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TEAM FLORIDA ALL-STARS BRING HOME 4 MEDALS (1 GOLD, 1 SILVER, & 2 BRONZE)

4 out of 6 Team Florida Indoor All-Star teams earned a medal at the 2023 USAV All-Star Championships in Fort. Lauderdale, FL!

Eustis, FL – July 31, 2023 – Every year since 2000, The USA All-Star Championships (formerly USA High Performance Championships) has been held to showcase the best junior athletes from across the globe. They come together to compete against one another in a weeklong tournament. Six teams represented Team Florida this year, four girls' teams and two boys' team. The event was held in Fort. Lauderdale, FL at the Broward County Convention Center from July 19th – 23rd.

The Florida Region is proud to announce that four of the six teams earned a medal at the event. The one gold medal went to Girls' U13 division. Team Florida earned one silver medal in the Girls' U17 division and earned two bronze medals in the Boys' U17 & Boys' U19 divisions.

This year the Florida Region had coaches representing over 6 different colleges and multiple volleyball clubs from across the Florida Region. The 2023 coaching staff has over 84 combined years of coaching experience with Team Florida and has over 305 years of total coaching experience. All returning Team Florida Head Coaches have made it to the medal stand in previous years, with some of the coaches having made multiple medal match appearances.

USA All-Star's 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 Baker's Sporting Goods. Additionally, this year the program had help from Ben Keyes, Dr. Cam Gholampour, Hector Negron and Carlos La Torre. Keyes is a licensed Massage Therapist and owner of RX Massage Therapy. He helped rehab the players so that they could be in their best performance shape for the duration of the tournament. Dr. Cam is an International Certified Sports Chiropractor and the owner of Strength & Spine Chiropractic that worked alongside Keyes. The Florida Region is thankful for the time and effort everyone (coaches, players, parents, trainers, and staff) puts in to make the Team Florida All-Stars program successful. The region is also grateful for ASICS and Baker's Sports for the continuous support they show Team Florida.

"This year's Team Florida delegation continued our tradition of excellence on and off the courts." commented **Steve Bishop**, Executive Director & President of the Florida Region. "As one of the longest running all-star programs in the country, it is always a pleasure to see the athletes and coaches come together to proudly represent the region at this international coed event. Team Florida has brought home the Region Cup in 8 of the past 11 years as the top finishing delegation, an honor won by the Arizona Region at this year's event in Ft. Lauderdale. Since 2010, Team Florida leads as the top medaling region with 40 medals (22 gold, 10 silver, & 8 bronze). These results are a testament to the excellent training being conducted by Florida Region clubs across the state and to the outstanding staff coaches that work with our program each year. Kudos to our partners, board members and hardworking staff that come together to make this happen each year."

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The rosters are as follows:

Girls' U15 National

| Coaches | Athletes |
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| <p>Head Coach Kelly Surrency - Formerly USF</p> <p>Assistant Coach Diego Perez Gaitan - Cape Coast VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Tony Cothron - OTVA VB</p> | <p>Outside Hitters (OH) Jasmine Fortson (Palm City, FL) – Up on Top Piper Gary (Cocoa Beach, FL) – Winter Park Allison Hamm (Ocala, FL) – Ocala Power United Olivia Peterson (Jupiter, FL) – Jupiter Elite</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Jaeda Branham (Sorrento, FL) – Top Select Trinity McCormick (Naples, FL) – Tribe Elizabeth Sauby (Fort Lauderdale, FL) - Tribe</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Yasmin Marti (Boca Raton, FL) – Tribe</p> <p>Setters (S) Amber Ives (Merritt Island, FL) – Winter Park Hazel Williams (Fleming Island, FL) – JJVA</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Kaylee Foreman (Boca Raton, FL) – Tribe</p> <p>Utility (UTL) Sarah Stegall (Port Orange, FL) – DME</p> |

Girls' U15 International

| Coaches | Athletes |
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| <p>Head Coach Flavia Siqueira - Auburn University at Montgomery</p> <p>Assistant Coach Jordan Armstrong - Jacksonville University</p> <p>Assistant Coach Karly Padilla - OTVA Tampa VB</p> | <p>Outside Hitters (OH) Dasia Johnson (Coral Springs, FL) – Wildfire Ainhoa Molleja (Cutler Bay, FL) – Miami Volleyball Academy Sasha Kawas (Doral, FL) – 305 Volleyball</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Sophia Bermudez (Miami, FL) – Miami Volleyball Academy Lyla Buser (Wellington, FL) – Jupiter Amber McClain (Jupiter, FL) –Jupiter</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Isabella Umpierre (Windermere, FL) – Winter Park Leilani Lamar (Tampa, FL) – OTVA</p> <p>Setters (S) Caitlin Crino (Boynton Beach, FL) – Tribe Claudia Barbey (Winter Garden, FL) – Top Select</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Sofia Sierra (Land O Lakes, FL) – OTVA</p> <p>Utility (UTL) Kenadie Greene (Tallahassee, FL) – Red Hills</p> |

