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USA VOLLEYBALL

A Brief History

USAVolleyball(USAV), formerly known as the United States Volleyball Association (USVBA), ranks as one of the leading amateur sport bodies in the nation...innovative programming, aggressive in the pursuit of improved benefits for it athletes, and dedicated to bringing world excellence in volleyball to America.

USAV is the nation's volleyball leader. It is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) as the National Governing Body for the sport. It is the exclusive representative of the nation to the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) and to a number of other international sport bodies.

In recent year, USAV has gained national recognition through the performance of both its USA Men's and Women's Teams. But these two teams are only the tip of the iceberg for an organization that is over fifty years old and that involves itself in all levels of volleyball throughout the nation.

The story of USA Volleyball cannot be told without first looking at the history of the sport itself. Volleyball was created in Holyoke, Massachusetts by William G. Morgan, a YMCA physical director , in 1895. It became popular immediately and by 1900 the rules had evolved where it required its own special ball. The "Y" movement took the sport around the world, and in 1913 it was included in the Far East Games in Manila.

The American Expeditionary Force brought the sport to Europe during World War I, and is credited with distributing over 1,600 volleyballs throughout the European theater. The first U.S. National Championship (for men only) was played in 1922 at the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, YMCA, and was won by the Brooklyn Y.

The USVBA was founded in 1928 at the Yale Club in New York City, for the purpose of representing the sport nationally and internationally, and for conducting an annual national open championship. It has fulfilled this purpose ever since, and today includes among its member organizations the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), the National Federation of State High School Association, the National Jewish Welfare Board (NJWB), the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), the Armed Forces, the Explorer Division of the Boy Scouts of American and other groups.

In 1949, the USVBA added a Women's Open National Championship, and since then both the Men's and Women's Open National Championship, and since then both Men's and Women's Opens have been conducted concurrently each year. USAV also annually conduct the National Championships for Senior Men and Senior Women (30 and over), for Mixed-six (Co-ed), and the USA Junior Volleyball Championships for youth 18 and under.

USA Volleyball has divided the nation into 35 regions. Within each region there are a number of programs conducted, including regular competitions organized by age and/or ability, summer instructional camps, and clinics for the development of coaches, players and referees. International competitions involving the USA National Team and foreign opponents are also regular features in many of these regions.

In 1975 a full-time national team training center for women was founded by the USVBA, an American amateur sports innovation. It was followed in 1977 by a similar program for men, which also included a first ever jobs program that successfully placed over a dozen athletes.

The women's program, first located in the Houston suburb of Pasadena, Texas moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 1978, later they moved to southern California, and in 1997 returned to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. The innovative men's program moved in 1981 from its first home in Dayton, Ohio to San Diego. In 1997 they too, became headquartered at the Olympic Training Center.

With the success of the men's and women's Olympic Teams at the 1984, 1988 and 1992 Summer Games, USAV is now poised to take this American sport to the top of domestic popularity and international success. The men's bronze and two gold medals, and the women's silver and bronze medals at the world's top showcase competition provides ample proof that USAV Volleyball is headed in the right directions.

LONE STAR VOLLEYBALL REGION

A Historical Profile

The Lone Star Region, which covers south and east Texas, was created prior to the 1980-81 season when the Southwest Region was divided into two separate regions. The Southwest Region encompassed Texas and Oklahoma and was itself created from what veteran players will remember as Region IX, which took in all of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The Lone Star Region's membership has grown from its original 919 members to 10,950. For the past 28 seasons Will Vick, a retired United States Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, has remained the Region's only commissioner.

Regional Registration Teams

Season	Regular		Junior		Provisional		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
2010-2011	30	46	7	1,189			37	1,235	1,272
2009-2010	27	48	5	1,013			32	1,053	1,085
2008-2009	21	42	3	932			24	974	998
2007-08	27	44	5	873			32	917	949
2006-07	34	56	4	787			38	843	881
2005-06	36	51	5	739			41	790	831
2004-05	31	54	5	749			36	803	839
2003-04	33	48	9	675			42	723	765
2002-03	37	56	6	625			43	675	718
2001-02	51	64	6	545			57	609	666
2000-01	41	57	5	504			46	561	607
1999-2000	59	61	3	455			62	516	578
1998-99	65	61	6	428			71	483	554
1997-98	71	60	7	336			78	396	474
1996-97	79	62	6	294			85	356	441
1995-96	89	70	8	246			97	316	413
1994-95	89	65	7	202			96	267	363
1993-94	97	69	11	161			108	230	338
1992-03	96	77	8	128			104	205	309
1991-92	88	59	6	105			94	162	258
1990-91	83	56	1	80			84	136	220
1989-90	82	45	3	89			85	134	219
1988-90	77	57	2	65			79	122	201
1987-88	59	64	2	57	12	4	73	125	198
1986-87	56	60	5	38	12	6	73	104	177
1985-86	54	58	2	33	5	7	61	98	159
1984-85	47	54		17	11	8	58	79	137
1983-84	46	48		11	4	5	50	64	114
1982-83	50	44		9	5	2	55	55	110
1981-82	44	41		8	8	3	52	52	104
1980-81	37	37		1	8	7	45	45	90

Regional Registration Individuals

Season	Regular		Junior		Provisional		Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
2010-2011	902	1,849	79	12,008			981	13,849	14,830
2009-2010	823	1,656	80	10,371			909	12,027	12,936
2008-2009	752	1,619	53	9,560			805	11,179	11,984
2007-2008	652	1,417	60	8,881			712	10,238	10,950
2006-2007	764	1,692	81	8,292			842	9,761	10,606
2005-06	698	1,411	73	7,591			771	9,002	9,773
2004-05	682	1,458	44	7,368			726	8,826	9,552
2003-04	671	1,268	104	6,777			775	7,945	8,720
2002-03	687	1,272	66	6,130			753	7,402	8,155
2001-02	747	1,275	62	5,365			809	6,640	7,449
2000-01	667	1,141	56	4,964			723	6,105	6,828
1999-2000	781	1,157	50	4,467			831	5,624	6,455
1998-99	827	1,067	65	4,158			892	5,225	6,117
1997-98	816	987	79	2,857			907	4,299	5,206
1996-97	882	92637	79	2,857			959	3,783	4,742
1995-96	949	902	88	2,419			1,037	3,321	4,358
1994-95	908	824	104	1,951			1,012	2,775	3,787
1993-94	961	841	140	1,590			1,101	2,431	3,532
1992-03	942	862	121	1,328			1,063	2,190	3,153
1991-92	862	674	51	1,025			913	1,699	2,612
1990-91	788	589	30	806			818	1,395	2,213
1989-90	748	512	44	856			792	1,368	2,160
1988-90	730	633	30	650			760	1,283	2,043
1987-88	480	489	26	594	189	187	695	1,274	1,965
1986-87	415	462	46	395	219	180	680	1,037	1,717
1985-86	428	382	49	464	128	110	605	956	1,561
1984-85	372	346	19	295	163	110	554	751	1,305
1983-84	336	303	22	223	93	101	481	627	1,108
1982-83	374	298	13	141	131	112	518	551	1,069
1981-82	329	281	24	168	156	96	509	545	1,054
1980-81	258	256	11	77	151	167	420	499	919

HOW TO BECOME A REGISTERED PLAYER

USAV Registration Procedures:

All teams and individuals—*players, coaches, team representatives, referees, scorekeepers, trainers, etc.*—must be registered before participating in any USAV sanctioned event. Registering early will allow plenty of time to process your paperwork and notify tournament directors of your team's existence.

Once registered, and having played with a team/club/organization in a sanctioned event, players are expected to remain with that team/club/organization for the entire season.

Registering Your Team On-line:

Registering your team is very simple process, provided you follow some very easy steps. Begin at the Registration link on the Region website: www.lsvolleyball.org.

1. If you were registered in the Lone Star Region after November 1, 2004, your information is already in the database. USAV members registered with **others regions** anytime after November 1, 2004, check with the Region Office before starting your registration.
2. Once you are ready to get started, click the appropriate link at the bottom of the registration page. Follow the on-screen instructions. If you need help, do not hesitate to call Karen Tarmon, Region Registrar, at 830-358-7714 or email her at lsregistrar@earthlink.net. If you email or leave a message please be sure to include the problem you are having, your name and date of birth.
3. After the system asks you to change your password, on the left-hand side you will need to click on "Renew On-Line" and continue to follow the instructions. We will not have on-line payments for the 2011/2012 season.
4. **The following forms need to be printed** at the completion of the on-line registration process:

Junior Members, you must print the **Waiver & Release of Liability** and **Medical Release Form**. They must be signed and given your club director. (Make sure your parent or guardian also signs the form)

Coaches, Team/Club Rep, Trainer, Chaperone, you must print the **Waiver & Release of Liability** and **Background Screening Form (when required)**. These forms must be signed and given to your club director.

Adult Players or Officials (not affiliated with a Junior Club), you must print the **Waiver & Release of Liability**. You may give the signed **Waiver** to your adult club director. Or, you may send the **Waiver**, along with your registration fee to the Lone Star Volleyball Region, 1608 Canyon Oak; Schertz, TX 78154.

5. **Club directors** should collect all forms and fees from their members and send to the office as soon as possible. No one will be registered until the forms and fees are received in the office. **Unpaid members will not participate in any sanctioned even (including) practices. No exceptions!**

REGISTRATION FEES

<u>INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION</u>	
<u>FEES</u>	
Regular Members	\$40
Collegiate Members	\$15
Junior Members	\$40
Outdoor Members Adults & Juniors	\$20

***NOTE:**

The team fee has been waived.

