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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:

As the incoming Carolina Region Board President, I'd like to welcome everyone to the Fall regional newsletter kicking off the 2019 Indoor volleyball season here in North Carolina. I was elected to the role of Board president this past July – a position that has been very capably filled by Mike Spillman for the last six years. I wanted to give you a quick summary of my volleyball background and invite you to reach out to me personally if there is anything I can do to help improve the volleyball experience across our great region. I look forward to meeting many of you in person at tournaments or events across the region during the upcoming season.

As a player, I started competing in both indoor and outdoor volleyball events when North Carolina was still part of the Southern Region in the late 1970s. When the Carolinas separated from the Southern region, I served on our Carolinas regional board of directors as the Men's Player representative to the national organization until I relocated to Connecticut in 1987. Prior to returning to NC in 1996, I was registered and competed as a member of the New England Region and then the Keystone Region of USAV. Since moving back to NC, I have held board positions as Junior Girls representative and Carolina Region Board Secretary prior to my election to the President's position this summer.

I have also coached both high school and club volleyball for many years, and have been fortunate to have worked alongside and been taught by some incredibly talented and experienced mentors. The great thing about our sport is that it is continually evolving, changing and growing...which makes the role of coach or administrator a truly dynamic one. Over the years I

have witnessed substantial changes to game rules, coaching philosophies, and even player populations – there were NO (zero, none) junior players of either gender registered as a true Junior in our region when I started playing.

Registration for "Junior Girls" alone numbered in excess

of 8250 during the 2018 season – enormous growth over more than 40 years that shows little sign of stopping. But we have much work to do to grow Junior Boys participation, and our adult playing population continues to decline rather than grow.

I am anxious to assume the President's position alongside a very talented roster of other board members and I anticipate many exciting developments across the world of volleyball in 2019. I hope you share my excitement, and I again invite you to reach out to me or my colleagues on the Region Board of Directors if you have suggestions, concerns, or opportunities for us to continue the spectacular growth of the region. And because the region is governed by, with very few exceptions, volunteers who give their time and talent out of pure love of the sport of volleyball, I hope that many of you will seek opportunities to participate on a regional or even national basis to help us continue the outstanding work that has made the Carolina Region the successful organization it truly has become.

Enjoy the 2019 season!



CEO Report

It is hard to believe that the 2019 season is here already! Registration materials have been updated and posted, clubs are already scheduling their officiating clinics, and tryouts are right around the corner! We wish everyone a great experience and hope there will be a spot for everyone that wants to play!

The 2018 season was another successful one for the Carolina Region! We grew once again in total members and total junior teams. This newsletter will highlight many of the successes from last season both from the indoor, beach, and officiating perspectives. Be sure to follow us on social media and visit our websites to stay up to date on even more Region achievements that we can't highlight here.

We announced over the summer the results of our Officer Elections to the Board of Directors. **Jim Ross** (President), **Krista McGivern** (Treasurer), and **Dan Colleran** (Secretary) all were elected to a three-year term. Thank you to all reps that submitted votes. The Board also approved a new process for electing

the Outdoor/Beach Rep to the Board. **Darren Roberts** was elected by reps from Beach clubs to a one-year term. The Board will meet as needed electronically during the season. They will meet in person at the annual retreat each summer.

As a new season begins, we ask all to remember to keep in perspective what youth sports is all about. Let's make this season the best one yet, with no spectator behavior issues at all. You will see SafeSport in the news a lot as its importance becomes increasingly emphasized. Our Region can be a leader in positive behavior! The SafeSport Center has posted new Parent toolkits for help in recognizing abuse. They can be [accessed here](#).

See you back on the courts soon!



Regional Achievements

Here's some accomplishments that Deserve Regional Recognition!

