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**SUNSHINE STATE GAMES GRASS VOLLEYBALL SERIES INVITES EVERYONE TO PLAY FOR CHARITY**  
First of seven tournaments to be held in Jacksonville, FL

**Eustis, FL – August 8<sup>th</sup> 2014** - The Florida Region of USA Volleyball has partnered with the Florida Sports Foundation to present the Sunshine State Games Grass Volleyball Series, a tour of six events leading up to a State Championship in November. The series is for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. Each of the stops will benefit a local charity.

**SUNSHINE STATE GAMES GRASS VOLLEYBALL SERIES TOUR DATES**

Stop 1 - August 16, Jacksonville – JU Dolphin Green – Jacksonville University  
Stop 2 – August 23, Gainesville - Flavet Field - University of Florida  
Stop 3 – September 6, Clearwater – Eddie C. Moore Park  
Stop 4 – September 20, Fort Myers – Estero Recreation Center  
Stop 5 – October 11, Sarasota – 17<sup>th</sup> Street Park  
Stop 6 – October 25, Fort Lauderdale - Holiday Inn Sunrise – Holiday Inn Sports Complex  
State Championships – November 8, Tavares –Hickory Point Recreation Park

“We encourage anyone, despite your skill level, to come out and try a day of Grass Volleyball for charity,” said Florida Sports Foundation Senior Vice President Stephen Rodriguez. “If you’ve played Volleyball in PE class, gather your friends, family or co-workers and create a team to support local charities. This is a great team building opportunity for local businesses as well!”

Steve Bishop, Executive Director and President of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, says that his region is honored to join in a partnership with the Florida Sports Foundation for the first ever Sunshine State Games Grass Volleyball Series. “Our collective goal is to take the game of volleyball to new participants and at the same time create a way to support local charities in the host communities. We are hopeful corporations, first responders and hospitality teams will come out for a day of fun in the sun and help ‘Kick Some Grass for Charity!’”

All teams participating in one of the six Florida stops are eligible to compete in the State Championships in November. Divisions are available for Recreational Adult Coed 6's, Competitive Adult Coed 4's and Junior 6's (Girls/Boys 16 & Up Only). The Junior 6 division will not be available at all locations. Registration and competition information is currently available at <http://www.floridavolleyball.org/sunshine-state-games-grass-vb-series.html>.

The registration fee for the Competitive Adult Coed 4's division teams is \$100, Recreational Adult Coed 6's is \$150 and Junior 6's (Girls 16-18) is \$100. Team VIP fees are also available for an additional cost. The VIP fees include lunch, water during the event, and access to the VIP area.

Rules for all of the divisions are available on the Florida Region website.

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### **About Florida Sports Foundation:**

The Florida Sports Foundation, Inc. is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation, serving as the Sports Industry Development Division of Enterprise Florida, Inc. The mission of the Florida Sports Foundation is to:

- Assist Florida's communities with securing, hosting and retaining Sporting events and sports related business that generate significant economic impact and Sports Tourism for the state of Florida through the Foundation's grant programs, legislative initiatives and Industry Partner service, recognition and development.
- Provide the citizens of Florida with participation opportunities in Florida's Sunshine State Games and Florida Senior Games events.
- Serve as Florida's leading resource for Sport Tourism research and facts.
- Assist in the promotion of targeted leisure sports industries in Florida.
- Assist National and Florida State Governing Bodies to promote amateur sport development through Florida's Sunshine State Games and hosting events in Florida.

### **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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