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# USA VOLLEYBALL

## A Brief History

USA Volleyball (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 its 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 & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) 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 years, 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 Associations, the National Jewish Welfare Board (NJWB), the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), the Armed Forces, the Explorer Division of the Boy Scouts of America 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 Championships. Opens have been conducted concurrently each year. USAV also annually conducts 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 27,827. For the past 45 seasons Will Vick, a retired United States Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, has remained the Region's only commissioner.

## REGIONAL REGISTRATIONS - TEAMS

SEASON	REGULAR		JUNIOR		PROV		TOTAL		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
2023-24	0	0	51	2011			51	2011	2062
2022-23	0	0	46	1935			46	1935	1981
2021-22	0	0	42	1787			42	1787	1829
2020-21	0	0	35	1752			35	1752	1787
2019-20	10	8	20	1619			30	1627	1657
2018-19	10	9	17	1,623			21	1,623	1,624
2017-18	10	5	17	1,578			27	1,583	1,610
2016-17	8	14	14	1,526			22	1,540	1,562
2015-16	9	20	13	1,471			22	1,491	1,513
2014-15	17	23	14	1,448			31	1,471	1,502
2013-14	28	28	10	1,396			38	1,424	1,462
2012-13	27	47	11	1,340			38	1,387	1,425
2011-12	30	45	10	1,257			40	1,302	1,342
2010-11	30	46	7	1,189			37	1,281	1,318
2009-10	27	48	5	1,013			32	1,053	1,085
2008-09	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			3	803	839
2003-04	33	48	9	675			42	723	765
2002-03	37	56	6	624			43	675	718
2001-02	51	64	6	545			57	609	666
2000-01	41	57	5	504			46	561	607
1999-00	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	63	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	17	11	8	58	79	137
1983-84	46	48	11	11	4	5	50	64	114
1982-83	50	44	9	9	5	2	55	55	110
1981-82	44	41	8	8	8	3	52	52	104
1980-81	37	37	1	1	8	7	45	45	90

## REGIONAL REGISTRATIONS - INDIVIDUALS

SEASON	REGULAR		JUNIOR		PROV		TOTAL		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
2023-24	1135	3,172	693	22,827			1,828	25,999	27,827
2022-23	1183	3,187	555	21,478			1,738	24,665	26,392
2021-22	939	2,667	459	19,441			1,398	22,108	23,506
2020-21	915	2,435	301	17,552			1,216	19,987	21,203
2019-20	955	2,289	251	17,552			1,206	20,288	21,494
2018-19	953	2,182	173	17,101			1,126	19,283	20409
2017-18	1,081	2,295	206	16,533			1,287	18,828	20115
2016-17	1,016	2,269	158	15,937			1,174	18,206	19380
2015-16	1,042	2,228	147	14,759			1,190	17,759	18349
2014-15	1,078	2,169	149	15,382			1,227	17,248	18778
2013-14	1,026	2,157	136	14,548			1,162	16,705	17687
2012-13	943	1,939	145	13,775			1,088	15,714	16802
2011-12	849	1,857	133	12,884			982	14,741	15723
2010-11	905	1,843	77	12,014			982	13,857	14839
2009-10	823	1,656	86	10,371			909	12,027	12936
2008-09	752	1,619	53	9,560			805	11,179	11984
2007-08	652	1,417	60	881			712	10,238	10950
2006-07	764	1,692	81	8,292			842	9,761	10606
2005-06	698	1,411	73	7,591			771	9,002	9773
2004-05	682	1,458	44	7,368			726	8,826	9552
2003-04	671	1,268	104	6,777			775	7,945	8720
2002-03	687	1,272	66	6,130			753	7,402	8155
2001-02	747	1,275	62	5,365			809	6,640	7449
2000-01	667	1,141	56	4,964			723	6,105	6828

