/



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NOVEMBER 14, 2026

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WOMEN'S WORLD VOLLEYBALL CUP
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Orlando, it's time to turn up the excitement. In 2027, the world's best women's volleyball teams are coming to our city, and we're ready to deliver.

The FIVB Women's Volleyball World Cup is bringing its talent, determination, and competitive fire to the Kia Center. And now we know who's coming.

Orlando will welcome Brazil, Czechia, Kenya, and South Korea in Pool B, alongside the United States, Thailand, Mexico, and Greece in Pool D. Eight nations. One incredible opportunity to show the world how our city shows up for volleyball.

We already know this city loves the game. Every summer, volleyball athletes and their families fill our courts, hotels, restaurants, and attractions. Now, we get to bring that same energy to the world stage. This is our city. These are our stands. From cheering on Team USA to welcoming fans from across the globe, we have a chance to make every match unforgettable.

Expect elite volleyball, world-class entertainment, and the extraordinary hospitality that makes Orlando one of the world's most welcoming destinations.

The road to LA 28 is coming through our backyard. Let's pack the Kia Center, bring the noise, and make sure the world feels Orlando's energy from the first serve.







FL REGION EVENTS REGISTRATION PAGE

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CLUBS, THERE'S STILL TIME TO SECURE YOUR SPOT! REGISTRATION IS OPEN AND SPACE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE FLORIDA REGIONAL 18S QUALIFIER, FLORIDA FEST JNQ, ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE, AND MOLTEN BOYS SOUTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS. MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR TEAMS AND REGISTER TODAY, WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU ON THE COURT!