FORMING CLUBS OR ASSOCIATIONS

All clubs or associations must be formed at the time of team registration. After that, any affiliation can only be accomplished in writing—a minimum of seven (7) days in advance—with the consent of all affected teams, and only after a representative has been designated. Clubs or associations having more than one registered team must designate one person to serve as its representative. This person will be responsible for all matters concerning the entire organization. Adult clubs/associations may have no more than two teams registered within each division of play, i.e., two men's "A", two women's "A", two women's "BB", etc. Junior clubs or associations may register any number of teams; however the appropriate age group must be designated for each team registered. In either case, each team may not exceed twelve active players without prior approval of the commissioner. Upon registering the thirteenth player, a new team must be formed.

ADDING ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

Before a new member of your team may play, they must be officially registered with the USAV Lone Star Region. The team representative should send in the necessary waiver and fee for each person before allowing them to play in any tournament. If it is not possible to send the registration in so that it will reach the Region Office seven (7) days prior to the event being played in, the team rep should bring the waiver and fee to the tournament and make sure that the individual(s) is registered prior to participating in their first game. If the individual has not done the preliminary registration on-line and it is necessary to actually register the individual at the tournament site.

Failure to follow this procedure may cause your team to be suspended for the entire season.

TRANSFERRING BETWEEN TEAMS

Once a player is registered and played with one team, he/she is committed to that team for the entire USAV season. A player may only change teams with the advanced written permission of the Regional COMMISSIONER. Multi-team associations may move players between teams until the Roster Freeze Date (see Lone Star Region Rules). Any movement of players after the freeze date could cause the team and/or association to receive penalties against them for the remainder of the USAV season; including, but not limited to, suspension from the regional championship.

Team participation should be comprised of a majority of players registered with that team. Teams may be augmented with other members within the club.

LONE STAR REGIONAL RULES

ACCEPTANCE OF TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Normally, tournaments will be filed on a first-come, first-served basis, with an entry cutoff as soon as all brackets are filled. Lone Star Region teams will be given priority when entering Lone Star Region sanctioned events. After the entry deadline, non-region teams will be accepted on a space available basis only.

Rejected teams will be immediately notified of their non-acceptance. This could possibly allow sufficient time for them to enter another tournament on that same date.

For the regional championships, entries will be accepted through the pre-established deadline. At that time, and if the facilities will not accommodate, entries will be taken based on frequency of participation in Region tournaments for that division of play.

CANCELLATION OF TOURNAMENT ENTRY

If a team has entered a tournament, and wishes to cancel out, they must do so by informing the tournament director at least seven days prior to the scheduled date of the tournament. The tournament host has the option of keeping the team's entry fee; it is recommended that the entry fee be returned if a replacement team is found.

If a team cancels less than seven days prior to a tournament, the entire team is subject to a regional sanction of a one month suspension or a two tournament suspension, whichever is greater.

OFFICIATING RESPONSIBILITIES

Often teams entered in a sanctioned tournament will be scheduled to officiate, as well as play. Teams missing a complete officiating assignment during a tournament will be subject to a \$50 fine for the first officiating assignment missed. For their second offense, a fine of \$75 will be imposed, and for the third offense the team will be suspended for the balance of the season. The team may not participate in another sanctioned event until all fines are paid.

Responsibility for officiating the first round of the playoffs rests with the last teams, not in the playoffs, to participate in pool play. Officials will be provided by the loser of the last set of the match. If they are in the playoffs, the winning team is to provide officials. Should both teams be in the playoffs, revert to the previous match, using the same selection process. Losers of each playoff match will officiate the succeeding round of playoffs. In playoffs where teams are awarded a bye, these teams will officiate the initial rounds. **Teams need to be aware that:**

A team's failure to have a complete officiating crew—including a rostered adult in the case of junior teams—available and on time for an officiating assignment could result in the team having to forfeit the first set of its next match.

- For every minute an officiating team is late to fulfill its assignment, one point will be awarded to that team's next opponent in the first set of the next match for up to 25 points. No more than 25 points will be awarded to the team's next opponent, even if the team designated to officiate misses the entire match. The time that determines how many penalty points are assessed begins at the start of the last warm-up period prior to the match. Adult teams are required to be in place at least four minutes prior to the start of their officiating match.

- A team will forfeit its entire next match for failing, a second time, to have an officiating crew available on time for an officiating assignment.

- An adult listed on the event roster must be present at courtside while any members of the team are officiating for junior teams. Adult teams are required to be in place at least four minutes prior to the start of their officiating match.

Penalties for missing officiating assignments do not apply to a team that misses a three-way tie-break when leaving a site before determination of a tie-break is necessary. If a team misses an officiating assignment for the match following a tie-break, or a team leaves after playing the first tie-breaking set but before officiating the second tie-break, they are not allowed to advance out of their pool. Losing the opportunity to advance by not being present for the tie-break is considered the penalty for the team; however, the fine may still be applied, as determined by the Commissioner.

AT LEAST ONE REFEREE AND SCORER REQUIRED

Each team is required to have at least one referee and one Scorer (not the same person) to play in a sanctioned tournament. Applications can be obtained by contacting the REFEREE CHAIR or the SCORER CHAIR listed inside the front cover of this handbook. Teams must have, listed as a member of their roster, a certified referee and a certified scorekeeper to compete in the Regional Championships. Anyone over the age of 18 will need to complete the Provisional scorekeeper or referee rating.

REFEREE/SCORER RECERTIFICATION

Within the Lone Star Region, each referee and scorer is required to re-certify every two (2) years. An official's application must be completed every two (2) years for re-certification and the appropriate renewal fee paid. If an official does not complete certification in the year they apply, they will have to re-apply the following year.

UNIFORMS

Within the Lone Star Region, all teams must have matching uniforms, down to and including the color and trim. If a team appears in illegal uniforms, USAV rules regarding a forfeiture apply. It is NOT the responsibility of the opposing team to point out illegal uniforms. The first referee MUST check each participating player before the start of the match and declare that the offending player(s) are not eligible to play.

Uniform requirements may be relaxed during the team's first scheduled tournament of the year. After that, strict adherence to the matching uniform requirement is mandatory.

Rule 19.2 (USAV Handbook) The Libero player must wear a uniform (or Jacket/bib for the re-designated Libero) whose jersey at least must contrast in color with that of the other members of the team. The Libero uniform may have a different design, but it must be numbered like the rest of the team members.

USAV 19.2a: It is recommended now and required November 1, 2009, that the Libero uniform must be a contrasting color and not include any color from the regular team jersey (excluding the color of the numbers). Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.

USAV 19.2b: A jacket or bib can only be worn by the re-designated Libero. If a jacket or bib is worn by the re-designated Libero, the uniform number must still be visible.

PLAYING WITHIN A CLUB

Registered players must compete with the same club during the entire season. Players may not change clubs without the expressed written consent of the Region Commissioner.

Players may not compete in more than one regional championship, even if they are part of an association that has teams competing in different divisions.

No player may be added to a roster for the regional championships after the deadline for entries has passed. All members must be registered and compete in at least one Lone Star Region sanctioned tournament prior to competing in the regional championships or a National Qualifying tournament.

TEAM AFFILIATION AND ASSOCIATION (CO-REGISTRATION)

Within the Region, teams are allowed to form associations or club co-registrations. Multiple teams (not to exceed two adult teams per playing division) may register under one association/club name. This association provides many possible benefits: a) use of one coach; b) share gym space; c) share equipment and uniforms; d) more easily comply with other organizational restrictions.

Association or co-registration must be accomplished at a time of registration or in writing at least seven (7) days in advance of the effective date.

Associations having more than one registered team must designate one person to serve as its representative. This person will be responsible for all matters concerning the entire organization.

TEAM/INDIVIDUAL CLASSIFICATION

Teams are required, at a time of registration, to indicate their level of play, i.e., "A", "BB", "B" or "JR". Team members are given the same classification as the team on which they are registered. **Adult Teams will be advanced to the next higher level after winning three tournaments during the season.**

A team will **NEVER** be allowed to play below their registered category. "Playing up" will only be permitted **after a team, adult or junior, has won a tournament** at their registered level, and then only as follows: a) to complete a playing pool—when appropriate level teams are not available; b) only if there is not tournament scheduled at the lower level anywhere in the Region; c) teams will be permitted to play at the higher level in the only three tournaments. Upon entering their third tournament, the team classification will be changed.

Individuals may be moved between co-registered teams, but may only participate at the same or at a higher level. Tournament directors should be informed of the player's team affiliation, when the member is added to the team roster.

PARTICIPATION IN UNSANCTIONED EVENTS

Teams and players registered with the Lone Star Region, for the six-person or coed season, will only be permitted to participate in USAV sanctioned events. The only exception to this would be for teams or players who are also registered with other organizations, e.g. YMCA, AAU, recreation or church leagues. And, this exception only applies if the non-USAV events are restricted to the teams and members of that organization.

For years these restrictions were written into the Operating Code of the United States Volleyball Association. This applied to Group D (Regional Volleyball Associations) members, and ensured maximum participation in sanctioned events throughout the sanctioned season. In the Lone Star Region the sanctioned season has always been from November 1st through the conclusion of the national championships for that particular division of play. This season has always been preceded by the "Friendship" season, which is open to all players.

In the recent past USA Volleyball, as the National Governing Body for Volleyball, has rewritten the operating code, and now simply empowers the registering USAVBA Regional Volleyball Association to govern each registered team for the duration of its registration, including sanctioning events and activities requested by that team.

The Lone Star Region Members' Handbook is revised and published, at a minimum of every three years. These team and sanctioning restrictions will be specifically addressed in the next issue of the Handbook. In the interim, the restrictions as stated will be applied. Those clubs and organizations not willing to support the Region in this area will be sanctioned to the maximum extent possible. Sanctioned tournament hosts must be protected to ensure maximum attendance at their events. This is the only way that we can retain, and continue to develop, our tournament hosts.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES

INTRODUCTION

It is the responsibility of the Lone Star Regional Volleyball Association Inc. Board of Directors to administer volleyball within the Lone Star Region. On occasion, Region members may violate, or be accused of violating, Region rules as spelled out in the Handbook, United States Volleyball Association rules as described in its Handbook, or the USAV Code of Conduct for players or coaches. Such alleged violations may require action by the Region. These due process rules are hereby established to protect the due process rights of any accused member of the Region, the safety of Region members, and the integrity of the Region.

