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***Beach Volleyball***

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**2022 FIU Surf N Turf Beach Volleyball Event Slated for South Beach on March 15-16**  
***Event to be held at Miami Beach's Lummus Park***

**MIAMI** – The 2022 FIU Surf N Turf Beach Volleyball Invitational Tournament is slated for Tuesday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 16 at Lummus Park on Miami's South Beach.

The 2022 tournament returns to South Beach after the 2020 event was cancelled due to Covid and the limited travel in early 2021 forced the event to be held on the FIU campus.

The 2022 Surf N Turf tourney, which is free and open to the public, will include the 2021 defending national champion Southern California (USC), Florida Gulf Coast, North Florida, Florida Memorial, Palm Beach Atlantic and host FIU.

Joining preseason No. 1 USC in the National Top 20 poll are the Panthers at No. 16 and FGCU at No. 20.

The opening day schedule (Tuesday, March 15) gets underway at 9 a.m. with FIU taking on Palm Beach Atlantic. That will be followed by UNF vs. Florida Memorial (11 a.m.), FIU vs. UNF (1 p.m.), Palm Beach Atlantic vs. Florida Memorial (3 p.m.) and North Florida vs. Palm Beach Atlantic (5 p.m.).

"Our Surf-N-Turf tournament has become one of the most prestigious tournaments in our sport," FIU beach volleyball Head Coach Rita Buck-Crockett said. "This year we are hosting the #1 team in the country, USC and features several teams from the South Florida area. It's a very important week for us and the other teams. In addition, our event team does a great job to make the area look like a beach volleyball village, and it's a great experience for all of the student-athletes and coaches."

Last season, the Panthers posted a 25-7 overall record. FIU finished the year ranked No. 15 in the final AVCA poll.

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