

2009 USAR 36th Junior Olympic Championships – East Lansing, MI - June 24–28, 2009:

This year's Junior Nationals was held in East Lansing Michigan at the Michigan Athletic Club. The MAC is an awesome 9 court facility that offers racquetball, squash, basketball, beach volleyball, outdoor racquetball, and a recreational pool with waterslides. Additional matches were held at Michigan State University's 9 court Intramural Building facility. This year brought 185 participants from 32 states.

Florida brought a talented group of 8 Juniors ranging from ages 7 to 18, and the Florida Junior Team Coach Kim Roy. The Boys competing were: 18- Dan Lerow and Michael White; 16- Tim Lerow; 14- Sean Cooperrider; 12- Connor Feagle; and 10- Evan Wargo. The Girls competing were: 10- Jordan Cooperrider; and 8- Graciana Wargo.

Our Juniors competed strongly against the usual powerhouse states of Oregon, Ohio, California, and the home state of Michigan. When the 5 day tournament was over, the Florida Junior Team came home with 11 medals, equaling last year's count but doing it with 3 fewer participants.

There were 2 national champions from Florida. Jordan Cooperrider was on the National Champion doubles team that won Girl's Doubles 10- and Graciana Wargo became a National Champion by winning the Girl's Singles Multi-Bounce 8- division. In addition, Jordan and Graciana qualified for the 2009 USA Junior Esprit Team.

A special thanks to Kim Roy, all the participating parents, and to the FRA for their support.

Here are the Florida Junior Team results:

Total Team Points: 104.5

Total Medals: 11

Dan Lerow

Age 18-

Bradenton, FL

Team Points: 8.0

1 Medal

1) Boy's Singles 18-

2nd Place – Red Draw

Division Points: 8.0

Silver Medal

Michael White, Jr.

Age 18-

West Park, FL

Team Points: 3.5

1 Medal

1) Boy's Singles 18-

3rd Place – White Draw

Division Points: 3.5

Bronze Medal

Tim Lerow

Age 16-

Bradenton, FL

Team Points: 6.0

1 Medal

1) Boy's Singles 16-

4th Place – Red Draw

Division Points: 6.0

Pewter Medal

Sean Cooperrider

Age 14-

Palm Harbor, FL

Team Points: 18.0

1) Boy's Singles 14-

5th Place (Tie) – Blue Draw

Division Points: 12.0

2) Boy's Doubles 14-

5th Place (Tie) – Main Draw

Division Points: 6.0

Connor Feagle

Age 12-

Ocala, FL

Team Points: 12.0

1 Medal

1) Boy's Singles 12-

5th Place (Tie) – Blue Draw

Division Points: 12.0

2) Boy's Doubles 12-

3rd Place – Consolation Draw

Division Points: 0.0

Bronze Medal

Evan Wargo

Age 10-

Palm Harbor, FL

Team Points: 36.0

3 Medals

1) Boy's Singles 10-

2nd Place – Blue Draw

Division Points: 15.0

2) Boy's Doubles 10-

3rd Place – Full Draw

Division Points: 15.0

3) Junior Mixed Doubles 10-

2nd Place - Full Draw

Division Points: 6.0

Silver Medal

Jordan Cooperrider

Age 10-

Palm Harbor, FL

Team Points: 9.0

* USA Junior Team Qualifier

2 Medals

1) Girl's Singles 10-

3rd Place - Full Draw

Division Points: 6.0

Bronze Medal

2) Girl's Doubles 10-

1st Place* National Champion

Division Points: 3.0

Gold Medal

Graciana Wargo

Age 8-

Palm Harbor, FL

Team Points: 12.0

* USA Junior Team Qualifier

2 Medals

1) Girl's Multi-Bounce 8-

1st Place National Champion

Division Points: 12.0

Gold Medal

2) Girl's Singles 8-

2nd Place* – Full Draw

Division Points: 0.0

Silver Medal