ROUTINE MATTERS

Some actions, or alleged actions, by the individuals or teams result in automatic sanctions in accordance with the Region Handbook [e.g., failure to have certified officials by specified dates, failure to appear at an event for which a team is pre-registered, untimely withdrawal from a tournament, failure to fulfill work (officiating) obligations, use of alcohol or controlled substances at a tournament, etc.]. The appropriate officer of the Region, Board [e.g., the Referees' Chair may prohibit and individual from officiating if he or she has not qualified as an official, or is not in the process of timely qualifying, or the Commissioner, after considering the evidence of wrongdoing, may administer such automatic sanction. If there is no clearly appropriate Board officer, the Commissioner may administer the automatic sanction.

The Commissioner, after considering the evidence, shall have authority to impose sanctions for routine wrongdoings by Region members not otherwise provided for by the Handbook (e.g., minor damage to the equipment or facilities.)

The first level of appeal from sanctions for routine matters shall be to the commissioner, the appeal must be in writing. The Commissioner may either rule on the appeal or delegate the appeal to the Review Board (described below) for more formal consideration. If the Commissioner rules on the appeal and the relevant person or team wishes to appeal further, Such appeal shall be to the Review Board, and must be in writing and sent to the Commissioner.

SERIOUS MATTERS AND APPEALS FROM DECISIONS ON ROUTINE MATTERS

A Review Board consisting of three personas shall have responsibility for acting on alleged wrongdoings of a serious nature by the Region members or for appeals from sanctions for wrongdoings otherwise deemed routine. The Commissioner shall chair the Review Board and shall be a voting member unless he or she ruled on the first level of appeal from a sanction for a routine matter; in the latter case, the Commissioner shall remain the administrative chair of the Review Board but shall not be a voting member. If necessary to replace the Commissioner with a third voting Review Board member, such member of the Region Board shall serve as is jointly selected by the accused individual or team representative and the Region Board Representative (defined below); if an agreement cannot be reached, such Region Board member shall serve as a voting member in place of the Commissioner as is selected by blind lottery from among the Region Board members. One member of the Review Board shall be a Region Board member selected by the accused individual or team representative. The other member of the Review Board shall be such Board member as is most appropriate to the situation at issue as determined by a majority of the Player Representatives and Junior Development Director. If more than one Region Board member is unwilling or unable to serve if selected under any of the above-described methods, the Commissioner and accused may agree on a method for selecting a Review Board member from among the Region's general membership.

For matters to be considered by the Review Board, notice shall be provided to the accused in writing as soon as reasonably possible. Oral notice may precede written notice for expediency. Written notice shall include a copy of these due process procedures and shall describe the alleged wrongdoing, the range of possible sanctions, and shall suggest a date, location, and method (in person or by telephone conference if acceptable to the accused) for the hearing. The date and location shall be established as much as reasonably possible to accommodate the accused. If the accused does not cooperate in establishing such date and location, the review board shall schedule the hearing at its convenience and the accused shall be so advised in writing.

The exact format of the hearing may vary as arranged with the accused, but it generally shall include an initial statement summarizing the allegations, presentation of evidence of the alleged wrongdoing, and a presentation of evidence of innocence or of mitigating circumstances.

After the hearing concludes, all interested parties shall be dismissed and the Review Board shall consider and discuss the evidence. As soon as possible after the hearing (but not necessarily the same day), the Review Board shall reach a decision which it shall formalize in writing delivered to the accused. Decision of a majority of the Review Board members shall control and any dissent shall be noted in the written decision. The Review Board shall have up to ten days to render an opinion.

Final Appeal

Appeals from decisions of the Review Board shall be to the entire Region Board. An appeal hearing to the Region Board shall follow the same format as described above for the Review Board. The administrative chairman of an appeal hearing shall be such Board member as is selected by mutual agreement of the accused and Commissioner. If no agreement can be reached, the administrative chairman shall be such Region member as is selected by mutual agreement. If no such further agreement can be reached, the administrative chairman shall be such Region Board member as is selected by blind lottery. An accused must provide written notice to the Commissioner of an intention to appeal a Review Board decision within sixty days after such decision has been mailed by certified or registered mail or delivered by hand delivery to the accused. Otherwise, the accused shall not be entitled to an appeal.

An appeal hearing shall occur within thirty days after notice of intent to appeal has been mailed unless the appellant and Commissioner agree otherwise. Any decision and sanction of the Review Board shall remain in effect until the appeal hearing. For the appeal hearing to be effective, it shall be necessary that a quorum of Region Board members be physically present; proxy votes shall not be permitted.

Appeal hearings shall be recorded on audiotape.

Miscellaneous

The Region Board is not a court of law but, rather, a non-profit, private group of volleyball players, coaches, and organizers duly elected to administer volleyball within the Region. It is the duty of the Region Board to strive to obtain just and fair results when a Region member is accused of wrongdoing relevant to volleyball within the Region. As a private body, the Region Board does not follow the Federal Rules of Evidence but shall accord weight to evidence based on its substance and on common sense.

Note that the Review and Region Boards have the authority to suspend membership privileges for more than one year.

For serious matters, unless the safety of the Region members is at risk, physical or other substantial injury has resulted, or the accused was clearly caught in the act of a serious wrongdoing relevant to volleyball, no penalty, sanction, or fine shall be imposed against the accused without a hearing by the Review Board. In the instances cited, however, a temporary sanction may be imposed by the Commissioner after careful consideration of the evidence and situation; any such action shall be stated in writing delivered to the accused.

The United States Volleyball Association now provides that the only appeal from a decision of the Region Board shall be to the United States Volleyball Association National Ethics and Eligibility Committee and only for a determination of whether the accused received due process.

If an individual moves into the Region, or a team attempts to register in the Region, subject to sanctions of another Region which has a procedure for appealing from sanctions, the Lone Star Region shall respect and observe the other Region's sanction for the balance of its term (regardless of whether the individual or team exercised such appeal process).

VOLLEYBALL PUBLICATIONS

USA Volleyball is a source of many books that will help any level program, youth to collegiate. *Take a look at their web page on the internet at <http://www.usavolleyball.org/>*

Each individual player should download a copy of the Members Handbook at the beginning of each season by downloading a copy from the Region Website: www.lsvolleyball.org. If you do not have internet access please contact Annell Neale, Media Director, for a copy of the Members Handbook.

Another excellent source of reference materials for all levels of play is the University of Texas Library:

<http://catalog.lib.utexas.edu/search/X?SEARCH=Volleyball&searchscope=29>

See more of the volleyball resources at the University of Texas continued on page 13...

Coaching Volleyball Successfully, 203 pages

The CAP Level One text, written by Bill Neville, 1992 Men's Olympic Team head coach. Skills, drills, planning guide, organization of practice, for fundamental level coaches and as an excellent reference guide for all levels. \$16.00

Every serious coach of young athletes should get at least one magazine coming to the house on a monthly basis. Many say the best choices are *Volleyball Monthly* and *Volleyball* for color and nationwide coverage of all the levels of volleyball played. As a coach, you should also join the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Your membership includes the *Coaching Volleyball* journal ~ very strong on new coaching ideas.

Inside USA Volleyball, quarterly

The national news of the regions, national teams and member organizations. Each issue also includes the US Jr. Olympic/ Youth *Net News* for all Junior Olympic and Youth players and coaches. This is included with all USAV Junior and Adult memberships. USAV; 3595 East Fountain Blvd; Colorado Springs, CO 80910. \$8.00

Volleyball Magazine

Simply the best outdoor volleyball magazine in the world. <http://www.volleyballmag.com/>
Subscription price as of 10/03/08: \$29.97

VOLLEYBALL ARCHIVES IN TEXAS

The Archives, History, and Records Committee of the USAV has designated the Perry-Castaneda Library as one of the Official Repositories. Each repository may call upon volleyball advisors in its localities to assist in adding to the material and for suggestions on its use. Each will also describe its collection, create plans for further development, specify conditions under which its material may be used, and submit periodic reports to the AHR Committee. The Lone Star Region contains the only repository in the southwest; located at:

*Perry-Castaneda Library
The General Libraries
University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX 78712
[For Information Call: (512) 495-4260]*

BECOMING A REFEREE

(LINK)

Certification of referees for USAV and RVA sanctioned competition is under the jurisdiction of USA Volleyball, the Officials Division and the Regional Volleyball Associations (RVAs). USAV also has the responsibility to train and identify candidates for certification as International Arbiters by the FIVB. USAV has established six classifications of referees: Junior Olympic Volleyball, Provisional, Regional, USA Volleyball Junior National, USA-National, USA-National (retired) and Provisional USA-International referee.

Some prerequisite requirements are waived if the referee certification is being obtained under the conditions of the Certification Reciprocity Agreement between USAV and Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO), the provisions of which are published on page 415, USA Volleyball Official 2003 Guidebook.

Junior Olympic Volleyball, Provisional, Regional and National Retired referees will be certified through their respective RVA under the supervision of the Regional Referee Chair. Some prerequisite requirements are waived if the referee certification is being obtained under the conditions of the Certification Reciprocity Agreement between USAV and Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO), the provisions of which are published on page 415

Junior National and National referees will be certified by the National Commissioner for Evaluation and Development upon the recommendation of that Committee.

In accordance with Article VII, Section B 1 of the Operating Code, all referees shall be registered with USA Volleyball and their Local RVA for the current season.

