



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

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MAYOR

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Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to extend warm greetings to all of those attending and participating in the 3rd Annual adidas Windy City National Qualifier.

For three years now, the Windy City National Qualifier has allowed volleyball fans of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to watch and be a part of this prestigious tournament. One of the largest indoor amateur sporting events that our city has ever held, this three-day tournament set a new record last year when we welcomed more than 800 teams with 15,000 participants, over 200 officials with hundreds more staff and volunteers, and about 30,000 spectators. Thanks to you, I know it will be even bigger and better this year.

The adidas Windy City National Qualifier presents a special opportunity to come together for competition and camaraderie all in the name of sport and fun. Not only do events as large as this unite us, but they also boost support between our outstanding local businesses and our volleyball fan-base in the Chicagoland area. And none of this would be possible without the hard work of all staff members and committed volunteers in addition to the involved efforts and collaboration of the USA Volleyball Great Lakes Regional office, McCormick Place, Choose Chicago, and our local event partners. I am proud to offer heartfelt congratulations to each participant in the tournament on their outstanding successes both on the court and in the classroom, and commend the parents and coaches for their enduring efforts and sacrifice in supporting these extraordinary athletes.

It is my hope that outside of playing and watching spirited volleyball, you will take some time to enjoy our fair city and experience some of the special places in Chicago. Our historic neighborhoods, iconic skyline and incredible lakefront invite you to explore all Chicago has to offer. I also hope you have a chance to sample our distinguished restaurants, tour our great universities, and visit our world-class museums during your stay.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, I wish all the participants the best of luck and hope you all have a great time. Best wishes for success in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Mayor