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TEAM FLORIDA BRINGS HOME TWO GOLD & TWO BRONZE MEDALS!

Four out of six Team Florida High Performance teams earn medals at the 2014 USA Volleyball HP Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Eustis, FL – August 1st, 2014 – The Florida Region is proud to announce that four out of their six Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star teams brought home medals from the 2014 USA HP Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This is a record for Team Florida, with four medals being the most they have received in one event since entering into the championships in 2001.

The two gold medals went to the Girls International Youth (ages 15 & 16) and Girls National Select (ages 14 and under) teams. The two bronze medals went to the Women International Juniors (ages 17-19) and Boys International Youth teams (ages 16-18.)

High Performance has made a positive impact on the Florida Region by bringing all-star athletes, college coaches and club volleyball coaches together from all areas of the state. Team Florida was sponsored and outfitted by ASICS and 1st Place Volleyball, making this the 9th year in a row.

Every year, the USA HP Championships are held to showcase some of the best athletes from across the globe. They come together to compete against one another in a week long tournament. Team Florida was represented by six teams this year; four girls' teams and two boys' teams. The event was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Cox Business Center from July 21st – 26th. There were 15 courts with 91 teams present from five different countries; the U.S., Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Canada and New Zealand.

Each Team Florida all-star team was assigned three coaches, with the majority of them being former or current college coaches. The rosters are as follows:

Girls International Youth

Head Coach: Lynze Roos (Lynn Univ.)

1st Assistant Coach: Brian Goodhind (Webber International Univ.)

2nd Assistant Coach: Chris Nook (Florida Gulf Coast Univ.)

Allison Marble (Davie, FL)
Jac'cara Walker (Gainesville, FL)
Bailey Williams (Royal Palm Beach, FL)
Samantha Mueller (Gainesville, FL)
Ashlyn Roberts (Marianna, FL)
Melanie Canfield (Panama City, FL)

Riley Coonan (Jacksonville, FL)
Cassidy Fisher (Pembroke Pines, FL)
Sorrel Houghton (Osteen, FL)
Savannah Murray (St. Augustine, FL)
Alejandra Rodriguez-Lopez (Doral, FL)
Kimeko Bennett (Hollywood, FL)

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Girls National Select

Head Coach: Flavia Siqueria (College of Central Florida)

1st Assistant Coach: Tony Cothron (Manatee Area VBC)

2nd Assistant Coach: Giovanni Delevry (Indian River State College)

Lauren Bandera (Pembroke Pines, FL)

Valeira Castro (Hialeah, FL)

Angela Grieve (Tequesta, FL)

Lindsey Pliapol (Port Orange, FL)

Jaqueline Mueller (Gainesville, FL)

Lindsey Walker (Jupiter, FL)

Emily Charbonneau (Flemming Island, FL)

Emma Lange (Ocean Ridge, FL)

Jolie Neeley (Jupiter, FL)

Vanessa Davila (Tampa, FL)

Derry Costigan (Lighthouse Point, FL)

Gabrielle Curran (Naples, FL)

Women International Juniors

Head Coach: Brian Imperiale (Univ. of Tampa)

1st Assistant Coach: Travers Green (Univ. of South Florida)

2nd Assistant Coach: Rachel Farrell (Mojo VBC)

J'ena Baker (Cocoa, FL)

Haley Coulter (Bradenton, FL)

Mallory Mattingly (Sanford, FL)

Kassandra Akouri-Trejedor (Miami Beach, FL)

Molly Burkhardt (St. Augustine, FL)

Alexandra Geary (Lake Helen, FL)

Valerie Gonzalez (Naples, FL)

Rakaya Neely (Lake Wales, FL)

Logan Holanchock (St. Augustine, FL)

Kaylie McHugh (Davie, FL)

Brittany Smith (Orlando, FL)

Ashley Quero (Hialeah, FL)

Boys International Youth

Head Coach: Greg Villareal (Florida WAVE/Barry Univ.)

1st Assistant Coach: Ashley Schinzing (Orlando Gold VBC)

2nd Assistant Coach: Semei Tello (Mojo VBC)

Devin Decker (Palmetto Bay, FL)

Sean Mullen (Longwood, FL)

Kevin Rocklein (Orlando, FL)

Nick O'Grady (Orlando, FL)

Noah Roman (Altamonte Springs, FL)

Luke Allmond (Windermere, FL)

Christopher Moore (Lake Mary, FL)

Danny Sainz (Miami, FL)

Corey Krystkowiak (Tampa, FL)

William Sapp (St. Augustine, FL)

Logan Czyzewski (Windermere, FL)

Manuel Panchame Pavon (Ellenton, FL)

“We are very proud of our athletes and coaches that participated this year and very appreciative to our program sponsors,” said Steve Bishop, Executive Director and President of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. “Our delegation won a record number of medals and represented Team Florida with distinction. As the 3rd oldest HP program in the US, we have experienced success in many of our previous years but this year we set a new record with four of our six teams medaling. Our overall medal count rivaled that of the USA Volleyball HP delegation, which had 27 teams in attendance. This is a significant accomplishment for Team Florida!

The High Performance Championship runs under FIVB (Federation Internationale de Volleyball) protocols which governs and manages all forms of volleyball across the globe. The FIVB promotes

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competitions and satisfies sponsors' needs. It aims to develop Volleyball as a major world media and entertainment sport, while giving athletes the exposure they need to further their careers in volleyball.

About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501 c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves approximately 12,500 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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