The Lone Star Region Referee Chair is Thomas Hoy: thoy@satx.rr.com

Names of current referees certified at all levels in the Lone Star Region may be found at: [LINK](#)

JUNIOR OLYMPIC VOLLEYBALL REFEREE

To become certified/re-certified as a Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee the candidate must:

1. Be a currently registered USAV member in good standing.
2. Attend at least one Regional Junior Olympic Volleyball Officials clinic.
3. **Attain a corrected score of 100% on the approved USAV Form "C" written examination.**
4. Successfully complete the Junior Olympic Volleyball Scorekeepers examination.
5. Show the desire and ability to officiate satisfactorily as a 1st and 2nd referee during the Regional Clinic and subsequent practical evaluations.
 - a. The Regional Referee Chair, or designee will observe all candidates prior to, during or after the Officials' clinic.
 - b. Each Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee candidate must receive at least one favorable rating by the Referee Chair, or designee, in a minimum of one set as 1st referee and one set as 2nd referee.

Responsibilities and Entitlements of a Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee:

1. After successful completion of the testing process and certification by the Regional Referee Chair, the candidate will be authorized to officiate at all Regional Junior Olympic Volleyball level tournaments.
2. A Certified Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee will be entitled to wear the Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee pin.
3. A Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee may elect to become USAV Provisional Referee candidates, during the same season providing they meet the requirements established for that rating.
4. **Certification as Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee is valid for a period of two years with proper USAV registration." Under 'Entitlements and Responsibilities of a Junior Olympic Volleyball Referee' there should be a # 5 that reads "With the approval of the Regional Commissioner, an application fee may be assessed for the administration of the clinic and examination process. Payment of the fee shall be to the Regional Volleyball Association.**
5. **With the approval of the Regional Commissioner, an application fee may be assessed for the administration of the clinic and examination process. Payment of the fee shall be to the Regional Volleyball Association.**

PROVISIONAL REFEREE

To become certified/re-certified as a Provisional Referee the candidate must:

1. File the official USAV application form with his/her Regional Referee Chair.
2. Attend at least one Regional official's clinic.
3. Attain a score of "100" on the approved USAV Form "C" written test for referees.
4. Successfully complete the Regional Scorekeeper examination.
5. Demonstrate the ability to officiate as a 1st and 2nd referee during the clinic or subsequent practical evaluations.
 - a. The Regional Referee Chair or designee will observe all candidates for Provisional Referee.
 - b. Each candidate for Provisional Referee must receive at least two favorable ratings by the Regional Referee Chair or designee, in a minimum of three sets.
6. Be at least 18 years of age at the completion of all certification requirements.

Responsibilities and Entitlements of a Provisional Referee:

1. After certification by the Regional Referee Chair, the Provisional Referee shall accept assignments for sanctioned and other approved volleyball competitions within the Region from Regionally designated assigners.
2. After Certification by the Regional Referee Chair, the Provisional Referee will be entitled to wear the official Provisional Referee emblem while officiating at USAV sanctioned events and will be authorized to purchase and wear the Official Approved Uniform for USAV Referees.
3. A Provisional Referee may elect to become a candidate for Regional Referee upon completion of one total season (after the year certified) as a Provisional Referee. The Provisional rating may be retained indefinitely provided all other re-certification requirements are met.
4. A Provisional Referee is authorized to officiate any USAV sanctioned competition, including Junior Olympic Volleyball competition, within the Region where certified, and in other Regions with the approval of the appropriate Regional Referee Chair.
5. Certification as a Provisional Referee is valid for a period of **two years with proper USAV registration.**
6. With the approval of the Regional Commissioner, an application fee may be assessed for the administration of the clinic and examination process. Payment of the fee shall be to the Regional Volleyball Association.

REGIONAL REFEREE

To become certified/re-certified as a Regional Referee, the candidate must:

1. File the official USAV application form with his/her Regional Referee Chair.
2. Attend at least one Regional officials' clinic annually. The clinic shall be one approved by the Regional Referee Chair and the Regional Commissioner and shall be conducted by the Regional Referee Chair or designee.
3. **Attain a corrected score of 100% on the approved USAV written exam for referees (A or B) in a one hour, closed book test.**
4. Successfully complete the Regional Scorekeeper examination.
5. Serve as a Provisional Referee for at least one complete year after the year certified.
6. Be rated in a minimum of two matches or four sets of USAV competition during the current season. Raters of these candidates will be assigned by the Regional Referee Chair.

Responsibilities and Entitlements of a Regional Referee:

1. After certification by the Regional Referee Chair, the Regional Referee shall accept assignments for sanctioned and other approved volleyball competitions within the Region from Regionally designated assignor (s).
2. After certification by the Regional Referee Chair, the Regional Referee will be entitled to wear the official Regional Referee emblem while officiating at USAV sanctioned events and will be authorized to purchase and wear the Official Approved Uniform for USAV Referees.
3. A Regional Referee is authorized to officiate any USAV sanctioned competition, including Junior Olympic volleyball competition, within the Region where certified and in other Regions, with the approval of the appropriate Regional Referee Chair.
4. **Certification as a Regional Referee is valid for a period of two years with proper USAV registration.**
5. With the approval of the Regional Commissioner, an application fee may be assessed for the administration of the clinic and examination process. Payment of the fee shall be to the Regional Volleyball Association.

USAV JUNIOR NATIONAL REFEREE

To become certified/re-certified as a USAV Junior National Referee a candidate must:

1. File the official application form with the Assistant Vice President, USA-National Referee Commission. Forms are available from the Regional Referee Chair or the Assistant Vice President. **An application fee of \$100 must accompany new applications. New candidates must inform the Regional Referee Chair by November 30th of the season they want to be considered for Junior National Candidacy.**
2. **Obtain the approval of the Regional Referee Chair, Regional Scorekeeper Chair and Region Commissioner.**
3. Have served as a Regional Referee for two years.
4. **Attend the United States Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships or a designated USA Volleyball Junior Olympic Zonal Qualifying Tournament and successfully complete all requirements at that tournament. These requirements include:**
 - a. Attendance at the candidates' clinic.
 - b. **Complete the approved USAV written examination (A or B) and make a score of 90.**
 - c. Demonstrate proficiency as a scorekeeper by showing evidence of certification as Regional, National Junior Olympic or USA-National Scorekeeper or a successfully completing the written scorekeeper examination.
 - d. Successfully complete the rating sessions.

Responsibilities and Entitlements of a USA Volleyball Junior National Referee:

1. After Certification by the National Commission for Evaluation and Development, a USAV Junior National Referee will be entitled to wear the official USAV Junior National Referee emblem while officiating at USAV sanctioned events.
2. A USAV Junior National Referee is authorized to officiate all USAV sanctioned competitions within any of the USAV Regions, including Junior Olympic Volleyball competition, and is qualified to officiate at the United States Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships.
3. Certification as a USAV Junior National Referee is valid for a period of four years. To extend certification, the Referee must:
 - a. Officiate at the United States Junior Olympic National Championships at least twice during the four year certification period.
 - b. Officiate at a USAV Junior Olympic Zonal Qualifying Tournament or the United States Junior Olympic National Championships once during one of the remaining two years of the four year period.
 - c. Submit to reevaluation by the National Commission for Evaluation and Development at any time while officiating at the United States Junior Olympic National Championships or a USAV Junior Olympic Zonal Qualifying Tournament.
 - d. Register annually with USAV and the appropriate Regional Volleyball Association and remain in good standing within the Regional Volleyball Association.
4. A USAV Junior National Referee may be absent from all national and zonal competition one year out of each four year certification period.

USA-NATIONAL REFEREE

To become certified as a USA-National Referee a candidate must:

1. **Have attended the United States Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships and have been a certified USAV Junior National Referee for the prescribed length of time.**
2. Obtain the recommendation of the Rating Committee at the United States Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships at which the referee was last certified or re-certified as a USAV Junior National Referee.
3. Pay all required fees in applying for candidacy.
4. Attend the U.S. Open Championships and successfully complete all requirements at that tournament. The requirements include:
 - a. Attendance at the National Referee Clinic and the candidates' clinic.
 - b. Demonstrate scorekeeper proficiency by showing evidence of certification as a Regional, National Junior Olympic or USA-National Scorekeeper or by successfully completing the written scorekeeper examination.
 - c. Successfully complete the rating sessions.

Responsibilities and Entitlements of a USA-National Referee:

1. After certification by the National Commission for Evaluation and Development, a USA-National Referee will be entitled to wear the official USA-National Referee emblem while officiating at USAV sanctioned events.
2. A USA-National Referee is authorized to officiate all USAV sanctioned competition within any of the USAV Regions, including Junior Olympic Volleyball competitions, and is qualified to officiate at the U.S. Open Championships, U.S. Mixed-Six Championships, U.S. Outdoor Championships and the U.S. Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships.
3. Certification as a USA-National Referee is valid for a period of three years. To extend certification, the Referee must:
 - a. Officiate at the U.S. Open Championships, the U.S. Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships or (accompanying the USAV Team) an international tournament or a complete exhibition tour at least once during the three-year certification period.
 - b. Officiate at the U.S. Open Championships, U.S. Mixed-Six Championships, U.S. Outdoor Championships, USAV Junior Zonal Qualifying Tournament, U.S. Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships or (accompanying the USAV Team) an international tournament or a complete exhibition tour once during one of the remaining two years of the three year period.
 - c. Submit to reevaluate by the National Commission for Evaluation and Development at any time while officiating at a U.S. Championships tournament, the U.S. Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships or a USAV Junior Zonal Qualifying Tournament.
 - d. Register annually with USAV and the appropriate Regional Volleyball Association and remain in good standing within the Regional Volleyball Association.
4. A USA-National Referee may be absent from all national and zonal competition one year out of each three-year certification period.
5. A USA-National Referee encountering unusual difficulty in attending a U.S. Open Championships may, with the approval of the Assistant Vice President, obtain a one-year extension of certification.
6. A USA-National Referee who allows certification to expire may:
 - a. During the three years immediately following expiration of certification, apply to the Assistant Vice President to attend and be reevaluated at a U.S. Open Championships
 - b. After the three year period following expiration of certification, apply to attend and be reevaluated at a USAV Junior Olympic National Championships for the opportunity to attend and be evaluated at a U.S. Open Championships.

