



What's New for 2018-19: Addressing Worries, Finding Solutions

Every season a new spate of challenges confronts the Arizona Region. This year is no exception. Region Secretary, Becky Hudson, in her yearly report, addresses some of those worries and concerns heading into the 2018-19 season.

Sunday Play for Girls Open Division

The Arizona Region Girl's Division is growing each year. In an attempt to reduce the number of officials and courts needed on any given Saturday, the Open Division will be scheduled on 4 Sundays. The first tournament is a two-day seeding tournament – Saturday/Sunday. Three other tournaments will be scheduled on Sunday. The Region Championships will not be played on Sunday for any age group except Adults. The decision to play Open Division on Sunday was made in part because many of the teams in Open Division already play on Sunday at NQ tournaments

The Shortage of Officials

Let's face it, the game is growing faster than the number of officials that are being trained or retained. As officials have more opportunity to work at NQs and Bid tournaments for 3 days and with increased opportunities in our own state (HS & Collegiate Sand, Boys High School play and Men's collegiate play) we are finding it harder and harder to cover the courts we have scheduled on a weekly basis. With that said the Arizona Region is encouraging coaches that might want to pick up some extra money to become a certified official so that they can officiate the opposite wave they are coaching or on their off weekend. The other option now being offered is to credit the club \$20 for every match that the uncertified coach or other rostered adult is required to officiate as part of their team responsibility. If the coach is a certified official, they will be paid match pay according to their rating when they R1 during their team's ref assignment. Coaches that refuse to R1 when there are no officials scheduled will be fined \$100 for not fulfilling their ref assignment.

Private Lessons During Open House Periods

In an attempt to curb illegal recruiting and clubs that have coaches hold private lessons during the Open House period in order to effectively take away the player's

time to find the club that is right for them, the Arizona Region Board of Directors has enacted the following policy:

Private lessons by coaches during the Open House period prior to girls' tryouts are prohibited. If a coach is found to be holding private lessons during the Open House Period, the Club the coach is currently with or hired afterward to be with will be charged \$300 per person attending each lesson held during the Open House Period. The fee must be paid to the Arizona Region prior to the coach being listed on any roster.

Private lessons by coaches may be held 50 weeks of the year. **During the Open House Period private lessons by any coach are prohibited.** This has been abused by clubs and coaches for years. This is the Arizona Region's attempt to give players the right to find the club that is right for them and not be held by a club/coach from doing so.

Updated Music/Noisemaker Policy

Because no AZ Region tournaments schedule just one court in a facility the use of noisemakers or music is prohibited. This keeps the noise from affecting any other courts in the facility. If there is any time that only 1 court is scheduled in a facility the use of music during the warm up period only will be allowed with the approval of BOTH team's coaches.

At no time is the use of artificial noisemakers allowed at any Arizona Region event or location.

IMPACT On-Demand Changes

Beginning Sept 1st IMPACT On-Demand is a free course for all current members of USA Volleyball. The course is taken online – register through your Current Webpoint record and then take the course through the USAV Academy (also accessed through your Webpoint record). The online course is about 4 hours long and is finished by a test. The coach must notify the AZ Region that the On-Demand course has been completed so we can mark the coach eligible in the system and update their certification dates.

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From the Commish... For the Boys . . . Did You Know?

In the middle of a record-breaking Boys Junior National Championships tournament held this summer in Phoenix, Mr. Wade Garard, CEO of MotorMVB, and Brad Wilson, Manager of Awards, Membership and Event Support for AVCA, organized a coaches panel discussion for parents and athletes titled, College Men's Volleyball Information Session. With over 500 boys teams participating in the Phoenix Convention Center, there was probably no better place to share the latest and best information concerning boys and men's volleyball with players, parents, and coaches.

