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Carolina Volleyball Review

USA Volleyball believes that volleyball has so many positive things to offer those who participate. First, and most importantly, whether one is a gifted athlete or a recreational player, volleyball is FUN!

From the Top:

96-97...Once upon a time yours truly wouldn't have blinked an eye at this blistering weekend forecast. Doubles on Saturday, co-ed on Sunday, no problem. Nowadays I find myself begging Siri to locate the nearest pool when the heat is on. Despite the temperatures, outdoor season seems to be in full swing with local, regional and national events occurring nearly every week. What a wonderful time to be a volleyball player. I recently left this year's board of directors' retreat with a high level of confidence. Confidence in the direction the Region is heading, confidence in our wonderful board and staff who remain dedicated to growing the game and confidence in the fact that you will not see me on a volleyball court in this heat. So best of luck to all Carolina Region members competing this summer. Enjoy all the experiences volleyball provides.

A special congratulations to our own Dylan Mulkey for being named AVCA Boys Club Coach of the Year. I personally have always respected Dylan on and off the court. I especially envied the energy he maintained from the first serve until the last point was scored. In an attempt to learn his secret I remember lingering under his tent during one of the hottest

tournaments of the year. Dylan reached in the cooler, pushed aside a jar of pickles, then a bottle of Pedialyte (both once popular among players for preventing cramps) and opened one of all things a container of imitation crab meat? That's it, I thought. That's how he does it. So over the next several tournaments I found myself eating imitation crab meat throughout the day wholeheartedly believing I now had the same energy reserve as Mr. Mulkey. The next tournament Dylan and I both competed I walked over to him after pool play and to my surprise he was eating trail mix. I looked at him and cleverly asked where he was hiding the crab meat. He absolutely had no idea what I was talking about. I explained that I noticed him eating the super food a few months earlier and that I had been copying his secret strategy. He laughed and said "dude, I just like the way it tastes."



CEO Report

Another season is in the books! The 2017 season both indoor and outdoor continued our trend of continued growth. We would like to thank all our club directors, tournament directors, officials, and players for all you do to help us grow the sport.

Our Board met recently over the summer to plan for the future. We are encouraged by the progress we have made over the past several seasons and are looking forward to continued growth, especially for boys and youth. Look for more information about grant opportunities for these two program areas as we announce 2018 materials in September.

We are also excited to unveil our new website. It is currently under development and we hope to take it live within next month or two. Our new site will be more mobile-friendly and hopefully all our members will find it more useful and timely.

We would like to remind everyone that our next Officer Elections will take place at the 2018 Annual Meeting (summer of 2018). We are currently

accepting nominations for the Treasurer and Secretary positions. Any individual that has served as a TEAM REP or certified Adult official in 2016, 2017, or 2018 is eligible to be nominated (self nominations are welcome). We have a nominating committee on the Board and they will be compiling a list of nominees for the election. If you are interested in submitting a nomination, please email me at the Region Office and I will get the information to the Nominating Committee. 2018 Team Reps will receive info about voting in the Spring.

See you back on the courts soon!

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Twitter: <http://twitter.com/#!/CarolinaRegion>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/CarolinaRegion1>



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Regional Achievements

Here's some accomplishments that Deserve Regional Recognition!

- **Dylan Mulkey** (Charlotte, Carolina Union VBC) was announced as the 2017 Boys club Coach of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (ACVA). Dylan is the head coach of CUVC 18 Boys Onslaught (18/Open). He's been able to not only win matches, but increase boys participation in his area. Starting out with just one team in 2015, this season there were three making an impact on the club circuit. In 2017, his squad won 58 matches, a 28-win increase from a year ago. They finished in the top-5 of the Boys Winter Classic (Open), Florida Fest (Open), and East Coast Championships (Open). A full-time employee outside of the sport, he continues to dedicate his own time to continuing to grow and improve his players. Dylan was recently nominated and elected to serve as the Boy's Rep on the Carolina Region Board of Directors.



- **Skylar Buckley** (Raleigh) and **Logan Mosley** (Apex) finished THIRD out of 114 teams in the 16 Open Division at the 2017 USA Volleyball Junior Beach Tour Championships held July 20-25 in Siesta Key, Florida. Congratulations on a great finish!

CONGRATULATIONS!



2017 Junior Beach Season Recap

Mark Nalevanko, CR Beach Director

It's hard to believe another junior beach season is almost in the books. At the time of this article's writing, the 2017 Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour (JBT) Championships and the USA JBT Nationals were successfully concluded. Additionally, almost all of the 2017 Carolina Region JBT scheduled events with the exception of a few in early August have been contested. Here are some of the highlights of the junior beach season:

All region tour events were entered in a new [ranking system](#) under the [American Beach Tour](#) (ABT) umbrella. As many learned this year, the ABT is a newly formed USAV region organized initiative. While this did introduce some confusion over which ranking system (ABT or USA Beach) some events' results got into and the points earned by players, the hope is that the synergies between the ABT and the USA Beach tour will increase next year with discussions currently ongoing.