<b>1999-00</b>	781	1,157	50	4,467					831	5,624	6455
<b>1998-99</b>	827	1,067	65	4,158					892	5,225	6117
<b>1997-98</b>	816	987	79	2,857					907	4,299	5206
<b>1996-97</b>	882	926	77	2,857					959	3,783	4742
<b>1995-96</b>	949	902	88	2,419					1,037	3,321	4958
<b>1994-95</b>	908	824	10	1,951					1,012	2,775	3787
<b>1993-94</b>	961	841	140	1,590					1,101	2,431	3532
<b>1992-03</b>	942	862	121	1,328					1,063	2,190	3153
<b>1991-92</b>	862	674	51	1,025					913	1,699	2612
<b>1990-91</b>	788	589	30	806					818	1,395	2213
<b>1989-90</b>	748	512	44	856					792	1,368	2160
<b>1988-90</b>	730	633	30	650					760	1,283	2043
<b>1987-88</b>	480	489	26	594	189	187	189	187	695	1,274	1965
<b>1986-87</b>	415	462	46	395	219	180	219	180	680	1,037	1717
<b>1985-86</b>	428	382	49	464	128	110	128	110	605	956	1561
<b>1984-85</b>	372	346	19	295	163	110	163	110	554	751	1305
<b>1983-84</b>	336	303	22	223	93	101	93	101	481	627	1108
<b>1982-83</b>	374	298	13	141	131	112	131	112	518	551	1069
<b>1981-82</b>	329	281	24	168	156	96	156	96	509	545	1054
<b>1980-81</b>	258	256	11	77	151	167	151	167	420	499	919



# LONE STAR REGION RULES

## MEMBERSHIP

All teams and individuals—*players, coaches, team representatives, chaperones, referees, scorers, trainers, etc.*—must have an eligible membership in the Lone Star Region of USA Volleyball (USAV), and be approved on a USAV roster in the database before participating in any USAV sanctioned event. The Lone Star Region sanctions practices and tournaments after the completion of the State UIL High School Playoffs and through the end of the Junior tournament schedule posted by the Region.

## REGISTRATION

The Lone Star Region will utilize the USA Volleyball Member Management System to handle registrations for all members. The USA Volleyball Member Management System is now on the SportsEngine platform. This will require that you log into or [create a SportsEngine](#) account. The SportsEngine account must be owned by an adult, parent/guardian for a Junior member, who must electronically sign the USAV legal waivers. The SportsEngine account must contain the adult's mailing address, which is to be maintained at all times. Please see the Membership section on page 14 of the Lone Star Region Handbook.

## TRANSGENDER COMPETITION POLICY

Transgender competition raises unresolved questions of gender equity, sports fairness, and identity validation, all of which the Lone Star Region is not built to answer through its sanctioned competitions. The USA Volleyball Gender Competition Guidelines will govern USAV-specific events with respect to transgender competition in those events. In alignment with the Texas regulations governing youth interscholastic athletic competition, it will be the policy of the Lone Star Region that athletes competing in Lone Star Region sanctioned events must participate on the gender-specific team to which their unamended birth certificate designates.

## ACCEPTANCE OF TOURNAMENT ENTRY

Tournaments will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with a posted deadline date or until gym space is 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 must be submitted through AES by the deadline posted on the Junior Tournament Schedule. Only the top 48 teams, 24 in the 11U age division, based on Region ranking, with certified scorer and referee, will be accepted in the Bid Division.

## 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 or by the cancellation date posted in the tournament information. 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 team, 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.

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 "in-progress" status for at least one Referee and one Scorer (not the same person) to enter a sanctioned tournament. "In-progress" is achieved by clinic attendance, payment, and passing of test. Teams must have, listed as a member of their roster, a **certified** referee and a **certified** scorekeeper to compete in the Regional Championships. Certification requirements are listed on the Official's Clinic & Info page of the Region website. Anyone over the age of 18 will need to initially apply for and complete the Provisional scorer or referee rating. Junior teams (15 years of age and under) must have an adult as the primary referee.

### **REFEREE/SCORER RECERTIFICATION**

Within the Lone Star Region, each referee and scorer is required to re-certify every two (2) seasons. An official's application must be completed every two (2) seasons for re-certification and the appropriate renewal fee paid. Anyone over the age of 18 will need to initially apply for and complete the Provisional scorer rating, and Provisional or Adult R2 referee rating. If an official does not complete certification in the season they apply, they will have to re-apply the following season.

### **PAID REFEREE/SCORER RECERTIFICATION**

If you work as a PAID REFEREE, you must attend the Referee for Pay (R4P) clinic every season. On the season that you certify/recertify, you must attend the clinic, pay the clinic fee, pass the appropriate exam, turn in 2 ratings (R1 & R2 – one of each) to the referee chair. All of this must be accomplished not later than August 31 of the season. On the season that you "do not" recertify, you must attend the R4P clinic as an observer. You will not pay, test, nor obtain ratings. You only need to attend the clinic.

### **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.

**USAV 19.2a: (23-25 USAV Indoor Rules Book)** The Libero must wear a jersey that clearly contrasts with, and has a different dominant color from, the jersey of their teammates.

