

Florida Region - USA Volleyball

TIME OUT!

A junior news bulletin from your Executive Director!

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ATHLETES

- **INDOOR CLUB TRYOUTS** - Athletes that are 14U may tryout for a USAV club any time after Sep 1, 2011. Athletes that are 15 & above may not tryout for a USAV club until Nov 20, 2011.
- **COMMITTING TO AN INDOOR JR. CLUB** - The Florida Region encourages athletes to tryout for as many clubs as you would like before committing to a club for the season. Please select UNDECIDED when you renew your 2011/2012 USAV membership! You may select a club only once per season!
- **BECOME A CERTIFIED JR. OFFICIAL** - Jr. athletes interested in becoming a certified junior official (scorekeeper or referee) should contact our Official's Coordinator - sue@FloridaVolleyball.org.
- **ATHLETE HARASSMENT POLICY** - Any athlete that continues to get unwanted contact from a USAV Club Director and/or Coach (after asking for contact to cease) may contact the Florida Region office.
- **COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL** - Please remember to support your local college volleyball teams by attending as many home matches as possible. One of the best ways to improve your game is to watch high level competition and learn from other players!

PARENTS

- **CLUB SELECTION** - Before selecting an indoor junior club, please make sure that you are familiar with their dispute resolution and refund policy, at a minimum. These are the most common areas where issues occur between clubs and parents. Always read the paperwork before committing to a club.
- **PARENT INFORMATION GUIDE** - We have a Parent Information Guide on our Florida Region website that all parents must read before affiliating with an indoor junior club. Click on the FORMS page!
- **FAN/SPECTATOR MEMBERSHIP** - We are once again offering a \$25 Fan/Spectator Membership. This membership allows free entry into the three region-hosted tournaments. \$30 value...\$25 cost!
- **FREE USAV MEMBERSHIPS FOR ATHLETES 8 & UNDER** - There is now a FREE USAV limited membership for 8U athletes. This membership is good for all regionally sanctioned tournaments and can be upgraded for athletes that would like to compete in nationally sanctioned tournaments.
- **PLAYER COMMITMENT FORMS** - Each athlete's parent must sign the Player Commitment Form prior to affiliating with an indoor junior club. Please contact your Club Director to complete this process.

COACHES

- **USAV MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** - You may renew your USAV membership as of Sep 1, 2011.
- **BACKGROUND SCREENS** - Please remember to renew your membership and process your USAV background screen before participating in any USAV sanctioned activities that involve youth or junior athletes. The State of Florida requires individuals involved in youth sports to be screened annually.
- **IMPACT CERTIFICATIONS** - Reminder...all USAV coaches must be a minimum of IMPACT certified to participate in any USAV coaching activity. IMPACT is only required once for USAV coaches and we offer free IMPACT clinics to all USAV registered coaches in the Florida Region.
- **ANNUAL EDUCATION WEEKEND** - Our annual education weekend has been rescheduled for Dec 9-11, 2011. We will offer IMPACT, CAP 1, CAP 2, B-IMPACT, & hopefully BCAP. We are finalizing the location and will post the most updated information on the Florida Region website very soon.
- **TEAM FLORIDA HP ALL-STAR COACHES WANTED** - There are two ways that you can participate in our Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star program...staff coach or tryout volunteer. More info to follow!