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### WELCOME NOTE FROM THE OFFICIAL'S CHAIR

Hello and welcome to another exciting season of USA Volleyball in the Florida Region! As your Official's Chair, I want to report that our official's division has been preparing for a very busy 2013 indoor season. We have concluded all of our regional and national official's training clinics and have already begun to work at the various USAV tournaments that started last month. I want to welcome back the veteran officials that have been with us for many years and also welcome the new officials that are just getting started in USAV.

As you attend the various USAV tournaments in the Florida Region, please remember that every tournament staff has a Head Official to assist with managing the officials at the respective event. If you ever have questions or concerns about officials or USAV rules, please contact the Head Official to discuss the matter. They are there to serve you and make sure that the event runs smoothly.

Thank you everyone for making a positive contribution to our sport.

Have a Volley-Good season,

**Darin Clark**  
Official's Chair



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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to February! Our first USAV junior events took place last month across the state and our 2013 season is in full swing. The annual education weekend was a great success as many new and seasoned coaches (and officials) came together to share and learn. Kudos to our instructors (**Dr. Cecile Reynaud, Bill Hamiter, Joel Dearing, and Eric Hoffman**) for doing such a great job training our coaches and officials in Orlando.

This month the region staff will begin our Tour of Champions (TOC) events, which include indoor HP all-star tryouts, Wilson Friday night adult tournaments, indoor IMPACT clinics, and our new **Assistance to Coaches** clinic series presented by our women's Team Florida WAVE head coach, **Nick Cheronis**. I strongly encourage all coaches to attend an Assistance to Coaches clinic in 2013 to brush up on their coaching skills and make some new connections. The price point is only \$15 per class and the clinic schedule has various times available during the TOC events.

Speaking of our Team Florida WAVE, we held our open tryouts last month and our training rosters have been announced. Additional information on the WAVE exhibition and tournament schedules can be found on the Florida Region website: [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org). I am proud to announce that both ASICS and 1<sup>st</sup> Place Volleyball have renewed their sponsorship support of the Team Florida WAVE this year. We hope that you will join us as we make history by being one of the lead regions with our men's and women's indoor pro volleyball teams. Show your support in 2013 and *Catch the WAVE!*

Finally, we hope that you have had a chance to visit our newly launched website. Many hours of designing, programming, and data entry went into launching the new site. The new layout should be easy to navigate and should help you get right to the information that you need with only a couple of clicks. We also hope that you have "Liked" us on Facebook. You can find a link on the Home Page of our new website.

We look forward to seeing you at a USAV event in Florida very soon,

**Steve Bishop**, Executive Director  
Florida Region of USA Volleyball

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## CLUB HIGHLIGHT – MIAMI ELITE VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Each month a member club is featured in **Vol-eNews**. This is a great way to get to know the Club Director(s) and learn more about the clubs throughout Florida. This month **Scott Doan** and **Miami Elite VBC** will be highlighted.

### **Q: Tell us how you got started in volleyball?**

**A:** When we were given a high school coaching job, it was clear that compared to other high school programs in Florida, our team had some catching up to do. The answer was obvious; we put together our first travel squad that same year and have been competing every since then.

### **Q: What is your coaching philosophy?**

**A:** Our philosophy is to provide a fun, competitive atmosphere, emphasizing both basic fundamentals and advanced skills. We commit to helping our athletes build a strong work ethic; teach leadership skills and life lessons that will carry far beyond the volleyball court.

### **Q: Do you have a career outside of coaching? What do you do?**

**A:** Along with my coaching, I have been a school teacher for the past 30 years.

### **Q: What awards or recognitions have you received in the past?**

**A:** The most recent award Miami Elite has received from our region was presented to us two years ago and it was the most improved club in the state of Florida

### **Q: What is your most valued item on your desk or in your office? What is its significance?**

**A:** Without a doubt, my most valued possession would be pictures of my family and pictures of my past teams. Those relationships are bigger than any sporting activity.

### **Q: What are some of your goals for your club?**

**A:** We would love to see more of our teams qualify for Nationals.

### **Q: What would you attribute your club success to in the past years?**

**A:** We have chosen a system we teach our girls that is consistent from our 8 year old girls to our 18 year olds. All our coaches are on the same page with what we teach and we feel like that helps us improve each year.

