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IMPORTANT: NEW MEMBERSHIP PLATFORM COMING **SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

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The Florida Region of USA Volleyball began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982. We offer indoor and outdoor volleyball for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. Additionally we offer educational opportunities for coaches and officials annually. Our operations are managed by a full-time staff and our corporate governance is overseen by a 9 member board of directors. We are an affiliate of USA Volleyball, the National Governing Body for the sport of volleyball as designated by the US Olympic Committee.

"A LIFETIME SPORT AND A LIFETIME OF FRIENDSHIPS" - STEVE BISHOP, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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NEW MEMBERSHIP | RENEWAL

NEW MEMBER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM!

AVAILABLE STARTING SEPTEMBER 1ST

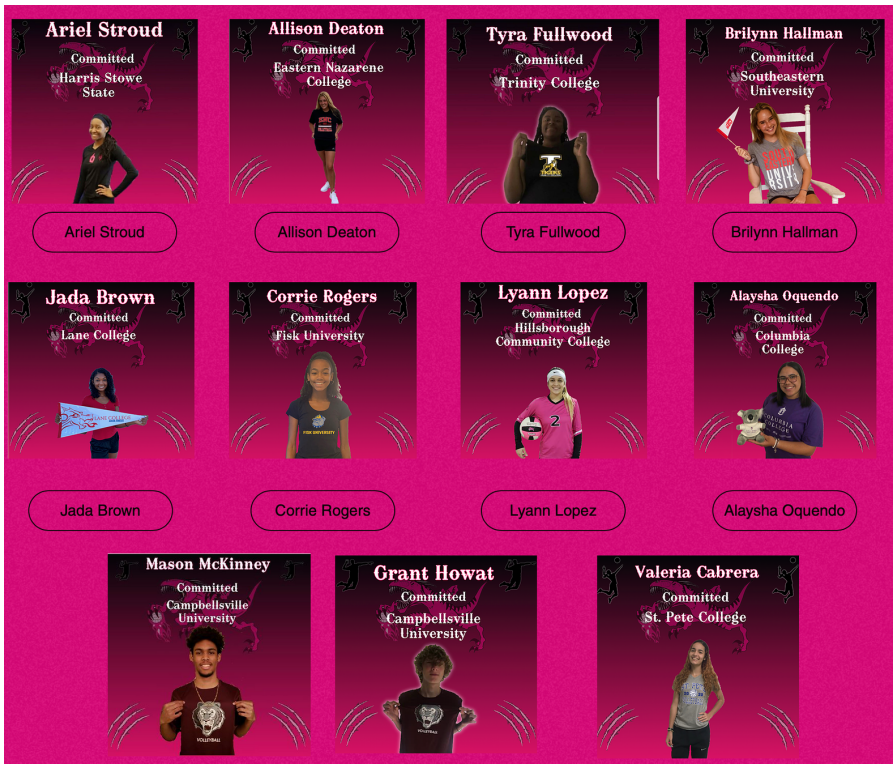
On September 1st we are changing to a new member management system. When a membership is purchased, you will no longer have the option of associating yourself with a club. In the new system the club will send you an invitation to join and when you accept it, your membership will then be associated with a club.

CLUB RENEWAL/REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

All clubs will have access to a FREE HQ, and must use, SportsEngine HQ to manage their clubs for the Florida Region and USA Volleyball season.

Once your SportsEngine HQ account has been claimed there will be education materials and training videos for you to access to learn how the new system will work with the USAV Membership Management system.



Congratulations to the 2020 commits of the **Tampa Bay Raptors volleyball club**! This is the 3rd year in a row that all seniors wish to play at the collegiate level!

Click here to learn more about the commits!

MEET OUR LEADERS

Cookie Mitchell is a Tampa native and has been involved in sports all of her life. In middle school she played all sports and during her 8th grade year served as team captain on every squad. She was awarded Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Athlete of the Year, RAM of the Year, MVP for volleyball, basketball and cheerleading, All Tournament Team in cheerleading and her basketball team won their district's Championship. Cookie attended Tampa Preparatory for high school where she played volleyball, basketball and ran track. She was on the 1985 state final four basketball team. She was also a member of the 1985 & 1986 1A state volleyball championship team and qualified for the track district meet in hurdles & the 4 x 100 relay. It is no surprise that Cookie has continued her involvement with sports in her adult life as well as serving on PTA and SAC at her children's school along with serving on the board in 2008 - 2010 for the Ophelia Project of Tampa Bay's Boy's Initiative. Cookie has a Bachelor of Arts in Art from Florida State University and is working towards her graduate degree.

Cookie Mitchell

Director & Head Coach of the
Tampa Bay Raptors Volleyball Club

Volleyball Coaching Experience:

- Girl's Volleyball - Temple Terrace Recreation Center (all ages) 2004 - 2010
- Girl's Volleyball - Williams IB Middle School - Spring 2009/2010 (Asst. Coach)
- Head Coach Varsity Volleyball - Alonso High School - Fall 2009
- Head Coach Varsity Volleyball - King High School - Fall 2010-2014
- Lead Volleyball Coach - City of Tampa - Summer 2015-Current
- Head Coach Varsity Volleyball - Admiral Farragut Academy - Fall 2015 & 2016
- Head Coach Varsity Girls and Boys Volleyball - Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School - 2017 to Present
- Tampa Bay Raptors - Club Volleyball (Director & Head Coach)

Cookie is the sponsor for the National Art Honor Society and the Students of Color Association. She is encouraging leadership and community involvement with all of the young people she work's with.

