

## History of Flatirons Volleyball Club

Flatirons Volleyball Club was established in 1999 by Susan Cancilla and LaRae Musselman. Susan and LaRae fell in love with volleyball when they played in college. The fire was fueled when their daughters took up the sport and grew to be strong players. From there, the goal to offer competitive volleyball for girls took off in the form of Flatirons Volleyball Club.

Flatirons began with one team; a 17's team coached by Robyn Read, Assistant Coach for the University of Colorado. After winning two Power Tournaments, this inaugural group qualified for Junior Olympics in Louisville, KY. An elated group of 37 players, coaches, parents, siblings and grandparents traveled to Louisville, Kentucky where a tradition of unity and celebration began.

Many more highlights followed including:

- \*Grand Champion first place winners of the inaugural RMR Showdown Tournament
- \*2001: Ninth place finish at the Northeast National Qualifier
- \*2003: 18 Nat'l took seventh place finish at Northern Lights National Qualifier Open Division then second at the RMR JO Qualifier Tournament
- \*2004: 14 Nat'l wins three Power Tournaments and finishes 18 Nat'l finishes 5<sup>th</sup> in RMR; missed JO's by one
- \*2007 was the year of 5's: 18 National took 5<sup>th</sup> at the President's Day Classic in Omaha, 5<sup>th</sup> at the Far Western National Qualifier, and finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the RMR.  
16 Nat'l were Bronze Champions at the Pacific Northwest National Qualifier
- \*2008: Three Flatirons teams qualified for the RMR JNQ Tournament
- \*2010: 16 National finishes in Division I
- \*2011: 13's win three Power Tournaments in a row; 14's win three Power Tournaments – but not in a row ☺
- \*2012: 12's and 15 Nat'l finish the season in Division II  
13's and 14 Nat'l win their Regional Championship Tournaments
- \*2013: 12's, 13-1 and 16 National finish the season in Division II  
13-1 wins Reserve Champion Division at RMR Showdown  
14 Regional wins the Power 4 Tournament  
14 National wins 2<sup>nd</sup> place at their Regional Tournament  
16 National win 4<sup>th</sup> overall at the RMR Showdown  
16 National takes 1<sup>st</sup> at their Regional Tournament, Division II  
17 National wins 1<sup>st</sup> place in their pool in Power 1 Tournament
- \*2014: 14 National finishes the season in Division II and wins the Regional Tournament  
15 National takes 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Colorado Classic Tournament  
15 National wins Power 2 earning pins  
13-1 takes first at Power 2 earning pins

Despite the numerous victories, the true measure of success is the friendships, sisterhoods and even marriages that occurred due to the strong connections made through Flatirons Volleyball Club.

We're proud to have had several Olympians in our gym as coaches and clinicians: Logan Tom, Stacy Sykora, Erik Sullivan, Mickisha Hurley, Tom Hogan, Craig Buck and Ryan Millar.

Over the course of 15 seasons, over 1000 athletes have donned Flatirons uniforms. Many Flatirons players have chosen to continue as college athletes. Take a look at "Success Stories" on the News page to see the complete list of where Flatirons players have gone to college.

Flatirons Volleyball Club has held an active role in the Rocky Mountain Region by serving on the Seeding Committee, the Recruiting Committee, the Format Committee and the Spectator Behavior Committee. We are proud of our continuing contribution to the Rocky Mountain Region.

We continue to offer quality, competitive volleyball through excellent coaching and proven technical instruction. If you are athletic, love volleyball and are willing to work hard as a member of a volleyball team, you should play for Flatirons Volleyball Club.