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Carolina Volleyball Review

From the Top:

Jim Ross

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!



With Spring just around the corner, the 2018 Women’s NCAA Collegiate season is over (Congratulations to Kevin Hamby and National Champions the Stanford Cardinal), Collegiate men are approaching their NCAA Season Championship in May at Long Beach State and the

Women’s NCAA Beach Championships will be in Gulf Shores AL in early May. Several NC men’s teams are currently included in the national rankings, including Mt Olive (ranked 31), Belmont Abbey (ranked 34), Queens (Charlotte - ranked 40), and Lee’s - McRae (ranked 42).

High School Sand Volleyball is taking off!!

Introduced as a club sport in NC in 2012, beach volleyball continues its rapid statewide growth. While still only a “club” sport, beach/sand volleyball is fast approaching the minimum number of programs necessary to qualify as a Varsity sport. The NCHSSVA currently boasts 50+ school programs and is growing each year for both women and men. Current (2019) season enrollment exceeds 600+ women and 100+ men.

For more information on school programs or to get your school involved, please contact Mark Nalavenko or one of the regional contacts listed below:

QUESTIONS/CONTACT

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Conferences are broken down geographically including:

- Eastern NC
 - Triad Area – Winston-Salem, Greensboro, High Point, Burlington
 - Durham/Chapel Hill Area
 - Wake County (Raleigh)
 - Western NC/Charlotte Area
 - Wilmington area

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National Team News -

As you probably know, the US does not have a viable professional league for our men and women to compete when not playing for our National programs. Unfortunately, most still have to play for clubs in countries around the world. We're well represented though. USA Volleyball has processed a record 440 international transfer certificates (327 females, 113 males) which allow United States citizens to compete in foreign professional volleyball leagues for the 2018-19 season as of Feb. 1. Last season USA Volleyball processed a then-record 435 international transfers, so the numbers continue to grow. US Women are playing in 38 different countries, while the US Men participate in 28 different countries. Two notable international players that played club ball in NC include Maddie Bugg (played at Stanford) and Kathleen Gates (a former Georgia Bulldog)

For a list of players and their host countries/teams: <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/2019/February/06/David-Lee-Part-of-Record-Breaking-Pro-Transfer-Season>

We have some exciting news on the North Carolina Volleyball Hall of Fame. We will be inducting two more members into the Hall of Fame on April 13. Tere Dail and Rick Bardolph will be celebrated and inducted under the Founders Category for the essential roles in establishing the Carolina Region in 1981. We'll have more on their induction in a future newsletter and on our website. We will have a limited number of seats to this great event, so if you're interested in attending, please contact the Region office.

Have a great season!



CEO Report Kevin Wendelboe

The 2019 season is well underway and by all accounts going well! We did have an early tournament weekend affected by inclement weather for the third season in a row, but (fingers crossed) hopefully we can get all the rest of our tournaments in without issues.

For the sixth season in a row, we have had growth over 3% in our junior members (this year we are over 5%). We have gone over 850 total teams for the first time. Along with that growth, we have a few new tournament facilities and hosts available to offer teams the chance to play. New facilities are always a good thing!

We've just announced our 2019 Junior Beach Tour. More info and link to the schedule is on page 4. We're pleased to be sanctioning the NC High School Sand Volleyball Association events this spring which should have an impact on our outdoor participants.

We've continued development of our custom Tournament System. Most of this summer's

improvements have been on the backend which greatly increases our productivity in the office in scheduling events and processing post-event tasks. End users will see some informational improvements with entries and eligibility notices. See the New Features link too find out what's being updated.

Thanks for your continued support of volleyball in NC. This is a great sport for a lifetime! !Have a great season!

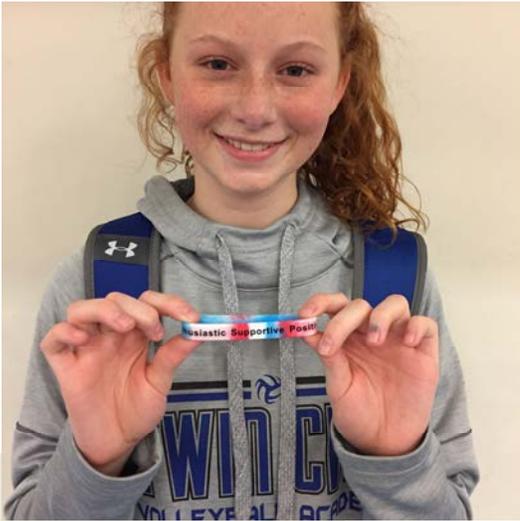
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Official Indoor Volleyball of the Carolina Region



Good Sportsmanship Pays Off

Congratulations to **Emily Webb**, Setter for Twin City 15 Royal AP!

