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#### **USA VOLLEYBALL ALL-STAR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Ninety junior all-star volleyball teams from twenty-one delegations competed at the 2023 USA All-Star Championships in Fort. Lauderdale, FL from July 19-23, 2023

**Ft. Lauderdale, FL – July 28, 2023** – The 2023 USAV All-Star Championships were produced by the regions of USA Volleyball and hosted by the Florida Region of USA Volleyball at the Broward County Convention Center in Fort. Lauderdale, FL. The event featured all-star teams from twenty of the forty Regions of USA Volleyball and two teams from the Federation of Canada. The teams competed in six divisions for girls and two divisions for boys. Delegations included Arizona, Badger, Canada, Evergreen, Florida, Garden Empire, Great Lakes, Great Plains, Gulf Coast, Hoosier, Iowa, New England, NorCal, North Country, North Texas, Ohio Valley, Oklahoma, Puget Sound, Rocky Mountain, Southern, and Western Empire. Twelve out of the twenty-one delegations were awarded medals.

USAV All-Star Championships Full Results:

#### **Girls U13 Division**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Team Florida U13 National (Florida Region)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – AZ Girls FS (Arizona Region)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Badger All-Stars Girls U13 (Badger Region)

All-Tournament Team – Charlotte Shepard (Badger Region), Amari Frasier (Arizona Region), Addie Martin (Arizona Region), Molly Monday (Florida Region), Lila Varitek (Florida Region), and Cece Lthier (Florida Region).

MVP – Ellie Enger (Florida Region)

#### **Girls U15 National Division**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – GLR HP U15 Girls (Great Lakes Region)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Iowa Girls U15 Red (Iowa Region)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – PSR All-Stars U15 Select National (Puget Sound Region)

All-Tournament Team – Maya Quitiquit (Puget Sound Region), Piper Hodge (Iowa Region), Maren Ouellette (Iowa Region), Brooklynne Brass (Great Lakes Region), Haley Burgdorf (Great Lakes Region), and Cassidy Cage (Great Lakes Region).

MVP – Ellie Stiernagle (Great Lakes Region)

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### **Girls U15 International Division**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – North Texas U15 International (North Texas Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – AZ Girls Select (Arizona Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Team GEVA U15 (Garden Empire Region)

All-Tournament Team – Olivia Henry (Garden Empire Region), Tessa Larkin (Arizona Region), Brooke Harwood (Arizona Region), Gaby Rodriguez (North Texas Region), Kylie Kluckner (North Texas Region), and Ryan Spencer (North Texas Region).

MVP – Brynn Stephens (North Texas Region)

### **Girls U17 National Division**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – OK All Star 17 (Oklahoma Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Iowa Girls u17 Black (Iowa Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Nike Southern Girls U17 (Southern Region)

All-Tournament Team – Kaitlyn Moran (Southern Region), Katie Quick (Iowa Region), Molly Shaeffer (Iowa Region), Addie Wardley (Oklahoma Region), Kendall Picolet (Oklahoma Region), and Olivia Branum (Oklahoma Region).

MVP – Gia McGrew (Oklahoma Region)

### **Girls U17 International Division**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – North Texas U17 International (North Texas Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Team Florida U17 International (Florida Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – AZ Girls Youth (Arizona Region)

All-Tournament Team – Gabrielle Tafoya (Arizona Region), Emily Collings (Florida Region), Bella Lee (Florida Region), Taryn Morris (North Texas Region), Sophia Thornburg (North Texas Region), and Hannah Beauford (North Texas Region).

MVP – Lauren Lambert (North Texas Region)

### **Women U20 Division**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – North Texas U20 International (North Texas Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – BTG U18 Canadian Selects (Canada)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – NCR Nike All Stars U20 (North Country Region)

All-Tournament Team – Zoe Zarr (North Country Region), Emelia Hunger (Canada), Erin Black (Canada), Jessica Jones (North Texas Region), Carson Eickenloff (North Texas Region), and Mikala Young (North Texas Region).

MVP – Jady Living (North Texas Region)

### **Boys U15 Division**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – AZ Boys Select (Arizona Region)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – PSR All-Stars U15 (Puget Sound Region)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Team GEVA (Garden Empire Region)

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All-Tournament Team – Charlie Patek (Garden Empire Region), Given Unwin (Puget Sound Region), Titus Mischke (Puget Sound Region), Ashton Betts (Arizona Region), Dylan Dinh (Arizona Region), and Raja Patel (Arizona Region).