Mr. Shane Davis, Former Head Coach of 2-time National Champion Loyola University Men's Volleyball Team and current Head Coach of Northwestern Women's Volleyball, served as the moderator of the panel. The panel consisted of:

- Division I: Mr. Jay Hosack, Head Coach of George Mason University MVB;
 - Division II: Mr. Donald Gleason, Head Coach of Daemen College MVB; and
 - Division III: Mr. Richard Gary, Head Coach of Vassar College MVB;
- NAIA: Mr. Donan Cruz, Head Coach of Grand View MVB.

Each coach was encouraged to respond to the question posed by Mr. Davis and, in particular, to present the view of their particular level of college play.

Here are some of the questions posed to the panel along with a brief summary of some of their responses.



PANEL INTRODUCTIONS:

Each coach gave a 2 minute brief intro of themselves, their playing career, and their current coaching role...and a little about their institution.

GETTING STARTED:

Each coach was asked if there was one bit of advice that comes to mind about getting started in the recruitment process for their particular division of play?

Players were asked to go to the club coach and ask for honest and frank feedback regarding their skills and what level of play they might be best suited for. Players and parents were told that if an athlete really wants to play collegiate volleyball, there is a place for them if the athlete is willing to consider the different divisions of play and a willingness to attend a school in any part of the country.

It was emphasized several times by different coaches that players must realize that the primary job of their club coach is to provide an honest evaluation of their players to the players as well as college scouts and coaches. Players need honest feedback to know where they would, most likely, have an opportunity to play volleyball at the collegiate level. College coaches also need the club coach to provide accurate information. Anything but honest and accurate feedback could potentially damage the club coach's reputation among college coaches and prove detrimental to future players ability to move from that club to a college team.

WHERE DO I FIT?

Coaches were asked to respond to maybe one of the toughest questions for the athlete and parents and that is 'what division do I fit in athletically and academically?'

Coaches encouraged players to attend camps so they can be seen by collegiate coaches. Working out at camps provides the college coaches with more time to evaluate the athlete and the athlete's abilities.

Coach Davis told athletes to ask a college coach or another club to evaluate you at a camp, get an objective evaluation. He encouraged athletes to chase the opportunities and not the scholarship or Division. Focus on the right fit for you as a student-athlete.

HOW DOES THE MONEY WORK?

What type of financial aid opportunities are there in each division?
Four different divisions represented, and each of them have some sort of variance. Please take some time to describe how financial packages are presented to families. Combination of Athletic, Academic, and Need Based Financial Aid.

Coach Hosack reminded players and parents that under NCAA rules, there are only six sports that offer full-ride scholarships. These are called “headcount scholarships” as the entire scholarship amount is awarded to an individual student. Two men’s sports (football and basketball) and four women’s sports (basketball, tennis, gymnastics and volleyball) are the only collegiate sports that offer these full-ride scholarships. Men’s volleyball is not one of these sports but Division I schools do offer scholarships. However, men’s volleyball scholarships are considered “equivalency sports” scholarships. Division I schools only have 4.5 scholarships for men’s volleyball but, in equivalency sports, the coach can divide up the scholarship money among athletes as the coach sees fit. In most cases, the coach will divide up the scholarship money in a way that helps attract and keep the athletes the coach wants for the team. Division II also has a maximum of 4.5 scholarships. Some programs are not fully funded from a scholarship standpoint. Coaches will work with families on financial aid and/or academic scholarships that can also help lower costs.

The NAIA has a maximum of eight (8) equivalency scholarships for men’s volleyball as well as financial and academic aid. Elite men’s volleyball players will be offered a package of aid that comes from a combination of sources. Many participants are “walk-ons,” meaning the school finances the expenses of the men’s volleyball team – travel, coaching, equipment, facilities, - and the player and his family finance the education – tuition, room, board, and books.

In DIII, no aid is allowed based on athletic ability in any sport for either men or women. In this Division, aid can only be based on financial need or academic ability. DIII schools, however, will compete with these resources to attract good students who are also good volleyball players.

