

NKYVC HAS HISTORICAL WINNING SEASON!

In the ten year history of Northern Kentucky-Ohio Volleyball Club (NKYVC), the athletes and coaches have competed and bettered themselves year after year, but, 2009 was not any year it was historical! It takes an entire organization, including every player, parent, coach, administrator and fan committing to excellence to maintain this kind performance year after year.

NKYVC is a member of the Ohio Valley Region (OVR). The OVR is the second largest region in the country and registers hundreds of teams in each age division. The level of play and quality of competition in the OVR ensures that no victory is an easy victory. The **NKYVC 10-1 Tsunami, 11-1 Tsunami and 12-1 Tsunami were all crowned Ohio Valley Champions this year, 8 of 9 age divisions had teams in the top 5 at the OVR Championships and five NKYVC teams qualified for the USA National Championships.**

Through exceptional training, challenging competition schedules and a commitment to excellence NKYVC has continued to increase national performance levels and visibility. As a result, NKYVC athletes receive college scholarships, participate in the USA National High Performance Programs, are selected to the USA All Tournament Teams and help lead their school programs. NKYVC's winning philosophy, if you do not **PLAY** the best, you cannot **BEAT** the best or **BE** the best!

The 2009 season was no different, every NKYVC team posted spectacular competition results throughout their season. As a high note, five NKYVC teams qualified and competed at the USAV Girl's National Championships in Miami, Florida this summer, posting the best results ever. This consistent national performance proves what we at NKYVC already know: **FOCUS ON FUNDAMENTALS** and you will succeed.

The 12-1 Tsunami team coached by Sara Palazzo and assisted by Rodney Hall won five out of eight tournaments including some in higher age divisions. Two very notable tournament wins were being crowned OVR Regional Champions and winning the national bid to Miami. The 12-1 squad finished an impressive 5th in the country out of 48 teams at the USAV National Championships. This would be the highest National Championship finish, in Club history, for one of our teams.

The 12 Tsunami team consisted of the following players: Ashley Bush, Carlie Eckerle, Natalie Gurren, Erika Keohane, Kendyll Kraus, Ashleigh Noble, Mickey Stephenson, Alexis Thomas, Alicia Von Handorf, and Emily Westerbeck.



The 14-1 Tsunami team coached by Dion Reyes also displayed great accomplishments this year. They finished 2nd at the OVR Bid tournament, 3rd at the OVR Regional tournament and brought home a medal coming in an impressive 3rd in the National Division of the USAV National Championships.

The team consisted of Taylor Angel, Emily Beckes, Abigail Bessler, Kayla Fritz, Heather Hemmer, Kaylee Keohane, Abbey Scherrer, Madison Schuh, Sydney Schuler, and Heather Torline.



14's

The 15-1 Tsunami team coached by lead coach, Jill Hunt also had a great season including winning an Open bid at the MidEast Qualifier in Indianapolis putting them in the top division at Nationals. They finished 3rd in the OVR Regional tournament and finished 15th out of 28 teams in the Open division at the USAV National Tournament.

The team consisted of Chrissie Capobianco, Elizabeth Gruenschlaeger, Lindsay Hartmann, Carley Jones, Jayden Julian, Margaret O'Day, Marissa Prinzbach, Shelby Reid, Kristen Schellhaas and Emily Schmahl.



15's

The 16-1 Tsunami team coached by Andy Lovins also had a strong season. They finished 2nd in the OVR Bid tournament and 5th in the OVR Regional tournament. At the USAV National Championships they finished 21st out of 48 teams in the National Division with some tough three set losses.

The team consisted of Rachel D'Agnillo, Stephanie Gurren, Allie Hart, Allison Klare, Lauren O'Conner, Rachel Ruehl, Kaitlyn Skelton, Megan Wanstrath, Mallory Baker, and Kelly Leonard.



16's

The 18-1 Tsunami team coached by the club's coaching director, Kathy Kennedy (Kleinhuizen), also had a great year. Not only did they have fantastic finishes at the OVR bid tournament and Regional Tournament - 2nd in Gold, they also finished 5th out of 48 teams in the American Division at the USAV National Championships. The teams' setter Gaby Gray and libero, Leslie Schellhaas were both named to the USA All-Tournament team.

Every player on 18s team will be attending the college of their choice to further their education and volleyball career.



The team consisted of the following players and includes the colleges they will be attending:

Maggie Betz - Tiffin University, Caitlin Clark - Morehead State University, Cheryl Findley - Georgetown College, Gabrielle Gray - Northwestern University, Annie Gruenschlaeger - Morehead State University, MacKenzy Harper - Auburn University, Kelly Mulrey - Rochester Institute of Technology, Leslie Schellhaas - Morehead State University, and Diana Schulte - Loyola University, IL.

NKYVC is very proud of all of their club teams, athletes, programs, and coaches for all of their outstanding accomplishments. They look forward to their 11th year as a milestone to do even greater things.