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ARIZONA REGION
OF USA VOLLEYBALL

FALL 2022



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#AZ4FL | A Message From

AZ Region Commissioner Harold Cranswick

SUPPORTING OUR FLORIDA FRIENDS

In support of our USA Volleyball brothers and sisters living in the Florida Region and dealing with the horrible aftermath of the Hurricane Ian, the members of the Arizona Region are raising funds to help begin the process of rebuilding lives, businesses and communities in the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. The members of the Arizona Region have been generous in the past in assisting both our fellow Arizona Region members as well as people who have suffered from tragedies in other Regions. Just as the rest of the nation reached out to one of our clubs after a tragic auto accident last winter, we hope to bring some comfort to the people of Florida.

*-Harold W. Cranswick
Commissioner*

Arizona Region of USA Volleyball

www.floridavolleyball.org/support-usav-in-florida.html



#AZREGION



AZHP 2022

A 'Medal' of Success

The Arizona Region of USA Volleyball has a High Performance program led by Ron Pelham. Again this year, the teams reached new heights! "AZHP" took 3 teams of boys and 3 teams of girls to the USA Volleyball All-Star Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma in the summer of 2022. Our phenomenal AZHP program came home with 4 trophies!!



Special THANKS to the Chaperones, Social Media Crew, and Staff!! We look forward to continue the growth next year in sunny, Fort Lauderdale, Florida!

ARIZONA REGION HIGH PERFORMANCE TEAMS

BOYS

GOLD - BOYS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

Coaches Matt Werle & Andrew McCall

All-Tournament Team: Finn Kearney & Jaxon Herr

Most Valuable Player: Bryce Robbins

SILVER - BOYS NATIONAL SELECT

Coaches Joaquin Santa Cruz & Noah Cotterman

All-Tournament Team Athletes: Trent Weyland & Carter King

GIRLS

GOLD - GIRLS INTERNATIONAL SELECT

Coaches Teresa Spann & Rachel Kater

All-Tournament Team: Kendall Omoryi & Erin Clark

Most Valuable Player: Lauren Forelli

BRONZE - GIRLS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

Coaches Charita Stubbs & Dietre Collins-Parker

All-Tournament Team: Devyn Wiest



SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS TO THE REGION'S RON PELHAM WHO GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND YEAR AFTER YEAR. THANK YOU, RON!



#AZHP TRYOUTS IN MAY 2023

WWW.AZREGIONVOLLEYBALL.ORG/HIGHPERFORMANCE

KINDNESS ON THE COURT

AS WE START THIS NEW SEASON, IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE A GROWING TREND WHICH HAS CONTINUALLY PLAGUED OUR REGION THE LAST NUMBER OF YEARS. SINCE THE BEST PREDICTOR OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE IS PAST BEHAVIOR, WE FEAR ERRANT, PROFANE AND AGGRESSIVE MISCONDUCT MAY AGAIN REAR ITS UGLY HEAD. COACHES SCREAMING ACROSS THE COURT AT REFS AND JUNIOR OFFICIALS, SPECTATORS AND PARENTS YELLING AND HARASSING JUNIOR LINE JUDGES, AND SPECTATORS STANDING BEHIND REF STANDS CURSING AT EVERY CALL ARE JUST A FEW. THE MORE AGGRESSIVE INCIDENTS INCLUDE SHAKING REF STANDS WITH THE REF ON IT AND THROWING VOLLEYBALLS AT REFS ON THE STAND.

IT IS THE HOPE OF THE REGION THESE TYPES OF BEHAVIOR WILL NOT AFFECT THE JOY AND EFFORT OF OUR AMAZING YOUTH. WE FURTHER CALL UPON OUR CLUB DIRECTORS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS TO BE EVER VIGILANT IN RECOGNIZING MISCONDUCT AND REPORTING IT TO THE REGION. THIS WILL IN TURN SAFEGUARD OUR REGION MEMBERS AND PROTECT OUR YOUNG ATHLETES.

THE REGION WILL SOON BE IMPLEMENTING A NEW ONLINE COMMENT/COMPLAINT PROCESS REPLACING THE OLD MATCH COMMENT FORMS. SIGNS WITH A QR CODE WILL BE POSTED AT ALL VENUES TO SCAN WITH YOUR MOBILE DEVICE. THIS WILL ALLOW ACCESS TO AN ONLINE COMMENT/COMPLAINT REPORT FORM.

