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Triangle teams compete at 44th AAU Girls’ Junior National Championships

Thirteen teams compete at championship events in Orlando while four head to Minneapolis

Morrisville, NC, June 26, 2017: Thirteen Triangle teams closed their season in pursuit of a national championship at the 44th annual AAU Girls’ Junior National Championships over the last two weeks.

Teams play approximately ten matches in their specific age level and division over four days. Each age level 10-18’s has multiple competitive divisions with the Open division being the most competitive. In addition to Triangle’s remaining national level teams [those with a 7-month season], Triangle assembled four (4) AAU-only teams: two 12U teams and one team each at 14U and 15U.

It is customary at AAU’s and other national championship events to exchange a handshake gift with the opposing team at the opening of each match. Since 2008 Triangle has made donations to a designated charity in lieu of purchasing handshake exchange gifts. The charity designee for 2017 national championships is **The Fight for Ry** – a fundraising and awareness campaign for spinal cord injuries named for former Triangle player who suffered a debilitating spinal cord injury last summer.

Triangle teams played a total 136 matches at AAU’s and earned an overall 43% win percentage. Along the way Triangle secured two top 15 finishes. Triangle 16 White earned Triangle’s best finish making it into the elite Gold division for the final day’s bracket play. The results for each team are as follows:

AAU Girls’ Junior National Championships				
Team	Division	Wins	Losses	Finish
12 National	Club	7	5	47/58
12 Regional	Club	2	8	56/58
13 Black	Open	3	8	T14/21
13 Blue	Premier	2	8	T25/30
14 Black	Open	2	8	27/30
14 Blue*	Premier	4	6	T29/50
14 White	Club	5	5	T38/116
15 Blue	Premier	4	7	64/75
15 White	Club	6	5	T80/160
15 Regional	Club	3	7	T87/160
16 White*	Club	8	3	T9/161
17 Blue	Premier	4	5	T45/104
17 White	Premier	8	3	T22/139

**Indicates highest finish in division by a North Carolina team*

“T” indicates tie [i.e. T11 = tied for 11th]

Triangle Volleyball Club, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 2002 and is dedicated to ‘educating the whole person through excellence in the sport of volleyball.’ *Triangle* is equally committed to growing volleyball in North Carolina and has expanded its programs and offerings, leading the way for NC junior volleyball. *Triangle Volleyball Club* is a member of the Carolina Region of USA Volleyball, the national volleyball organization of the U.S. Olympic program, Junior Volleyball Association [JVA], and the American Volleyball Coaches Association [AVCA]. For more information visit www.trianglevolleyball.org; www.carolinaregionvb.org; www.usavolleyball.org, <http://www.avca.org/jva/>.