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## FOUR-TIME OLYMPIAN LLOY BALL TO SPEAK AT FLORIDA REGION AWARDS CEREMONY IN ORLANDO

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Region Awards Ceremony will be held Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.

**Orlando, FL – February 8th, 2016** – The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is honored to welcome guest speaker **Lloy Ball** to their highly anticipated annual awards event. Ball is a four-time Olympic athlete with the Men's US National Volleyball Team (1996, 2000, 2004 & 2008.) At the 2008 Beijing Games, Ball's team brought home the gold medal for USA. He was also recently inducted into the 2015 class of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame.

Before his Olympic debut, Ball played college volleyball for Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) where he earned multiple honors and accolades. He also played for several international club teams. Ball's most recent athletic achievement was winning the 2015 Premier Volleyball League (PVL) Championships with his own Team Pineapple.

Ball believes it is an honor and a privilege to be named the guest speaker for the Florida Region Awards Ceremony. "Florida has been at the forefront of the volleyball movement for years, and I feel blessed to be asked to be part of it," Ball said. "My career started from humble beginnings in rural Indiana and I only hope my story can empower those in similar situations to dream big and work hard to obtain those dreams. I will be speaking on the importance of perseverance and learning from life's obstacles instead of avoiding them. I look forward to seeing everyone in April!"

**Steve Bishop**, Executive Director and President of the Florida Region, said, "Lloy is a true legend in the sport of indoor volleyball and he will help our awards ceremony attendees understand what it takes to play in four consecutive Olympics. This will be a key part of our theme in 2016 as USA gears up for the Rio Olympic Games. I was honored to be a part of Lloy's recent induction into the International Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke, MA and was personally moved by his humble acceptance of this great honor. I am honored that Lloy agreed to come to Florida and share his story with our members. It will be a night to remember!"

The Florida Region Awards Ceremony will also feature the recognition of athletes, coaches, officials, staff and volunteers who have went above and beyond to enhance the growth of the sport. The Region will also award multiple scholarships to deserving, college-bound high school seniors. In 2015, the Region distributed \$11,500 across 14 individual scholarships.

For information on the event, please visit [www.floridavolleyball.org](http://www.floridavolleyball.org).

### About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 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](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org).

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