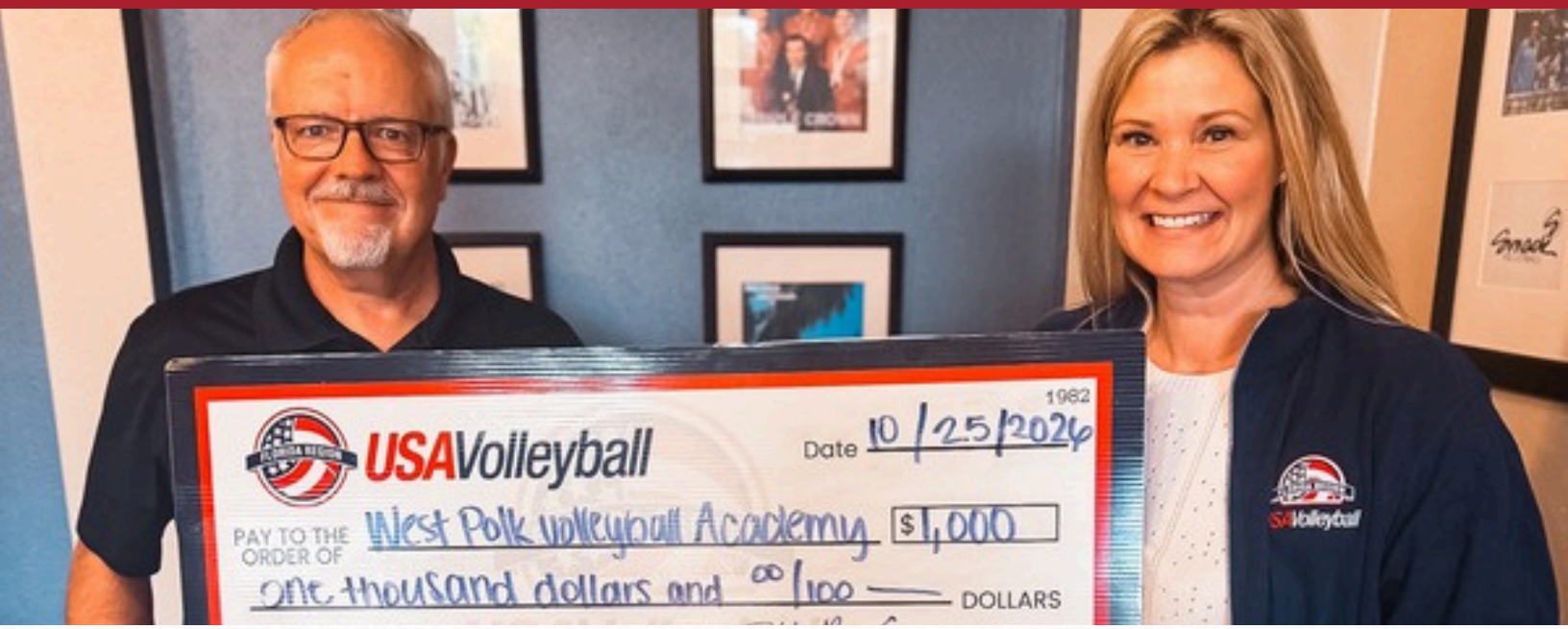


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FLORIDA REGION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Take the next step toward your college future! Florida high school seniors who are Florida Region of USA Volleyball members in good standing may apply. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and demonstrate leadership on and off the court, community involvement, and strong character. Complete the application, submit the required documents and short essay, and review all eligibility requirements before applying.

Scholarship recipients must attend the Annual Regional Awards Ceremony in Orlando to receive their award. Applications open November 2 and close January 3.

Application details, required documents, and full rules: https://floridavolleyball.org/florida-region-scholarship-program/

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REGIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY



Help us recognize the people and clubs making a difference in Florida volleyball! The Florida Region's Annual Regional Awards Ceremony celebrates outstanding dedication, service, and contributions to the sport. Review the award descriptions and submit your nomination as they begin November 2nd to help give deserving members of our volleyball community the recognition they've earned.

View award descriptions here: https://floridavolleyball.org/regional-awards-ceremony/







2026-2027 EVENT SCHEDULE

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 18S QUALIFIER WESLEY CHAPEL, FL
MARCH 25, 2027	AWARD CEREMONY CONVENTION CENTER ORLANDO
MARCH 26–28, 2027	ASICS FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE ORLANDO, FL
MAY 15 2027	TEAM FLORIDA GIRLS SELECTION CAMP THE VILLAGES, FL
MAY 22 2027	FLORIDA ADULT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ORLANDO, FL
JUNE 4, 2027	TEAM FLORIDA BOYS EVALUATIONS OCALA, FL
JUNE 5–6, 2027	BOYS SOUTHEASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP OCALA, FL
JULY 21-24 2027	USA VOLLEYBALL ALL-STARS ARIZONA





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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