ONCE SUBMITTED, THE NOTICE IS LOGGED AND SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE REGION ENTITY AND WILL EXPEDITE THE COMPLAINT PROCESS - ASSURING DELIVERY AND PREVENTION LOSSES OR OVERSIGHTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



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GIRLS' SEASON SCHEDULE 2022-23

BOOKMARK ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE:
www.azregionvolleyball.org/girls

#1

Find out from your coach:

- Which age group your team is
- Which division you play in

#2

Visit the AZ Region webpage
www.azregionvolleyball.org/girls
to find your season and tourney schedules.

#3

Follow #AZRegion in social media!



USA NATIONAL BEACH TOUR
The officially sanctioned tour of USA Volleyball

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THE USA NATIONAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOUR STOPS ARE SET FOR THE END OF 2022 AND SPRING 2023.

THE ARIZONA REGION OF USA VOLLEYBALL HOSTS:

- **DESERT FREEZE:** DECEMBER 28, 2022
- **DESERT OPEN:** APRIL 30, 2023
FOR 12'S AND 16'S BOYS AND GIRLS
- **DESERT OPEN II:** MAY 7, 2023
FOR 14'S AND 18'S BOYS AND GIRLS

ARIZONA QUALIFIERS WILL BE AT VICTORY LANE SPORTS PARK IN GLENDALE, ARIZONA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
USAVOLLEYBALL.ORG/COMPETE/USAVOLLEYBALL-BEACH-TOUR



First Point Volleyball Foundation

The Arizona Region is forming a committee to work with First Point Volleyball Foundation to promote **boys and men's volleyball** programs at the high school and collegiate level in Arizona. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Arizona Region Office and leave your contact information.

Meetings will be scheduled in the late fall and spring to generate fundraising and implementation ideas. Boys' high school indoor volleyball has been around a long time in Arizona but we would like to see more community colleges and four-year institutions offer men's indoor volleyball. Also, Arizona was the first state in the U.S. to offer girls' high school sand volleyball and **we would like to promote the idea of sand volleyball for boys at the high school level as well as sand volleyball for men at community colleges and four-year institutions.** The committee is designed to bring people together to use their ideas, money and energy to grow the game for young men. Please join us!!

COACHING EDUCATION

The Arizona Region has and continues to be committed to making sure our coaches have opportunities to improve their coaching skills and acumen.

The Region is hosting several Coaching Clinics with the proceeds benefitting the Florida Region of USAV Hurricane relief fund. You can find information on those clinics on our website.

In addition, if clubs would like to host a coaching clinic just for their coaches either in person or via webinar, contact Eric at erichbke@msn.com and we will work to make it happen.

Every season, young athletes are quitting youth sports because of ill prepared, ill tempered and uneducated coaches. It costs clubs money and reputation and is detrimental to the growth of the youth sports experience for kids and parents.

Education in any field is the 'golden ticket.' Isn't it time Coaching Education became a priority for you?



WWW.AZREGIONVOLLEYBALL.ORG/COACHES

From the Commish – Parents: Check Your Contract!

If your child attended tryouts at a club and the Club Director and/or a Coach promised, (or implied a promise), your child a position on a specific team or any other promise, **STOP**. Please **check the Club Contract to see if the promise is written in the contract.** Once you sign the contract, you are legally bound to either honor it or go the legal route to break it. Equally important, once the contract is signed, the Arizona Region *cannot* intervene. The moral of the story: Do all of the research you need to make sure you and your child get involved with the right club.

-Harold W. Cranswick
Commissioner
Arizona Region of USA Volleyball



MORE TIPS



AZREGIONUSAVOLLEYBALL

2022 Adult Volleyball in the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:

- FORMER HIGH SCHOOL, COLLEGE OR RECREATIONAL ATHLETES
- RECENT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATE WHO AREN'T PLAYING

SEASON KICKS OFF JANUARY 22, 2023!!

2023 TOURNAMENTS:

- #1 - JANUARY 22
- #2 - MARCH 12
- #3 - APRIL 2
- #4 - APRIL 23
- MAY 7TH IS AZ REGION ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONTACT RON PELHAM

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www.azregionvolleyball.org/adults



THE REGION WILL TEAM UP WITH LEGACY SPORTS IN MESA FOR A WOMEN'S LEAGUE JANUARY 10TH - FEBRUARY 28TH AND MARCH 21ST - MAY 9TH.

