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A Note from North Country Region

LAURA BUSH, REGION COMMISSIONER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP

Dear Friends,

As one of our Board Members stated during a recent Zoom meeting, "Is it March 79?" It is most definitely an atypical year for each of us. Like you, North Country Region is focused forward. Our eyes are on this fall through the summer of 2021. While we may not know exactly what sport landscape will appear, our staff is planning for many scenarios. Each response to a specific scenario always involves the following 1) keep participants and spectators safe 2) work the plan and communicate the plan 3) provide a semblance of volleyball for healthy activity.

HIGH FIVES: So much to celebrate in the Region. Several players from the Region have been selected by USA Volleyball for various National level teams and High Performance teams. Tim Harlow was recognized during USA Volleyball Officials' Awards Night hosted on GoToMeeting for his continued commitment to grow the officials regionally and nationally. High Five to each of you!

Surveys: Thank you to tournament directors and clubs directors for your valued feedback and insight. It is good to learn what we are doing well but also great to learn where North Country Region can provide extra support and service. Our staff will be sending a few more member surveys to assess return to play thoughts and to provide the Region a more full scope of what players/parents have on their minds.

High Performance Academy: THIS IS REALLY GOOD! Yes, the Region staff are students for the next few weeks so join us! Registration for USA Volleyball's High Performance Academy is open for inquisitive coaches and athletes. USA Volleyball is very excited about this education opportunity that features speakers: National Team athletes, Olympians, coaches and support staff. More information on the Academy and how to Register can be found [HERE](#).

We are still working remotely to reduce the risk of exposure to or spread of Covid 19 and still very connected via email.

Very Sincerely,
Laura

This Just In

GET THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP



Get to know more about USA Volleyball and North Country Region. NCR Staff created videos to assist our soon - to - be members and current members with our **WHY!** The above link is the introduction and our YouTube Channel hosts the other videos on [Membership Basics](#), [Safety](#), [Service](#), [Education](#), [Opportunity](#) and Growth. Of course, the videos are also accessible by just clicking one of the above video titles. Short videos that can assist in better knowing North Country Region.



You can make a difference by joining a united effort to support our Region's volleyball clubs and members who have been financially harmed during these times.

Under USA Volleyball, the 40 Regions have united efforts to create a **40 Regions, 1 Family, 41 United** t-shirt campaign. This is a one of a kind t-shirt that is available for a limited amount of time. Proceeds from the sale of the **41 United** t-shirts will be distributed equally across all 40 Regions for each Region to distribute through a **need based grant (APPLY HERE)** to our Region clubs and our Region members. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



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Fundraise Opportunity

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We are excited to announce our official
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Vertical Raise offers **cutting-edge crowdfunding technology**
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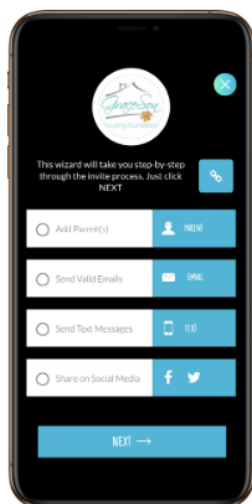
- Raise 3x more than outdated traditional fundraising methods
- Average donation is \$70 & average participant raises \$360
- Personalized donor landing page increases recognition by highlighting each participant
- Automated tracking system helps coaches monitor participation
- Mobile-friendly Invite Wizard provides 4 ways to reach out to our community
- Donors choose from 4 easy payment options including Apple Pay & Google Pay

Find Out More!

Personalized Donor
Landing Page



Invite Wizard gives 4 options
to reach donors



High Fives

USA VOLLEYBALL

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (July 9, 2020) – USA Volleyball announced rosters for several national level teams and national training teams. Below is the compilation of all North Country Region - USA Volleyball selectees.

Womens Junior National Team

Kennedi Orr

Mizuno Northern Lights

Boys Youth National Team

Riley Salmon (asst coach) University of Jamestown

Womens Junior A1 National Training Team

Elizabeth Helmich

Minnesota Select

Girls Youth A1 National Training Team

Kendal Minta

Mizuno Northern Lights

Bergen Reilly

Kairos Elite

Girls Select A1 National Training Team

Maddy Dombeck

Mizuno Northern Lights

Girls Youth National A2 Invitational Team Program

Audrey Kocon

Minnesota Select

Jaquelyn Yang

MVA

Girls Youth National A3 National Training Team

Hannah Bruskiewicz

Eleanor Erickson

Vital

Sienna Ifill

Mizuno Northern Lights

Emily Ramsay

Mizuno M1

Abby Stanwood

Mizuno Northern Lights

Lilly Wachholz

Vital

Boys Youth National A3 National Training Team

Charlie Rue

Minnesota Select

Girls Select National A3 National Training Team

Rowan Carr

Mizuno M1

Girls Future National Training Program

Lily Vanhal

[Click Here to view all rosters.](#)



Junior Club Director

HUB - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

At the March 29th North Country Region Board of Directors Meeting, the Board of Directors approved the following tryout policies effective September 1, 2020.