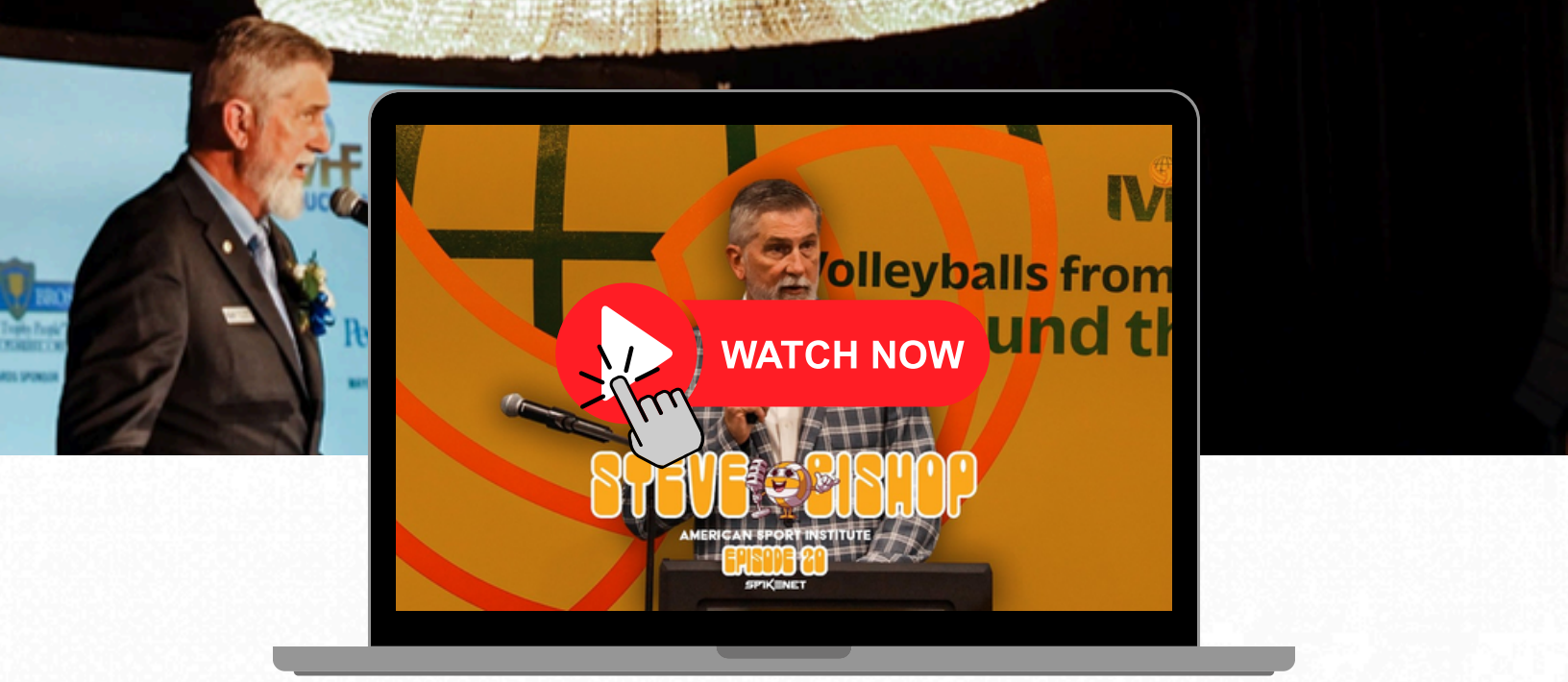
MAY 2027

- 29-31st — NIKE FC Power Championships - Daytona Beach, FL

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SpikeNet & Friends sits down with Steve Bishop, the “godfather of SpikeNet” and one of the first people to believe in our vision, for a special conversation in Holyoke, Massachusetts. From celebrating volleyball’s legends to preparing its next generation of leaders, Steve shares why preserving the game’s history and investing in its future go hand in hand.

Celebrating volleyball’s legacy
As board president of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame, Steve gives us a behind-the-scenes look at induction weekend, the emotional speeches, lifelong friendships, and volunteers who make it unforgettable. He also discusses the Hall’s partnership with the FIVB and what it means for expanding its global reach.

A new chapter in sports education
After more than two decades leading the Florida Region and working within USA Volleyball, Steve is bringing his experience to the American Sport Institute. He explains its vision for education and certification, not just for coaches, but also club directors, event directors, lead officials, sport leaders, and team captains.

Leadership beyond the title
One of the biggest takeaways: giving someone a leadership role does not automatically prepare them to lead. Steve talks about teaching captains how to navigate different personalities, handle conflict, and support teammates under pressure, skills that matter far beyond the court.

Watch this episode of SpikeNet & Friends with Steve Bishop for a conversation about legacy, leadership, and giving back to the sport that connects us all: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pV1Vt-TmHhw



2027 HOME

SCHEDULE



SATURDAY JAN 9 vs INDY	SATURDAY JAN 16 vs ATLANTA	SUNDAY JAN 24 vs GRAND RAPIDS
SATURDAY JAN 30 vs LOS ANGELES	SATURDAY FEB 6 vs COLUMBUS	SUNDAY FEB 21 vs NORCAL
THURSDAY FEB 25 vs COLUMBUS	SUNDAY FEB 28 vs VEGAS	
FRIDAY MAR 5 vs DALLAS	SUNDAY MAR 14 vs MINNESOTA	FRIDAY APR 2 vs OMAHA
SUNDAY APR 4 vs DC	SUNDAY APR 18 vs ATLANTA	

