

# Just Plains News



Great Plains Region of USA Volleyball

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## NEW

Look for our monthly newsletter during the first week of every month.

Our region calendar is located on our General Information tab. You can also link it to your calendar.

**USAV National Qualifier Schedule** is listed on our website under Tournament Information.

## Tryouts

Many clubs are having their tryouts earlier each year. Contact the club of your choice for their tryout dates so you don't miss out. A list of all club contact information and locations can be found on our [Juniors home page](#), then click on club listings.

## Signing Date:

The Great Plains region has a signing date of Nov 2 for ages 10-14 and **Sun, Nov 17 for ages 15-18**. This is the only date the region will honor when a player signs the letter of commitment to play with a club. You can verbally commit at any time at your own discretion. Also, for several years now, the Great Plains Region board elected not to be involved in any monetary exchange or refunds between club and player.

For more information on the high school and junior high volleyball rules about participating in club volleyball, see the [NSAA](#) website. [www.Nsaa.org](http://www.Nsaa.org)

## NORCECA Championships in Ralston

[www.norceca.net](http://www.norceca.net)



The North American, Central American and Caribbean Continental championships "NOR-CE-CA" were played all week at the Ralston Arena in Ralston, NE from Mon, Sept 16 to Sat, Sept 21. Matches were at 4, 6 & 8pm. The average attendance was about 2000 a day. The USA Women won the Gold behind the efforts of former Great Plains region member Jordan Larson. They beat Dominican Republic 3 sets to 1. A BIG thanks go out to Sue Mailhot and Michelle Hayes for coordinating all the volunteer workers to help make the event a success. It took over 22 volunteers to make one match happen. In all, there were over 104 volunteers that worked the event. The volleyball teams of Omaha Warriors and Briar Cliff University worked several matches. But we would like to thank all who volunteered and worked matches.



### Omaha 18 Starlings wins the 2013 Starlings National Championships for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.



The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Starlings Nationals was held in San Diego, California. Omaha Starlings 14 finished 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Great Plains Region supports the Starlings Volleyball club in Omaha. You can go to the [Starlings](#) national website and help by donating funds.

“Starlings is the largest junior volleyball club in the nation – serving some 3,000 girls in 50-plus clubs across America. The guiding concept has been to provide an opportunity for girls (ages 10-18) to participate regardless of their socioeconomic background. Club dues, if any, are a fraction of most junior club costs and no girl is turned away because of inability to pay.” *Starlings.org*

Contact Omaha Starlings: Shannon Walker club director, email: [Shannon@omahastarlings.com](mailto:Shannon@omahastarlings.com), website: [www.omahastarlings.com](http://www.omahastarlings.com)

### Registration:

All membership registration fees should be paid by individual members. All members should register and pay individually through the online registration system on the Great Plains Region website. It is not acceptable to pay your club and have them send the money in for you. All signatures will be accepted electronically on-line. There are no papers to send to the office for membership registration. Memberships can be paid by credit card (Visa & MasterCard) on-line at the time of registration.

### Want to earn \$2,500?

The Responsible Sports Community Grant is a free, competition-based fundraising program for youth sports organizations. Teams, clubs and schools from around the country register to participate. Once approved to compete, organizations rally their adult supporters to take a Responsible Sport Parenting or Responsible Coaching quiz and credit the point to the organization. At the end of the three month Grant period, the organizations with the most points earn the \$2,500 Grants. Go to [Responsible Sports](#) website.

### 2013 USAV Girls Junior National Tournament

Congratulations to all 29 Great Plains region teams who competed in Dallas, Texas. Results are posted on our website. Click on Juniors then National Championships.

### The 4<sup>th</sup> annual USA Jr. Beach Tour Qualifier

for 2 on 2 sand volleyball was held at The Digz in Omaha, NE on Sat, June 8. There were 29 teams from Nebraska and Iowa. The top three teams in each division earned bids for the Invitational Division at the National Championships on July 27-28 in Milwaukee, Wis. However, you aren't required to go even if you win the tournament. Come out and play sand volleyball, have fun in the sun. The age divisions are: 12 & under, 14 & under, 16 & under, 18 & under.

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*14&U Bid Winners for sand volleyball*

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**The girls' 12&U division** was won by Jordan McCormick & Emma Altman (both from Omaha, Neb.)

**The girls' 14&U division** was won by Abby & Haley Weideman (both from Cedar Point, IA.) Claire Mountjoy (Omaha, NE) & Autumn Wood (LaVista, NE) earned a bid, then went to the national tournament and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in 14 Silver division. Jasmine Schmidt also played in the 14&U Open at nationals.

**The girls' 16&U division** was won by Megan Miller & Jamie Wilson (both from Omaha, Neb.). Jordyn Del Rosario & Rebekah Hayes both from Bellevue, Neb, earned a bid and played in the 16 division at sand Nationals.

**The girls' 18&U division**, Linda Carr (Floyd, Iowa) and Gabbi Kellogg (Charles City, Iowa) took first.

Next summer the 5<sup>th</sup> annual USA Jr. Beach Tour Qualifier tournament will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2014 at The Digz in Omaha.

For more results and pictures, see our website: [www.gpvb.org](http://www.gpvb.org), click on Juniors, then Outdoor Volleyball. You can also go to the [USAV Jr. Beach](http://USAVJr.Beach) website:



*Certified officials for sand volleyball*

#### **NEW CLUBS for 2014**

Legacy Volleyball Club; Dan Martin club director

#### **NEW Club Directors for 2014**

Jason Plummer for Omaha Lightning VBC

Stephanie Gade for South Sarpy VBC

Marla Smith for Cass Co VBC

### **OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

##### **SIGNING DATE**

AGES 10-14, SAT, NOV 2

**AGES 15-18, Sun, Nov 17**

##### **JR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

Early November

##### **ADULT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

Late November

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Sue Mailhot has been the Great Plains Regional commissioner for 15 years.

Bill Stanley completed his 10 years with the Great Plains Region.

#### **Meritorious Award Winners for 2013**

Anita Trimble, Eloise Hiemke and Josie Gilbert. Congratulations to these outstanding individuals for their involvement in Great Plains Volleyball. Read highlights about their volleyball involvement on the Great Plains website. Click on the General tab.

To include your news in our next newsletter, send an email to Bill Hamilton: [info@gpvb.org](mailto:info@gpvb.org).  
If you want us to mention your club events in our monthly newsletter, we will write a brief description and then add a link to your website. We would also like for you to submit an article about the success of your club, team, coaches, players or officials. (all material is subject to Great Plains Region approval and may be edited).

**Courts For Sale**

The Digz in Omaha, NE has removed their indoor volleyball flooring (Metaflex ProGym solid top tile). They installed 4 sand courts indoor in their place. They would like to sell their indoor flooring, which is only 5 years old.  
Contact Vincent Laboy: Phone 402-515-1805, email: [vinslaboy@gmail.com](mailto:vinslaboy@gmail.com).

**Club Directors:**

We're asking all club directors to send us a sticker of their club so we can put it on our office window and represent/advertise all of our clubs in our region. Please mail us your sticker.

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