**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.

**USAV 19.2c:** Numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in USAV 4.3.3.1. Color combinations including but not limited to navy/black, purple/black, dark green/black, navy/maroon, and white/ light yellow are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.

**NOTE:** The color of the number must clearly contrast with the color of the jersey irrespective of any border around the number.

### **PLAYING WITHIN A CLUB**

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

Players may not compete in more than one regional championship division, 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 the 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., “AA”, “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 **not** be allowed to play below their registered category. “Playing up” may be permitted a) is requested to play up by the tournament director (after the tournament deadline) because appropriate level teams are not available; b) or there is not a tournament scheduled at the lower age level nearby. The permission of the Junior Director is needed before a team is allowed to play in a higher age division and the participating teams must be informed. Playing in a higher division will not improve the rankings of the lower ranked team nor will it hurt the rankings of the appropriate level team. Teams will be permitted to play at the higher level in only three tournaments. For adult teams, upon entering their third tournament at a higher level, the team classification will be changed.

Individuals may be moved between teams within their club, but may only participate in the legal USAV age division 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. 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 begins September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 USAV 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 an 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 wrong doings 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, 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. The Lone Star Region will recognize and adopt (for purposes of RVA activities and privileges) any penalties imposed by USA Volleyball Ethics & Eligibility Committee.

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).

# MEMBERSHIP

All teams and individuals—*club directors, players, coaches, team representatives, chaperones, referees, scorers, trainers, etc.*—must have an eligible membership in the Lone Star Region of USA Volleyball (USAV), and be approved on a USAV roster before participating in any USAV sanctioned event, including practices.

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.

## REGISTRATION

The Lone Star Region will utilize the USA Volleyball Member Management System to handle registrations for all members. This will require that you log into or [create a SportsEngine](#) account. The SportsEngine account must be owned by an adult, parent/guardian for a Junior member, who must electronically sign the USAV legal waivers. The SportsEngine account must contain the adult's mailing address, which is to be maintained at all times. Instructions for individual registrations are on the Membership page of the Lone Star Region website – [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org).

## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES

Junior Indoor player	\$48
Adult Indoor player	\$48
Adult club director/administrator	\$48 + \$14 background screening fee
Adult Coach of Juniors, Referees, Team Reps	\$48 + \$14 background screening fee
Collegiate Team Member	\$20
Junior Outdoor member	\$25
Adult Outdoor player	\$25

## FORMING CLUBS OR ASSOCIATIONS

All clubs or associations must be formed at the time of team registration. 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.

For instructions on how to form your club in the Region, see **LONE STAR REGION CLUB SANCTIONING** at the bottom of the Registration page on the Region website [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org).

## ADDING ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

Before a new member of your team may participate in any sanctioned event, they must be officially registered with the USAV Lone Star Region and on the USAV team roster. **Failure to follow this procedure may cause your team to be suspended for the entire season.** All membership fees are processed online through the membership purchase process.

## 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.

## 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 young players an opportunity to become involved in a wholesome and beneficial athletic activity which they can pursue at various skill levels. Juniors 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.

### 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, chaperone, 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 the roster.  
R1 can be a qualified Junior from 16U team or higher as long as R2 is a rostered adult.  
For 15U teams and younger, R1 must be an adult.
  - B. 2nd Referee - Adult member or player.
  - C. Scorer - Adult or player listed as scorer on roster.
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 are required to be cleared in the background screening process, accepted the USAV Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics, SafeSport certified, and IMPACT certified.
3. **Clinicians** - The Lone Star Region will provide knowledgeable leadership to conduct coaching clinics designed for the Junior Volleyball Program.
4. **USAV Fees** - All players, coaches and adult supervisors will be required to pay a minimal registration fee.
5. **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.
6. **Equipment** - Each team must have uniforms in accordance with USAV guidelines. 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.

### Competition

**Age Groups** - The Junior Age Definitions is updated annually and listed on the Region Web Site ([www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org)) in the Club/ Team Package under the Reference section. 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.

**Tournaments** - The Lone Star Region sanctions volleyball tournaments every weekend starting in December 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 based on Region criteria, but may not play down at a lower age division.

**Regional Championships** - The Lone Star Region will conduct regional championships for each age division currently in force. Seeding for these championships will be based on the Region Rankings. Available bids and registration requirements are posted on the Junior page of the Region website. For Bid divisions – when a team chooses to play at the Lone Star Regional Bid tournament and at the conclusion of the tournament does not accept an earned bid for the GJNC tournament, all teams

within the club will not be allowed to play in the LSR Regional Bid division for the following tournament. This exclusion will be determined at the end of the Bid tournament and will not apply to teams offered a bid at a later date.

