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# 2023 AVCA SMALL COLLEGE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**DII National Champions - University of Tampa**



**DII All-Americans**

Julia Oswald and Payton Brunick of Tampa, Holly Schmidt and Macie Lachemann of Colorado Mesa and Hannah Phair and Sara Ostojic of Concordia



**DIII National Champions – Hendrix College**



**DIII All-Americans**  
Abby Collier and Kyler Greenlee of Hendrix and Peyton Breissing and Bella Boston of Berry



**NAIA Champions - Webber International University**



**NAIA All-Tournament**

Cindy Garcia and Montana Pelak of Webber International and Grace Petty and Alexandra Postlethwaite of Southeastern



**Pairs Challenge Pool Champions**



School (Last Name/Last Name)	Player 1 Name	Player 2 Name	Pool
Spring Hill #1 (Muti/Mitternacht)	Isabella Muti	Kristen Mitternacht	1
Tusculum #1 (Aiken/Baella)	Jules Aiken	Sophia Baella	2
Tampa #3 (Carlton/Ostrander)	Reagan Carlton	Sammie Ostrander	3
State College of Florida #1 (Serdiuk/Pizzol)	Yeva Serdiuk	Amanda Pizzol	4
Palm Beach Atlantic #2 (Hall/Hertz)	Kayleigh Hall	Eva Hertz	5
Tampa #1 (Szalay/Williams)	Sara Szalay	Leah Williams	6
Tampa #2 (Marinelli/Brin)	Gia Marinelli	Ashley Brin	7
Colorado Mesa #1 (Leffler/Brown)	Sydney Leffler	Rianne Brown	8
Palm Beach Atlantic #1 (Cantero-Garcia/Cesaro)	Karla Cantero-Garcia	Marilyn Cesaro	9
Concordia #2 (Marshall/Omaszta)	Sydney Marshall	Alex Omaszta	10



# AVCA SMALL COLLEGE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE THIS FRIDAY TO SUNDAY

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY (April 10, 2023) — The fifth installment of the AVCA Small College Beach Championships returns to Tavares, Florida, this Friday through Sunday, April 14–16. The event, presented by the [United States Marine Corps](#) and held in conjunction with the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, will take place at Hickory Point Beach. The [Small College Beach Championships](#) bring together 30 top beach teams from NCAA Division II and III, as well as NAIA, who compete in their respective divisions. There also is a pairs challenge.

Here are the schedules for each division, as well as the list of competing teams:

>>[Division II](#) (Friday-Sunday), 14 teams

>>[Division III](#) (Saturday-Sunday), 8 teams

>>[NAIA](#) (Friday-Saturday), 8 teams

>>**Pairs Challenge** (Friday), 40 pairs — *pools and schedule to be released Tuesday, April 11*

Hickory Point Beach has 21 professional-grade, lighted volleyball courts as part of its 68-acre complex. The park has hosted more than 55 volleyball events since opening in 2014 and is poised to see that number increase as players and coaches experience the facilities for themselves.

The AVCA would like to thank its valued partners—the Florida Region of USA Volleyball and Visit Lake County Florida, as well as the U.S. Marine Corps, Baden, and Smack Sportswear—for their support of the 2023 Small College Beach Championships.

Follow the results as the Championships progress [here](#).



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# 2022 AVCA SMALL COLLEGE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**DII National Champions - Colorado Mesa University**



**DII All-Americans**

Hahni Johnson and Savannah Spitzer from Colorado Mesa; Cassandra Fairly and Jessie Fairly from Spring Hill; and Kirsten Anderson and Maddie Brunick from Tampa



**DIII National Champions - Stevenson University**



**DIII All-Americans**

Abby Collier and Camryn Presley from Hendrix and Emily Pellini and Shannon Baily from Stevenson





**NAIA Champions - Webber International University**



**NAIA All-Tournament**

Sandy Cao and Sylvia Liszewski from Southeastern, Cindy Garcia Penalzo and Lilly Arnold from Webber



**Two-Year College National Champions - State College of Florida**



**Two-Year College All-Americans**  
Erin Ellis and Alyssa Guarino from Lake Sumter, Ana Broadhead and Yeva Serdiuk from State College of Florida