COLLEGIATE REFEREE

The Assistant Vice President works closely with the Regional Volleyball Associations and various college administrative organizations and conferences to identify USA-National, USAV Junior National and Regional Referees for assignment to collegiate matches and tournaments.

USA-NATIONAL REFEREE (RETIRED)

1. Any National Referee in good standing, with at least five years service as a USA-National Referee, may apply to the Assistant Vice President for voluntary Retired status.
2. To retain certification, a USA-National Referee (Retired) must register annually with USAV and the appropriate Regional Volleyball Association and remain in good standing with the RVA. Remaining in good standing within the RVA includes satisfying all requirements for re-certification as a Regional Referee within RVA.
3. A USA-National Referee (Retired) is authorized to wear the USA-National Referee emblem while officiating at USAV sanctioned events.
4. A USA-National Referee (Retired) is authorized to officiate all USAV sanctioned Regional and inter-Regional competition, including Junior Olympic Zonal Qualifying Tournaments.
5. A USA –National Referee (Retired) may also remain qualified to officiate at the U.S. Junior Olympic Volleyball National Championships by officiating at that tournament at least once every three years and submitting to reevaluation by the National Commission for Evaluation and Development at any time while officiating at the U.S. Junior Olympic National Championships or a USAV Junior Olympic Zonal Qualifying Tournament.
6. A USA-National Referee (Retired) may apply for re-certification as a USA-National Referee by following the procedure listed under *Responsibilities and Entitlements of a USA-National Referee #6*.

NOTE: *Extracted from the USA Volleyball 2007 Official Guidebook. Lone Star Region deviations are listed under Lone Star Regional Rules.*

BECOMING A SCORER

Certification of volleyball SCORERS for USA Volleyball and RVA sanctioned competition is under the jurisdiction of the Official's Division and the Regional Volleyball Association (RVAs). USA Volleyball has established 11 classifications of SCORERS; Junior, Provisional, Regional Junior National, USA-National, USA-National (Retired), USA-International, USA-International (Retired), Regional Outdoor, USA-National Outdoor, USA-International Outdoor.

Junior, provisional, Regional and Regional outdoor SCORERS will be certified through their respective RVA under the supervision of the Regional SCORER Chair, in cooperation with the Regional Commissioner and according to prescribed criteria.

Junior national, USA national and USA national outdoor SCORERS will be certified by the assistant vice president of the USA SCORER Commission at approved national clinics.

USA International SCORERS will be certified by the assistant vice president of the USA International SCORER Commission through the approved process and at times and locations to be determined annually.

In accordance with Article 8, Section B 1 of the operating code, all SCORERS shall be registered with the National Corporation and their local RVA for the current season. **Failure to register will automatically terminate SCORER certification at all levels.**

NOTE: Below are minimum requirements for certification at each level of scorekeeping. Regions have the option to hold the candidate to higher standards of certification.

The Lone Star Region Scorer Chair is C. L. "Steve" Crane: clcrane@swbell.net

Names of current scorers certified at all levels in the Lone Star Region may be found at: [LINK](#)

JUNIOR SCORER

To become certified/re-certified as a Junior SCORER a candidate must:

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with his/her RVA.
2. Attend a clinic annually covering techniques and procedures and scorekeeping for modified USA Volleyball substitution rules. Pay clinic fee if applicable.
3. Pass an annual written examination. The current Junior SCORER'S Examination would be the minimum standard.
4. Annually obtain one passing rating on a junior level match.
5. Complete other requirements as prescribed by the local Regional SCORER chair.

NOTE: A Junior SCORER will only be qualified to keep score at Junior Olympic Volleyball Tournament's

PROVISIONAL SCORER

To become certified as a Provisional SCORER a candidate must:

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing within his/her RVA.
2. Attend a clinic annually covering techniques and procedures of scorekeeping for modified USA volleyball substitution rules. Pay clinic fee if applicable. Certification expires at the end of the current season.
3. Pass an annual written examination.

NOTE:

1. A Provisional SCORER shall automatically carry junior SCORER certification.
2. A Provisional SCORER must be certified in this capacity for one year prior to applying for Regional Certification.

REGIONAL INDOOR AND/OR OUTDOOR SCORER

To become certified/re-certified as a Regional Indoor and/or Outdoor SCORER the candidate must:

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing within his/her RVA.
2. Be currently certified as a Provisional SCORER (indoor only).
3. Attend at least one Regional SCORER clinic. Pay clinic fee if applicable.
4. Pass an annual written examination. The current SCORER'S certification examination would be the minimum standard.
5. Be successfully rated on at least two (2) matches.
6. Complete other requirements as prescribed by the local Regional SCORER chair.

5. Successfully complete the written and practical scorekeeper examinations.
6. Pay appropriate fees.
7. Completion of other requirements as prescribed by the USA-National Scorekeeper Commission.
8. To retain junior national scorekeeper status, the scorekeeper must:
 - A. Remain a USA Volleyball registered member and active scorer in good standing within his/her RVA.
 - B. Attend a Boy's or Girl's USA Junior Volleyball Championship at least once during each three-year period and score a minimum of six (6) matches.
9. In those years that a junior national scorer cannot attend a USA Junior Volleyball Championship, attendance and participation at the USA Coed Volleyball Championships is strongly encouraged.

NOTE: *A scorer encountering unusual difficulty in attending a USA Junior Volleyball Championship during a three-year may apply to the Assistant Vice President, USA-National Scorer Commission for a one-year extension of his/her certification.*

USA NATIONAL SCORER

To become certified as a USA-National Scorer, the candidate must:

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing within his/her RVA.
2. Be certified as a USA Volleyball Regional Scorer, and have demonstrated proficiency in the use of the official USA Volleyball score sheet in USA Volleyball sanctioned competition and must have taken and successfully completed the current written examination in the year of candidacy.
3. File the official application form with the national commissioner for scorekeeper certification and evaluation by the published closing date. These forms are available from the Regional scorer chair, the assistant vice president, or the national commissioner for scorer certification and evaluation.
4. Attend an approved national scorer clinic in its entirety.
5. Successfully complete the written and practical scorer examinations.
6. Pay appropriate fees.
7. Complete other requirements as prescribed by the USA-National Scorekeeper Commission.
8. To retain USA-National Scorer status, the scorer must:
 - A. Remain a USA Volleyball registered member and active scorer in good standing within his/her RVA.
 - B. Attend the USA National Open Volleyball Championship at least once during each three-year period and score a minimum of two (2) matches.
 - C. If unable to attend the USA National Open Championship in a three-year period, attend a USA Junior Volleyball Championship and score a minimum of six (6) matches. NOTE: This alternative may only be used once in a six-year period.
9. In those years that USA-National Scorers cannot attend the USA National Open Volleyball Championship, attendance and participation at the USA Junior National Volleyball Championship and/or USA Co-Ed National Volleyball Championship is strongly encouraged. The intent of this provision is to:
 - A. Provide for a time/site more convenient for the individual; and,
 - B. Better provide a nucleus cadre of scorekeepers for each of the USA National Championship programs.

NOTE: *A scorer encountering unusual difficulty in attending a USA National Open Volleyball Championship may apply to the Assistant Vice President of the USA-National Scorer Commission for a one-year extension of his/her certification.*

USA-NATIONAL OUTDOOR SCORER

To become certified as a USA-National Outdoor Scorer, the candidate must:

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing within his/her RVA.
2. Be certified as a USA Volleyball Regional outdoor scorer or USA-National scorer.
3. File the official application form with the national commissioner for outdoor/beach scorer certification and evaluation by the published closing date. These forms are available from the Regional scorer chair, the assistant vice president, or the national commissioner for scorer certification and evaluation.
4. Attend an approved national outdoor scorer clinic in its entirety.
5. Successfully complete the written and practical outdoor scoreR examination.
6. Pay appropriate fees.
7. Completion of other requirements as prescribed by the USA-National Scorer Commission.
8. To retain the USA-national outdoor scorekeeping certification, the scorekeeper must:
 - A. Remain a USA Volleyball registered member and an active outdoor scorer in good standing with his/her RVA.
 - B. Attend the U.S. Outdoor Championships at least once in a five-year period and score a minimum of six (6) matches.

USA-NATIONAL SCORER (RETIRED)

1. Any USA-National Scorer in good standing, with at least five (5) years service as a USA-National Scorer, may apply for Voluntary Retired Status.

2. The USA national scorer retains national scorer status. The scorer continues to wear the USA national scorer patch in all regional competitions. The retired USA national scorer must remain in good standing within his/her Region and must re-certify as necessary according to the process of that Region.
3. The retired USA national scorer continues to receive all publications directed at the USA National Scorer group.
4. The retired USA national scorer is not eligible to keep score at the USA Open National Volleyball Championships.
5. The retired USA national scorer may retain the right to keep score as a primary scorer at the USA Junior Volleyball Championship by attending the USA Junior Volleyball Championships at least once during each four-year period.
6. The retired USA national scorer will lose the status as qualified/certified USA international scorer and will not be allowed to serve as scorer on international matches.
7. The retired USA national scorer may apply for re-certification as a national scorer by following the procedures listed in 2-7 under USA National Scorers.

Note: In the Lone Star Region all retired National scorers must submit an application and register in the Region every year and attend a clinic at least every three years.

USA-INTERNATIONAL INDOOR AND/OR OUTDOOR SCORER

The USA International Scorekeeper Commission administers this program under the supervision of the Officials division.

NOTE: *Portions extracted from the USA Volleyball 2007 Official Guide with modifications for Lone Star Region noted.*

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

The Junior Volleyball Program of USA Volleyball is the life blood of the sport. Every effort must be made to establish junior volleyball programs in the U.S. to complement the elite programs (national teams). It is the responsibility of the USAV and the Lone Star Region to offer all junior players the opportunity to play volleyball.

Definition of Junior Volleyball

Junior Volleyball is a program directed at boys and girls 18 years of age or younger and still in high school. The Junior Volleyball Program is open to any player wishing to play volleyball, regardless of skill level.