Because there is so little athletic scholarship money available for men’s volleyball, Coach Davis stressed that academics becomes very important at a lot of these schools, as it becomes a big piece of the financial aid package that each division can put together for a student-athlete.

INTANGIBLES

Beyond the volleyball skill and athletic ability, what are you looking for in a student-athlete when you are out recruiting?

Coach Davis asked the questions: Do they say please and thank you? Do they open up the door for their parents on the visit? Do they have an opinion? Do they treat their parents with respect?

Coaches reminded players and parents that coaches obviously watch players’ skills and behavior on the court but equally important is the player’s attitude and behavior off the court. Whether it be in warm ups, interaction with other students, behavior unrelated to school or any time the person can be observed, the coach is looking at the type of attitude and behavior the player might bring to the team. No matter how skilled the person is as an athlete, the coach must ask whether or not the player will represent the team and the school in such a way that makes the coach and the institution proud.

One of the coaches was able to provide a profound example that took place just two hours before the panel discussion out on the floor of the Boys Junior National Championships. He said he was watching the hitting warm up of a team he was familiar with when, out of the blue, one of the players decided to see just how far he could hit the set. He intentionally hit the set at least two courts down before it landed. While standing there watching, the panelist had a college coach approach him, ask “what’s the deal with that player?” Before the panelist could answer, the college coach indicated that he had come to the court wanting to watch the player because he was on his list for a possible scholarship but he said that he had immediately crossed off his name when he witnessed that kind of behavior. The message: choices have consequences.

ANY PET PEEVES OUT THERE TO AVOID?

Coaches were asked what things did not sit well with them.

The number one pet peeve named is parental involvement on behalf of the athlete. Whether it is contacting the coach (either verbally or in writing), the coaches all emphasized that parents are not doing their sons any favors by such behavior. Coaches universally said that more good comes from having the athletes themselves write a letter in their own words and initiate contact with the coach. Having mom and/or dad “help” is not considered in a positive light and can work against the athlete.

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Beach High Performance: AZHP 2018 in the Sand By Ron Pelham

Arizona region had two athletes travel to Siesta Keys, Fl. to participate in the National Beach Tour Championships. Jackson Stanley and Jonah Nygren were a strong representation of the Arizona region.

They were coached by Emily Kiser while in Florida and Jenn Moore and Vince Zanzucchi.

They earned their spot by way of a bid process that featured Regional Beach qualifiers in Gilbert in March and April and one of just a few Beach National Qualifiers held in Phoenix in April and May.

Look at the Region's website in the coming weeks for more information on the tour championships, being held in Southern California in 2019 and the Arizona Region's Beach National and Regional Qualifying tournaments ahead.

Ron Pelham

Director of High Performance of the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball

Az. Region Adults Adding Master's Division for '19

The Adult season starts in January 2019. We are looking forward to another strong season. The region is looking to add a masters division to one of the scheduled adult tournaments. If you have interest please contact Ron Pelham at Azhp@azregionvolleyball.org.

Important dates

- Jan 13** Friendship Tournament/Officials clinic/Team registration
- Jan 18 Adult #1 entry due
- Jan 27** Adult #1
- Feb 1 First Half Contract Due
- Feb 15 Adult #2 entry due
- Feb 24** Adult #2
- Mar 1 Adult #3 entry due/ Balance of all fees due
- Mar 10** Adult #3
- Mar 22 Adult #4 entry due
- Mar 31** Adult #4
- Apr 5 Adult #5 entry due
- Apr 8** Last day to enter US Open Championships
- Apr 14** Adult #5
- Apr 26 Regional entry due
- May 5** Regional Championships
- May 24-29** Open Championships Columbus, OH



AzHP 2018– High Performance Report By Ron Pelham

The 2018 High Performance Championships were held in Tulsa, Ok. Arizona was represented by a Boys International Youth, Boys National, Girls International Youth and Girls Select teams. Arizona region was presented by athletes from large clubs, small clubs, Tucson, Phoenix and Tuba City. All four team performed outstanding and finished top 10 in all divisions. I really appreciated all the hard work each athlete, coach and parent put towards making our program one the best in USA Volleyball.