NEW (added 3/29/2020) Should a high school season be cancelled, tryouts can occur two weeks after USA Volleyball approves sanctioning.

Junior Girls born after September 2006 (14 and under and generally 8th grade or younger)

- **(Revised 5/18/2020)** First tryout may be held the last Sunday of October if not in conflict with the junior player's respective State High School Sport's Governing Body policies.

REMINDER

Open Commitment for 18s Age Division (added 2019)

Starting August 1, 2020, North Country Region junior members entering the 18s age division may commit to a North Country Region club and team. This is the second year of this policy.

REMINDER

Junior Player can Unaffiliate from Club at Conclusion of USA Volleyball National Championships (added 2019)

Starting at the conclusion of 2020 Junior National Championships, a junior member athlete may choose to unaffiliate herself/himself from a North Country Region sanctioned junior volleyball club at the conclusion of the USA Volleyball Junior National Championships.

Athlete Procedure:

- ask Region to change current club affiliation in USA Volleyball Webpoint to unaffiliated
- state club he/she is currently affiliated
- send email to laura@ncrusav.org
- Region will confirm receipt of email and change has been made to athlete's USAV's membership record

With USA Junior National Championships cancellation, start date for unaffiliation request is July 5, 2020.

Athletes and athletes' parents are responsible for sharing information about their choice to unaffiliate.

Membership Managment System (MMS) Update

USA Volleyball will make the transition from Webpoint to SportsEngine starting September 1, 2020. Emails have been and will continue to be emailed to club directors from USA Volleyball to connect your club to the SportsEngine HQ. USA Volleyball clubs are not required to have a SportsEngine website.

ADVANTAGES

- streamline membership process
- reduce the number of platforms that a member has to utilize
- roster a team ONCE for USA Volleyball and Advanced Event Systems(AES)
- background screen, SafeSport, IMPACT, officiating, and more are easy to track and verify
- training is available
- privacy protection

While the Region understands that change is rarely looked forward to, we will be right there with you as all of us make this transition. NCR Staff has and continues to receive training on the system and is preparing resources and services to assist club leadership and individual members.

Taking advantage of all that USA Volleyball offers to ease all that we each do has been a goal of the Region starting April 2018. The SportsEngine MMS furthers our goals about transparency, accuracy, reduce the use of paper, and continue to keep the safety of all participants as the highest priority.



Official News

Growing and Supporting Officials

The Official Highlight

WORK OPPORTUNITIES

With several college conferences choosing to cancel or postpone the fall volleyball season, our volleyball officials may be facing lack of opportunities to work/earn an income and/or choose to officiate college volleyball during a winter-spring college season rather than contract with club tournaments. North Country Region will continue to support officials and continue on our strategic plan to grow the officiating pool. Please be on the lookout from Beth Modaff, NCR Officials' Coordinator, about paid officiating opportunities and in person officiating training.

CLUB DIRECTOR of the YEAR and COACHES of THE YEAR

BY AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION (AVCA)



NORTH COUNTRY REGION

Award	Name	Club
Club Director of the Year	Jason Hackenmueller	Hammerhead
11's/12's	Heidi Hausknecht-Wright	Rosemont Irish Elite
13's	Alisha Brust	Heartland Big Lake
14's	Leah Rudzitiz	DIGS
15's	KueMeng Shiongyaj	Hype
16's	Stephanie Remley	Minnesota Select
17's/18's	Diane Winter	Foley Juniors
Net Works	Jill Hansen	ClubCENTRAL
Innovation	Shelly Buddenhagen	Huron VB Club



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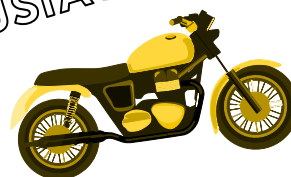
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MOTORCYCLE
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Dear Friend,

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame will hold its inaugural Nationwide Charity Motorcycle Ride this September to benefit the IVHF and Our Military Kids, a 501(c)(3) charity organization who works to empower military kids with sports, arts and other activities while their parents are deployed or recovering from severe injuries sustained in combat.

Charity motorcycle rides will be held at several locations throughout the U.S. on September 12th or September 13th (at the discretion of the ride host) including Orlando (FL), Houston (TX), and Holyoke (MA) thus far.

Today, we are looking to identify "Ride Leaders" in at least three other locations to assist in organizing a charity ride in their area and truly make this ride nationwide.

Those interested in becoming a ride leader for this great event should contact George Mulry (George.mulry@volleyhall.org) by June 15, 2020 for more information.

Working together, we can celebrate the long history and partnership between volleyball and the U.S. Armed Forces, and show our support to the kids of our military heroes.

Sincerely,

George R. Mulry
Executive Director

CONTACT: CHAD BRAEGELMANN
HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH
2019 NSIC COACH OF THE YEAR
EMAIL: cjbraegelman@stcloudstate.edu

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CONTACT: MARCI TAUMALOLO
ASSOCIATE HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH
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Skills + Position Camps

These camps are designed to offer a balance of training between the general skills of the game, and training on the skills for each specific position. In addition to skill and position training, both camps will include contests and team competition.