Purpose

The purpose of the USAV Junior Volleyball Program is to offer teenagers an opportunity to become involved in a wholesome and beneficial athletic activity which they can pursue at various skill levels. Teenagers should be introduced to the joys of athletic competition. They should learn good lifetime physical activity habits during their formative years and should be exposed to basic complex volleyball skills. The Junior Volleyball Program should be a bridge between USAV Youth Volleyball (ages 12 and under) and USAV adult volleyball.

Requirements for a Junior Program or Club

1. **Mature Leadership** - All teams must have adult participation for the program to succeed. Each team must have an adult coach and chaperon or team representative. Each program or club should have a Board of Directors and apply for a non-profit charter from the State of Texas. This is necessary to be able to conduct fund raising events and issue receipts for charitable contributions made to your club or program.
 2. **Officials** - Each team must provide officials who have attended a clinic and taken the appropriate test for certification. Each official must be evaluated during the season for certification. Each team must have a minimum of three officials, as follows:
 - A. 1st Referee - Adult member or player (*Listed as referee on roster.*)
 - B. 2nd Referee - Adult member or player.
 - C. Scorekeeper - Adult or player. (*Listed as referee on roster.*)
- NOTE:** *When playing in Junior Volleyball tournaments, except the Regional Championships and the Junior National Qualifiers, the 1st referee may be a player under 18 years of age provided the 2nd referee is a certified adult referee. This is where we will rate our Junior referees on their evaluation forms for certification. In other than Junior Volleyball tournaments, the 1st referee must be an adult.*
3. **Coaches** - Each team must have adult coaches and all players' parents must be advised of this requirement and the methods by which it will be satisfied. Coaches should also be certified as referees. **Effective with the 2011 season, the USAV IMPACT Course must be completed before a person may become a coach for a junior program.**
 4. **Clinicians** - The Lone Star Region will provide knowledgeable leadership to conduct coaching clinics designed for the Junior Volleyball Program.
 5. **USAV Fees** - All players, coaches and adult supervisors will be required to pay a minimal registration fee.
 6. **Insurance** - All Junior Volleyball teams (players, coaches and other members) must be covered by insurance specifically designed for the program. Precautions must be taken for the unwanted possibility of injury. Secondary, or supplemental, insurance is provided as part of the registration fee.
 7. **Equipment** - Each team must have uniforms in accordance with USAV guidelines. By 2006 uniform numbers must be centered on the front and the back. Number height must be 6" on the front and 8" on the back. Each team is responsible for its own playing equipment and practice sites. Each team should have a proper medical kit and someone qualified as a trainer.
 8. **Guidebooks** - The Lone Star Region will provide the USAV Official Guide to each team leader. This guidebook was developed by the USAV national office and offers excellent information on all aspects of running a successful Junior Volleyball Program.

Competition

Age Groups - The age definitions are updated annually and listed on the Region Web Site (www.lsvolleyball.org) under Reference. The age groups shall be in effect for players other than college students who, regardless of age, are not eligible to compete in sanctioned Junior Volleyball events. Players need not be currently enrolled in high school, except for Seniors born on or after September 1 AND were high school students during the academic year. A new league begins this year for the 8 year old age group.

2. **Tournaments** - The Lone Star Region sanctions volleyball tournaments every weekend starting in November and ending in June, just before the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships. Junior teams wishing to play in adult tournaments must start at the entry level “B” and prove themselves at each level of classification before they may move to a higher adult level tournament. Junior teams may play in a higher age division in Junior tournaments **BUT** can never play down at a lower age division.

Effective with the 2011 season, gate fees may be charged for certain Junior level tournaments. Any tournament wishing to charge a gate fee must first request permission from, and provide justification to, the Region Commissioner. Tournaments with approved Gate Fees will be listed as such in the Lone Star Region tournament schedule.

2. **Regional Championships** - The Lone Star Region will conduct regional championships for each age division currently in force. Seeding for these championships are based on play in all regionally sanctioned “open” Junior Volleyball. Winners of each age division qualify for the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships in the “**CLUB**” division.
3. **Qualifiers** - The number of qualifiers for the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships are established and published by the USAV National Office. Currently, there are nine qualifiers awarding bids to the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships in the OPEN and CLUB divisions. The only requirement for participation in these qualifiers is to have a properly registered USAV Junior Volleyball team, including **certified referee, scorekeeper, IMPACT certified coach, and one chaperon**. The host tournament director will accept tournament entries on a “first come”, “first served” basis. Lone Star Region teams may compete in either OPEN or CLUB at these qualifiers.
4. **Applications for USA Junior National Volleyball Championships** - Teams qualifying by winning the Regional Championships, or any other qualifying event, must complete all entry requirements prior to the appropriate cut-off date. Other teams not previously qualified may apply by submitting the official entry forms to the USAV National Championship Committee, per established instructions.

U.I.L. Exceptions in Texas - Girls Only

There are a few basic rules USAV Junior Olympic Volleyball players must follow in Texas to remain eligible to compete in U.I.L. high school competition. These are but a few of the U.I.L. rules. Each participant is responsible for knowing and complying with these rules.

1. Athletes may not play for any coach in their attendance zone unless their high school eligibility has been completed. **Note:** “Any Coach” includes all coaches, regardless of which sport they normally coach.
2. Athletes must adhere to the athletic amateur rules throughout the year, including all non-school and/or summer participation.
3. Athletes shall not participate in a college or university athletic tryout or practice session or test to reveal, demonstrate or display ability in any sport until their senior year and after their last high school game or contest in the sport for which they are trying out.

How to start a Junior Volleyball Program

For more information on starting a USAV Junior Volleyball Program or club in the Lone Star Region, contact the Junior Development Director listed on the inside cover of this publication.

NOTE: *The development of new junior clubs is highly encouraged and every assistance will be provided, to the maximum extent possible. However, the Region will take any and all action necessary to preclude any unethical practices of recruiting, i.e., undue pressure to persuade a player to participate with a certain team/club; or making disparaging and unfounded remarks about other clubs. Additionally, clubs will take every precaution to ensure compliance with existing UIL policies.*

TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING GUIDELINES

USAV tournaments are conducted in the Lone Star Region under the *Guidelines for Conducting USAV Sanctioned Tournaments*, as described in the USA Volleyball Official 2011 Guide. This section contains additional information on conducting tournaments within this Region. All tournament hosts must follow the guidelines in both the Official Guide and in The Member’s Handbook. All deviations from these guidelines must be approved in advance by the Regional Commissioner or the Regional Tournament Director, Vicki Barnes or Junior Development Director, Dick Kappel.

ORGANIZING AN EVENT

Sanctioning a Tournament

1. Contact the Adult Or Junior Regional Tournament Director (see inside cover) to determine an available date. An application for sanction will be provided on request. No dates will be guaranteed until a written request has been received and sanction granted.
2. Approximately four (4) weeks prior to the event the Director will ensure that all necessary materials are available to each tournament host. This will include tournament and post-tournament guidelines, official entry form, information sheet, club/team contact information, pool and playoff schedules, score sheets and line-up sheets, position charts, and the certificate of insurance. All post-tournament reports & sanction fees should be submitted to the appropriate region tournament directory within 10 days following the event.

Team Entries

1. At least four (4) weeks prior to each event, tournament hosts will mail information packets to prospective team representatives. Packets should include a cover letter with appropriate information (awards should be mentioned), an official entry blank (be sure to state fee and the entry deadline), and any exceptions to these guidelines.
2. A minimum of three (3) weeks before the tournament date start accepting entries. The ONLY criteria used in deciding which entries are accepted are: timelines of the entry, regional affiliation, or registered level of play. All **Region teams** should be accepted on a *first-come, first-served* basis. **Teams registered in other regions will be accepted on space available basis, only after the entry deadline has passed.**
3. One (1) week prior to the event the tournament host must verify with the adult or junior tournament director that all players and teams are registered USAV members, and that each team has both a qualified referee and scorekeeper, also verifying the team's current playing level.
4. The tournament host will ensure that each participating team is contacted prior to play, and provided an opportunity to register new members. **No one will be permitted to play unless registered.** Registration forms and fees will be collected and mailed to the Regional Commissioner immediately after each event. A Region board member may be on hand to collect new registration forms and fees.
5. If a team withdraws from a tournament and a replacement team cannot be found, the host may elect to keep that team's entry fee. Appropriate actions and consequences are reflected in the *Lone Star Regional Rules*.

Seeding

Teams should be seeded with respect to their expected playing strength. Prior tournament results and previous meetings between teams may be utilized to aid the tournament host in judging the relationships of the teams. The Regional Tournament Director is available to assist in this process after tournament host have made their own evaluations.

The objective of seeding is to ensure that the more skilled teams will not eliminate each other early in the tournament. The fairest and most effective method of seeding will result in the stronger teams being spread out over the entire tournament field.

EXAMPLE: *Eight (8) teams evaluated with respect to their related strengths and assigned to two (2) pools as follows:*

Pool A: (1,4,5,8) Pool B: (2,3,6,7)

Tournament Brackets

For all day events each team should be guaranteed a minimum of eight (8) sets. Five (5) teams per court is preferred. Six (6) teams per court is acceptable, for only a single pool round robin, with no playoff.

In half day events each team should be guaranteed a minimum of six (6) sets. For this type of tournament four (4) team pools are best. Tournament fees should be adjusted downward with fewer sets being guaranteed.

Suggested round robin tournament brackets are as follows, with the number in parentheses denoting the officiating.