**Pairs Challenge Pool Champions**



School (Last Name/Last Name)	Player 1 Name	Player 2 Name	Pool
Webber #2 (Rast/Moseley)	Hannah Rast	Amy Moseley	1
Palm Beach Atlantic #2 (Hall/Myott)	Kayleigh Hall	Bailey Myott	2
Tampa #1 (Hamilton/Szalay)	Keely Hamilton	Sara Szalay	3
Colorado Mesa #1 (Ott/Peters)	Savannah Ott	Hailey Peters	4
Tusculum #2 (Ramsey/Pacione)	Destiny Ramsey	Morgan Pacione	5
Colorado Mesa #2 (Brown/Leffler)	Rianne Brown	Sydney Leffler	6
Tampa #3 (Overton/Horn)	Claire Overton	Liv Horn	7
Tampa #2 (Hart/Gutierrez)	Maddie Hart	Tatiana Gutierrez	8
Palm Beach Atlantic #1 (Silva/Henderson)	Lorrayne Silva	Caroline Henderson	9
Webber #1 (Varkentina/Johnson)	Lana Varkentina	Delanie Johnson	10





## 2022 SMALL COLLEGE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS GET UNDERWAY THURSDAY

**LEXINGTON, KY (April 13, 2022)** — It is a big week in Central Florida, as the 2022 AVCA Small College Beach Championships take place April 14–16. The event, presented by the [United States Marine Corps](#) and held in conjunction with the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, will be held at Hickory Point Beach in Tavares.

The [Small College Beach Championships](#) bring together 34 top beach teams from NCAA Division II and III, as well as NAIA and Two-Year Colleges, who compete in their respective divisions. There also is a pairs challenge.

The Championships have continued to grow since the inaugural event in 2018. This year sees the addition of brackets for Division III and Two-Year College for the first time.

Click the links to see the schedules for each division, as well as the list of competing teams:

- >>[Division II](#) (April 14–16), 14 teams
- >>[Division III](#) (April 15–16), 5 teams
- >>[NAIA](#) (April 14–15), 9 teams
- >>[Two-Year College](#) (April 14–15), 6 teams
- >>[Pairs Challenge](#) (April 14), 30 pairs

Hickory Point Beach has 21 professional-grade, lighted volleyball courts as part of its extensive athletic complex. The park has hosted more than 50 volleyball events since opening in 2014 and is poised to see that number increase as players and coaches get a chance to see the facilities for themselves.

The AVCA would like to thank event partners the Florida Region of USA Volleyball and Visit Lake County Florida, as well as the U.S. Marine Corps, Baden, and Smack Sportswear for their support of the 2022 Small College Beach Championships.

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# 2021 AVCA SMALL COLLEGE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Click [here](#) to view all match results from the championships.

Congratulations to the University of Tampa for capturing the 2021 AVCA Division II Small College Beach Championship.



2021 AVCA Division II All-Americans Julia Oswald and Rachel Rosequist from the University of Tampa and Kassandra Fairly and Payton Gidney from Spring Hill College.



Congratulations to Ottawa University Arizona who was crowned 2021 AVCA NAIA Small College Beach Champions.





2021 NAIA AVCA Beach All-Americans Viri Serrano and Katelyn Viray from Ottawa AZ and Conley Harris and Natalie Escher from Vanguard.



Congratulations to Pairs Challenge Champions Christina Gragasin and Shelby Tate from Texas A&M Kingsville.



**Lexington, KY** – The AVCA, in partnership with the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, are set to host the AVCA Small College Beach Championships on April 16-18, 2021.

**DII Field:** Eckerd (withdrew from field), Palm Beach Atlantic, Saint Leo, Tampa, Florida Southern, Texas A&M Kingsville, Spring Hill, Colorado Mesa, Tusculum, Wayne State, Catawba, Carson Newman.

**NAIA Field:** Webber, Ottawa (AZ), Ottawa (KS), Vanguard, Florida Memorial, St. Andrews, Corban 1, Corbin 2, Warner, Mobile (withdrew from field), St. Thomas, Ave Maria.

**Pairs Challenge:** 21 pairs from DII and NAIA schools plus three from Hendrix (DIII). Open to athletes traveling with their teams but not competing in flights 1 – 5.

Twelve teams from the NCAA Division II, 11 from the NAIA, and 24 pairs will be vying for a championship. NCAA Division III Hendrix has three teams entered in the Pairs Challenge.