- **Callie Davis** (Hillsborough) **Kyle Smith** (Kernersville), **Betsy Smith** (Black Mountain), and **Stephen Koehler** (Waxhaw) were all selected to work the 2018 Girls Junior National Championships in Detroit as Regional Officials.
- **Darryl Buck** (Cameron) worked as the First Referee for the Boys' 15 Open Gold Medal match at the 2018 Boys Junior National Championships in Phoenix.
- **Triangle Volleyball Club** (Morrisville) won the 2018 S.T.R.I.V.E. Organization of the Year award.
- **Ronnie Mutter** (Carolina Beach), **Kristine Hughes** (Cary), **Rick Laskey** (Jacksonville), and **Brian Webb** (Kernersville) [pictured] participated as referees at the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games in Seattle, WA.

CONGRATULATIONS!

What's New for 2019?

- ◆ Tie-Breaker sets have been eliminated at all regular season one-day events. All ties to advance to playoffs will be broken by results of play during pool play: (a) Head to Head (two-way ties); (b) match percentage; (c) set win percentage; and (d) point differential. All East/West and Regional Championship tournaments will still use the normal tie-breaking process we have done in the past (1-2 tie-breaking sets).
- ◆ Our Tournament System will have many improvements both on the front end and back end. We have added additional features to give even more information to teams about their status in tournaments and eligibility for National Bid and Championship events.



2018 Girls' Junior National Championships- Anaheim & Detroit

Results for Carolina Region Teams

DIVISION	TEAM	FINISH
18 National	CJV 18 David	21st of 48
18 USA	Triangle 18 Blue	25th of 48
18 American	NC Elite 18 Black	29th of 64
17 Open	Triangle 17 Black	19th of 36
17 National	Xcel 17X Select	41st of 48
17 American	NC Elite 17 Black	43rd of 64
16 Open	Triangle 16 Black	13th of 36
16 National	CFV 16 Teal	45th of 48
16 USA	Academy 16 Diamond	13th of 36
16 American	NC Elite 16 Black	47th of 64
15 National	Xcel 15X Select	27th of 48
15 American	CFV 15 Teal	59th of 64
14 USA	ECJVC 14 Black	33rd of 36
14 American	CV 14 Teal	47th of 64
13 USA	Academy 13 Diamond	13th of 24

2018 Boys' Junior National Championships-Phoenix, AZ

Results for Carolina Region Teams

18 Open— CUVC 18 Boys Onslaught - 17th of 40

2018 US Open Championships-Dallas, TX

Results for Carolina Region Teams

The Volley Llamas—Men's A—17th of 62

2018 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 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 2018 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Awards. All award recipients will be recognized in the 2019 digital 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.



Brian Jones – Brian has been a Carolina Region referee since the 2006 season. He achieved his Junior National Rating in 2010. He achieved his National rating in 2014. He has served on the Carolina Region Rating and Training team. Brian has been highly involved in the Mid-Atlantic Volleyball Officials Board and is has worked to improve officiating and line-judging for USAV and Collegiate officials. Brian was also recognized by PAVO with a Meritorious Service award in 2018.



Trey Mainwaring – Trey has been playing volleyball in the Chapel Hill area for years. In 2008, he became a coach with the Chapel Hill Area Volleyball Club to pass along his love of the game to the next generation. Trey was elected as the Junior Girl's Rep to the Carolina Region Board of Directors in 2014 and served in that capacity through 2018.



Lee Mitchell – Lee has served as a Club Director and Tournament Director in the Carolina Region since 2015. He formed the Carolina Spikeforce in Greensboro at the local YMCA where he worked. When a call went out for sites to host tournaments, Lee stepped forward and hosted several tournaments at his facility. Two seasons ago, Lee branched out to outdoor volleyball and began hosting outdoor tournaments for local players. Lee has recently moved to Mayodan and is already connected to a club in the area for both indoor and outdoor events.



