

2010 USAR 37th Junior Olympic National Championships

Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 26 – 30, 2010

Florida Sends 6 Junior Racquetball Athletes to the 2010 USAR Junior Nationals. Juniors Bring Back Great Experience, 11 Medals, and 4 National Championships.

MINNEAPOLIS — The 2010 Junior Nationals was held in Minneapolis at the University of Minnesota Recreation Center. This year's sole racquetball facility was a very convenient walk from the host hotel on the vibrant urban campus. The facility has 12 (glass-back) courts, 2 of which are (glass-side) stadium courts.

There were 154 Juniors from 34 states competing. Team-Florida consisted of 6 Junior Athletes ranging from ages 8 to 18. Competing were; Jordan Cooperrider, Sean Cooperrider, Dan Lerow, Tim Lerow, Evan Wargo, and Graciana Wargo. Supporting Team-Florida onsite was Florida Junior Director Kim Roy.

Florida ranked as the 9th largest participating state. After the 5 day tournament was complete, Team-Florida's 6 members brought home 11 medals. This equaled Team-Florida's medal count from both the 2009 Junior Nationals in Michigan with 8 team members, and the 2008 Junior Nationals in California with 11 team members. In addition, this year Team-Florida also brought home 4 National Championship Titles.

Congrats to [Dan Lerow](#) for closing out his excellent Junior National's career by being a Quarter Finalist in the Boy's 18- blue draw. Dan has been a prominent national competitor playing in many Junior and High School Championships. Dan also got 5th with his brother Tim in the Boy's 18- Doubles. Now it's all Men's Open.

Congrats to [Tim Lerow](#) who made a strong run into the Quarter Finals of the Boy's 16- blue draw. Tim chose to play-up this year into the Boy's 18- Doubles and to partner-up with his brother Dan. Tim placed into the Quarter Finals of the Boy's 18- Doubles, earning a 5th Place spot in this very competitive division.

Congrats to [Sean Cooperrider](#) who came back to Florida with 2 medals. Sean dove his way into the Quarter Finals of the Boy's 14- gold draw, only to run into the eventual champion. Sean also placed 3rd in the Boy's 14- Doubles, and earned a 2nd Place spot with his sister Jordan in the Mixed 14- Doubles consolation draw.

Congrats to [Evan Wargo](#) for earning 2 national medals. Evan made a strong run with some marathon matches to earn a 3rd Place Bronze medal in the Boy's 12- red draw. Evan fought to the Quarter Finals in the Boy's 12- Doubles, only to be stopped by the reigning World Champions. Evan also got 3rd in the Mixed 12- Doubles.

Congrats to [Jordan Cooperrider](#) for getting 3 medals and for earning the National Championship in Girl's 12- Doubles, repeating with her 10- partner from last year. Jordan also took 3rd Place in the Girl's 12s, in a close 3-way division tie. Jordan played-up with brother Sean to 2nd Place in the Mixed 14- Doubles consolation draw.

Congrats to [Graciana Wargo](#) for being a 3-time 2010 National Champion in Girl's 8- Singles, repeating National Champion in Girl's 8- Multi-Bounce, and also taking 1st Place in the Boy's 8- Multi-Bounce. Kudos to Graci for the courage to battle and defeat the boys. Graci also played-up in the Girl's 10's and got 3rd Place.

Jordan Cooperrider and Graciana Wargo both received the 2010 All-American Junior Athlete Award and both also qualified for the 2010 USA Junior Esprit Team. In November, they will both represent the USA in team competition against nearly 20 countries at the 2010 IRF 22nd Junior World Championships in Los Angeles.

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2010 Junior Team-Florida

Gold Medals: 4 Silver Medals: 2 Bronze Medals: 5 Pewter Medals: 0 Total Medals: 11
National Championships: 4

Dan Lerow

Boy's Age 18- (Up Yr)

Bradenton FL Team-Head

- ① Boy's 18- Singles 5th Place (Blue Draw)
- ② Boy's 18- Doubles 5th Place (Main Draw)

Partner: Tim Lerow (FL)

Tim Lerow

Boy's Age 16- (Up Yr)

Bradenton FL Team-Head

- ① Boy's 16- Singles 5th Place (Blue Draw)
- ② Boy's 18- Doubles 5th Place (Main Draw)

Partner: Dan Lerow (FL)

Sean Cooperrider

Boy's Age 14- (Up Yr)

Palm Harbor FL Team-Head 2 Medals

- ① Boy's 14- Singles 5th Place (Gold Draw)
- ② Boy's 14- Doubles 3rd Place (Main Draw)
- ③ Junior Mixed 14- Doubles 2nd Place (Cons Draw)

Partner: Robert Hemphill (AL)

Partner: Jordan Cooperrider (FL)

Bronze Medal

Silver Medal

Evan Wargo

Boy's Age 12- (Down Yr)

Palm Harbor FL Team-Head 2 Medals

- ① Boy's 12- Singles 3rd Place (Red Draw)
- ② Boy's 12- Doubles 5th Place (Main Draw)
- ③ Junior Mixed 12- Doubles 3rd Place (Cons Draw)

Partner: Wayne Antone (OR)

Partner: Kaitlyn Boyle (OR)

Bronze Medal

Bronze Medal

Jordan Cooperrider

Girl's Age 12- (Down Yr)

Palm Harbor FL Team-Head 3 Medals

- ① Girl's 12- Singles 3rd Place
- ② Girl's 12- Doubles 1st Place National Champion
- ③ Junior Mixed 14- Doubles 2nd Place (Cons Draw)

Partner: Erika Manilla (CO)

Partner: Sean Cooperrider (FL)

Bronze Medal

Gold Medal

Silver Medal

- 2010 USAR National Champion – Junior Girl's 12 and Under Doubles
- 2010 All-American Junior Athlete Award Recipient
- 2010 USA Junior Esprit Team Qualifier

Graciana Wargo

Girl's Age 8- (Up Yr)

Palm Harbor FL Team-Head 4 Medals

- ① Girl's 8- Multi-Bounce 1st Place National Champion
- ② Girl's 8- Singles 1st Place National Champion
- ③ Girl's 10- Singles 3rd Place
- ④ Boy's 8- Multi-Bounce 1st Place National Champion

Gold Medal

Gold Medal

Bronze Medal

Gold Medal

- 2010 USAR National Champion – Junior Girl's 8 and Under Multi-Bounce Singles
- 2010 USAR National Champion – Junior Girl's 8 and Under Singles
- 2010 USAR National Champion – Junior Boy's 8 and Under Multi-Bounce Singles
- 2010 All-American Junior Athlete Award Recipient
- 2010 USA Junior Esprit Team Qualifier