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Girls' U13

| Coaches | Athletes |
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| <p>Head Coach Hector Ramirez - Tribe VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Candance Lunford - 904 Elite VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Adriana McLamb - Game Point VB</p> | <p>Outside Hitters (OH) Jordan Andrews (Pompano Beach, FL) – Boomers Ellie Enger (Orlando, FL) – Winter Park (MVP) Cecilia Ithier (Orlando, FL) – Game Point (All-Tournament Team)</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Ajha Graddy (Gainesville, FL) – Gainesville Jrs Ava Lazar (Altamonte Springs, FL) – OTVA Adrienne Willis (Orlando, FL) – Game Point</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Alyssa James (Parkland, FL) – Tribe Hannah Vanzwieten (Coral Springs, FL) - Tribe</p> <p>Setters (S) Molly Monday (Lutz, FL) – OTVA (All-Tournament Team) Mila Zujovic (Tampa, FL) – OTVA</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Sofia Tang (Tampa, FL) – Tribe Lila Varitek (Longwood, FL) – OTVA (All-Tournament Team)</p> |

Girls' U17

| Coaches | Athletes |
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| <p>Head Coach Giovanny Delevry - University of Charlotte</p> <p>Assistant Coach Marquis Clark - East Tennessee State University</p> <p>Assistant Coach Carrie Prewitt - Black Creek VB</p> | <p>Outside Hitters (OH) Dakota Arnette (Boynton Beach, FL) – Boomers Kierstin Bevelle (Apopka, FL) – OTVA Amaria King (Jacksonville, FL) – Jacksonville Skyline Connor Rahn (Orange Park, FL) – OTVA</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Hazel Alevok (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) – Wildfire Volleyball Academy Chelsea Sutton (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) – OTVA Jackie Taylor (Miami, FL) – Miami Hype</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Brooke Forkum (Orange Park, FL) – Jacksonville Skyline Lillian Hart (Ocala, FL) – Ocala Power United</p> <p>Setters (S) Emily Collings (Jacksonville, FL) – Powers Volleyball (All-Tournament Team) Erica Duffy (Saint Augustine, FL) – Jacksonville Skyline</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Bella Lee (Port Saint Lucie, FL) – OTVA (All-Tournament Team)</p> |

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Boys' U19

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| <p>Head Coach James Snodgrass - Orlando Gold VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Ashley Schinzing - Orlando Gold VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Jesse Day - Florida Mojo VB</p> | <p>Outside Hitters (OH) Quinn Bishop (Jupiter, FL) – Ocean Bay (All-Tournament Team) Ignacio Brito (Miami, FL) – Miami United Logan Keothavy (Lighthouse Point, FL) – Ocean Bay Carson Pliapol (Port Orange, FL) – Winter Park</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Tristan Browning (Windermere, FL) – Winter Park Eliel Salva - Torres (Kissimmee, FL) – Winter Park Will Sutphen (Kissimmee, FL) – Winter Park</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Darion Graham (Orlando, FL) – Toreros</p> <p>Setters (S) Will Mcelveen (Windermere, FL) – Winter Park Micah Tumas (Atlantis, FL) – Ocean Bay</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Cameron Gray (Orlando, FL) – Winter Park Antonio Medina (Orlando, FL) – Winter Park</p> |

Boys' U17

| Coaches | Athletes |
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| <p>Head Coach Dexter Rogers - Gulfside VB</p> <p>Assistant Coach Ashley Monfort - JJVA</p> <p>Assistant Coach Tony Gaetan - Orlando Gold</p> | <p>Outside Hitters (OH) James Candrian (Winter Garden, FL) – Orlando Gold Juanmarco Diaz (Miami, FL) – Miami United Morrison Hadad (Miami, FL) – Miami United Tyler Windt (Casselberry, FL) – Winter Park</p> <p>Middle Blockers (MB) Isaiah Mccoy (Lantana, FL) – Ocean Bay John-Paul Zurfluh (Coral Gables, FL) – Miami United Landon Richter (Boynton Beach, FL) – Ocean Bay</p> <p>Opposites (OPP) Tyler Johnson (Weston, FL) – Miami United</p> <p>Setters (S) Jacob Little-Phillips (Winter Park, FL) – Winter Park Vincent Wishart (Kissimmee, FL) – Orlando Gold</p> <p>Liberos (LIB) Noah Dieppa (Dover, FL) – Toreros (All-Tournament Team)</p> <p>Utility (UTL) Enrique Soto (Saint Cloud, FL) – Winter Park</p> |

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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 over 19,000 members. Indoor, outdoor, and para programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is headquartered in Eustis, FL and manages the 21-court Hickory Point Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Tavares, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

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