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PLAYING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL -
ARIZONA REGION HIGH PERFORMANCE DELEGATION
DOMINATES AT THE USA VOLLEYBALL ALL-STAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Arizona Region's elite junior volleyball teams earn top honors and bring home 2 gold trophies.

CHANDLER, AZ – JULY 25 – Two teams from the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball win Gold at the 2022 USA Volleyball All-Star Championship. Two more Arizona Region High Performance [AZHP] teams finish in the top three. Several of Arizona's elite, junior athletes also earn national recognition for their performance at the championship games played in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"I'm most proud of the family atmosphere we had this year," notes AZHP Director Ron Pelham. This is Pelham's 11th year overseeing the high performance program for the Arizona Region. *"A tremendous amount of fight and pride for Arizona Region was on display throughout from the entire congregation."* The program traveled with a total of 88 coaches, athletes, and chaperones. Each and every member of the delegation was invaluable to this year's success of the program. Pelham says, *"Complete support from and to each team. Chaperones were Rockstars!"*

The Arizona Region is one of 40 regional volleyball associations of USA Volleyball. The leader in Arizona volleyball since 1989, the region promotes, governs, oversees, plans, and coordinates amateur indoor and outdoor volleyball as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. It provides adults and junior boys and girls the ability to participate in the sport in a safe, positive and appropriately competitive environment.

Approximately 100 all-star teams from USA Volleyball regions across the country converged in Tulsa July 20-23rd to vie for championship titles. In May 2022, the AZ Region held 3 days of tryouts to select athletes in multiple age groups and divisions.

AZ Region Commissioner Harold Cranswick congratulates the delegation and explains, "Since the day the Board decided to create and support the Region's involvement in the High Performance program, the Region has preached that the HP Director (1) hire the very best coaches who had the ability to elevate the play of the athletes, (2) invite all Region junior players to try out for the HP teams, (3) make it clear to the Arizona Region members and parents that the HP teams are meant to represent the very best volleyball in the Region without regard to the clubs the athletes come from, (4) have everyone involved with HP realize they represent the Arizona Region from the moment they leave until they return and that their actions reflect on their parents, coaches and the Region and (5) that the Region wants everyone to support one another and enjoy their experience regardless of their final record." Cranswick who oversees all operations of the Region adds, "This year's teams met every one of our expectations and their exceptional results only add to the appreciation our entire Region has for the players, coaches, chaperones, parents and our HP Director, Ron Pelham."

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

Photo and video opportunity: The Arizona Region of USA Volleyball can assist with setting up interviews with our AZHP director, coaches, and athletes. We also have numerous photos and videos available from competition. Please give us a call to coordinate this with you. OFFICE: 480-306-8094 | Becky Hudson, AZ Region Secretary

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