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Dear Players, Families, Friends and Fans -



## Welcome to the 2018 WVC Championships Tournament!

On behalf of the entire WVC Advisory Committee, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 27th Annual State Championships Tournament hosted by the Milwaukee Sting Volleyball Club. I have the privilege and pleasure of serving as the WVC Commissioner and I would like to welcome you to this year's tournament. Thank you for supporting our teams and players and we hope you enjoy the tournament.

This year's event features 42 teams in five divisions, and will take place at the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls, WI. Two awards ceremonies will celebrate our winning teams, all-conference selections and the season award winners. The WVC Alumni Scholarship will be awarded along with inducting three new members of the WVC Hall of Fame "Class of 2018":

- ❑ **Jackie Koepke** – UW-Oshkosh 2008-2010
- ❑ **Avdo Omerbegovic** – Lakeland College 2007-2010
- ❑ **Lakeland College** – 2008 Division 1 National Champions

A few highlights from 2018 include:

### ***"New Women's Winners"***

UW-Eau Claire Women's D1 and UW-La Crosse capture this year's women's season titles in dominating fashion, going a combined 40-2 in matches and 85-9 in sets. Can they carry their season success into this weekend's matches?

### ***"Titans on Top"***

UW-Oshkosh 2 won the Men's Division 2 regular season title with undefeated record while UW-Oshkosh 1 captured their 10<sup>th</sup> straight WVC Regular Season Championship. Congratulations!

### ***"National Glory"***

UW-Stevens Point Women placed third at the Marquette Rankings tournament against top D1 teams back in February, while UW-Oshkosh captured third place at the tough Las Vegas open a few weeks ago. Marquette's non-WVC squad won the prestigious Hoosier-Illini Tournament and the MIVA Championships this season while maintaining their #1 D1 ranking throughout most of the season.

### ***"Go to the Polls"***

8 WVC teams appeared in the last NCVF Nationals Top 25 polls setting the stage for another great WVC showing in St Louis!

The Wisconsin Volleyball Conference State Championships started in 1992 with the inaugural State Championships played at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. In 1993 the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference began regular season play, and this weekend marks the 26th Anniversary of the first State Championships. The goal was create a "varsity-like" experience for intercollegiate club volleyball players, and I am proud that we have accomplished this goal. Since 1992, the WVC has included 62 different teams and over 4,000 players have participated. In addition, WVC teams have captured 16 National Championships, 14 runners-up and over 100 All Americans.

At the conclusion of the each championship match we will announce the "All-Tournament Team" from each division. As is a long-standing WVC tradition we will then award "The Ball" to the **Tournament MVP** from each of our five WVC Championship Teams.

Finally, good luck to our 26 teams traveling to Kansas City to compete in the NCVF Collegiate Club National Championships next weekend. Please make good decisions and even better memories!

Go WVC!  
Jason Smith  
WVC Commissioner

***"The purpose of the WVC is to promote quality and competitive Men's and Women's Volleyball in Wisconsin"***

## **WVC Advisory Committee**

The WVC Advisory Committee serves the teams and players of the WVC to conduct all regular-season, post-season and alumni business. The WVC is a non-profit and tax exempt corporation and several of the advisory committee members also serve on the WVC, Inc.'s Board of Directors. Without the WVC Advisory Committee, the daily and yearly operations of the WVC simply would not be possible, and as Commissioner I am forever indebted to this incredible team of individuals.

**Eddie Zelhofer** - WVC Advisory Committee member, webmaster and Vice President, WVC, Inc. Eddie also helping teams with their websites and for maintaining our results, standings and our wonderful website. Eddie also assumed the role of Rankings Coordinator for the WVC and was a strong advocate our teams all season in the national polls. Eddie also took the lead in hosting the first ever Midwest D2 Challenge this February, featuring 16 of the top D2 teams in the country, and did an amazing job with that event hosted here at the MSC. Vice President, WVC, Inc

**Holly Vogelsang** - WVC Women's Division and Web Coordinator, Advisory Committee member and Treasurer, WVC, Inc. Holly has become an invaluable asset to the WVC the past few seasons. Holly schedules the entire Women's division, helps manage our Facebook presence, handles the USAV registration process (thank you) and takes care of all of the little things that are needed to make a 42-team league run so smoothly.

**Julie Voeck** - WVC Advisory Committee member and WVC Official's Assignor. Julie assigns all officials for all WVC Matches and playdates and we sincerely appreciate the work you do for our team and couldn't have managed it without her expertise and patience.

**Jon Weir** - WVC Advisory Committee member, photographer, videographer and Hall of Fame Director. Jon designed this year's program cover and posters and ensures our State Championships moments are captured in his fantastic photos.

**Scott Spiess** - WVC Advisory Committee and Alumni Coordinator for keeping everyone in the loop with another year of the WVC Vibe newsletter.

**Brian "Lumpy" Schaefer** - WVC Advisory Committee member and Secretary, WVC, Inc.

**Will Brydon** - WVC Advisory Committee member, statistics and D3 Scheduling coordinator.