I would like to thanks the staff for their commitment and dedication to the program. Coaches: Megan Taylor, Rita Stubbs, Taylor Stallman, Ray Lewis, Jarrod Barajas, David Thistle, Kevin Powell and Drake Silbernel. Also thanks to the Chaperones: Amy Strawn, LeElla Gardner, Heather Bradbeer and Keasha Powers

A special thanks goes out to Mesa Community College and University of Arizona for the use of the gym for training. Baker's Sporting Good and Polsinelli (Cary Hall), Destination Phoenix and Odditees Custom Apparel supporting AZHP.

A few quotes from athletes and parents:

“Arizona Region High Performance is not for the faint of heart. If you are looking for a social outing or an easy going vacation with volleyball on the side, then Arizona Region HP is not the place for you. However, if you are truly committed to the sport, if you are willing to let go of egos and habits and distractions, if you are willing to live and breathe volleyball for two weeks, then AZ High Performance is the single most effective way to improve your volleyball in the shortest amount of time. The drastic growth both mentally and physically combined with the new formed relationships with teammates and coaches alike has given me a remarkable experience that I will remember for the rest of my life.” **Joseph Kennedy.**

“Az region in my opinion has been amazing. The organization and staff is flawless. Ron, the director, is always on top of his game. Constantly, he keeps the players safe and has their best interest in mind. All the coaches for the program makes sure the player's experience is about learning, sportsmanship, and getting your best out of the game. The coaches are also up to par, always wanting the best for their players.” **Kaori Robertson.**

“I really enjoyed the chance to meet and hangout with new people. I like being able to be coached by people with a different approach. It was a very good experience.” **Taylor Johnson.**

“I just want to say how amazing of an opportunity it was to be able to part of AZHP. I was honored to represent Arizona Region and meet such amazing volleyball players. Thank you.” **Gabbi LeBlanc.**

“I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for these past two weeks and the amazing experience Amanda was able to participate in! She has not stopped talking about it since she retuned home! All of you invest so much time in the girls and I wanted you to know how much she appreciated it. Please know Peter and I are also appreciative of the time you have invested in our daughter! Thank you.” **Deanna and Peter Jonovich.**

AZHP looks forward to taking five teams for The 2019 HP Championships held in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. The teams will be made up from athletes with the following birth years: **Boys**-2001 and after and 2003 and after. The **Girls** years are 2002 - 2003, 2004 - 2005 and 2006 - 2007.

Thank you for your support of the HP Programming.

Ron Pelham

Director of High Performance, Arizona Region of USA Volleyball

Congratulations to Region Champions for 2017-18 Season

The Arizona Region crowned its Region Champions over three weekends in late April in early May.

In the 18 Open division, Aspire 18 Rox topped Revolution 18 premiere. In the 17 Open, Az. Storm topped the East Valley Jrs. 17N1 Tempe. In the 16 Open tilt, Aspire 16 Rox topped Revolution's 16 Premiere and in the 15's division, Az. Storm 15 Thunder topped Livewire's 15 Adidas squad. Az. Storm 14 Thunder topped the Aspire 14 Rox for the 14's title.

Gila Valley Jrs. 18 Jayme won the 18's Championship division with the Desert Valley 18-1 Premiere team taking second. In the 17's division, the Tuba City Barlow 17's topped the Momentum 17 Impulse. The 16's division saw Northern Ace 16 Black top the Club One 16 Silver while in the 15's division, Livewire 15 Black took the gold and the SAVA 15 Black the silver. The 14's division was taken down by Az. Sky 13G team who topped the Az. EVJ 13-1 Tempe team in the final.

