

# 45<sup>th</sup> AAU National Championships

**Orlando, FL** – The 45<sup>th</sup> AAU National Championships are the 12 days that KIVA National teams train for all year. June 17<sup>th</sup> KIVA teams begun their quest for a National Championship. When the final day of play ended, June 29<sup>th</sup>, KIVA had garnered two NATIONAL CHAMPIONS, four BRONZE MEDALIST, and eight additional TOP 10 FINISHES.

- National Champion – Asics KIVA 14 Red
- National Champion – Asics KIVA 13 White
- Bronze Medalist – Asics KIVA 17 Red
- Bronze Medalist – Asics KIVA 16 Red
- Bronze Medalist – Asics KIVA 15 White
- Bronze Medalist – Asics KIVA 13 Black
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Asics KIVA 15 Red
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Asics KIVA 14 White
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Asics KIVA 13 Red
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Asics KIVA 12 Red
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Asics KIVA 18 Red
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – Asics KIVA 11 Red
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place – Asics KIVA 14 Black
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place – Asics KIVA 10 Red

The excellent play at this year's event, brought Asics KIVA's AAU National Championship total to 33 and 111 medal finishes. The addition of this year's medals increased KIVA's total national championships, including AAU and former USAV & JVA National championships, to 51 and a total of 157 (Gold, Silver, & Bronze medal) finishes between the three events.

Asics KIVA 14 Red's National Championship capped a phenomenal year and garnered Club Director/Head Coach, Ron Kordes his 8<sup>th</sup> National Title. Asics KIVA 13 White finished what will be considered Head Coach, Laura McCulloch's most successful year (to date) as she led her team to its first National Title in her 16 year tenure. Asics KIVA 17 Red was led by first year KIVA Head Coach, Anne Kordes. Her second full season with KIVA after a six year Head Coaching stint at the University of Louisville. This is the second medal finish in two years at this age group for Coach Kordes. 2017 she was an Assistant Coach on the National Runner-up team. Asics KIVA 16 Red saw Head Coach, Melissa Starck-Bean return to the medal stand for the first time since 2008, when she guided her 15 Red team to the National Championship. Asics KIVA 15 White was led by first year Head Coach, Heather Houston (welcome to the KIVA family!). Lastly, Asics KIVA 13 Black found their way to the medal stand for the second time in the past three seasons (2016 National Champions) under the direction of Head Coach, Maria Murphy

In addition to the team success. Seventeen individual KIVA athletes were honored as AAU All-Americans, recognizing them as one of the top 10 players in their age division. Two KIVA athletes were voted, *Most Valuable Player* of their age divisions. These seventeen athletes joined a prestigious list of KIVA alumnae, as they brought the 16 year total to 212 All-Americans and 21 MVP awards.

- Bailey Roszman – Asics KIVA 18 Red
- Callie Martin – Asics KIVA 17 Red
- Rylee Rader – Asics KIVA 17 Red
- Kristen Clemons – Asics KIVA 16 Red
- Anna DeBeer – Asics KIVA 16 Red
- Elizabeth Godfrey – Asics KIVA 15 White
- Lucy Malone – Asics KIVA 15 White
- Emily Ready – Asics KIVA 15 Red
- Chloe Osborne – Asics KIVA 14 Red – **MVP**
- Madison Rice-Locket – Asics KIVA 14 Red
- Ainsley Clark – Asics KIVA 14 Red
- Delaney Saultzman – Asics KIVA 14 White
- Molly Moore – Asics KIVA 13 White – **MVP**
- Evie Hart – Asics KIVA 13 White
- Isabelle George – Asics KIVA 13 White
- Zoe Cooper – Asics KIVA 13 Black
- Dalaney Packer – Asics KIVA 13 Black