"I really gained my love for volleyball while at Tampa Prep while playing for Carol Dagostino (Chalu). I would have to say that both she and Chris "Coach Cat" Catanach have been my mentors and much of what I learned about coaching in the beginning came from them."
- Cookie Mitchell

FALL BEACH FEST

WE BUILT THE BEACH, YOU BRING THE GAME

8 DIVISION EXPANSION

Middle School Boys
High School Boys
Collegiate Men
Collegiate Women
Mother/Daughter
Father/Daughter
Women's Masters
Men's Masters

REGISTER HERE!

OCTOBER 17, 2020
HICKORY POINT BEACH

Hickory Point Beach
Sand Volleyball Complex - Tavares, Florida
FloridaVolleyball.org

Last year was the inaugural year for the Fall Beach Fest. It was the ultimate boys beach volleyball event! This year we are expanding the festival to include 8 divisions, making it the ultimate beach volleyball festival in Florida! Registration is only $50 per team.

Make plans to join us!

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HICKORY POINT BEACH

CLICK HERE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

WHERE CHAMPIONS COME TO PLAY

Est. 2014

Hickory Point Beach is a 20-court sand volleyball complex located in Tavares, FL. Events at Hickory Point Beach include tournaments, leagues, camps and clinics. The wide-ranging facility includes a training room, men's and women's restrooms, locker rooms, four meeting spaces, officials locker room and a concession stand. 68 acres of beautiful Florida lakefront surround the complex with professional-grade beach volleyball courts. Since opening in 2014, Hickory Point has hosted 54 events and attracted players from 90 Florida cities, 25 states and 15 countries.

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is implementing a "Think Outside the Gym" project to help clubs continue their season in a creative way. As gyms are closed, we suggest clubs look into contacting your local park or any nearby large grass area to get some practice in. Clubs can set up a portable net and still adhere to social distancing recommendations set forth by the government.

If clubs need access to portable net systems in order to do this, you're in the right place. We have set up a net rental system for Florida Region clubs to take advantage of. The only cost to clubs would be shipping. The nets will be rented out on a first come first served basis and we will begin shipping them out on May 18th. Once indoor practice facilities begin to open back up in your area, we will follow up with clubs to discuss net returns. If you're interested in renting a net, please fill out our rent a grass net application. You will also need to fill out a sanctioning request for all activities and complete the "Think Outside the Gym" agreement.

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Thank you Molten for being the official volleyball of the Florida Region!

OFFICIALS WANTED

Junior Advanced Official

Do you actually look forward to your team's work assignments at a tournament? Do you consider yourself one of the best second referee or scorers around? Maybe you would like to work as a paid referee when you are old enough. If so, you may wish to become a junior advanced official! Once all training is completed you will receive a patch, certificate and a new officials shirt!

Florida Junior Provisional Referee

Juniors who are at least 17 years of age can work as a paid official!

BENEFITS OF BEING PART OF THE FLORIDA REGION...

- Free training & evaluation
- Advancement opportunities
- Compensation (match fees/per-diem/lodging)
- Connect with USA Volleyball
- Part of a professional association of officials

MORE INFO HERE!

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Bill Sigler, President

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS OPENING IN THE FALL!

WHAT YOU WILL NEED WHEN YOU APPLY...

- A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT REPORT CARD OR GRADE SUMMARY
- A COPY OF YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE LOG
- A RECOMMENDATION LETTER FROM YOUR CLUB DIRECTOR AND/OR HEAD COACH
- A LIST OF PERSONAL REFERENCES
- A PERSONAL ESSAY (500 TO 750 WORDS)

MORE INFO HERE!

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball scholarship program started in 2007 as a way to recognize some of our outstanding members and support the continuing education of these young athletes through their upcoming college careers. In 2007, we awarded scholarships to 4 high school seniors and thanks to our generous sponsors and partners, we have been able to grow the scholarship program and this year we awarded a total of $110,000 to 24 high school seniors across the state of Florida!

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. Be a member in good standing of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball.
2. Be a leader in their club, both on and off the court.
3. Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
4. Be actively involved in their community.
5. Have high moral, ethical, and social standards.

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SOCIAL INSIGHTS

"MY FAVORITE PART ABOUT TEAM FLORIDA WAS GETTING TO PLAY WITH ALL AROUND GOOD ATHLETES WHO BECAME MY BEST FRIENDS" - MAKAYLA WASHINGTON

"THE ENERGY TEAM FLORIDA BRINGS IS SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL" - KYLEE QUIGLEY

"I LOVED HAVING SUCH AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE WITH ALL OF THE COACHES" - MIA

"THE BEST PART ABOUT TEAM FLORIDA IS MEETING NEW PEOPLE, NEW COACHES AND MAKING FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST FOREVER" - JULIANA LENTZ

Thank you Baker's Sporting Goods, for being the Official Branding Partner for the Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star Programs!