**National Qualifiers (NQ)** - The number of qualifiers for the Girls' and Boys' Junior National Championships are established and published by the USAV National Office. Each NQ awards bids to the USA Junior National Volleyball Championships in the Open, USA, Liberty, American and Freedom divisions. The requirement for participation in these qualifiers is to have a properly registered USAV Junior Volleyball team, including **IMPACT certified coach, certified scorer, adult 2nd referee, scoreboard operator, libero tracker, 2 line judges**. The host tournament director will accept tournament entries on a "first come", "first served" basis. Lone Star Region teams may compete in the division of their choosing.

**Girls' and Boy's Junior National Championships** - Teams qualifying by winning at the LS Junior Regional Championships, or any other NQ event, will receive notification from the USAV Events Department regarding registration instructions. All entry requirements must be met prior to the appropriate cut-off date.

#### **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.

**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 Indoor Tournaments / Leagues*, as described in the USA Volleyball Official Rulebook. Visit the USAV website to download the Rulebook <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/rulebooks-and-interpretations>. The below section contains additional information on conducting tournaments within this Region. All tournament hosts must follow the guidelines in both the USAV Rulebook, the Lone Star Region Handbook, and the Host Instructions in the Tournament Package. The Tournament Package can be found in the Reference section of the Region website. All deviations from these guidelines must be approved in advance by the Regional Commissioner or the Junior Development Director.

### ORGANIZING AN EVENT

#### SANCTIONING A TOURNAMENT

1. Contact the Junior Development 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 Junior Development 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. Tournament results should be submitted to the Dick Kappel the Monday following the event. Sanction fees should be submitted to the Junior Development Director during the week following the tournament event.
3. If your tournament is to require spectator fees, the amount of the fee must be included in your tournament information and listed on your website. All tournament facilities, excluding convention centers, have a set maximum entry fee per day of \$10 per adult and \$5 for children 12 and under. The tournament host has the option to offer discounted weekend pass but must offer the spectator the option to purchase a single (one) day pass. **NOTE:** The spectator fee will not apply to rostered members, LS Board Directors, National and Jr National referees.

#### TEAM REGISTRATIONS

1. Tournament host should have a website with appropriate information regarding tournament registration procedures.
2. 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* based on space availability. **Teams registered in other regions and teams wanting to play in a higher age level will be accepted on a space available basis, only after the entry deadline has passed.**
3. No one will be permitted to play unless registered. Registration must be completed online with all eligibility requirements met.
4. If a team withdraws from a tournament less than 7 days before the event 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

Tournament hosts are to seed teams based on the latest Junior Rankings posted on the Junior Page of the Region website. Seeding must be submitted to the Dick Kappel on the Monday prior to the tournament event.

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

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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)

Adult Tournaments: If there is one pool of 4, you may play 2 games in round robin and send all 4 teams to playoffs using the following:

1st vs 4th (2nd place refs)      2nd vs 3rd (loser of 1st vs 4th refs)      Winner vs Winner (loser of 2nd vs 3rd refs)

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 win/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.

### **DETERMING PLAY POSITIONS**

1. Teams shall NOT be eliminated from assignment to championship competition on a point or any other non-competition system, unless notified in the court manager meeting or posted tournament information.
2. Teams qualifying for the playoffs, but tied for position only, shall not compete in a playoff set to determine position assignment but 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 win/loss 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 across the full pool. 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**

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.

1. For playoffs where certain teams are awarded a BYE, these teams will be scheduled to officiate the initial round of the playoffs.
2. 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.
3. Teams not fulfilling these assignments will be subject to regional discipline, as outlined in the Lone Star Region Handbook.

## **PLAYOFFS**

1. Single pool - No playoff required.
2. Two 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.

## BECOMING A REFEREE

Certification of referees for USAV and RVA-sanctioned competitions are 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 Referees by the Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB) and World ParaVolley (WPV). USAV has established many classifications of referees, but the Lone Star Region certifications only include the following: Junior, Junior Second Referee, Adult Second Referee, Provisional, Regional, Junior National, Junior National (retired), National, National (retired), Beach Local, and International referees. 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 in the USA Volleyball Official Guidebook. Junior National and National referees will be certified by the National Commissioner for Evaluation and Development upon the recommendation of that Committee. International referees are certified by FIVB and WPV.