IF YOU HAVE INTEREST IN PUTTING A TEAM TOGETHER, PLEASE CONTACT THE REGION OFFICE WITH TEAM NAME AND TEAM REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU PLAYED VOLLEYBALL?

Many residents of Arizona used to play volleyball either as juniors or for fun in college or at church.

Are you interested in playing once again?

Would you be interested in an Adult League that plays once a week?

If you are interested, please contact the Arizona Region Office!



WHEN DO KIDS START PLAYING SOCCER, T-BALL, & VOLLEYBALL?

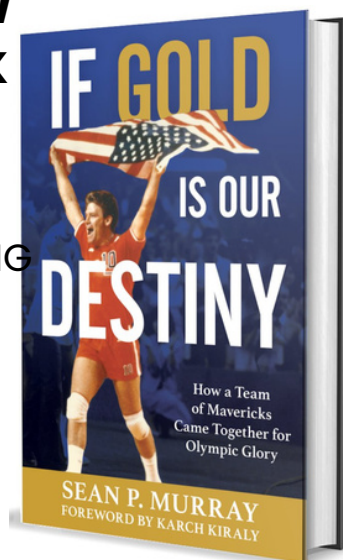
YOU MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED, BUT KIDS ARE PLAYING SOCCER AND T-BALL AT VERY, VERY YOUNG AGES. MOST KIDS DON'T START PLAYING VOLLEYBALL UNTIL THEY ARE AROUND 8 YEARS OLD.

IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN BETWEEN 5 AND 8, WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN AN HOUR OF PEEWEE VOLLEYBALL EACH WEEK?

IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR ERIC HODGSON.

FASCINATING NEW VOLLEYBALL BOOK

IF YOU LIKE READING ABOUT VOLLEYBALL, WE SUGGEST A FASCINATING NEW BOOK ABOUT THE UNITED STATES MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND THEIR QUEST TO WIN GOLD AT THE 1984 OLYMPICS.



High Performance Championships Renamed "All-Star Championship"

Have you heard about the High Performance Program?

For many years, USA Volleyball produced and supported a High Performance Championship. When

USA Volleyball decided to discontinue the HP Championships, the 40 Regions agreed it was still important and decided to sponsor what are now called the All-Star Championships. To explain briefly, the USA

Volleyball National Office decided to change the

pathway to the Olympic Teams from the previous High Performance Program to a new approach now known as the National Team Development Program. As a result, **the young men and women who used to participate in a Region's HP Program will still have an opportunity to play against the best players from other Regions.** However, the program will more accurately be described as the **Arizona Region All-Star Program.**



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FIND A CLUB: www.azregionvolleyball.org/clubdirectory



www.azregionvolleyball.org/parents

FIND THE RIGHT TEAM FOR YOUR FAMILY

4 THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE SIGNING A CONTRACT

Use the Birthday Calendar to find out which age division your athlete should tryout for.

Get realistic and honest feedback about your child's **skill level**. And ask yourself if you'd be okay with your athlete sitting the bench all season.

Ask if the contract includes fees **after** the regular season. Any additional training and tournaments could cost extra. *Know this upfront!!*

Think about how far you're willing to drive several times a week for practice. Use our Club Directory to find a club near you.

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AZHP Parent & Reporter

Submitted by Orlando Carillo



AZHP CORRESPONDENTS
JAYDA CHEE & ORLANDO CARILLO

AS A PARENT OF A FORMER HIGH PERFORMANCE PLAYER ROUGHLY 5 YEARS AGO, I WAS ASKED TO HELP WITH SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE AZ REGION HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM IN OKLAHOMA THIS SUMMER.

I DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT ENTAILED SINCE WE DIDN'T HAVE SUCH A THING WHEN MY DAUGHTER PLAYED. I SOON FOUND THIS WAS GOING TO BE A DIFFERENT VIEW OF HIGH LEVEL VOLLEYBALL...

WHETHER THAT BE OF THE PLAYERS, COACHES, TEAM CHAPERONES, HP STAFF OR OF RANDOM ACTIVITIES, ON AND OFF THE COURT, TO CAPTURE THE MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCES IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA. THAT SAID, I AM ALSO A CLUB & HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COACH. SO MY INTENTION WAS TO LOOK THROUGH THE LENS FROM ALL REALMS OF A PARENT WHO WATCHED MY DAUGHTER PLAY, AS A COACH WATCHING FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE THAN FROM THE BENCH, AND AS A SPECTATOR WHO LOVES THE GAME OF VOLLEYBALL.