Tampa, the reigning champions, enter the DII Small College Beach Championship as the top seed in a pool with Colorado Mesa, Carson Newman, and Catawba. Second seed Spring Hill is in Pool B along with Saint Leo, Eckerd, and Tusculum. Palm Beach Atlantic, the third seed, is in Pool C with Texas A&M Kingsville, Wayne St., and Florida Southern.

Following pool play on Friday, a challenge round will consist of the top two teams from each of the three pools competing against each other on Saturday. These six teams will compete in the Gold bracket on Sunday. The bottom two teams from each of the three pools will compete in the Silver bracket on Sunday.

In the NAIA Small College Beach Championship division, Vanguard enters as the top seed in Pool A with St. Thomas and Ottawa (Kan.). Ottawa (Az.) is the top seed in Pool E with St. Andrews, while third-seeded Florida Memorial tops Pool F with Warner and Corbin's first team. Pool G boats Webber, Ave Maria, and Corbin's second team.

The \$1.8 million dollars invested in renovations are part of an ongoing effort by Lake County officials to drive tourism, encouraging overnight visitors to spend time in Tavares – particularly for beach volleyball events. Hickory Point has hosted more than 54 volleyball events since opening in 2014 and is poised to see that number increase as players and coaches get a chance to see the facilities for themselves.

Tampa won the DII-III Championship at the 2019 DII Small College Beach Championships. Ottawa (Az.) reigned superior in the NAIA division.

The AVCA will be covering the event on social media (@AVCAvolleyball) and posting results online at [www.avca.org](http://www.avca.org) throughout the weekend.

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# 2019 AVCA SMALL COLLEGE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS

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[2019 Full Schedule and Results \(click\)](#)

Congrats to our 2019 Champions: Tampa (DII-III) and Ottawa Univ. - AZ (NAIA)



Lexington, KY – The AVCA, in partnership with the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, are poised to host the second annual AVCA Small College Beach Championships on April 19-21, 2019. Following the success of the inaugural event in 2018, the event is back with an expanded field of participants and a format that will utilize all 21 of the professional-grade courts available at the complex.

The event generated increased interest from college beach teams and the experience all but ensured a return visit to the sunny sands of Tavares, FL, bolstered by a newly constructed beach volleyball complex at Hickory Point Beach. The new facilities are state-of-the-art, featuring a 4,000-square-foot Athletics Center, allowing athletes access to locker rooms, a training room, clubhouse, officials room, covered pavilion, concession stand and new public restrooms.

“The growth of college beach volleyball from zero to 120 teams in just eight years has made for a rich environment for cities and organizations interested in new events,” said AVCA Executive Director, Kathy DeBoer. “We are grateful for our partners in the Florida Region, the city of Tavares and for Baden Sports, all of whom are helping create a championship experience for these teams.”



The 2019 edition of the Small College Beach Championships will feature 11 teams from NCAA Divisions II and III competing for a championship, as well as an 8-team division comprised of teams that compete in the NAIA.

In addition to championships for both divisions, the AVCA will host a “best-of-the-rest” pairs tournament on Friday, April 19, which will be open to all athletes travelling with their teams but not competing in flights 1-5.

“Partnering with the AVCA to host the 2nd annual Small College Beach Championships at Hickory Point Beach in Central Florida is an honor. We specifically designed and built this 21-court championship caliber complex for events like this one,” remarked Steve Bishop, President of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball. “The recent addition of the Athletics Center will make the experience even more enjoyable for teams and spectators. It is exciting to see the college beach game continue to grow., and my hope is that an event such as this one will serve as a catalyst for continued growth in colleges and high schools across the country. We look forward to hosting the 20 colleges that will descend on Hickory Point and we invite beach volleyball fans of all ages to come and enjoy the weekend.”

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Hickory Point has hosted more than 54 volleyball events since opening in 2014, and is poised to see that number increase as players and coaches get a chance to see the facilities for themselves.

The first AVCA Small College Beach Championships took place over April 7-8, 2018 and featured 14 schools from around the country. Representatives from NCAA Division II and III, as well as the NAIA and the CCCAA, competed for titles in two divisions. Texas A&M Kingsville claimed the DII-III Championship, defeating Eckerd College for the title.

Webber International emerged victoriously from the NAIA/CCCAA division, defeating Stevenson in their championship match. Both champions are returning to Tavares to compete in the 2019 event.

