

OCC Volleyball Slamming Into Nationals

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The USVBA National Championships will be held in Kansas City, Missouri from May 24 through May 31. Outrigger will enter teams in the Men's Open, 35s, 40s and possibly the 45s, And since some of our spikers are of age this year, Outrigger will also enter a Mens 30s team. Nationals attracts about 45 teams from around the world. Last year, the Open team placed 5th, the Mens 40s finished second, and the 35s won their championship.

Members of the Men's 30s team include Steve Corbelli, Tom Harrer, Keoni Kowalski, Adam Lockwood, John McDermott, Danny McNerny, Matt Rigg, and Chris Siegfried.

Members of the Men's 35s and 40s include Jon Andersen, Kimo Brown, Jim Bukes, Mike Cote,

Chris Crabb, Rob Durand, T. C. Gray, Marc Haine, Charlie Jenkins, Bill Johnson, Jimmy Kalaukoa, Alan Lau, Tom Madison, Scott Rigg, Randy Shaw, Ralph Smith, and Jon Stanley.

Players are allowed to overlap and play on two age group teams. A combination of the members on the Mens 30s team may pick up Stein Metzger, Jason Olive, Brian Wells, Kevin Wong, and Scott Wong to form the Open team.

Kanoa Ostrem has been coaching the Boys 14s, 16s and 18s teams, and Kisi Haine has been coaching the junior girls team. Both coaches have been doing a super job with their players, and will be preparing for the upcoming Junior Volleyball Festival in Davis, California, which attracts over 500 teams, and also the Junior Olympics. Ø