In accordance with Article VII, Section K of the [Operating Code](#), all referees shall be registered with USA Volleyball and their Local RVA for the current season.

Names of current referees certified at all levels in the Lone Star Region may be found at [www.lsvolleyball.org](http://www.lsvolleyball.org). Click on "Official's Clinic & Info", then "Referee Status."

**NOTE:** This information is not "official". What is listed in the USAV Member Management System (MMS) is official. This can be found on the Credential of the member's record.

The Lone Star Region Referee Chair is **Joe Campbell**: [iokepa1@yahoo.com](mailto:iokepa1@yahoo.com)

**To see the qualifications required to obtain a USAV Referee Certification, go to the Lone Star Region (LSR) website, click on the following; "Official's Clinics & Info," "Paid Ref Tournaments," "Referee Certifications."**

### JUNIOR REFEREE/JUNIOR 2<sup>ND</sup> REFEREE

**To become certified/re-certified as a Junior/Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee the candidate must:**

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Lone Star Region.
2. Register, pay, and attend a referee clinic.
3. Pass the written examination – USAV C exam (14 or younger – USAV D exam).
4. Receive at least one (1) passing rating as a first referee and one (1) passing rating as a second referee from an active certified USAV Regional or higher referee.  
Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee – Receive at least two (2) passing ratings as a second referee from an active USAV Regional or higher referee. These two ratings must be accomplished by two different raters.
5. A Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee cannot be a paid referee.
6. Complete other requirements as prescribed by the Regional Referee Chair.
7. Once referees clinic attendees are confirmed as "in-progress" (attended a clinic, paid, and passed the test) by the Regional Referee Chair, the Junior/Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> Referee shall officiate for their team.

**NOTE:** A Junior Referee must be between the ages of 16-18 and can be a "paid referee" for age groups of 14 and younger. They must also complete the Hiros Course loaded in the USAV Academy on the SportsEngine account. This requirement became affective during the 2023-24 season.

### ADULT R2 REFEREE

**To become certified/re-certified as an Adult Referee, the candidate must:**

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Lone Star Region. Must be 19 year of age or older, unless a high school graduate and is 18 years of age.
2. Register, pay, and attend a referee clinic.
3. Have a current SafeSport training on file with USA Volleyball.

4. Have a current background screening clearance on file with USA Volleyball.
5. Pass the written examination – USAV C exam.
6. Receive two passing R2 ratings from an active certified Regional referee or higher. These two ratings must be accomplished by two different raters.
7. Once confirmed as “in-progress” (attended a clinic, paid, and passed their exam) by the Regional Referee Chair, the Adult R2 Referee shall officiate for their team only as an R2.
8. Certification as an Adult R2 Referee is valid for a period of two seasons with proper USAV registration, SafeSport and background check clearance as required annually.

**NOTE:** If the Adult R2 Referee chooses to become a paid referee, they must change their certification and apply to obtain a Provisional certification as well as attend the Referee 4 Pay (R4P) clinic. The R4P clinic is “mandatory” for all paid referees.

### **PROVISIONAL REFEREE**

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

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Lone Star Region. Must be 18 years of age or older, unless a high school graduate and is 18 years of age.
2. Register, pay, and attend a referee clinic.
3. Have a current SafeSport training on file with USA Volleyball.
4. Have a current background screening clearance on file with USA Volleyball.
5. Pass the written examination – USAV C exam.
6. Once confirmed as “in-progress” (attended a clinic, paid, and passed their exam) by the Regional Referee Chair, the Provisional Referee shall officiate for their team or work as a Paid Referee.
7. Receive one passing rating as an R1 and one passing rating as an R2 from an active certified Regional referee or higher.
8. After a Provisional certification confirmed by the Regional Referee Chair, the Provisional Referee is authorized to referee at the LS Junior Regionals. The LS Junior Regionals are held for all junior age groups.
9. The first year of a Provisional referee certification is considered an “in-process” year.
10. Certification as a Provisional Referee is valid for a period of two seasons with proper USAV registration, SafeSport and background check clearance as required annually.
11. A Provisional Referee must complete the HIROS course in the USAV Academy that is on the SportsEngine account. This requirement became affective during the 2023-24 season.
12. Complete additional training as required by the Regional Referee Chair.

**NOTE:** If a Provisional Referee chooses to become a paid referee, they must attend the Referee 4 Pay (R4P) clinic every season. If it is a recertification season, they must perform the following requirements: clinic, test, HIROS, ratings. If it is a non-recertification season, they must attend the R4P clinic as an Observer, with no other requirements.