Close to 40 events were held on the Region tour, featuring nearly 1500 teams. Teams earning bids from high finishes at Region tour events competed at the Regional Championships held in Apex on Sat, July 15. The following teams were crowned Regional Champs at this event:

- 18U – Emma Taylor/Avery Davis (see photo at right)
- 16U – Logan Mosley/Skylar Buckley
- 14U – Chase Teal/Riley Buckley
- 12U – Emma Norris/Emma Hayes

30 teams represented the Region at the USA JBT Championships in Siesta Key, FL on July 20-25 with the following teams/players making their way into the top bracket on the last day of competition. (Note: Teams finishing 5th or higher are denoted accordingly):

- 18U – Elena Turnbull/Kaitlyn Grube, Mattie Johnson/Kathryn Sarber(FL)
- 16U – Skylar Buckley/Logan Mosley (3rd place – see info and photo on page 2), Megan Boutwell/Gabi Bramante, Julianna Askew/Liza McLatchy
- 14U – Riley Buckley/Chase Teal (5th place), Taylor Parker/Brinkley Smith (5th place)
- 12U – Emma Hayes/Emma Norris (4th), Madeline Sigmon/ Skylar Bolin, Elizabeth Jones/Madison Bozarth



We hope everyone enjoyed the beach season. Anyone with feedback and suggestions is welcome to submit them to the Region at beachdirector@carolinaregionvb.org.

Best wishes to everyone as another school year starts and many participate in their indoor school volleyball programs in the fall.



2017 Girls' Junior National Championships- Dallas & Minneapolis

Results for Carolina Region Teams

DIVISION	TEAM	FINISH
18 National	CJV 18 Wade	27th of 48
18 American	CFV 18 Xtreme	45th of 64
17 Open	Triangle 17 Black	19th of 36
17 National	CJV 17 Brian 2	5th of 48
17 American	NC Elite 17 Black	54th of 64
16 Open	Triangle 16 Black	30th of 36
16 National	CJV 16 Zoe	35th of 48
16 USA	Triangle 16 Blue	5th of 36
16 American	CFV 16 Crush	30th of 64
15 Open	Triangle 15 Black	18th of 36
15 National	CJV 15 Rick	18th of 48
15 American	CFV 15 National	63rd of 64
14 National	CJV 14 Keri	30th of 48
14 USA	CHAVC 14 National	19th of 36
14 American	CJV 14 Paige	59th of 64
13 National	CJV 13 Megan	31st of 48
13 American	CFV 13 Typhoon	59th of 64

2017 Boys' Junior National Championships-Columbus, OH

Results for Carolina Region Teams

18 Open— CUVC 18 Boys Onslaught - 17th of 36

2017 US Open Championships-Minneapolis

Results for Carolina Region Teams

The VolleyMamas - Women's AA—13th of 14
Whatever Works—Women's A—25th of 59
The Volley Llamas—Men's A—14th of 58

2017 Meritorious Service Award Winners

Each year, USA Volleyball presents Meritorious Service Awards to individuals and/or groups that provide outstanding contributions to the sport of volleyball across the country. Each Region is allowed to nominate and select up to five individuals or groups for this recognition each year. The Carolina Region is pleased to announce the following individuals as recipients of 2017 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Awards. All award recipients will be recognized in the 2018 USA Volleyball Guidebook. A listing of all previous winners of Carolina Region Meritorious Service Awards can be found on the Archives page on our website.



CJ Amber (left) – CJ has played 24 years of indoor volleyball including high school, college, military and USA Volleyball. He is also an accomplished Beach volleyball player, playing professionally on the AVP, EEVB, EVP, NVL, and USAV tours. CJ has been a coach with the Twin Rivers Volleyball club in New Bern, NC for 7 years. He is a High School Junior Varsity team and also coaches the New Bern High School Beach volleyball team. CJ has given his time tirelessly to promoting the sport in the Craven County and Eastern North Carolina area.



Corby Haneline (right) – Corby has been a tournament director in the Carolina Region since the 2004 season. He has hosted numerous events for the region over the years and is always willing to help the region when asked. He helped from the Blitz Volleyball Club in 2013 to give players in the Cleveland County area an opportunity to play locally.



Brian Webb (left) – Brian's affiliation with the Carolina Region began as a volleyball dad! His daughter played as a junior player for many years and he traveled to many tournaments as a spectator. When his daughter aged out of juniors, Brian realized he loved the sport and wanted to stay involved. So, he contacted the Region and found out how to be a Referee. He has been working as a referee in the region since 2004. He achieved his Junior National certification in 2014 and achieved his National Scorer certification in 2015. He has been a clinician for the Region for many years willing to travel all over to teach the next generation of players how to be referees. Brian served on the Carolina Region Board of Directors from 2013-2015 as the Officials Rep.



