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NATION'S CAPITAL HOSTS 3rd ANNUAL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Over 3,600 girls will compete in this growing event

WASHINGTON, DC (February 10, 2009) – The 3rd annual Capitol Hill Volleyball Classic kicks off on Saturday, February 14th, 8:00 a.m., at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, bringing a sell-out field of 364 girls' volleyball teams together to compete for the championship. The tournament concludes on February 16, President's Day. The tournament is hosted by Metro American Volleyball Club and the Greater Washington Sports Alliance, a non-profit organization whose mission it is to promote sports in the region.

"The Sports Alliance is happy to again host the Capitol Hill Volleyball Classic, with teams and supporters from across the country, to the Washington Convention Center this year," said Greater Washington Sports Alliance President Bob Sweeney.

The winning team will be awarded a championship trophy but girls will also have the opportunity to prove themselves through competition for six individual skill awards in each of the seven age divisions. A committee of coaches will award honors for best Receiver, Server, Digger, Attacker, Blocker, and Setter. Age division MVP's are also selected.

In addition, The Capitol Hill Volleyball Classic will serve as the first stop on the Dig Pink Tour™. Recently, Dig Pink™, the national fund raising arm of the Side-Out Foundation, announced that the organization will partner with five national volleyball tournaments to host the Dig Pink Tour™ in an effort to raise money for breast cancer awareness and research.
www.digpink.org

The tournament also attracts close to 60 college volleyball coaches who are all there to scout the best talent.

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About the Metro American Volleyball Club:

Metro American Volleyball Club is based in Washington DC and is one of the premier volleyball clubs in the nation. The club offers girls ages 12-18 the opportunity to train and compete nationally in the sport of volleyball. To find out more, log on to www.mavbc.org.

About the Greater Washington Sports Alliance

Established in 2003, The Greater Washington Sports Alliance (GWSA) is a regional non-profit sports commission created to foster economic development and civic pride through the power of sports. GWSA's mission encompasses the attraction of sporting events to the region, the promotion of the regional professional, collegiate and amateur franchises, the support of youth investment organizations and the branding of Washington, D.C. as a world class sports destination. For more information on GWSA, visit www.gwsportsalliance.com.

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