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FROM THE INDOOR CHAIR...

Region Members,

Well, it's finally here, Juniors Season!! Many clubs are hosting and gearing up to host their tryouts for our next Juniors Club Season. I want to wish you all a successful year. You should be proud of our region as we continue to rise to the top as one of the strongest regions in the country. Please support our Florida family at the national qualifiers. We anticipate another strong showing of Florida teams that will qualify for the National events at the end of the season.

Please remind and encourage your juniors to try out for the High Performance programs. They can find a variety of tryout dates listed with the Tournament of Champions series around the state. It is a great place for your athletes to get exposure and represent your clubs.

Lastly, I would like to encourage all directors to pass on to your coaches the simple reminder that this is all about our athletes. We are there to service and train them. While the win can be important it is not more important than training them to be winners. Integrity, unity and service are great qualities to expect when teaching them how to give 100%. This is great advise for us all to pattern from the top down in our respective clubs.

I am very proud to serve you as the Indoor Chair of our great region. If we can be of assistance to you please feel free to contact us as we are here for you!

See you on the court!!

Sam Skelton
Indoor Chair
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

In October I had the opportunity to attend several national & international volleyball events. One of my favorite events is always the annual Volleyball Hall of Fame induction ceremonies in Holyoke, MA. I am always reminded about the international impact of our sport and how it has impacted the lives of many people across the globe.

Additionally, I got the opportunity to attend the Best of the NVL Championships in Las Vegas. I'm proud to announce that two Florida athletes won the crown and the championship title:

- NVL King – **Piotr Marciniak**, St. Petersburg, FL
- NVL Queen – **Karolina Sowala**, Babson Park, FL

Congratulations to both on a great finish and for representing Florida with pride!

Coming up in early November we will be meeting with all of our new Florida clubs. This year we are seeing a large increase in the number of new potential indoor junior clubs and we are very excited to meet everyone that will be joining us in West Palm Beach and Ocala.

We look forward to an exciting November and we wish the very best to all of our high school and college teams that are advancing!

Best regards,

Steve Bishop
Executive Director
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ART OF COACHING CLINIC...



Russ Rose, Penn State Terry Liskevych, Oregon State



January 4-5, 2014 in Daytona Beach!

The 2014 Florida Region Coaching Clinic (in partnership with The Art of Coaching) will allow coaches to interact and learn from two of the greatest volleyball coaches of all time.

Russ Rose (Penn State) and **Terry Liskevych** (Oregon State) will share their experiences, insights, drills, and coaching tactics over a two day period in Daytona Beach. The clinic has limited space, so register early to secure your spot.

Both classroom and on-court sessions will take place. (Note: Coaches will take part in on-court drills.)

Cost: \$225 per person

Register online at:
www.FloridaVolleyball.org

FLORIDA VOLLEYBALL FESTIVAL...

The 2014 Florida Volleyball Festival will combine tournaments, tryouts, and clinics into a unique volley festival atmosphere under one roof at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach.



Tournaments for boys, girls, and adults! Clinics for coaches and officials!

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Boys' Pre-Q Tournament (14u-18u)
- Girls Club Cup Tournament (12u-18u)
- FCVL College Club Tournament
- Molten Friday Night Adult Tournament Series
- Coaching Clinic (with Art of Coaching)
- Regional Official's Clinic
- National Official's Clinic
- USAV IMPACT Coaching Clinic
- Team Florida Boys Indoor HP Tryout
- Regional Beach Coaching Clinic

Dates: Jan 3-5, 2014

Location: Daytona Beach Ocean Center

Visit the Florida Region website to see more details on each of the events and to take advantage of the early registration prices.

Come and help us kick off the 2014 indoor season!

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

ANNUAL JR. FORUM MEETINGS...

Beginning in 2013, the format of the annual Junior Forum meetings will change to reduce the number of meetings required for experienced Florida Region Club Directors.

Girl's indoor junior Club Directors will no longer be required to attend an annual Jr. Forum meeting **unless you were a new Club Director in the 2012/2013 season and did not attend a district jr. forum meeting in August of 2012 (these Club Directors are required to attend the Jr. Forum meeting in November 2013). Also, any new club director(s) of any club, no matter how many years the club has been active, must attend the Jr. Forum meeting in November 2013.**

The format of the new meetings has been changed to an educational & best practices format. The Florida Region staff will now prepare an annual written update and distribute that to all clubs via email and on the Florida Region website in advance of the meetings.