4 Team Pool

1 vs 4 (2)
2 vs 3 (4)
1 vs 3 (2)
2 vs 4 (3)
1 vs 2 (4)
3 vs 4 (1)

5 Team Pool

1 vs 2 (5) 2 vs 4 (5)
3 vs 4 (1) 1 vs 3 (2)
2 vs 5 (3) 4 vs 5 (1)
1 vs 4 (2) 2 vs 3 (4)
3 vs 5 (4) 1 vs 5 (3)

6 Team Pool

1 vs 4 (6) 2 vs 6 (5) 4 vs 5 (1)
2 vs 5 (1) 3 vs 4 (2) 2 vs 3 (5)
3 vs 6 (5) 1 vs 6 (4) 4 vs 6 (2)
2 vs 4 (3) 3 vs 5 (6) 1 vs 3 (4)
1 vs 5 (4) 1 vs 2 (3) 5 vs 6 (3)

Occasionally, cross-bracket pool play is necessary. The most common is a *Seven (7) Team Cross-Bracket*. Under these circumstances the top four (4) teams (those with the best won/loss record) will advance to the playoffs. It is possible and often happens that these teams are in the same pool. Cross-bracket play can be accomplished on either one (1) or two (2) courts.

Determining Playoff Positions

1. Teams shall NOT be eliminated from assignment to championship competition on a point or any other non-competition system.
2. Teams qualifying for the playoffs, but tied for position only, shall not compete in a playoff set to determine position assignment shall be determined by the below listed priority system based on point spread to the extent possible.
 - 1st Priority: Results of the match between the tied teams, first on the won-lost record, and second on the point spread. If still tied, then:
 - 2nd Priority: Comparison of the point spread based on the total round robin competition. If still tied, then:
 - 3rd Priority: Flip a coin.

NOTE: *Point spread shall be determined by subtracting the points lost from the total points won. The highest plus or the lowest minus remainder shall be considered the superior team for tie breaking purposes.*

3. If there are more teams tied for the playoffs than there are positions, the tied teams must compete for the position(s) in direct competition. *These sets will be scored the same as a non-deciding set of a match.*
4. If two or more teams are tied for a single playoff position, the minimum number of one 25 point set shall be played. For example:
 - A. Two teams tie for last position: One 25 point set.
 - B. Three teams tie for last position: Superior team adjudged by the point spread shall be the bye team and play the winner of the match between the two remaining teams. Two 25 point sets total.
 - C. Four teams tie for last position: Following judgment by the point spread system, team 1 vs 4, and 2 vs 3, and winners playoff. Three 25 point sets total.
5. If three teams tie for two playoff positions, the team with the greater point spread shall be awarded first place, and the other two teams shall play one 25 point set for the remaining playoff position. The same priorities as listed in para 2 shall prevail, except that if a tie shall exist after the 2nd priority, the flip of a coin shall determine the bye team and all teams play for position as follows:
 - A. Team Blue wins over Team White and gains one playoff berth.
 - B. Team Red plays the loser, in this case Team White, for second playoff berth. Two 25 point sets total.

Playoff Officials

1. Teams playing in the final round robin match of the day, if not otherwise a participating team will be assigned to the first level of the playoff matches. If neither team has qualified for the playoffs, the team losing the last set of the match shall be scheduled to officiate. If both teams playing the final round robin match are in the playoffs, then revert to those playing in the previous match.
2. For playoffs where certain teams are awarded a BYE, these teams will be scheduled to officiate the initial round of the playoffs.
3. Losers of the playoff matches will be required to work the next level of the playoffs. The officiating team for the finals will be the loser of the LATEST finishing semi-final match, provided both semi-final matches are played at the same location. NORMALLY, teams will not be moved to another gym site for the purpose of officiating.
4. Teams not fulfilling these assignments will be subject to regional discipline, as outlined in the Lone Star Region Player's Handbook.

Playoffs

1. Single bracket pool - No playoff required.
2. Two bracket, round robin - Semi-Finals and Finals (top two teams in each pool).
3. More than two brackets, round robin - Quarter/Semi-Finals and Finals (top two teams in each pool.)
4. Cross bracket, two pools - Semi-Finals and Finals (top four teams, regardless of pool - all teams could come from the same pool). The method of determining officiating teams for the first round of the playoffs should be announced prior to the start of play.
5. All finals (quarter and semi) will consist of two out of three 25 point sets, with the deciding set scored as outlined in the USAV Rule Book.

THE LONE STAR VOLLEBALL REGION BY - LAWS

ARTICLE I. Name.

The name of the corporation shall be the Lone Star Region Volleyball Association.

ARTICLE II. Offices.

The principal office of the corporation in the State of Texas shall be located in the City of Schertz, or such other city in which the Commissioner may reside. The corporation may have such other offices, within the State of Texas, as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

ARTICLE III. Purpose

The purpose for which this corporation is organized is to foster national and international amateur volleyball competition. In furtherance of this main purpose, the following sub-purposes are set forth:

1. To teach the sport of volleyball to children and adults by holding clinics conducted by qualified instructors in schools, playgrounds and parks;
2. To provide practice volleyball sessions, classroom lectures, seminars and panel discussions through which selected trainees may be schooled in competitive coaching, playing, officiating and scouting techniques;
3. To foster and conduct area, state, regional and national amateur volleyball competitions;
4. To act as the official representative of USA Volleyball within an area designated as the Lone Star Region;
5. To select and train suitable candidates in the techniques of volleyball in national and international competition and thereby improve the caliber of candidates representing the United States in Olympic, Pan American and World Game competitions, and;
6. To foster and conduct amateur volleyball programs in the United States and foreign nations for the exchange and training of suitable candidates in the techniques and practices of volleyball in countries other than their own.

In order to carry out the purposes of this corporation, the corporation shall have the power to receive and hold money or other property, tangible or intangible, real or personal, for any of the purposes of the corporation, from whatever source derived. The corporation shall also have the power to borrow money and to mortgage or pledge real or personal property as security therefore, to use, borrow, or expend the funds and property of the corporation and do all things necessary to carry out the powers granted.

ARTICLE IV. Membership of the Board of Directors

Membership on the Board of Directors shall be open to all persons, who are interested in furthering the purposes of this corporation as expressed in Article III of these By-Laws. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the then existing Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation or any special meeting called for the purpose of electing members to the Board of Directors. Any Director may be removed from the Board by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present and voting at any special or annual meeting at which a quorum is present. The corporation shall not have any voting members other than those persons duly elected or serving on the Board of Directors. All members duly elected or serving on the Board of Directors shall have one vote per member to vote on all matters submitted to the Board.

ARTICLE V. Board of Directors

General Statement. The Board of Directors, in furtherance of the specific and primary purpose of this nonprofit corporation as expressed in its Articles of Incorporation, may perform such acts as are necessary to exercise the powers of this nonprofit corporation stated in its Articles of Incorporation, and generally may do or perform, or cause to be done or performed, any act which the corporation lawfully may do or perform in the furtherance of its purposes stated in its Articles of Incorporation.

Policy Governing the Exercise of Powers by the Board of Directors. It shall be the policy of this corporation to budget and disburse each year sufficient funds to carry out its purposes as stated in its Articles of Incorporation. It also shall be the policy of this corporation that this corporation shall not engage in any of the following transactions:

1. Lending any part of its income or principal without adequate security or at unreasonable rates of interest to contributors, to members of the families of contributors, or to corporations controlled by contributors or members of contributors' families.
2. Making any part of this corporation's services available, on a preferential basis, to contributors, or to members of contributors' families, or to corporations controlled by contributors or members of contributors' families.
3. Making any substantial purchase of securities or other property from contributors, members of contributors' families, or corporations controlled by contributors or members of contributors' families for more than adequate consideration.
4. Selling any substantial part of the property of this corporation to contributors, members contributors' families, or corporations controlled by contributors or members of contributors' families for less than adequate consideration.
5. Engaging in any transaction which results in a substantial diversion of the income of corpus of this corporation to contributors, members of contributors' families, or corporations controlled by contributors or members of contributors' families.
6. The corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

7. This corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the net earnings of this nonprofit corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual. No substantial part of the activities of the nonprofit corporation shall consist of carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 1. The business, property and affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than seven or more than twenty-one members.

Section 2. The Directors, other than the first Board of Directors, shall be elected by majority vote at the Annual Meeting or a special meeting of this corporation held as hereinafter provided. The first Board of Directors shall be Will Vick, Melvin Ellis, and Vicki Barnes, who shall select at least four additional Directors as soon as possible.

Section 3. Directors shall be elected for two year teams or until such time as their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. The chairman of all standing or special committees shall be appointed by the Commissioner of the Corporation from members of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held upon giving at least three days written notice at such times and at such places as shall from time to time be determined by the Board or as may be determined by the Commissioner.

Section 6. Directors (functioning as a private contractor) may be compensated for their services, only with advance Board approval. Directors may be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties to this Corporation. No person who now is, or later becomes, a Director for this nonprofit corporation shall be personally liable to its creditors for any indebtedness or liability, and any and all creditors of this nonprofit corporation shall look only to the assets of this nonprofit corporation for payment.

Section 7. In the event of the dissolution of this nonprofit corporation, after its just debts and obligations have been paid or adequately provided for, its remaining assets will be distributed to USAV for the express purpose of regenerating interest in the national and international amateur volleyball competition, provided the organization continues to be dedicated to the exempt purposes as specified in Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (a)(3).

Section 8. The Board of Directors is authorized to adopt an operating code by which the Lone Star Volleyball Association shall be governed with regard to more specific decisions and activities.

Section 9. The USA Volleyball Operating Code for Regional Operations Division shall be construed to be an integral part of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI. Officers

Section 1. This Corporation shall have as its elected officers a Commissioner, a Vice-Commissioner, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. In addition, the Corporation may have such other officers as are appointed by the Commissioner and approved by the Board of Directors. Officers shall be elected, at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors, for a two year term of office. The Commissioner and Treasurer are to be elected during odd-numbered years, with the Vice-Commissioner and Secretary elected during the even-numbered years.

Section 2. Any officer or agent elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby.

Section 3. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled by the Commissioner for the unexpired portion of the term. All such appointments must be approved by the Board of Directors at the first meeting following the appointment(s).