2018 Junior Beach Season Recap

Mark Nalevanko, CR Beach Director

The 8th edition of the Carolina Region Jr Beach Tour wrapped up in early August. Highlights from this year's tour include:

- ◆ Over 35 events with close to 1300 participating teams
- ◆ 1 Beach National Qualifier split across two hosts with a total of 115 teams competing for National Open division bids.
- ◆ Regional Tour Championships were held on July 14th. The Champions of each division were:
 - 18U - Logan Mosley/Skylar Buckley
 - 16U - Rachel Schaffer/Kaley McLaughlin
 - 14U - Riley Buckley/Megan Beaver
 - 12U - Karli Kennington/Madelyn Handy
- ◆ AA (Nonbid) Tour Championships were awarded on July 21st . The Champions of each division were:
 - 18U - Kat Ulbrich/Julia Yang
 - 16U - Forbes Hall/Riley Cutler
 - 14U - Penelope Quiles/Bri Frazilus
 - 12U - Sophia-Grace Stevens/Sydney Muffler

Thanks for a great season! See page 6 for a rundown on the Season Awards and how our teams did at the National Championships!

14's Finalists



18's Champs



12's Group Shot

16's Finalists



Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour 2018 Tour Awards

The Carolina Region announced winners of the 2018 Carolina Region Junior Beach Season Tour awards at the Junior Beach Regional Championships held on July 14. 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):

- 18U Team of Year: Logan Mosley/Skylar Buckley
- 18U Offensive: Lucy Campbell
- 18U Defensive: Haley Davis
- 16U Team of Year: Zoe Crow/Lillie Seymour
- 16U Offensive: Gabi Bramante
- 16U Defensive: Chase Teal
- 14U Team of Year: Sloane Woolwine/Lena Rose Cosgrove
- 14U Offensive: Riley Buckley
- 14U Defensive: Megan Beaver
- 12U Team of Year: Maddilyn Houde/Hailey Amber
- 12U Offensive: Macy Bolyard
- 12U Defensive: Cameron Phelan



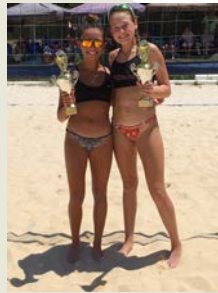
12U Offensive



14U Offensive



14U Team of Year



16U Team of Year



12U Defensive



12U Team of Year

2018 USA Beach Junior Championships

The Carolina Region had many great finishes at the 2018 USA Junior Beach National Championships in Siesta Key, Fl. Congratulations to all our members who participated! Here re some high finishes!

16 National Division:

National Champions—[Gabi Bramante/Chase Teal](#)
Rhea Ramkumar/Carson Elliott (tied for 5th)
Rachel Schaffer/Kaley McLaughlin (tied for 5th)
Hope Turbyfill/Sierra Still (tied for 5th)

14 Regional Division:

Tied for 5th—Sophia Kruczko/Samantha Peterson

18 Boys National Division:

9th—Maxwell Cashion/Samuel Cashion

18 Regional Division:

National Champions—[Logan Mosley/Skylar Buckley](#)
5th—Lucy Campbell/Haley Davis

14 Boys National Division:

2nd place—Francisco Bonola-Pimentel(NC)/Leandro Cortado(VA)

14 National Division:

Tied for 5th—Megan Beaver/Riley Buckley
Tied for 5th— Madison Bozarth/Payton Shiflet



National Champs—18U



National Champs—16U

ON THE STAND

Items of Note for Officials

Congratulations to the following Professional officials who received certification upgrades during their recent rating sessions:

Regional II
Callie Anderson Davis
Chanel Davis

Provisional II
Shira Wells
Keturah Wells
Heather Clifton
Colleen McIndoe
Tom Wintermute



Congratulations to Victoria Ivie for being selected as the 2018 OAAP Most Improved Referee!

2018 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 20, 2018** 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 4, 2018** (after the North Carolina State Championships for public High Schools on November 3, 2018).

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. 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm** after the FIRST Tryout Period begins for the **U12, U13, and U14** age groups and **FIVE DAYS—Nov. 9, 2018 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

Families—please see our [Info letter on the Club Tryout process](#) on our website before tryouts!