THIS YEAR, 6 TEAMS TRAVELED AND THE CAMERA STARTED CLICKING IMMEDIATELY FROM THE MINUTE THESE TEAMS MET FOR A FULL WEEK OF PRACTICE AND GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT EACH OTHER AND THEIR COACHES. THE REAL EXPERIENCE BEGAN WHEN WE MET AT THE AIRPORT, AND LASTED TO THE MOMENT WE LANDED BACK IN PHOENIX. EVERYONE WAS ON DIFFERENT SCHEDULES SO ALTHOUGH I COULDN'T BE IN SEVERAL PLACES AT THE SAME TIME, I ALSO SHARED THE RESPONSIBILITY WITH ANOTHER MEDIA PERSON, JAYDA CHEE. WE ALTERNATED SCHEDULES TO COVER BOTH THE GIRLS' AND BOYS' COURTS AND HAD A DAILY PLAN BASED ON PLAYING TIMES AND COURTS. WE WERE ALSO PRIVY TO TEAM ACTIVITIES TO CAPTURE MEMORABLE MOMENTS OFF THE COURT.

FROM THERE, THE PHOTOS WERE SENT TO THE REGION'S SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR JEN BARBER FOR CREATING SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS, WEB UPDATES AND VIDEOS. OVERALL, IT WAS AN AMAZING EXPERIENCE.

I GOT TO MEET, LEARN AND KNOW ALL THE KNOWLEDGEABLE COACHES AWAY FROM CLUB COMPETITION, THE TALENTED PLAYERS PERSONALITIES AWAY FROM THE COURT, AND EVEN THE COOL PARENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. IT IS GREAT TO SEE HOW WELL THESE TEAMS BONDED SO QUICKLY AND COME TOGETHER IN SUCH A SHORT TIME TO WORK TOGETHER AND COMPETE AT A HIGH LEVEL. ESPECIALLY HOW WELL ARIZONA WAS PRESENTED, I FELT PRIVILEGED TO BE A PART OF AN ELITE GROUP.

HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE HP STAFF. I WAS IMPRESSED BY HOW WELL ORGANIZED EVERYTHING WAS, NOT TO MENTION THE INTERACTION, RESPECT AND COMMUNICATION THE ATHLETES HAD WITH EVERYONE. THANK YOU AZ HP. I WOULDN'T HESITATE TO DO IT AGAIN.

-ORLANDO CARILLO



#AZREGION & #AZHP

The Arizona Region is grateful for all the parents who help make our programs so successful! Thank you!





JOIN THE REGION

A FEW TIPS FOR REGISTERING FOR THE 2023 SEASON

Purchase your membership now!

*You must be registered prior to tryouts!

HOW TO GET A NEW MEMBERSHIP OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

1. GO TO: <https://www.azregionvolleyball.org/join>

From this page, you may connect to Sports Engine. If you do not already have a SportsEngine account, scroll down to the directions for creating a new account.

2. If you are 18 or turning 18-years-old this season, you must create your own SportsEngine account and complete the requirements.

NOTE: If required, please complete your background screen early! Some screenings are taking up to 2 weeks to complete.

Contact Lisa Naughton with questions. "When November hits - my time is limited☺"

Lisa Naughton | Registrar, AZ Region of USA Volleyball | lisa@azregionvolleyball.org



REFEREES WANTED!

PARENTS, PLAYERS AND COACHES ALIKE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE A CERTIFIED OFFICIAL ON THEIR COURT WHEN THEY HAVE A MATCH BUT THAT IS BECOMING A LUXURY IN MOST SPORTS AND VOLLEYBALL IS NO EXCEPTION.



Italya Carter is a Youth Official for the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball

IF **YOU** ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE OR YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OF WAYS TO RECRUIT MORE OFFICIALS, PLEASE CONTACT THE REGION. WE ARE OPEN TO ALL IDEAS AND INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS.

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I like to ref because I get to experience so many different teams learning the game I love and compete against other teams up close! I also enjoy reffing because I get to meet other people in my community who love volleyball just as much as I do.

-Italya Carter

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OFFICIALS KEEP OUR TEAMS IN THE GAME!

RESPECT THE REFS SO EVERYONE CAN PLAY FAIR GAMES.

! HELP RELIEVE THE REFEREE SHORTAGE.

CHECK OUT BENEFITS OF OFFICIATING IN THE REGION.



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EVENTS**



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