### **Q: Do you have any memorable stories you want to share about Miami Elite?**

**A:** Three seasons ago we sent our first teams to USAV Nationals and have sent at least one team ever since. We are proud of our growth over the last several years, specifically because we started from scratch rather than merging with another club. Also, two years ago, the FL Region recognized us



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as “Most Improved Club”. To us, this was a nice reminder that we are headed in the right direction and earning a positive reputation throughout Florida.

**Q: If you could brag about your club, what would you say?**

**A:** For the majority of season our Blue Teams (1-teams) are ranked in the top 20 of Florida every year. Our current 17Blue team has won the FL Region for the past 3 years in a row, qualifying for USAV Nationals. Last season they finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> the season before. Our coaching staff is excellent and they all work hard to create a family environment amongst our teams and staff. Their passion for the game and our program is evident in the way they prepare for practices and coach during tournaments.

**Q: What do you look forward to in the future for the Florida Region?**

**A:** I look forward to more competitive tournaments in the South Florida (WPB and South) areas; JNQ Tournaments in FL.

*Thanks Scott for participating in the Club Highlight. The Florida Region wishes you and your club success in the 2012/2013 season! Stay tuned for next month's Club Highlight to learn about and **John Babbitt and Club Storm of Tampa.***

## 2013 TEAM FLORIDA WAVE ROSTERS

**We are excited to announce the 2013 Team Florida WAVE Training Rosters! Congratulations to the following athletes:**

### Women's WAVE Training Roster

NAME/POSITION/HEIGHT/COLLEGE

Bri Smith, S, 5'7", Eckerd College  
 Jenna Hagglund, S, 5'10", University of Washington  
 Nirelle Hampton, S, 5'10", Texas Christian Univ.  
 Rebecca Royal, S, 6'2", Flagler College  
 Kelly Murphy, OPP, 6'2", Univ. of Florida  
 Correy Johnson, OPP, 6'4", Univ. of California, Berkeley  
 Emily Kohler, OPP, 5'11", Univ. of North Florida  
 Fanny Ba, OH, 6'1", TBA  
 Kristy Jaeckel, OH, 6'2", Univ. of Florida  
 Marcela Oliveira, OH, 5'11", Univ. of South Florida  
 Brooke Seaman, OH, 5'9", Brevard College  
 Tanya Jarvis, OH, 5'9", Univ. of Central Florida  
 Brianna Barry, MB, 6'3", Florida State Univ.  
 Danielle Priest, MB, 6'1", Florida Atlantic Univ.  
 Jordana Price, MB, 6'1", Florida State Univ.  
 Lakisya Killingsworth, MB, 6'2", Univ. of Florida  
 Benavia Jenkins, MB/OPP, 6', Univ. of Florida  
 Amanda Cook, LIB, 5'11", St. Leo Univ.  
 Caitlin Haworth, LIB, 5'9", UNC Pembroke  
 Chelsea Luttfiring, LIB, 5'4", Valdosta State Univ.

### Men's WAVE Training Roster

NAME/POSITION/HEIGHT/COLLEGE

Ala Itayem, S, 6'1", UCF Club  
 Mike landolo, S, 6'7", Lewis Univ.  
 Rob Koehler, S, 6'8", Carthage College  
 Sergio Rios, S, 6'3", Warner University  
 Chad Mercado, OPP, 6'5", Lees McRae College  
 Ian Karbiener, OPP, 6'5", Lewis Univ.  
 Igor Vengerovskiy, OPP, 6'8", Webber Int'l Univ.  
 Brad Connors, OH, 6'4", Warner Univ.  
 Brian Reim, OH, 6'1", UCF Club  
 Hudson Bates, OH, 6'5", George Mason Univ.  
 Jaime Roberts, OH, 6'5", UCF Club  
 John Michael Plummer, OH, 6'2", Lindenwood Univ.  
 Karl Miller, OH, 6'3", Univ. of Illinois  
 Kenny Veliky, OH, 6'3", FSU Club  
 Marshall Brock, OH, 6'2", UF Club  
 Andy Reed, MB, 6'6", Univ. of Colorado Boulder Club  
 Kevin Oleson, MB, 6'6", Western Illinois Univ.  
 Nick Jensen, MB, 6'9", Grand Canyon Univ.  
 Will Sovran, MB, 6'5", UCF Club  
 Hector Ramirez, LIB, 5'8", TBA  
 Juan Ramirez, LIB, 5'11", Lees McRae College  
 Tanner Wright, LIB, 5'11", Quincy Univ.