Section 4. The Commissioner shall be a director of the corporation. He shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation; and, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, shall in general supervise and control all the business and affairs of the corporation. He shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. He may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation thereunto authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or any other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of the corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 5. The Vice-Commissioner shall be a director of the corporation. In the absence of the Commissioner or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Vice-Commissioner shall perform the duties of the Commissioner, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Commissioner. The Vice-Commissioner shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Commissioner or the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Keep the minutes of the Directors' meetings in one or more books provided for that purpose;
- (b) See that all notices are given as provided for in these By-Laws or as required by law;
- (c) Be custodian of the corporate records; and,
- (d) In general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Commissioner or the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall:

(a) Have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation, receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such bank, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws; and,

(b) In general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Commissioner of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII. Assets

Section 1. All bank checks drawn against the corporation's checking accounts shall be signed by the Commissioner or Treasurer or by such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

Section 2. Deeds, mortgages, leases and contracts may be signed by both the Commissioner and Treasurer or by such other person or persons as the Board of Directors may authorize when necessary.

Section 3. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited as received in the corporation's checking account or in a savings account with such bank or banks or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

ARTICLE VIII. Executive Committee.

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of this corporation which shall consist of the elected officers, plus the two elected Player Representatives.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall have and exercise such control of the affairs and business of the corporation as may be directed to it from time to time by the Board of Directors except such matter which by these By-Laws or by the Laws of the State of Texas must be reserved by the Board of Directors or to the membership of the corporation or both.

ARTICLE IX. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of this corporation shall begin on January 1, and shall end December 31.

ARTICLE X. Meeting.

Annual meetings of this corporation shall be held each year during the month of April or before the Adult Regional tournament, commencing with the year 1998. The April meeting will be for the Board of Directors, held on Friday night immediately preceding the adult regional championships, and for the purpose of electing new members. Additionally, annual reports shall be received and such other business shall be transacted as may properly be brought before the meeting.

ARTICLE XI. Seal.

A corporate seal is not required for this corporation.

ARTICLE XII. Waiver of Notice.

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any member Director of this corporation under the provisions of these By-Laws or under the Articles of Incorporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, or by telegram sent by them, whether before or after the holding of the meeting, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

ARTICLE XIII. Quorum.

One third of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, however, that at least three (3) Directors are present. No Director may vote by proxy.

ARTICLE XIV. Committees.

Section 1. There shall be two standing committees of this corporation as follows: Finance Committee and Membership Committee.

Section 2. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall the authority to appoint such other committees as deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE XV. Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended, altered, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting; provided however, notice of the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Commissioner and Secretary in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the said meeting.

ARTICLE XVI. Rules of Procedure.

In all cases not otherwise provided for by these By-Laws, corporation shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Procedure.

ARTICLE XVII. Discrimination Prohibited.

The Lone Star Volleyball Association shall not, nor shall anyone acting on behalf of the Association, discriminate against any person or group of persons on the basis of age, race, creed or nationality.

LONE STAR REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION'S POLICY AGAINST SEXUAL HARASSMENT

As an extension to the USA Volleyball Participant Code of Conduct, by which all members of the Lone Star Region Volleyball Association, Inc. (the "Region") are bound. The Region does hereby promulgate and adopt the following policy on sexual harassment (the "Policy"). To establish the Region's prohibition of such harassment, to define procedure for reporting such harassment, and to establish guidelines for the administration of discipline.

1. **Policy.** Sexual harassment is illegal and will not be tolerated by the Region. Any employee or member of the Region who engages in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action.

2. **Definition.** Sexual harassment is described as a continuing pattern of unwelcome sexual overtures, requests for sexual favors, or other conduct of a sexual nature when submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for participation or team selection decisions; or such conduct has the purpose of effect or unreasonably interfering with an individual's opportunity to participate in volleyball events or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

3. **Examples.** Conduct constituting sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to: suggestive comments about physical appearance; leering or staring; use or display of sexual material, not legitimately connected to participation of volleyball; sexual teasing; jokes with sexual themes; unwanted physical conduct; promises or rewards in return for sexual favors; sexual assault or certain sexual physical contact; and touching, propositions or advances.

4. **Response to Sexual Harassment.** If you are a Region member and are sexually harassed by another Region member, you may take any or all of the following actions:

a. Respond immediately and do not ignore the problem; and

b. Speak to the offender about his or her behavior. Additionally, you should report such behavior to your coach and the Region Legal Advisor or the Commissioner.

5. **Complaints.** If you are a Region member and are sexually harassed by another Region member, you should immediately notify your coach and/or team representative, as applicable, and either the Region Legal Advisor or Commissioner. Please send the following information, in writing to the Commissioner or Legal Advisor: a) your name; b) the name of the alleged offender; c) the specific nature and date(s) of the sexual harassment; and d) witnesses to the actions, if any. The names and address of the Commissioner and Region Legal Advisor are listed in the front of the Player's Handbook. Either the Commissioner or Region Legal Advisor, with the consent of the Commissioner will investigate the charges. Any member may be suspended from participation in sanctioned events, pending the investigation. Based upon the results of the investigation, and on a case by case basis, the Commissioner or the duly assigned designee will determine whether the conduct of the alleged offender constitutes sexual harassment. If a determination that the member is guilty of sexual harassment is made, immediate and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The disciplinary action will be consistent with the nature and severity of the offense, and shall be approved by the review board. Such disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to warnings; suspension; termination; or permanent expulsion from the Region. Additionally, any member who fails to cooperate in an investigation of alleged sexual harassment is subject to appropriate sanctions including without limitation, all of the above.

6. **Appeals.** Any member who feels he or she has not been treated fairly in keeping with these policies and should utilize the Region's due process procedures.

7. **Amendment.** This policy may be amended from time to time as recommended by the Commissioner and/or adopted by the Board.

LONE STAR REGION

PLAYING SITES

www.mapquest.com

www.yahoomaps.com

The following sites are a representation of sites that have been offered
or been used across the Region.

Web information and phone numbers, when available, have been included for
assistance in mapping and contacting the sites for
accessing directions.

Sites associated with specific clubs were not singled out for any other purpose
other than that they have tournament facilities available and have hosted
tournaments in the past.

Phone numbers were not included for schools since their offices are not generally
manned on tournament days.

If a site has been overlooked or if information needs to be corrected or added
please contact aneale@austin.rr.com.

REGION SITE LOCATIONS

AUSTIN

AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER

500 East Caesar Chavez
Austin, TX 78701
512-404-4000

<http://www.austinconventioncenter.com/MapsDiagrams/directions.htm>

AUSTIN SPORTS CENTER

425 Woodward
Austin, TX 78704
512-479-8776

<http://www.austinsportscenter.com>

Austin Sports Center - Cedar Park

1420 Toro Grande Blvd.
Cedar Park, TX 78613
(512) 260-0333

<http://www.austinsportscenter.com>

AUSTIN RECREATION CENTER

1213 Shoal Creek
Austin, TX 78704
512-476-5662

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/austin.htm>

HUTTO HIGH SCHOOL

101 FM 685
Hutto, TX 78634
512-759-4700

<http://www.txed.net>

SOUTH AUSTIN RECREATION CENTER

1100 Cumberland
Austin, TX 78704
512-444-6601

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/southaustin.htm>

ST. EDWARDS UNIVERSITY

3001 S. Congress
Austin, TX 78704

THE SPRINGS

Dripping Springs, TX
512-894-3309

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Recreation Center
Austin, TX 787

<http://www.utexas.edu/maps/main/buildings/rsc.html>

HOUSTON PLAYING SITES

GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CENTER

1001 Avenida de las Americas
Houston, TX 77010
http://www.houstonconventionctr.com/map_&_directions/directions.html

HOUSTON JUNIORS TRAINING CENTER

1301 W. Sam Houston Parkway N
Houston, TX 77043
281-488-6271
<http://www.houstonjuniors.com>

SPIKE SPORT

10914 S. Gessner Rd
Houston, TX 77071
713-77-SPIKE
<http://www.spikesport.com>

TEXAS SELECT FACILITY

14647 Walters Rd
Houston, TX 77068
832-444-3096
<http://www.texaselectvolleyball.net>

TEXAS TORNADOS

8835 Wheat Cross Dr
Houston, TX 77095
281-578-6046
<http://www.texastornados.org>

WILLOWBROOK

12539 Perry Rd
Houston, TX 77070
281-807-0055
<http://www.willowbrooksports.com>

ALVIN

ALVIN HIGH SCHOOL

802 S. Johnson
Alvin, TX 77511

G. W. HARBY JR. HIGH SCHOOL

2300 West South Street
Alvin, TX 77511
<http://www.greatschools.net/school/mapSchool.page?id=317&state=TX>

SAN ANTONIO

ANTONIAN COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL

6425 West Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78213

FEAST

25 Burwood
San Antonio, TX 78216

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL

6500 Ingram
San Antonio, TX 78238

HOME COURT AMERICA

210-344-7529
<http://www.homecourtamerica.com>

SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE

1300 San Pedro
San Antonio, TX 78212
<http://www.accd.edu>

ST. MARY'S HALL

9401 Starcrest
San Antonio, TX 78217
<http://www.smhall.org/athletics/directions>

UTSA

One UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249

TMI (TEXAS MILITARY ACADEMY)

20955 W. Tejas Trail
San Antonio, TX 78257
<http://www.community.tmi-sa.org>

SEGUIN/SCHERTZ

BRIESEMEISTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

1616 W. Court Street

Seguin, TX 78155

<http://www.greatschools.net/school/mapSchool.page?id=6222&state=TX>

JIM BARNES MIDDLE SCHOOL

1539 Joe Carillo Blvd

Seguin, TX 78155

<http://www.greatschools.net/school/mapSchool.page?id=6221&state=TX>

ULTIMATE TRAINING FACILITY

7 Commercial Place

Schertz, TX 78154

210-658-9988

<http://www.ultimate-training.org>

TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY

College Station, Texas

<http://www.campusmaps.tamu.edu/>

Student Recreation Center

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