



Club Corner

Greetings -

Hope you've been staying warm this week, Utopia! Can you believe tryouts were 3 months ago? Our teams have been working hard in the Gym and at Strength and Conditioning sessions with 10 of our 15 teams having competed in their first tournaments of the year.

January was a busy month for both **16 American-1 Goolsby** and **14 American-3 Mihi** with having participated in 3 tournaments each. They both got started the weekend of January 12-13 and have worked hard to continue to battle on the court. 16-Goolsby has 3 Gold finishes and 14-Mihu has 2 Silver and 1 Bronze under their belts so far.

Our Elite teams had several strong showings with **13 Elite-MeKinda** finishing **3rd in Gold** at SPIRE on January 12th, **14 Elite-Marshall** finished **2nd in Gold**, and **16 Elite-Schultz** earned **1st in Gold** at OhioNets. Congrats girls!

Both 15 American teams braved the snow to compete at All Pro Spirit on January 21st. While **15 American-2 Walton** earned 1st in their Pool, they finished **5th in Gold** after a hard fought battle against **15 American-1 Griesmer** during the first round of Tournament play. 15-Griesmer made it to the semi-finals and lost a tough third set 16-18 to Eastside. They finished **3rd in Gold** and head back to competition this weekend with a tournament at Force.

A few other notable finishes include **12 Elite-Marshall** coming in **5th in Gold** at OhioNets this past weekend, **13 American Walton** coming in **1st in Silver**, and **14 American-2 Brassow** coming in **3rd in Silver** at the Edge.

Great start, girls! Reminder to all parents and coaches, if you have pictures or a short write-up after your team competes in a tournament, we want to hear! Feel free to share with becky@utopiabeachvolleyball.com for a chance to be included in the next newsletter or used on our social media sites.

Can't wait to see what is ahead for this season, Utopia!

Sincerely,
Rich Walton and Hugh Daly
Utopia Beach Volleyball

Utopia Website Has Been Updated

We encourage all families to continue to check our Utopia website for updates and information. All team pages have been updated with team pictures, tournament schedules, and current rosters.

Don't forget that we also have a space for you to view previous club newsletters, read more about the private lessons we offer, and direct links to all tournament results.



Click [HERE](#) to check out 2019 Team Pages

Upcoming Tournaments

Weekend of February 2-3

- 12 Elite-Marshall - [All Pro Spirit](#)
- 12 American-Steible - [SPIRE Institute](#)
- 13 Elite-MeKinda - [The Edge](#)
- 13 American-Walton - [The Edge](#)
- 14 Elite Marshall - [Eastside Volleyball Club](#)
- 14 American-1-Semen - [Eastside Volleyball Club](#)
- 15 Elite Raimondo - [JVA Steel City Freeze](#)
- 15 American-1-Griesmer - [Force Sports](#)
- 15 American-2-Walton - [Force Sports](#)
- 16 American-1-Goolsby - [OhioNets](#)
- 17 Elite Rowell - [JVA Steel City Freeze](#)



Weekend of February 9-10

- 12 Elite-Marshall - [Dublin Jerome HS](#)
- 14 American-1-Semen - [NEO Sports Plant](#)
- 14 American-2-Brassow - [NEO Sports Plant](#)
- 15 American-1-Griesmer - [The Edge](#)
- 15 American-2-Walton - [The Edge](#)
- 16 Elite Schultz - [Paragon](#)

Reminder About Cold/Snow Days

Just a friendly reminder that regardless if AOA is closed, Utopia practice is ON (unless your head coach directly communicates with you).

AOA is a boarding school, so much of the facility remains open even if they cancel classes.

Team Standouts - [#teamtuesday](#)



Congrats to **16 Elite-Schultz** who was named UBV's first 2019 #teamtuesday on social media due to their 1st in Gold victory at OhioNets the previous weekend.



16 American-Goolsby wasn't far behind with being recognized earlier this week for earning 5th in Gold at all three of their tournaments so far this season.

Utopia Medal Count



Updated medal count for tournament finishes in Gold, Silver, and Bronze. Great work, ladies! Keep it up!

REMINDER: Utopia Book Bags Available to Purchase



All bags are \$75 and can be paid with cash or check upon pick-up. Back Packs come embroidered with the Utopia logo on them, and you can add a specific name/number for *FREE* if you bring to [Top Shelf Embroidery and Design](#) in Mentor.

To order, please contact info@utopiabeachvolleyball.com with color option (black or red/grey).

Rooms for OVR Championships are Almost Gone Book TODAY for May

As you have heard, the OVR has blocked many of the hotels for Championship weekends in May. If you are looking to stay at the Hilton or Hyatt, you must go through the OVR for the best rate.

There are many other hotels in the area, however, being attached to the Convention Center has its perks. This year, teams are on their own to coordinate their stay in Columbus, and must go through the below link in **RED** to reserve their rooms. We highly suggest doing this early, as many hotels tend to sell out months in advance.

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