



**IDAHO VOLLEYBALL TEAM COMPETES INTERNATIONALLY —
GROWS THE GAME**

Nampa, ID — For the first time ever, Brazil invites an Idaho volleyball team, made up of high school students, to an international competition. Idaho Crush (based in Nampa) will send its 17 year old national team to South America this March to challenge the best players in Brazil. “It’s an unbelievable opportunity,” says Head Coach and Club Owner Caroline Bower. “It’s an invitation that, to our knowledge, has never been extended to a U.S. team this young before.”

This Idaho Crush team lives up to its name - literally “crushing it” on the court during their past season finishing 13th in the nation for their age group. The girls became the first in their region of the country to win three national qualifier tournaments in a row playing in the highest volleyball division known as “The Open Division.” Three of the ten teammates are already committed to Division 1 college volleyball programs as high school juniors, while the rest are being recruited and scouted by schools all over the country. “There has never been a more decorated, highly ranked volleyball team coming out of Idaho,” says Bower.

The Treasure Valley high schoolers want to make an impact off the court too, calling themselves “Ambassador Athletes.” “These young women have the hearts as big as their volleyball skills,” says Bower. When not on the court, the girls are planning volleyball clinics and service projects at a local orphanage during their week long visit to Rio and Sao Paulo. “The point of this trip is twofold,” remarks Bower, “to compete in some of the best international volleyball matches, but also for the girls to share their love of the game to make a positive impact on children’s lives.”

Join the team by helping the girls earn their way to Brazil!

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