

## James Phillips Bio

I began in the region as a player in Panama City, Florida in 1986 where I played B/BB for 4 years. I then traveled to Tallahassee, Florida where I played men's club ball at Florida State University for 4 years, 1990 – 1993 and 1995. I began officiating USAV in 1996 and achieved my National ranking in 2002. I became a National PAVO (collegiate) official that same year. I attained my National Beach rating and National Scorekeeping rating in 2003. I joined the Board of Directors in 2000 as the Secretary of the region. I was in that role 4 years and then became the Scorekeeping Chair in 2004. I assumed the role of the Commissioner in 2006 when the elected person resigned his position. Since becoming Commissioner, the region has seen more change in the Board of Directors than in any other time in the history of the Florida Region. The BOD has reduced to 9 members from its original number of 23. We have added three region staff members, 1 full-time Executive Director, 1 registrar and 1 part-time assistant. I have completely rewritten the By-Laws, the Adult handbook and the Junior handbook. I have also written the Operating Code. We have seen unprecedented growth in Junior membership since I have taken office. We have hosted our largest regional championships in both Junior boy's and Junior girl's, and also in Adults. We have converted to the National database for registration and have become a leader in membership growth in USA volleyball. We have hosted the High Performance championships for both years of my tenure, and we expect them to come back in 2010. I appreciate your vote and look forward to serving you for 4 more years. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you.