Josh Baker founded Baker's Sporting Goods in 1997 as an 18-year-old college student. Working from his garage, he quickly learned the embroidery and screen-printing trade. As his reputation for superior customer service and quality workmanship grew, the company began its rapid expansion. In less than 10 years he had turned his home business into one of the largest team sports dealers in the southeast.

Since its founding in 1949, ASICS Group has been committed to nurturing the world's youth through sports in order to contribute to society. Our vision has been to "Create Quality Lifestyle through Intelligent Sport Technology" and our mission to provide goods and services that promote healthy and fulfilling lifestyles throughout the world.

Thank you ASICS for being the official outfitter of our Team Florida Indoor High Performance All-Stars!

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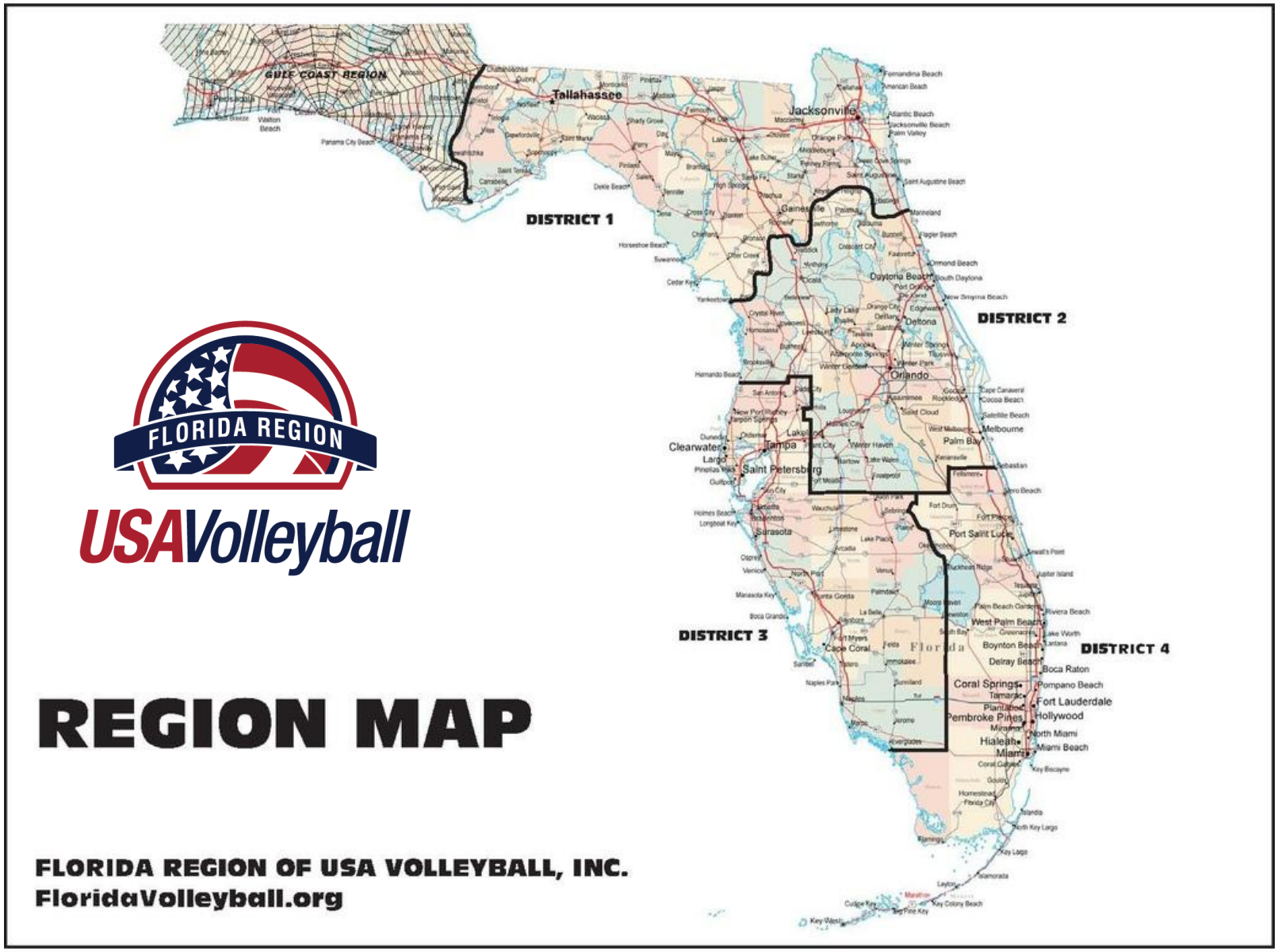
FLORIDA REGION MAP

4 DISTRICTS
TOTAL CLUBS: 145



TO FIND A CLUB NEAR YOU, CLICK HERE!

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