Bonnie Wishnietsky (left) – Bonnie has been a Carolina Region official since the 2012 season. She has always been willing to work every weekend and is willing to travel where needed to help the Region cover its sites. Bonnie has moved on to Florida with her family but plans to continue her officiating service in the Florida Region. We thank her for her service to the Carolina Region!

Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour 2017 Tour Awards

The Carolina Region announced winners of the 2017 Carolina Region Junior Beach Season Tour awards at the Junior Beach Regional Championships held on July 15. The following winners were recognized:

Team of the Year Awards (awarded to the team in each age group that earned the most points together from playing Carolina Region JBT events):

12U: Emma Hayes/Emma Norris (see photo at right)

14U: Trinity Rosales/Carson Grace Toomer

16U: Gabi Bramante/Megan Boutwell

18U: Brynn Carrick/Lucy Campbell

Player Awards (based on nominations from tour hosts and coaches):
Defensive:

12U: Sophia Matthews

14U: Chase Teal

16U: Logan Mosley

18U: Megan Longley

Offensive:

12U: Madison Bozarth

14U: Riley Buckley

16U: Skylar Buckley

18U: Avery Davis



2017 Junior Club Tryout Important Dates

Tryouts:

There will be TWO announced Girls' tryout periods that clubs are encouraged but not required to adopt. (1) The FIRST tryout period will begin on **Saturday October 21, 2017** for the following age groups: **U14, U13, and U12**. (2) The SECOND tryout period for the **U15, U16, U17, and U18** age groups will begin **Sunday, November 5, 2017** (after the North Carolina State Championships for public High Schools on November 4, 2017).

Signing Dates:

Players have the right to attend more than one club's tryouts. The Carolina Region **requires** that clubs adopt a signing date of 6:00 pm FRIDAY following the initial tryout dates: **SIX DAYS—Oct. 27, 2017 at 6:00 pm** after the FIRST Tryout Period begins for the **U12, U13, and U14** age groups and **FIVE DAYS—Nov. 10, 2017 at 6:00 pm** after the SECOND Tryout Period begins for the **U15, U16, U17, and U18** age groups. Clubs must hold an offer open to a player to join a particular team in the club or the club in general until the respective age group signing date. If a player commits by the signing date, clubs must honor their commitment or the club may be considered to have violated the RVA/USAV Code of Conduct. *Players may voluntarily commit to a club at any time following the club's tryouts, but should not be pressured to do so.* For tryouts held just before or after the signing date, clubs should give a minimum waiting period of five days before requiring a player to commit to their club. The Carolina Region **requires** all clubs to use the Carolina Region Letter of Commitment when accepting players into their clubs. This form should not be sent to the Carolina Region, but kept on file with the club should any question arise about a player's commitment to a club or a club's commitment to a player

ON THE STAND

Items of Note for Officials

The Carolina Region, in conjunction with the USAV Beach Official's Commission, is pleased to offer a USA Volleyball BEACH REFEREE CLINIC on August 18-19th in Wilmington, NC.

This clinic will offer both LOCAL and ZONAL certification opportunities. *Zonal is the requirement for collegiate officiating.*

The Clinic will be conducted by National Director of Certification Steve Kenyon, and Carolina Region Beach Referee Chair Ronnie Mutter.

DETAILS:

To register, please contact Ronnie Mutter at beachrefchair@carolinaregionvb.org.

In addition, ZONAL applicants should complete a Zonal application (available at the [Clinics—Beach Clinics](#) page on our website).

Fees: LOCAL: \$75 (\$50 for Carolina Region Members)

ZONAL: \$200

Host Hotels:

Drifters Reef Motel: 701 N. Lake Park Blvd, Carolina Beach NC

Microtel Inn & Suites 907 N. Lake Park Blvd, Carolina Beach NC

Classroom Session Friday night, 6-10 pm at the Lazy Pirate, 701 N. Lake Park Blvd., Carolina Beach, NC 28428

Training and evaluation all day Saturday:

Cap'n Bill's 4240 Market St, Wilmington NC

Questions regarding certification should be addressed to info@beachcommission.org

Questions regarding on-site logistics should be addressed to beachrefchair@carolinaregionvb.org

Officials Advisory Board

Next Meeting—Wednesday, August 23 6:30 pm

The Carolina Region will try a new format for our next Officials Advisory Board meeting in an effort to gain more participation. We will hold an online Officials Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 beginning at 6:30 pm. The meeting should take 45 to 90 minutes maximum depending on questions/participation from attendees. The meeting is open to any CERTIFIED Official (adult or junior) in the Carolina Region. The purpose of the Officials Advisory Board is to discuss items of note for officials, make plans for the future of the division, and present officiating-related items of note to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. Plans for the 2018 season will be one major topic of note at this meeting.

If you are interested in attending the meeting ONLINE on August 23, please go to the link below to register. We will email the link to access the meeting on August 22.

[Officials Advisory Board Registration Page](#)