The AZONE 16 Cyclones won the 16 Club division over the Az. EVJ 16R1 Gilbert squad. The DSVC 14 East

Tucson Infinity team won the 14 Club tilt with Mesa 14 Navy taking second.

In the 12's division, the Az Sky 12 G topped the Arrowhead 12 Thunder for the crown.

Congratulations to all the teams that competed this season and best of luck to those playing in summer tournaments.

GCC's Stuck Named to NJCAA Hall of Fame

Glendale Community College Head Coach Lisa Stuck was honored this past season by being inducted into the NJCAA Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



Stuck, who was an All-American standout at Arizona State University, has been guiding the Lady Gauchos of GCC for the past 21 years and has compiled an impressive .694 winning percentage over that time.

She won the NJCAA Div. II Championship in 2014, has collected nine Region titles and has won numerous Conference Coach of the Year plaudits during her career. Last season, Stuck collected her 500th career win.

The Region would like to congratulate Lisa on her induction and for her impact on volleyball in Arizona.

AZR Recognizes Top Finishes at Summer Championships

The Revolution 13 Premiere team won the 13 USA division Gold at the Girl's Junior National Championships held in Detroit in late June and early July Az.

Storm 14 Thunder took third in the 14 Open division.

In the Boy's Junior National Championships held in Phoenix in late June and early July, Az. Fear's 15 TS won the gold in the 15 Club division, Az. Fear 14 BP took silver in the 14 Club division, Az. Fear's 18 SB took the bronze in the 18 Open boy's division and Fear also won the bronze in the 18 USA division.

In the Volleyball Festival held in Phoenix in June, the Az. Sky 16 G topped the Livewire 16 Black for the 16's Girl's Championship. Also, Aspire 15 Black finished 2nd in the Girl's 15's division followed by Livewire 15 Black in 3rd. Congratulations to all the teams that committed to summer tournaments and competed.

Join Us For SafeSport's Anti-Bullying Year

I was asked a very interesting question a week ago. "Is SafeSport working?" I suspect the person that asked me that question was looking to see if all the time and effort that players, coaches, officials, and parents have put into watching online videos, signing countless statements of agreements, and maybe listening to discussions about keeping people safe in sport was worth it.

Then my answer is yes it is working. It has given people a voice when in the past they kept quiet. It has allowed avenues for people to create change and understanding. That voice has been given to the shy passive player who is seeking acceptance from others. The power to change what we will tolerate and the power to educate ourselves on what is right, for the right time and the right reason.

Will it change those who take advantage of the vulnerable and naïve? No; we will always have those who find it ok to take advantage of others, but it has given the insecure a voice and the confident compassion.

It is time for all players, coaches, Club Directors and parents to keep volleyball and any other sport for that

matter a place where people can feel safe to be everything they were meant to be.

This year won't you join me in creating the Arizona Region safe for the volleyball community. We will kick off this club season with an Anti-bullying year. Let's stand up for an environment of fair play and confident athletes to fight for points on the court and not fight for social power on their teams.

Let's stand united as individuals who want to join the community of teams united in ethics for all in the one statement. "Everyone matters".

Also please come join us for our SafeSport presentation on November 5th at the Kroc Center, (1375 E Broadway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85040) from 7-8 p.m. For details call Cindy Kirk, the Arizona Region SafeSport Director.

Best of luck this season.

Cindy Kirk

SafeSport Director
Arizona Region of USA Volleyball

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The Arizona Region will also provide in person IMPACT clinics. The course is 4 hours long and includes court time. The IMPACT clinic is for all 1st time coaches. The cost is \$25. The Arizona Region will also provide several refresher courses in the fall that coaches can take to fulfill continuing education requirements – so they don't have to take IMPACT again. These courses will have a cost to them.

Medical Kits

It used to be the norm that each team would carry a medical kit to take care of incidental injuries. This has gotten lost in the growth of the sport. There are more and more players and coaches coming to the site director asking for band aids, tape and ice. This is the responsibility of each team to provide. The Arizona Region cannot afford to have Athletic Trainers at our sites. The cost is prohibitive and would be impossible to staff. Our site directors are trained to contact 911 for serious injuries or to turn the player over to the parent to take them to urgent care.

