



PRESS RELEASE

Triangle selected by NCYS as 2018 S.T.R.I.V.E award winner

National Council of Youth Sports honors Triangle for their injury prevention program and 'whole person' approach to sport



Morrisville, NC, July 6, 2018: Triangle Volleyball Club was selected by the National Council of Youth Sports' [NCYS], as the 2018 S.T.R.I.V.E. Organization of the Year. The S.T.R.I.V.E. Award [Sports Teach Respect, Initiative, Values, and Excellence] was established in 2012 and is presented annually by NCYS and award corporate sponsor, AIG. A panel of judges comprised of youth sports industry leaders, selected Triangle was one of five finalists from amongst the many nominations received by the NCYS. After announcing the five finalists in May, the award winner was determined by the combination of online voting by the general public from June 1 until June 22 and the input from the panel of judges.

This award recognizes a youth sports organization that embraces a "kids first" approach, evidenced by their implementation of recognized best practices and policies that protect kids and promote safety within their organization. Criteria for selection includes demonstrating a heartfelt passion, commitment and contagious spirit for helping kids succeed in youth sports activities while maintaining a commitment to established safety procedures. This award praises organizations' commitment to kids' safety and health, demonstrating to young people that it is possible for Sports to Teach Respect, Initiative, Values and Excellence without compromising safety.

Triangle is one of only two organizations selected twice as a S.T.R.I.V.E. award finalist (2013 and 2018). This prestigious recognition and ultimately earning the 2018 S.T.R.I.V.E. award is the result of Triangle's continued commitment to injury prevention through investment in numerous initiatives that advance athlete safety by minimizing the injury risk potential of Triangle athletes. "We are beyond ecstatic and humbled to learn that NCYS has selected Triangle as a leader amongst all youth sport organizations in the areas of athlete health and safety," stated Sherry Fadool, Triangle's Executive Director. Fadool added, "Back in 2009 we placed an intentional focus and dedicated significant resources towards implementing a comprehensive training program. Without question, nutrition, hydration, strength and conditioning, functional movement and mobility, and rest and recovery training are critical to athletic performance. Combined with gym improvements to reduce injury risk and by providing on-site physical therapy consultation services aimed at identifying and treating any early signs of the most common overuse-type injuries in volleyball, we can better insure that our athletes realize their potential and enjoy a lifetime of participation in sport."

At a date this fall to be determined, Triangle will be presented with the S.T.R.I.V.E. award, a U.S. flag which will be flown over the nation's capital in Triangle's honor, and a \$5,000 prize. <[VIEW NCYS PRESS RELEASE](#)>

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 the sport of volleyball in North Carolina and has expanded its programs and offerings, leading the way for NC junior girls' 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], American Volleyball Coaches Association [AVCA], National Council of Youth Sports, Mid-Atlantic Power League [MAPL], and a designated partner with Bridge II Sports Paralympic Sports Club. Links: trianglevolleyball.org, usavolleyball.org, carolinaregionvb.org, www.avca.org, jvaonline.org, ncys.org, maplvb.com, bridge2sports.org.