The AVCA Small College Beach Championships offer an exciting, fan-friendly atmosphere throughout the weekend. There is no cost for admission and ample free on-site parking. Matches will be running continuously throughout all three days of the event, beginning at 9AM on Friday morning. There will be vendors on site, including ball sponsor, Baden, a variety of food trucks as well as a concession stand, some bleacher seating, and renovated bathroom facilities. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs or towels.

The AVCA will be covering the event on social media (@AVCAvolleyball) and posting results online at [www.avca.org](http://www.avca.org) throughout the weekend.

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# 2018 AVCA SMALL COLLEGE BEACH CHAMPIONSHIPS (INAUGURAL YEAR)

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**2018 Champions:** Texas A&M Kingsville (DII), Webber International (DIII/NAIA)

**2018 Participants:** Eckerd, Florida Southern, Huntingdon, Lincoln Memorial, Missouri Baptist, Mt. San Antonio College, San Diego College, Spring Hill, Saint Leo, Stevenson, Texas A&M Kingsville, University of Tampa, Warner, Webber

**Announcement:** The American Volleyball Coaches Association is excited to announce that the inaugural AVCA Small College Beach Championship will be held on April 7-8, 2018 in Tavares, FL. The event is the product of a partnership with event organizer Dave Carstenson and a commitment by the AVCA to provide a championship experience for student-athletes that are competing at all levels of this rapidly growing sport.

In order to be eligible for this championship, Beach Volleyball must be a varsity sport at the institution and the head beach coach must be a member of the AVCA.

Hickory Point Beach in Tavares, FL will be the first host site of the AVCA Small College Beach Championship. The complex, consisting of 21 professional beach volleyball courts built on the 68-acre Hickory Point Recreational Complex on Lake Harris, is Florida's largest permanent beach volleyball facility. Each court features lights and several other events will take place throughout the weekend, ensuring that April 7-8 will truly celebrate the sport of Beach Volleyball and the enthusiasm that the game has generated in the community.

"The rapid growth of beach volleyball at schools outside of Division I created a need for new championship options," said AVCA Executive Director, Kathy DeBoer. "We are thrilled to join Dave Carstenson and the Florida Region of USAV in providing this service to our members."

Throughout its history the AVCA has filled the need for events while different sectors of the sport were growing toward championship status. From 2012-2015, AVCA hosted the Collegiate Beach Volleyball National Championship in Gulf Shores, AL until, after just four seasons, beach volleyball reached the 40-program threshold needed for NCAA championship status; from 1997 to 2011, AVCA partnered with USA Volleyball to host the Molten Division III Men's Invitational Championship, providing a championship experience until that sector reached the 50 programs needed for NCAA sponsorship.

Currently, 117 colleges have declared they will sponsor a women's varsity beach team in the spring of 2018: 60 in Division I, 11 in Division II, three in Division III, five at NAIA schools and 38 in the California Community College Athletics Association (CCCCAA). By sponsoring this small college championship, AVCA will continue to bring attention to these beach programs and to advocate for support and growth in all sectors of the sport.

For more information on the inaugural AVCA Small College Beach Championship, and Beach Volleyball in general, visit [www.avca.org/groups/beach-volleyball](http://www.avca.org/groups/beach-volleyball) and [www.fiestaonsiestakey.com](http://www.fiestaonsiestakey.com); for complete results of the 2018 season, searchable by team, player and pair, go to [CollegeBeachVB.com](http://CollegeBeachVB.com)

#### **About AVCA**

The AVCA, with its headquarters in Lexington, Ky., is managed by Associations International. The mission of the AVCA is to advance the sport of volleyball with AVCA coaches at the epicenter of leadership, advocacy and professional development. With a membership of over 7,200 and counting, the AVCA provides a professional network for those individuals and companies dedicated to enhancing and promoting the sport. Members include collegiate, high school, club, youth and Olympic coaches, as well as volleyball club directors. The AVCA provides education to volleyball coaches, recognition of elite players and coaches, promotion of volleyball competitions throughout the world, and networking opportunities for volleyball products and services providers. Further information is available at [www.avca.org](http://www.avca.org).

#### **About CollegebeachVB.com**

Seeing a need for a centralized site for rosters, results, rankings, program information and event details pertaining to collegiate beach volleyball, Mike Placek (former pro beach player, current youth beach coach and college beach recruitment coordinator) launched [CollegebeachVB.com](http://CollegebeachVB.com) in May of 2017. The site provides up-to-date match results for both schools and individual pairs. The aim is to create a one-stop site for players, coaches, media, and fans from all over the country.