She received a Good Sportsmanship Award at a Palmetto Region event on Feb 9-10! Way to represent your club and Region!

Referee Accolades

Referees are essential to the smooth operation of our Volleyball tournaments. As the number of teams increases in our Region, we need more referees to work our events. For the 2019 season, we have 169 officials on our roster including 32 new officials. Please thank an official the next time you see one at an event. These individuals are giving up a weekend to help kids enjoy the sport and it is often a thankless task. Below are recognition for our officials that have received new referee certifications this season.

Junior Regionals

Mary Cox
Kasey Tanner
Jessica Sosa
Caroline Matthews
Kaylin Privette
Megan Janok
Lauren Grooms
Andrea Cornel
Kaleigh Craft
Kaitlin Sexton
Morgan Wright

Provisional 1

Cayce Bell
Brian Chick
Abby Farr
John Jones
Carrie Jorgenson
Douglas Reed
Melissa Skeen
Priscilla Vann
Peyton Rouse
Lynsey Aldridge
Kyla Smith
Erin McIndoe
Meagan Smith
Athan Marshall
Chris Winkler
Amanda Davis

Kendall Allen
Stephany Murry-Gramlich
Hannah Stroot
Renee Bennett
LucyAnn Ferguson
Patricia Gotshall
Daniel Heinz
Kate Mesa
Sullivan Owens
Kamika Mack
Madilyn Rhoney
Ashleigh Wilson

Also, CONGRATULATIONS to **Sydney James** and **Lynsey Aldridge** for representing the Carolina Region in an outstanding manner. We received a nice note about their performance with the kids and teams after an event in Greensboro on February 3!

2019 Junior Beach Tour Approaches

Mark Nalevanko, CR Beach Director



It is hard to believe but the 9th edition of the Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour is just around the corner. The tour has continued to grow annually from the first summer, which fielded a handful of events and a couple hundred teams. Now the tour annually has 30+ events from March to early August with over 1200 teams participating all across the state.

Some highlights for upcoming year include:

- **Open and AA divisions/bids per age division.** In order to better support the growth of interest in the sport, events featuring 2 playoff brackets for an age division (Open -aka Gold - and AA - aka Silver) will offer bids to top finishers in each of those sub-divisions for the regional championships. Additionally, some events may be categorized as Open or AA only tournaments. This is at the discretion of each tournament host based on their space and time restrictions in order to accommodate.
- **TWO events on the tour** are classified as **Beach National Qualifiers (BNQ)**. Each BNQ will offer up to 4 bids per age division to the National Open (top) division at the [National Beach Tour](#) Championships which will be held in Manhattan Beach, CA over July 18-23.
 - April 27-28 - [Charlotte Open](#)
 - May 18-19- [Carolina Grand Slam](#) (Apex/Cary area)
- **NEW THIS YEAR: Tour-wide use of Bracket Pal.** Based on feedback from participants and openness by the hosts, Bracket Pal will be used whenever possible for tournament registration and management by each of the tour hosts.
- **4 events (1 per sub-region) called Beach Regional Qualifiers/Premier Tour Events** that will offer bids to the finals teams (2 teams) in each age division to the Regional Open bid at the National Beach Tour Championships. Additionally, the top 4 players in the Region per age group according to the National Beach Ranking system as of July 1st who do not have a bid to Nationals already, will be offered one for the Regional Open division.
- **[Regional Championships](#)** on Sat, July 13 (Open bids only) and Sat, July 20 (AA bids with potential remaining space opened to non-bid teams on a first-come, first-serve basis)

We encourage all junior players from seasoned beach players to those just testing the sport out for the first time to get involved in the game by participating in any of the events held across the region. You may find yourself hooked before you know it!

[Click here for the complete 2019 CR Junior Beach Tour Schedule](#)