Each team should carry a medical kit for first aid and minor injuries.

Purple Card Use Continued

The Arizona Region will continue the use of a Purple Card by the officials. It will be used during matches when parents/spectators get out of line along the same lines as the red and yellow cards for players/coaches involved in the match.

Parent behavior is affecting all aspects of youth sports. It is getting worse and needs to be dealt with by the clubs, teams, officials and site directors. We are losing facilities, coaches and officials everywhere because of bad parent behavior.

The use of the red and yellow cards will continue to be for players and coaches during the match.

The Penalty Point Sanction Policy will be used for bad parent/spectator/coach/player behavior prior to and following matches when directed toward others.

Best of Luck on your seasons.

Becky Hudson

Secretary, Arizona Region of USA Volleyball

Az. Region Jr. Beach's 16th Successful Season

Congratulations to the over 350 athletes that participated in the Arizona Region Junior Beach Program, run May through July at Victory Lanes Sports Park.

The 27 tournaments included a Father's Day and Mother's Day tournament.

Point winners for each division are as follows:

12's Girls- Dissy Brinkerhoff

14's Girls- Brielle Garrett

14's Boys- Tate Miller and Kyle Anderson

16's Girls- Sophia Notaro and Sam Baer

16's Boys- Chaz Barrett and Sevy Malcolm

8's Girls- Lexi Sweeney and Jess Vilella

18's Boys- Flamur Gashi and Benjamin Valenzuela

A big thank you to Braden Wells who ran the program this season along with his co tournament directors, Maddy Crouch, Anyse Chavez and Issa Martell. Thanks to all who participated and enjoyed the sport!

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ARE THERE ANY RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES, OR WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CLUB/CLUB COACH IN THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS?

Coaches were asked about resources like recruiting firms that charge to help athletes find schools for the athlete. Coaches unanimously agreed that players are skilled at using their phones and should create their own videos and send the video to the schools they are interested in.

Players were advised to create a short trailer so the coach can watch it and quickly determine whether to investigate further or determine the player is not a good fit. Coaches suggested that the video include:

A close-up of the player introducing himself and indicating the player's interest in attending the college, his position on the team, and his possible academic interest.

A clip of the player highlighting his play at the desired position.

Keep the video brief but informative.

Word of advice: do NOT add music to the video.

Parents were encouraged to stay out of the process and use the money to purchase a laptop for their son rather than give it to the recruiting firm.

Questions from the audience included:

1. HOW IMPORTANT IS A PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Coaches shared with players and parents that they do investigate players social media presence by examining their posts on Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Facebook to name a few. Inappropriate postings can easily cost a player an opportunity to play for a college or university. Postings clearly show the type of judgment the player uses.

2. WHEN DO COLLEGE COACHES START TO LOOK FOR POTENTIAL TALENT AMONG THE BOYS?

Unlike girls, most college coaches indicated they are now starting to watch future talent as early as 10th grade for blue chip recruits. Coaches did add the caveat that, because boys mature at a different rate and time than girls, players can grow and mature a great deal between 10th grade and the time they arrive on a college campus.

3. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT RECRUITING VISITS?

Players and parents were informed that recruiting is very different depending on the Division. There are a couple of easy-to-read resources for college-bound student-athletes from the NCAA and NAIA. Also, both the NCAA and the NAIA require student-athletes to register with their respective eligibility centers.

Division I: Coaches cannot talk to recruits until after July 1 entering the player's senior year in school. Players are allowed 5 official visits to colleges starting September 1 of their junior year in high school.