Attacker training will focus on all aspects of attacking including approach, arm swing, shot selection, off-speed and position specific attacks. There will also be work on blocking as well.

Setter training will focus on all aspects of setting from basic footwork, form and technique to advanced concepts including attacking, deception, and emergency skills.

Libero training strives to create master ball-handlers. We will cover every first contact skill from basic passing and setting form to emergency defensive skills like overhand digging, sprawls and extensions.



Terry Culhane,
SMSU Head Coach,
AB-Tier Wisconsin Head Coach



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Intermediate Skills + Position Camp

JULY 13-16, GRADES 6-11 (Starting Fall 2020)
Check-in July 13, 12:30-1:30pm in RA Facility
Monday 1:30-4:30pm, 6:30-9:00pm
Tuesday 9:00am-noon, 2:00-5:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm
Wednesday 9:00am-noon, 2:00-5:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm
Thursday 9:00am-12:30pm

This camp will include a lot of work on the fundamental skills of volleyball, along with covering the foundational concepts in each position training group. It is a great camp to re-establish your basic skills while learning some position concepts that will help you take your game to the next level. All meals included for Resident and Commuter campers.

Advanced Skills + Position Camp

JULY 17-19, GRADES 8-12 (Starting Fall 2020)
Check-in July 17, 12:30-1:30pm in RA Facility
Friday 1:30-4:30pm, 6:30-9:00pm
Saturday 9:00am-noon, 2:00-5:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm
Sunday 9:00am-noon, 1:30-4:30pm

This camp is for experienced players who are serious about wanting to take their game to a new level. It combines a fast-paced, high-repetition review of the foundational skills of volleyball, balanced with high intensity position-specific training and plenty of competition to create an action-packed camp. All meals included for Resident and Commuter campers.

Young Mustangs

JULY 27-29, Grade 4-6 & K-3 (Starting Fall 2020)
Grades 4-6: check-in July 27, 8:30am in RA Facility
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-noon
Grades K-3: check-in July 27, 8:30am
Monday-Wednesday 9:00-10:30am

This camp is a great opportunity for young players to get introduced to the game of volleyball. Each student will be given basic instruction geared toward their level of experience. In addition to learning the skills there will be games and competition daily.

Team Instructional

JULY 20-23, VARSITY TEAMS
A representative can check-in your team
Sunday, July 19, 7:00-8:00 pm (Optional)
Check-in July 20, 8:00-8:30am
Monday 9:00 am-4:30pm, evening 6:30-8:30pm
Tuesday 9:00am-4:30pm, evening 6:30-8:30pm
Wednesday 9:00am-4:30pm, evening 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm

This camp has been a huge hit with teams in the past, and coaches speak very highly of it. This varsity camp includes 36 teams from around the Midwest. Teams in attendance have included multiple state tournament participants as well as State Champions. The camp includes skill and position training, team practices run by the SMSU camp staff, and scrimmage sessions during the day. The evening session has also proven to be very popular, offering two hours of additional team competition on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Coaches are welcome to attend and assist in training free of charge. Help start your season on the right foot by being a part of this great camp!

Boys Camp

JULY 27-28, Grades 5-12 (Starting Fall 2020)
Check-in July 27, 1:45pm in RA Facility
Monday-Tuesday 2:00-4:00pm

This camp is in its third year! This is a great opportunity for boys to learn more about the game of Volleyball. We are looking forward to growing the game for boys in the area!

ONLINE REGISTRATION
To register online or learn more, visit:
www.SMSUvolleyballcamps.com
For additional information:
Tyler.Boddy@SMSU.edu, 507-537-7383
Terry.Culhane@SMSU.edu, 507-537-7125

REGISTRATION FORM

Campers Name _____
Age _____ Grade (entering Fall 2020) _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
* Please print clearly as your confirmation will be sent via email.
Email (sponse?) _____
Phone _____
Parent(s) _____
T-shirt size: (Circle one)

Adult Sizes (Gr 7 and up): S M L XL
Sizes for Young Mustangs Campers ONLY (Gr. K-6):
YS YM YL S M L XL

Positions: S OH MB DS RS
Roommate Preferences:
2 campers to a room, 4 campers to a suite.

SELECT YOUR CAMP(S)!	Full Payment	Deposit* (non-refundable)
Young Mustangs I (Gr. 4-6) July 27-29	\$80	
Young Mustangs II (Gr. K-3) July 27-29	\$50	
Int. Skills & Position, July 13-16, Resident	\$345	\$100
Int. Skills & Position, July 13-16, Commuter	\$285	\$100
Advanced Skills & Position Camp		
July 17-19, Resident	\$325	\$100
Advanced Skills & Position Camp		
July 17-19, Commuter	\$280	\$100
Boys Camp (Gr. 5-12) July 27-28	\$50	
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (all camps)	\$	

If you pay the deposit now, you may pay the balance on the first day of camp.

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1501 State Street, Marshall, MN 56258

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