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### Women's WAVE Schedule 2013

Mar 2 - Tri Match, vs. UCF & FSU, Gainesville, FL  
 Apr 20 - PVL Tournament, Orlando, FL  
 May 24-27 - PVL Championships, Louisville, KY  
 Jun TBA - PVL Tournament of Champions, Dallas, TX

### Men's WAVE Schedule - 2013

Mar 16 - Exhibition Match, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
 Apr 20 - Exhibition Match, Orlando, FL (Tentative)  
 Apr 27 - Exhibition Match, Orlando, FL  
 May 24-27 - US Open, Louisville, KY  
 Jun TBA - PVL Championships, Reno, NV



For more information on the Team Florida WAVE, visit [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org)!

## COACHING CLINICS IN FLORIDA

### Assistance to Coaches 2013

*Coaching Series* is designed to bring the clinic to you! All sessions will be held during Florida Region USAV events. No longer will you have to schedule a separate weekend to hone your skills as a coach!

## ASSISTANCE TO COACHES

2013 Coaching Series - By Nick Cheronis, Head Coach Team Florida WAVE

[www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org)

Sessions will be held "on court" on Friday evenings, and "in classroom" during the tournament on Saturday. Have a morning wave? No problem, the same classroom session will be held in the afternoon. Assistance to Coaches is dedicated to helping you solve YOUR problems. These sessions will touch on specific topics from game management to practice planning to everyday drills that work for you. Not everyone has an All-American in the gym. Sessions are designed to be practical to helping you coach your team.

### SERIES SCHEDULE:

Feb 1 & 2 - Daytona Beach, FL, Feb 22 & 23 - Jacksonville, FL  
 Mar 15 & 16 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Mar 22 & 23 - Tampa, FL

Register online at [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org)! Contact [atc@floridavolleyball.org](mailto:atc@floridavolleyball.org) if you have any questions.



## The Art of Coaching VOLLEYBALL

The Art of Coaching Volleyball Clinic Series, led by Russ Rose, John Dunning, and Terry Liskevych is touring North America to bring over 100 year

of volleyball knowledge to coaches of all experience levels. The University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando will host a clinic on Mar 16-17, 2013. Registration closes March 11<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.TheArtofCoachingVolleyball.com](http://www.TheArtofCoachingVolleyball.com) for more information and to register online.



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## TOUR OF CHAMPION EVENTS

- **DAYTONA BEACH 100 – Tour of Champions Event** - Feb 2-3, 2013 at the Daytona Beach Ocean Center
- **JJVA JAX JAM – Tour of Champions Event** - Feb 23-24, 2013 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville, FL
- **CLOVERLEAF INVITATIONAL – Tour of Champions Event** - March 16-17, 2013 at the Ft. Lauderdale Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- **MOLTEN PRE-Q – Tour of Champions Event** - Mar 23-24, 2013 at the Tampa Convention Center in Tampa, FL

-All teams will register through AES at [www.advancedeventsystems.com](http://www.advancedeventsystems.com)

The top finishing team in each division (10u-18u) will win **FREE** entry into the 2013 Florida Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships. (Note: To be an eligible team, you must compete in at least two of the four Tour of Champions events. [A full list of TOC event dates can be found on the region website.]

Teams will be refunded their entry fee after the Regional Championships.)

Other events that will take place at the Tour of Champions event on the Friday night before include:

- **Indoor IMPACT Clinic (5:30p-9:30p)**
- **Friday Night Adult Tournament Series (6:00p-9:30p)**
- **Coaching Clinic w/ Nick Cheronis (Friday Night 7:00p-8:30p, Saturday 10a-11a & 2:30p-3:30p)**
- **Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star Tryout (6:00p-9:00p)**



If you have questions or need any additional information on this event, please contact Steve Benson (Events Manager) at (352) 742-0080 or [sbenson@FloridaVolleyball.org](mailto:sbenson@FloridaVolleyball.org).

