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## **East Valley Juniors Volleyball Club announces new Director of Volleyball Operations**

*Brandon Chan tagged to head volleyball operations at longest tenured club in AZ*

**Phoenix, AZ** – East Valley Juniors Volleyball Club, Inc. (“EVJ”), a volleyball club offering indoor and outdoor volleyball programs, announces the strategic hire of Brandon Chan as Director of Volleyball Operations. Brandon joins EVJ as the club gears up for the 2024-2025 club season with tryouts fast approaching in November. In addition to his leadership team role, Brandon will be the Head Coach of EVJ’s 16 Elite team, one of the club’s premier travel teams at its Tempe location.

Jen Leo, a 34-year veteran of club volleyball in the AZ Region, has been serving EVJ as Club Director and Director of Volleyball Operations, for more than 25 years. “We have grown extensively in the past 10 years, and I am ready to partner with Brandon in guiding EVJ and its next generation of leaders,” said Leo. She continued, “EVJ has been the largest club in AZ for the past two decades. Securing its future leaders is critical to its long-term success and the legacy of the program. As the East Valley continues to grow, we are prepared to serve that growth, and Brandon will be a big part of the process.”

One of the first clubs on the volleyball scene in Arizona, formed in 1990, EVJ is entering its 36th season. Last year, EVJ housed more than 500 athletes across its 33 indoor teams and beach program, representing over 150 different schools throughout the Phoenix area. More than 350 of EVJ’s athletes have gone on to play in college on scholarship.

“I remember growing up in Tucson back in the early 2000’s and EVJ was at the center of all things club volleyball in Arizona,” said Chan. “When it came to my attention that Jen was looking to expand her leadership team with someone who could focus on the volleyball and communications aspect of the business, I was immediately drawn to the opportunity. It’s a great fit for me to join such a storied organization and to be a part of the leadership team that will help shape and guide the club’s next generation of staff and players.”

Leo added, “Brandon is a young, fiery competitor, and his energy and passion for the sport of volleyball was apparent to me each time we met. His track record of success at the collegiate level will add a dimension to my staff that comes at a time when the college recruitment process is more competitive than ever.” He will also fill a key staffing position as Head Coach for EVJ’s 16 Elite. Chan added, “The 16’s year in club volleyball is such a critical recruitment time for these athletes. I am thrilled to not only guide them, but to also serve as liaison to our EVJ families in

our national program since I have lived it from the collegiate side for the past 10 years.” Leo said, “Brandon’s communication style, his pursuit of excellence, and his creativity as it relates to strategic systems of play learned over a decade of experience at the Division I collegiate level will all benefit our entire program. Part of his role as Director, Volleyball Operations will be to fortify our culture, enhance our training curriculum, and provide system implementation oversight across the entire program.”

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## **ABOUT EVJ**

EVJ provides opportunities for girls ages 9-18 (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) to play competitive volleyball on local and national levels, with travel and non-travel indoor teams. Through its affiliates, EVJ also offers a variety of player development (training) opportunities (indoor, sand and athletic performance) for both club and non-club players (girls and boys) who are looking to expand and perfect their game.

## **EVJ TEMPE AT COURT ONE**

EVJ’s corporate headquarters as well as its EVJ Tempe national and regional teams are at the Court One Athletic Complex in Tempe. Court One offers more than 45,000 square-feet with nine indoor volleyball courts, and 11 high-definition web cameras used as recruiting tools by college coaches around the nation to view practices. In addition, the facility boasts one of the best flooring systems in the country, made of solid maple, complete with a one-inch foam subfloor. The facility is located at 9100 S. McKemy Street, Tempe, AZ 85284. EVJ Tempe is planning for 24-26 teams at this location for the 2024-2025 club season.

## **EVJ GILBERT AT INSPIRE COURTS**

EVJ Gilbert is housed at Inspire Courts, a multi-sport facility located in Gilbert, Arizona with 52,000 square feet of gym space including 7 volleyball courts. The facility offers basketball and volleyball to help kids of all ages develop winning habits that lead to success on and off the court. The facility is located at 1090 N. Fiesta Blvd., #101, Gilbert, AZ 85233. EVJ Gilbert is planning for 10-12 teams at this location for the 2024-2025 club season, including 2 one-time travel teams.

To learn more about EVJ or our partners, please contact Rich Leo at (480) 220-9313 or visit the website at [www.evjvolleyball.com](http://www.evjvolleyball.com).