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An official visit is one the college pays for the athlete to visit. Players are allowed an unlimited number of unofficial visits. An unofficial visit means the family is paying for the visit with the college or university paying nothing. Unofficial visits also cannot take place until after September 1 of the junior year. Players can attend summer camps on the university campus anytime, but cannot be provided with any funding from the institution to do so.

Division II: Student-athletes may accept an offer of an official visit after June 15 preceding their junior year of high school. A prospect may only visit a DII school on an official visit one time. They may go on an unofficial visit anytime.

Division III: Student-athletes can accept an offer of an official visit anytime after January 1 of their junior year of high school. Again, only one official visit is allowed per school; there is no maximum number. They may go on an unofficial visit anytime.

NAIA: Student-athletes may be invited to a school for a tryout at any time. If the school reimburses all students for such visits, then you may be reimbursed. Reimbursement is determined by each individual institution so check this with the coach to see if you can be reimbursed. NAIA coaches have the greatest amount of freedom when it comes to recruiting. They can talk to potential players anytime.

To finish and come full circle, it is important to explain what MotorMVB is and what it hopes to accomplish. MotorMVB (get it? Driving Men's Volleyball) is a relatively new organization lead by Co-Chair Mr. John Speraw, Head Coach of the USA Men's National Team and the UCLA Men's Volleyball Team and CEO, Mr. Wade Garard. The purpose of MotorMVB is to recognize the positive aspects of boys and men's volleyball and to expand the number of opportunities to participate in the sport at all levels with particular emphasis at the collegiate level. Opportunities for boys and men to participate in volleyball have certainly increased over the years but lag in comparison to women's volleyball. The goals of MotorMVB are to:

- Grow Division I and II collegiate men's volleyball
- Strengthen America's presence and impact on the sport
- Drive growth of DIII and NAIA men's volleyball
- Increase awareness and participation for boys ages 10-18

Partner with everyone including USAV, NCAA, NAIA, Two-Year colleges and the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA)

To accomplish these goals, MotorMVB is working to create more opportunities for boys and men to play competitive volleyball. One key focus is to expand opportunities for men to play in college and to increase the number of teams and scholarships nationally.

In less than two years, MotorMVB has already made a difference at the collegiate level. MotorMVB has awarded grants to 13 colleges and universities and 10 of these have announced the addition of new men's volleyball programs including one new NCAA Division I program, two new Division II programs and six new NAIA programs. Altogether, MotorMVB has announced \$503,750 in grants supporting collegiate men's volleyball and most of these are paid to universities over multiple years. There are now 107 announced DIII men's collegiate teams, 41 NAIA, 26 DII and 23 DI programs.

The creation of the MotorMVB Foundation is intended to expand educational opportunities at colleges and universities so student-athletes can receive scholarships, play competitive volleyball, get a college education and grow as leaders and individuals.

Reaching these goals is no small matter and will require a significant amount of money. The MotorMVB Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is in the process of building their funds to support more programs. Thanks in large part to a dynamic Board of Directors, MotorMVB has raised \$1.7 million already. The Board includes: Speraw, gold medalist Lloy Ball, Paul Tashima, Kelly Goodsel, Bill Andrew (AZ), Scott Siegfried, Marin Gjaja, Bruce Lincoln (AZ), Scott Stowell, and Kenny Rogers.

If you would like to know more, please go to www.MotorMVB.com. There you will find more information about the organization as well as the variety of ways you can contribute to this worthy cause.

From the court,

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18 Open– Aspire 18 Rox

18 Championship– Gila Valley Jrs. 18 Jaymie

17 Open– Az. Storm 17 Thunder

17 Championship– Tuba City Starlings 17 Barlow

16 Open– Aspire 16 Rox

16 Championship– Northern Ace 16 Black

16 Club - Azone Cyclones 16s

15 Open– Az. Storm 15 Thunder

15 Championship– Livewire 15 Black

14 Open– Az. Storm 14 Thunder

14 Championship– Az. Sky 13G

14 Club - DSVK East Tucson 14 Infinity

12's– Az. Sky 12G