## WILSON FRIDAY NIGHT ADULT TOURNAMENT SERIES

### ATTENTION ADULT PLAYERS, CLUB COACHES, & OFFICIALS:

The Wilson Friday Night Adult Series was created to give adult players, clubs coaches, and officials an opportunity to come together and enjoy the game for a few hours the night before the tournament begins. Each host has been kind enough to provide up to 4 courts at each site. Come out and enjoy the music and fun...and make some new friends at the same time. We hope to see you at an upcoming event!



### 2013 WILSON FRIDAY NIGHT ADULT SERIES SCHEDULE

- **FRI, FEB 1, 2013 - Daytona Beach, FL** - Ocean Center, In conjunction with the Daytona Beach 100 Tour. of Champions
- **FRI, FEB 22, 2013 - Jacksonville, FL** - Prime Osborn Convention Center - In conjunction with the JJVA Jax Jam Tour. of Champions
- **FRI, MAR 15, 2013 - Ft. Lauderdale, FL** - Broward County Convention Center - In conjunction with the Cloverleaf Tour. of Champions
- **FRI, MAR 22, 2013 - Tampa, FL** - Tampa Convention Center - In conjunction with the Molten Pre-Q Tour. of Champions

## UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA – CHRIS CATANACH

Congratulations to **University of Tampa Spartans** and head coach Chris Catanach on finishing the 2012 season at No. 2 in the final American Volleyball Coaches Association of America (AVCA) national poll! I had the opportunity to ask Coach Catanach a few questions on his coaching experience throughout the years.



**Q: You've had a stellar 29 year coaching career with the Spartans, leading the team to one of the top elite programs in the country with 22 Sunshine State Conference titles, 27 NCAA appearances, 15 trips to the Elite Eight, four national runner-up finishes and to the 2006 NCAA II national championship. What is the driving force behind your continued success?** I work for a great University, I have had some outstanding assistant coaches in Jeff Lamm (last 11 years) and Jeff Reavis, and I have also been fortunate to attract some great young women to play here.

**Q: Tampa finished the year with a 32-4 record and a perfect 16-0 showing in SSC play. How does competing in one of the top DII conferences in the nation for women's volleyball help prepare you for the NCAA tournament?** We have been at our best when our conference is at its best. It also helps that we have some very strong regional competition outside our conference. We also schedule as tough a non conference schedule as is possible. The more difficult situations your team faces the better opportunity for growth and development.

**Q: What changes have you seen in women's volleyball in Florida in the past 29 years?** The number of very good athletes and players that are available to all levels of college teams have made coaching more fun and exciting. Three things have contributed to this growth: 1. Title IX and the increased number of scholarship opportunities. 2. The growth of club volleyball. 3. Improved coaching at all levels. When I began coaching in the Sunshine State Conference in 1984 there were only 2 fulltime coaches, now all nine schools have full time coaches and half of us have full time assistants. In 1984, the conference schools offered a combined 6 scholarships; in 2012 I believe the combined number of scholarships awarded topped fifty. **Are there any advances or changes you wish to see in years to come?** The continued tweaking of the rules so that we have the most exciting female spectator sport available.

Thanks Chris! The Florida Region wishes you and your team continued success in the years to come!



## AWARD NOMINATIONS

Online nominations are now open! We have some of the greatest volleyball people in the Florida Region and they deserve recognition for their hard work and commitment to further the sport. Many thankless hours go



into coaching a team, running a club, attending clinics, getting certified, planning events, and improving our Region every year. Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with the different awards we offer and our previous award winners (see online) and let us know about the volleyball people that have gone above and beyond to

make our Region better.

### 2013 AWARDS CEREMONY INFO

Date: Friday, Apr 19, 2013

Location: DoubleTree Resort, Orlando, FL

Time: 6:30pm Reception, 7:00pm Ceremony Begins

**ONLINE NOMINATIONS CLOSE MAR 1, 2013!**

## FLORIDA REGION SCHOLARSHIPS

**Attention Florida Region High School Seniors!** The following scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Awards Ceremony held in April: (Note: These scholarships may be divided into multiple awards with the minimum being \$500.)

