

Portland Volleyball Club 12-Pink

Experience at 2011 Nationals.

Once in a lifetime experience. That sums up the feelings of our team after experiencing USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships in Atlanta, Georgia this past June 2011. On the day before our first matches, we entered the Georgia World Congress Center and were immediately inundated with the overwhelming feeling that we were in a special place. Loud whistles blowing, enthusiastic parents cheering, intense coaches screaming, determined players diving -all in a seemingly infinite sea of courts (probably 50). Our wide-eyed players were determined to make the best of this opportunity and play to their limits.

We cherished every point and every play. Our win/loss record will eventually all melt away but the tears of joy and the heartbreaks of struggles will be cherished memories for life. We would all relive it in a heartbeat!

-- Chijo Takeda
12-Pink Coach.