JR. FORUM MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS:

- **Nov. 2, 2013** - West Palm Beach
- **Nov. 3, 2013** - Ocala, FL

DAILY SCHEDULE:

- 9a-11a: New Club Director Meeting
- 9a-1p: IMPACT Clinic
- 11a-1p: Club Admin Meeting
- 2p-4p: Best Practices

Best Practices Sessions Available:

- Bookkeeping/Accounting
- Risk Management/Insurance 101
- Grass Roots Programming
- Branding/Marketing/Promotions

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

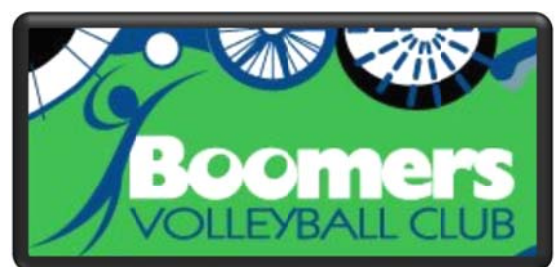
GIRLS JR. CLUB TRYOUT DATES...

The earliest date that a USAV sanctioned tryout in the Florida Region may be held for junior female athletes, 15 years old & up, is **November 17th!** Tryouts for junior female athletes 14 years and younger may take place at any time during the year.

Please make sure that all USAV sanctioned tryouts request a sanction at least 30 days in advance so it can receive an event sanction number and a USAV certificate of insurance. You can request a certificate of insurance online at the Florida Region website: www.FloridaVolleyball.org.

If you have any questions, please contact the Florida Region office at (352) 742-0080.

JUNIOR CLUB SPOTLIGHT...



Club: Boomers Volleyball Club
Hometown: Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Director: Terri Jimenez
Founded: 1996
Programs For: Girls (Indoor & Outdoor)
Website: www.BoomersVolleyball.com

JAB ELECTION UPDATE...

The 2013 Jr. Admin Board (JAB) has concluded and we are proud to announce the winners:

Carrie Prewitt, Club Director at Middleburg VBC was re-elected to another term on the JAB.

Landon Thomas, Club Director at USA South in Ft. Myers was elected to his first term on the JAB.

Both individuals will take office on Nov 1st and will serve a two-year term.

USAV MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL...

September 1st, 2013 marked the beginning of the 2013/2014 membership season for USA Volleyball. You can renew your USAV Membership by logging into your USAV account and clicking "To Apply for Your Membership Click Here" located at the top of the screen. If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar, **Michele Sisser** at michele@FloridaVolleyball.org.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT UPDATE...

For the 2013/2014 season our membership goal is 13,000 members.

As of Oct 31, we have 4,111 members!

Please let others in your area know about the opportunities offered by USA Volleyball in the Florida Region.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT...

We are proud to announce that Molten has agreed to enter into a strategic partnership with the Florida Region for a three year period.

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Molten will be the official supplier of indoor and outdoor volleyballs for the Florida Region and will be awarded the following titles:

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- **Official Outdoor Volleyball of the Florida Region**
- **Title Sponsor of the Molten Friday Night Adult Tournament Series**

We want to extend a sincere THANK YOU to Molten for their partnership! We look forward to a longstanding and successful relationship.

Please remember to support Molten when you purchase volleyballs for your club!

Visit Molten online at: www.MoltenUSA.com

SAFESPORT INITIATIVE...

The US Olympic Committee has developed a new program called SafeSport to help all sports in the United States create a safer environment for youth athletes. The Florida Region, in partnership with USA Volleyball, is committed to implementing this program for the 13/14 club season. You can learn more by visiting the Florida Region website (www.FloridaVolleyball.org) and clicking on the SafeSport logo. Join us in this initiative!

