



# **ST. LOUIS CYC VOLLEYBALL CLUB**

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*"All good things must come to an end"- Chaucer*

St. Louis CYC volleyball club will conclude its 30th year at the Girls Junior National Championship in Indianapolis this year, as CYC 141, 161 and 181 take part. This will also be the last season for St. Louis CYC Volleyball club.

As a direct result of the CYC participation in a sister city competition in Stuttgart Germany in 1987, CYC's first select volleyball team was born. St. Louis CYC Volleyball Club was formed and began participating in USAV club volleyball. The St. Louis CYC Volleyball Club has competed successfully at the highest levels locally, regionally, and nationally. Our awards and honors include numerous Gateway Regional Gold Division Champions, AAU National Champions, Asics Junior National Champions, USAV Qualifier Champions, and teams that have earned 22 medals at the USAV Junior Nationals, including 7 National Championships.

Much of CYC's focus throughout the years was providing opportunities for players to share our passion for volleyball. Over the years, CYC has had as many as 3 teams per age group, a vibrant boys' program, and over 60 participants in our U10 program. CYC's mission was to help our athletes reach their fullest potential both on and off the court, molding excellent players, but, more importantly, helping these players grow into good people as adults. This has been achieved, as many of our alumni currently coach at all levels, from U10 through college, not to mention the tremendous success that these former players have achieved in college and beyond.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the tremendous contributions from all of our current and former coaches. We are unable to ever repay or thank you enough for all of the tireless hours, the long trips, enduring the baffling schedules and bad calls, surviving the warmth of Forest Park gym in June, or the heart wrenching losses that you have overcome. We have always been extremely proud of our coaching staff, both as coaches, and as quality people, and we want to thank you for all that you have done for us, and wish you well in all of your future endeavors.

So, after relaying all of the good, the question becomes, "Why are we closing?" While there are many varying answers to that question, one of the most important reasons is that a majority of our directors have reached crossroads points in their lives which will lead to greatly reduced availability in the future. At the same time, it has become evident that club volleyball seems to be moving in a direction away from our ideals --- one driven by business needs, and less by passion for the game.

Lastly, we want to thank all of our current and past coaches, parents, players, families, and fans. If it wasn't for all of these people putting their trust in us and believing in what we are about, we would not have achieved the high level of recognition and respect for which we are known throughout the region and nationally. It has been a great ride and we are very fortunate to have had the opportunity to coach hundreds of teams comprising thousands of our youth in the St. Louis and surrounding areas. It is with some sadness that it's all coming to an end, but we are looking at it as a celebration of 30 great years developing relationships and making lifelong friends, while teaching all aspects of the game of volleyball and life itself! Please continue to celebrate our past and present, in this, our last couple of months and last Junior Nationals.

Sincerely,

Paul Scovill    Val Ikemeier    Kathy Harris    Matt Ryan    Matt Kalisiak