1. Edward "Ned" DeGroot Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00
2. Ben Jordan Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00
3. Mark Headrick Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000.00
4. ASICS "Sound Mind, Sound Body" Scholarship - \$1,000.00
5. ROX/1st Place Volleyball Scholarship - \$1,000.00
6. Commissioner's Scholarship - \$500.00

The recipient 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. Be an active junior official or scorekeeper for their team.
4. Have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
5. Be actively involved in their community.
6. Have high moral, ethical, and social standards.

To apply, please visit [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org). Each applicant will need to complete the Scholarship Checklist and Application in order to be eligible. Recipients will be notified in advance and scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Regional Awards Ceremony in Orlando! (Note: Recipients must be able to attend the ceremony to be eligible for the scholarship!)





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## TEAM FLORIDA INDOOR HP ALL-STAR TRYOUTS



The 2013 USA High Performance Championships will be held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. This year, Team Florida will field seven (7) teams. Athletes that are interested in trying out for this elite program can register online at [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org). There will be four (4) tryouts around the state of Florida. Here is a snapshot of the dates for the Team Florida Indoor HP

Tryouts this year.

- o **February 1** - Daytona Beach (Girls & Boys)
- o **February 22** - Jacksonville (Girls only)
- o **March 15** - Ft. Lauderdale (Girls & Boys)
- o **March 22** - Tampa (Girls only)

This year's delegations will be led by some of the best college and club coaches in the state:

### GIRLS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (GIY)

Head Coach - **Brian Imperiale**, Univ. of South Florida  
 1st Asst - **Brian Goodhind**, Webber International Univ.  
 2nd Asst - **Lakisya Killingsworth**, Bethune Cookman Univ.

### GIRLS NATIONAL YOUTH (GNY)

Head Coach - **Michelle Piantadosi**, Eckerd College  
 1st Asst - **Travers Green**, Florida International Univ.  
 2nd Asst - **Tony Cothron**, Tampa United

### GIRLS NATIONAL SELECT (GNS)

Head Coach - **Isaac Raphael**, Bethune Cookman Univ.  
 1st Asst - **Bri Smith**, Eckerd College  
 2nd Asst - **Robby Baker**, Bring It Promotions

### GIRLS NATIONAL FUTURE-SELECT (GFS)

Head Coach - **Flavia Siqueira**, College of Central FL.  
 1st Asst - **Jim Butski**, Florida Christian College  
 2nd Asst - **John Babbitt**, Club Storm

### BOYS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH (BIY)

Head Coach - **Sergio Rios**, Warner University  
 1st Asst - **Greg Villareal**, Barry/Team Florida WAVE  
 2nd Asst - **Ashley Schinzing**, Orlando Gold

### BOYS NATIONAL YOUTH (BNY)

Head Coach - **Tom Snodgrass**, Orlando Gold  
 1st Asst - **Ore Pablos**, Wildfire VBC  
 2nd Asst - **Semei Tello**, UCF

### BOYS NATIONAL SELECT (BNS)

Head Coach - **Rob Holley**, JJVA/Team Florida WAVE  
 1st Asst - **Roger Peluso**, Ransom Everglades  
 2nd Asst - **Jesus Montalvo**, Marion County Jrs.





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If you are a USAV coach and are interested in volunteering for the **2013 Team Florida Indoor HP All-Star Tryouts**, please complete the volunteer form located on the HP page. Volunteer Coaches will assist the staff coaches with running drills and helping staff with checking in the athletes.

**NOTE:** The Florida Region requires that all coaches are, at a minimum, **IMPACT** certified before they begin working with players in tryouts.

## MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE

As of February 1, 2013, the Florida Region has **10,422** members. We met last year's goal of 12,000 members and look forward to meeting our new goal of 12,500 members! Thank you to all of you for supporting USA Volleyball... please let others in your area know about the playing, coaching, and officiating opportunities offered by USA Volleyball in the Florida Region.

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