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## USA PREMIER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE CROWNS NEW AND REPEAT CHAMPIONS AT FIFTH ANNUAL PVL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ORLANDO, FL

The Premier Volleyball League (PVL) held their fifth annual national championship event May 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> in Orlando, FL. This championship was held in conjunction with the USA Open National Championships, hosted by USA Volleyball.

**Orlando, FL – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015** – The PVL is excited to announce the final finishes for the men’s and women’s teams that competed in the 2016 PVL Championships:

### Men

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Gold: Hoosier Team Pineapple (IN)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Silver: Great Lakes Lightning (IL)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Bronze: Iowa ICEMEN (IA)**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Badger Region Lights Out (WI)
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Aloha Team SportConX (HI)
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Florida WAVE (FL)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Team IREVA (Eastern NY)
- 8<sup>th</sup>: SoCal Avalanche (Southern CA)
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Keystone Penn Blast (PA)
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Arizona Sizzle (AZ)
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Chesapeake Rising Tide (VA, MD & DE)
- 12<sup>th</sup>: Gulf Coast Riptides (Eastern FL, Southern AL & MS)
- 13<sup>th</sup>: Lakeshore Surge (MI)
- 13<sup>th</sup>: NORCAL Wildfire (Northern CA)
- 15<sup>th</sup>: NE Midnight Riders (New England)

### Women

- 1<sup>st</sup>: **Gold: Florida WAVE (FL)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Silver: Iowa ICE (IA)**
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Bronze: Chesapeake Rising Tide (VA, MD, & DE)**
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Great Lakes Lightning (IL)
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Team North Texas (TX)
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Team IREVA (Eastern NY)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Arizona Sizzle (AZ)
- 7<sup>th</sup>: SoCal Barricade (Southern CA)
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Lakeshore Surge (MI)
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Puget Sound Premier (Western WA)
- 11<sup>th</sup>: NORCAL Wildfire (Northern CA)
- 11<sup>th</sup>: NE Midnight Riders (New England)

Team Pineapple also took the gold for the men’s division in 2015, making them repeat champions. For the women’s Florida WAVE, this was their first gold medal in their 5 year history. There was a \$40,000 prize purse that was split between the winning men’s and women’s teams. The first place teams took home \$10,000 each, second place \$6,500 each and third place \$3,500 each. This event took place over the course of four days at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL. The feature courts provided a live streaming option for fans that were not able to make the trip.

The first PVL championships took place in 2012 in Salt Lake City, UT with only 12 women’s teams competing. In 2015, the PVL has grown to 27 teams, including both men and women. To be eligible to play in the PVL, athletes must have exhausted their collegiate eligibility and must be current members of their respective USA Volleyball region.

**Steve Bishop**, President of the PVL, said, “It is very exciting to have completed our 5<sup>th</sup> annual event in Orlando. When we started this endeavor in 2012 we only offered competition for women, but that quickly changed in 2013 when the first men’s PVL championships was offered. For the past three years the men’s division has outgrown the women’s division which is somewhat ironic since there are significantly more women playing college volleyball in the US. The level of play has risen each year and the future is bright for the PVL. We continue to work towards formalizing the league

play and adding new and exciting components to the championships each season. Our plan from day one was to create a successful and sustainable grass-roots pro league in the US and with the help of USA Volleyball and the USAV Regions, we are happy to be celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.”

The mission of the PVL is to create a successful and sustainable indoor professional volleyball league for elite-level post-collegiate male and female athletes in the United States.

**About USA Premier Volleyball League:**

The USA PVL is a grass roots professional volleyball league that began in 2012 and is made up of teams from among the forty (40) regional volleyball associations across the United States. The USA PVL is sanctioned by USA Volleyball and offers tournament play and a League Championship event each year. Additional information on the USA Premier Volleyball League can be found at:

[www.usapvl.com](http://www.usapvl.com).

**About USA Volleyball:**

USA Volleyball, founded in 1928, is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States and is recognized by the Federation Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). Additional information on USA Volleyball can be found at: [www.USAVolleyball.org](http://www.USAVolleyball.org).

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