MVP – Andrew McGonagill (Arizona Region)

### **Boys U17 Division**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – GLR HP U17 Boys (Great Lakes Region)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – AZ Boys National (Arizona Region)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Team Florida U17 National (Florida Region)

All-Tournament Team – Noah Dieppa (Florida Region), Cohen Carter (Arizona Region), Carter King (Arizona Region), Christian Teresi (Great Lakes Region), Luka Kostic (Great Lakes Region), and Jack Anderson (Great Lakes Region).

MVP – Nate Toth (Great Lakes Region)

### **Boys U19 Division**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – GLR HP U19 Boys (Great Lakes Region)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – AZ Boys Youth (Arizona Region)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Team Florida U19 National (Florida Region)

All-Tournament Team – Quinn Bishop (Florida Region), Connor Oldani (Arizona Region), Ryan Lewis (Arizona Region), Brayden Zevitzkylynd (Great Lakes Region), Shawn Harvey (Great Lakes Region), Tyler John-wick (Great Lakes Region).

MVP – Peter Zuroski (Great Lakes Region)

### **Total Medal Count:**

Arizona – **1 Gold, 4 Silver, 1 Bronze (6)**

Badger – **1 Bronze (1)**

BTG Canada – **1 Silver (1)**

Florida – **1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronze (4)**

Garden Empire – **2 Bronze (2)**

Great Lakes – **3 Gold (3)**

Iowa – **2 Silver (2)**

North Country – **1 Bronze (1)**

North Texas – **3 Gold (3)**

Oklahoma – **1 Gold (1)**

Puget Sound – **1 Silver, 1 Bronze (2)**

Southern – **1 Bronze (1)**

### **Region Cup Winner: Arizona Region**

The Region Cup is awarded to the top finishing delegation based on points earned for each division finish. Points are awarded for 1st – 3rd place only. Arizona won the Region cup with 6 medals, followed by Florida with 4 medals and then North Texas and Great lakes with 3 medals each.

Delegation leaders shared their thoughts on the event:

**Ron Pelham**, High-Performance Program Director of the Arizona Region commented, “The 2023 USAV All-Star Championships was a tremendous success. The growth of the tournament from its inaugural event in Orlando to its current event in Fort Lauderdale has been impressive. There is no doubt that the Region Volleyball Associations (RVA) came together to create a successful and high-quality tournament.

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The Planning Committee leadership has been outstanding, with all members contributing valuable input and making important decisions. Teams from many regions participated and competed against one another, which was fantastic to see. Bringing talent and skills from across the country together was a great way to foster a sense of unity.”

“Thank you to all the officials who participated in this event”, stated **Steve Kenyon**, Chair of the Official’s Planning Committee. “With 155 officials (76 referees/scorers and 79 support officials) from 22 different states, it was a great crew with a good balance of experienced officials and rising stars. The knowledge exchange that took place during the post-match debriefs was very helpful. I would also like to thank the Florida Region for hosting the event and funding our three international level training officials: Michael Gale, Krystian Krzyzak, and Devonie Mclarty. Their input was very valuable and appreciated.”

“This annual legacy event is very important to the USA Volleyball regions as it continues a longstanding tradition that began back in 2000”, commented **Steve Bishop**, Executive Director & President for the Florida Region and Tournament Director for this year’s event in Ft. Lauderdale. “As one of the few USAV coed junior events on the schedule and the only one of its kind using an international format, Florida is proud to have hosted it 9 times in the Sunshine State. The USA teams have always enjoyed the participation of the international delegations over the many years. We’re very appreciative to Visit Lauderdale for their amazing financial support, as well as our other great event partners. We’ve officially passed the baton to Brett Myres and his team at the Iowa Region as they will host next year’s event in Des Moines, IA, between July 17-21, 2024. We look forward to seeing everyone there!”

#### **About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:**

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960’s and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves over 19,000 members. Indoor, outdoor, and para programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is headquartered in Eustis, FL and manages the 21-court Hickory Point Beach Sand Volleyball Complex in Tavares, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org).

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