

Boys 17 Volleyball Wins Jr. National Bid

The Outrigger Boys 17 and under volleyball team earned one of 12 qualifying bids for the 2009 Junior Nationals to be held on July 5 in Atlanta. They did this by winning the national qualifier in Anaheim, California with a perfect 18-0 record. They competed against the 48 best teams in the nation.

Members of the team were Henry Cassidy, Micah Christenson, Logan Nowack, Ben Lam, Austin Ako, Lowell Tong, Daylan Chock, Taylor Crabb and Scooter Sakaida.

The boys stayed with Tom and Diane Pestolesi, two former UH volleyball greats, who now live in Huntington Beach.

The format for play in volleyball is unique. Each day, you begin play in a pool of four teams. You play each team a two out of three match. To advance to the next round, you must finish as one of the top two teams in your pool. The

second day was a pool made up of only first and second place teams. The third and final day consisted of a single elimination tournament of the top teams.

The Outrigger boys went undefeated throughout the tournament. Their final match record was 9-0 and their game record was 18-0. The final five matches were played against the perennial California powerhouses in volleyball. In succession, our boys defeated, High Line Volleyball Club, SCVA Volleyball Club, Palisades VB, Balboa Bay VB and the Riptides in the finals.

Special thanks to the parents who supported our boys on this trip. Also, a big mahalo to our boy's 17U coach Tino Reyes, who is also the head assistant of the UH Men's volleyball team.