2014 INDOOR EVENT SCHEDULE...

Here is a complete list of the Florida Region hosted indoor events for the 2013/2014 season:

- **Jan 3:** Team Florida HP Tryout in Daytona Beach (Boys)
- **Jan 3-5:** Florida Volleyball Festival in Daytona Beach (Tournaments for boys, girls & adults...clinics for coaches & officials!)
- **Jan 31:** Team Florida HP Tryout in Daytona Beach (Girls)
- **Feb 1-2:** Florida Fest Boys' Bid Tournament in Daytona Beach
- **Feb 1-2:** Daytona Beach 100 (TOC Event) in Daytona Beach
- **Feb 14:** Team Florida HP All-Star Tryout in Jacksonville (Girls)
- **Feb 15-17:** JJVA Jax Jam (TOC Event) in Jacksonville
- **Feb 21:** Team Florida HP All-Star Tryout in Ft. Lauderdale (Girls & Boys)
- **Feb 22-23:** Ft. Lauderdale Showcase (TOC Event) in Ft. Lauderdale
- **Mar 14:** Team Florida HP All-Star Tryout in Tampa (Girls)
- **Mar 15-16:** Molten Pre-Q (TOC Event) in Tampa
- **Apr 19-20:** ASICS Girls' Jr. Regional Qualifier in Orlando
- **Apr 25:** Regional Awards Ceremony in Orlando
- **Apr 26-27:** Girls' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships in Orlando
- **May 3:** Team Florida HP Development Camp
- **Jun 7-8:** Team Florida HP All-Star Training Camp in Orlando
- **Jun 14-15:** Boys' Jr. Regional Volleyball Championships in Ft. Lauderdale

Questions can be directed to:
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FLORIDA TOUR OF CHAMPIONS...

The schedule for the 2014 Florida Tour of Champions is set.



More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL UPDATE...

Congratulations to the following colleges that are nationally ranked as of the latest available poll:

NCAA DI

- 5th – Univ. of Florida (22-2)
- 18th – Florida State Univ. (17-6)

NCAA DII

- 2nd – Univ. of Tampa (21-1)
- 22nd – Univ. of West Florida (20-7)
- 23rd – Palm Beach Atlantic (25-3)

NAIA

- 19th – Embry-Riddle Univ. (14-9)

NJCAA DI

- 6th – Hillsborough CC (34-4)
- 9th – Miami Dade College (21-5)
- 10th – College of Central FL (23-10)
- 17th – Polk State College (20-14)

NJCAA DII

- 11th – Pasco-Hernando CC (23-9)

NCCAA DII

- 1st – Clearwater Christian College (24-9)

We are very proud of our FL colleges!

FLORIDA FEST BOYS' BID TOURNAMENT...



Join us at the world's most famous beach in 2014 for the 6th annual event.

Date: Feb 1-2, 2014

Location: Ocean Center, Daytona Beach, FL

Age Divisions: 14u/15u/16u/17u/18u

Entry Deadline: Jan 10, 2014

Team Fee: \$500 per team

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

OFFICIALS UPDATE...

The significant rule changes for the 2013/2014 USAV season along with an extensive resource of training materials can be found here:



Visit: www.VolleyballRefTraining.com

FLORIDA WAVE UPDATE...

The Florida WAVE indoor professional volleyball teams are planning for another exciting year of volleyball!

Last season our teams won the following titles:

- Men's Team
 - **National Champions** of the 85th annual US Open (Louisville, KY)
 - **National Champions** of the 1st annual men's PVL Championships (Reno, NV)
- Women's Team
 - **Runner Up** of the 2nd annual women's PVL Championships (Louisville, KY)



Both teams will travel to Phoenix, AZ in late May to compete in the 2014 PVL Championships. Additionally, both teams plan to compete in several exhibition matches and at least one PVL sanctioned competition during the season.

The head coaches for the 2014 season have been confirmed:

- **Steve Benson** will return as the men's Head Coach.
- **Nick Cheronis** will return as the women's Head Coach.

Post-collegiate athletes that live in Florida and are interested in joining the squad should make plans to attend a Florida WAVE tryout. Tryout dates will be posted soon.

More info: www.FloridaVolleyball.org

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Donna Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer
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Nancy Cothron, Outdoor Chair
Darin Clark, Official's Chair
Steve Bishop, Executive Director/President
Plus two JAB members from below.

Junior Admin Board (JAB) Representatives:

***Lori Eaton**, District 4, Clubs I-O
***Carrie Prewitt**, District 1, Clubs T-Z
Landon Thomas, District 3, Clubs A-H
Russel Williams, District 2, Clubs P-S
*Designates voting Board member

INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE...

Internships are available for the following:

- Office/Administrative Intern
- Events Intern (Indoor)
- Events Intern (Outdoor)

Individuals interested in an internship should contact Michele Sisser, Office Manager at Michele@FloridaVolleyball.org.