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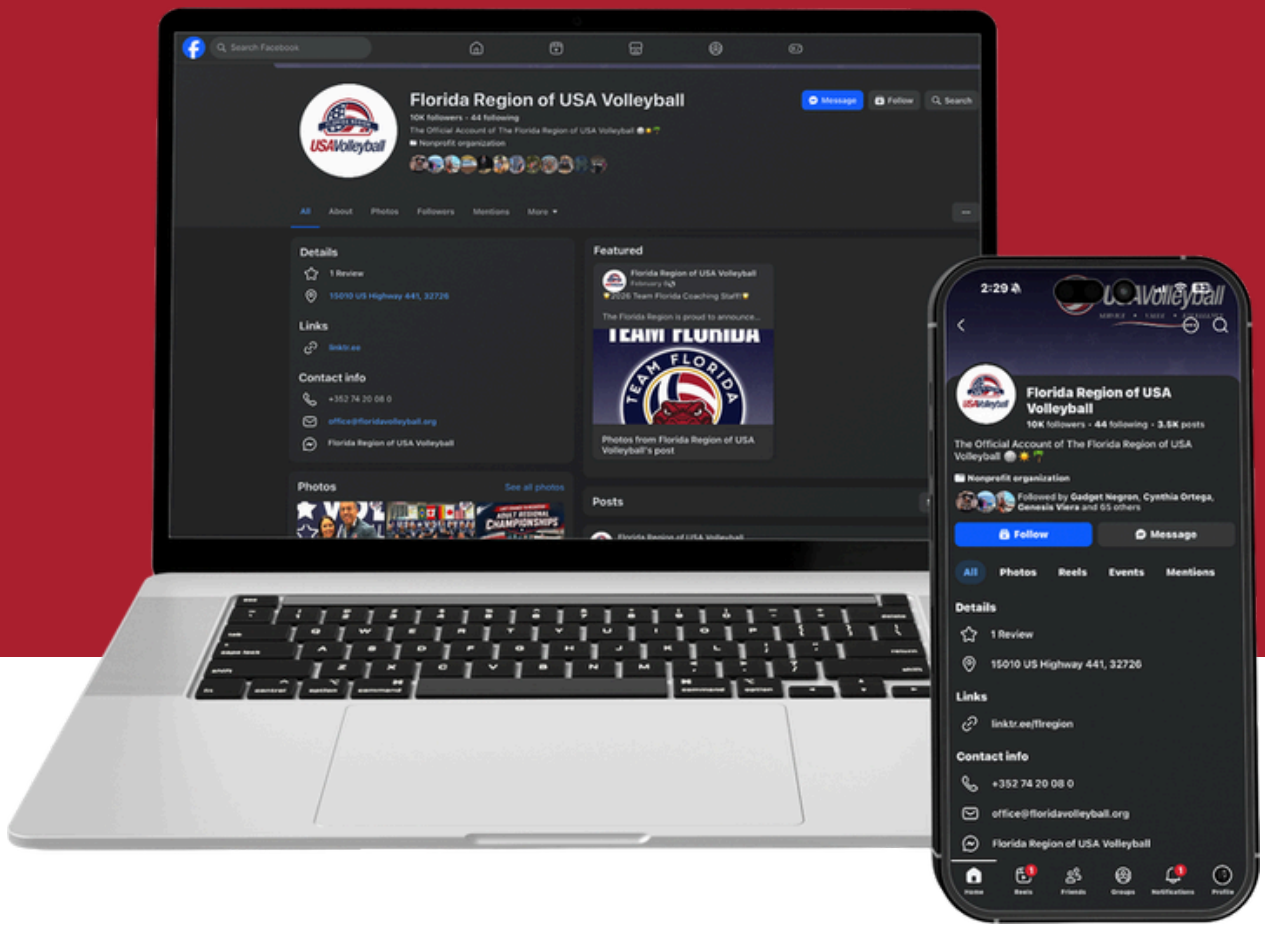
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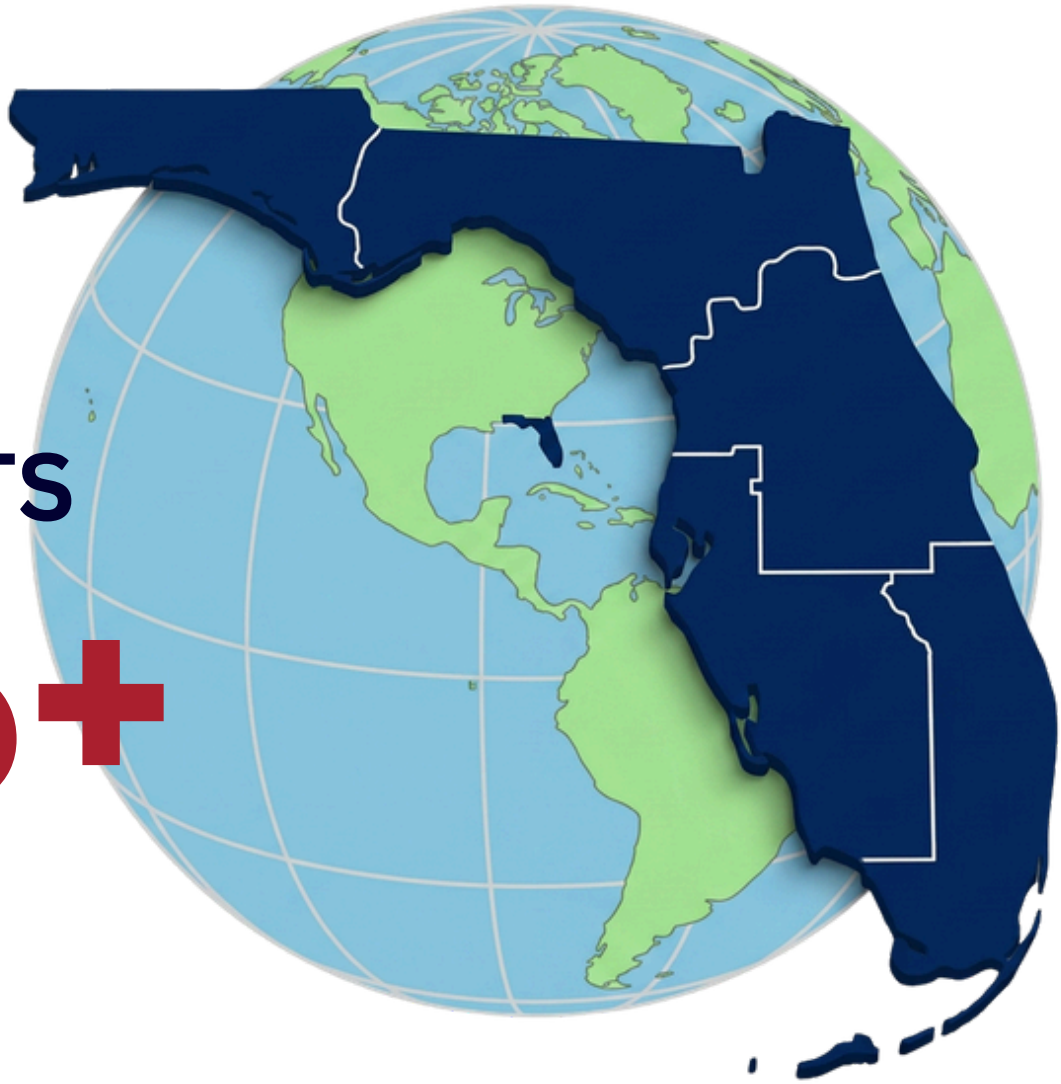
