

The CHRVA Juniors 2011 Outdoor Program

In partnership with Fairfax Volleyball Club and Mid-Atlantic Volleyball, CHRVA launched the Juniors Outdoor Program this summer. The program was designed to:

- Create a system at the regional level for junior athletes to prepare for playing NCAA volleyball at colleges and earning scholarships.
- Create a feeder system into the national level competition for outdoor junior competition which USAV already has in place in regions around the country.

Click <u>here</u> to read more about why this regional program is so important. Click <u>here</u> to see all of the winners from the 2011 outdoor season.

Also, check out this email that was sent in early August from Heather Evans with Beach Dig, which provides more evidence about why these regional juniors programs are so important:

We are writing you today to make you aware of a ground breaking event that just took place for the sport of sand volleyball. On Saturday, July 30, 2011, the history of beach volleyball changed when Coach Cindy Phillips and Beach Dig hosted the nation's first ever College Sand Volleyball Scouting Event. The goal was to showcase America's best junior beach volleyball players to the new college sand coaches on the brink of their first season.

In January, the NCAA officially released the approval of sand volleyball for Division I which created a movement of about 40 colleges working to offer the program. Although many administrators were leery, 15 institutions have confirmed they will offer the program in 2012 and more in the years to follow. Some of these schools even have scholarships to offer! After three of Club Beach Dig's star players became the first ever to sign sand scholarships, Coach Cindy decided to help more players make the connections with the new coaches looking to build their rosters. For six months the Beach Dig Team poured over hundreds of applications from all over the country and beyond. Videos were reviewed, coaches were consulted and research was done to select the best of the best. The scouting event brought 10 college sand coaches and 54 of the most elite junior players from across the U.S. and Canada. To say that the first ever college sand scout camp was a huge success is an understatement. With rave reviews from the coaches, players and parents, Beach Dig is off to a great start in helping college sand volleyball dreams become a reality. Many of the players have already been contacted by the colleges involved and we are excited about their future and the future of the sport!

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