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FLORIDA STATE

BEACH VOLLEYBALL



THE NATION'S NEWEST SPORT

- The NCAA added Beach Volleyball to its list of championship sports in 2016. It became the 90th and newest national championship sport recognized by the NCAA.
- The Seminoles reached the finals at the NCAA Championship in Gulf Shores, Ala. for the second time in May 2018, finishing with a school-record 33 wins as the national runner-ups.
- Florida State introduced what was then called sand volleyball as its 20th varsity sport in the spring of 2012 and competed as an emerging NCAA sport for four seasons.
- The sport changed names from sand to beach volleyball as it is known as the latter at all other levels of play throughout the world.
- Beach volleyball is the fastest-growing NCAA sport with 99 colleges and universities sponsoring the sport as of January 2018.

AN ELITE PROGRAM

- Since the inception of the program in 2012, Florida State has advanced to the AVCA Championships in each of its first five seasons and the first three NCAA Championships in 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- Florida State is one of just two beach volleyball programs (along with Pepperdine) to have played in every AVCA and NCAA Championship tournament (2012-18).
- The Seminoles finished as the National Runners-up in the 2018 NCAA Championship, advancing through the winner's bracket and taking down No. 5 USC, No. 1 UCLA and No. 3 Hawaii before falling to the Bruins in the finals. It marked the team's second Runner-Up finish after competing in the championship match of the inaugural NCAA Championship in 2016.
- Since 2012, FSU has been recognized with 13 AVCA Beach

All-America honors from 10 different players. The Seminoles' ten All-Americans are tied for the third most nationally.

- Through its first six seasons, Florida State boasts an all-time mark of 159-34 (.824 winning percentage), including a program record 33 dual match victories in 2018.
- FSU has recorded 57 wins against ranked opponents dating back to the 2013 campaign, including 18 earned in the 2018 season.
- One of those ranked wins came against then-No. 3 Hawaii in California in March. FSU was one of only two teams to defeat the Rainbow Wahine last season, as the Seminoles and UCLA beat them twice. FSU snapped Hawaii's 32-match win streak with a 4-1 defeat at the NCAA Championship.
- The Noles took down No. 2 Pepperdine for the first time in school history, 3-2, in Tallahassee during the 2017 season.
- FSU earned the No. 1 overall seed at the 2016 NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship after claiming the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association (CCSA) conference title.
- The Seminoles gathered their third-consecutive CCSA Conference title in 2018.

NOLES IN THE CCSA

- Florida State became a charter member of the Coastal Collegiate Sports Association for beach volleyball prior to the start of the 2016 season.
- The Coastal Collegiate Sports Association expanded to 12 members in 2019, welcoming TCU and Southern Miss to a league that also includes Florida State, UAB, College of Charleston, Florida Atlantic, Florida International, Georgia State, LSU, South Carolina, Tulane and UNC Wilmington.
- Florida State is the only school to sponsor beach volleyball in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

ATTRACTING TOP TALENT

- Fourth-year head coach Brooke Niles earned Third Team All-America honors in indoor volleyball at UC Santa Barbara before moving on to a successful professional beach volleyball career. She was named 2009 AVP Beach Defensive Player of the Year and spent four seasons as a member of the USA Beach National Team.
- Niles was named the 2016 AVCA Coach of the Year as she piloted the Seminoles to a school-record 32 dual-match victories, the CCSA league championship and a No. 1 seed in the inaugural NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship.
- Assistant coach Angela Rock joins the staff full-time in 2019. As one of the most decorated beach volleyball players, Rock brings a wealth of coaching experience to the team on top of a 27-win professional beach career. She competed as an outside hitter for Team USA at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea and was named Team USA's "Most Valuable Player" in 1985.
- Volunteer assistant coach Jonathan Justice steps into a leadership position on the team for the first time in 2019. Seminoles fans may recognize his name from his gold medal finish at the USA Volleyball Collegiate Beach Championship last season with partner Adam Wienckowski, as the two donned the Garnet and Gold throughout the competition and onto the FISU World University Championship in Munich, Germany.
- FSU Beach Volleyball has historically attracted some of the nation's best players to the program. Among those include 2016 AVCA All-American Sarah Putt and AVCA High School Beach All-American First Team selection Kate Privett.

2012 AVCA National Championship Semifinalist
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2014 AVCA National Championship Runner-Up
2015 AVCA Tournament Finished Seventh
2016 NCAA National Championship Runner-Up
2017 NCAA Tournament Finished Fourth
2018 NCAA Tournament Runner-Up

AVCA ALL-AMERICANS

- Aurora Davis 2012, 2014
- Jekaterina Stepanova 2012
- Brittany Tieg 2012
- Sarah Wickstrom 2013
- Jace Pardon 2013, 2014, 2016
- Julie Brown 2016
- Leigh Andrew 2017
- Brooke Kuhlman 2017
- Vanessa Friere 2018
- Tory Parangua 2018

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Appearances at the NCAA and AVCA National Championships (2012-18) including runner-up finishes in 2014, 2016 and 2018.

32

FSU has posted a 32-1 record at home since the program started in 2012.

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The Seminoles' all-time dual match winning percentage dating back to 2012.

13

The number of AVCA Beach All-American certificates Florida State has captured from from 10 different players.



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