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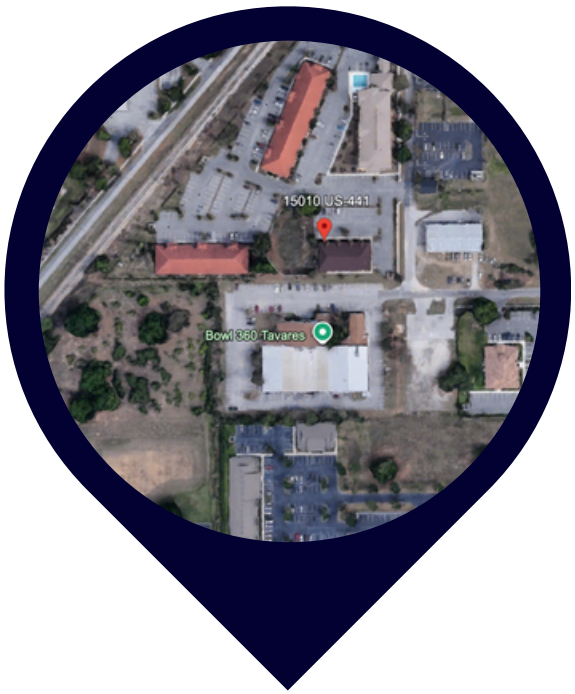


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