### **REGIONAL REFEREE**

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

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Lone Star Region.
2. Register, pay, and attend a referee clinic.
3. Have a current SafeSport training on file with USA Volleyball.
4. Have a current background screening clearance on file with USA Volleyball.
5. Pass the written examination – USAV A exam.
6. Must have completed 2 full seasons with a USAV Provisional certification.
7. Once confirmed as “in-progress” (attended a clinic, paid, and passed their exam) by the Regional Referee Chair, the Regional Referee shall officiate for their team or work as a Paid Referee. The Regional Referee can accept assignments for sanctioned and other approved volleyball competitions within the region from regionally accepted assignors.
8. Receive one passing rating as an R1 and one passing rating as an R2 from an active certified Junior National

or USAV National referee to complete the Regional Referee certification.

9. After a Regional certification confirmed by the Regional Referee Chair, the Regional Referee is authorized to referee at LS JR Regionals. The LS Junior Regionals are held for all junior age groups.
10. Must complete at a minimum, a Provisional Scorer certification.
11. The first year of a Regional referee certification is considered an “in-process” year.
12. Certification as a Regional Referee is valid for a period of two seasons with proper USAV registration, SafeSport and background check clearance as required annually.
13. A Regional Referee must complete the HIROS course in the USAV Academy that is on the SportsEngine account. This requirement became affective during the 2023-24 season.
14. Complete additional training as required by the Regional Referee Chair.

**NOTE:** If a Regional Referee chooses to become a paid referee, they must attend the Referee 4 Pay (R4P) clinic every season. If it is a recertification season, they must perform the following requirements: clinic, test, HIROS, ratings. If it is a non-recertification season, they must attend the R4P clinic as an Observer, with no other requirements.

### **USAV JUNIOR NATIONAL REFEREE**

**To become certified as a USAV Junior National Referee a candidate must follow the requirements listed at the USAV website:** <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/indoor-referees/>

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Lone Star Region.
2. Submit the LSR Jr National Referee application no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>.
3. Must have held a USAV Regional Certification for a minimum of 2 seasons.
4. Demonstrate proficiency as a scorer by successfully completing the written scorer examination and scoring clinic (the specific clinic and exam is spelled out in the application instructions) found in the USAV Academy. As part of the evaluation process, each candidate will be required to keep score and take and pass a scorer’s practical exam at the certification event.
5. Attend the designated USA Volleyball event and successfully complete all requirements at that tournament. The event requirement in club (but are not limited to):
  - Attendance at all mandatory pre-tournament and candidates’ meetings.
  - Availability to referee at the event until the completion of the rating session.
  - Successful completion of the evaluation session(s).
  - Forfeiture of all match fees to the Indoor Officials’ Commission of USAV for matches officiated during the rating session. Candidates might retain fees earned from matches refereed after the completion of the rating session if the candidate is contracted with the events department in advance.
6. Must complete the HIROS course in the USAV Academy that is on the SportsEngine account or in the USAV portal. This requirement became affective during the 2023-24 season.

### **Responsibilities and Opportunities**

- After USA Volleyball Junior National referee certification, you will be able to wear the official USA Volleyball Junior National referee patch while officiating at USA Volleyball-sanctioned events.
- A USA Volleyball Junior National referee is qualified to officiate all USA Volleyball-sanctioned competition within any of the USA Volleyball regions, including qualifiers and bid competitions, and is qualified to officiate at the USA Junior National Championships and the USA Volleyball Open Championship.
- Certification as a USA Volleyball Junior National referee is valid for a period of five (5) years. To maintain certification, the referee must complete the following:

### **Annual Requirements**

- Register as a member of a USA Volleyball region and remain an active referee with his/her RVA.
- Have a current SafeSport training on file with USA Volleyball.
- Have a current background screening clearance on file with USA Volleyball.
- Remit annual dues and national-level clinic fee. Look to the USAV Official Indoor Referee Hub for

deadlines.

- Complete the USA Volleyball Junior National Training.
- Complete the online national-level USA Volleyball Rules exam.
  - Must be taken online.
  - Must be completed up to 100% and is open book.
  - Look to the Officials Resource page of deadlines.
- Complete the USA Volleyball Officials Academy Online Courses. Look to the Officials Indoor Referees Hub for deadlines.

### **Attendance Requirements**

During each certification term, you must attend three national championship events. At least two events must be a national championship. (Girls 18s Junior National Championship, Girls Junior National Championship, Boys Junior National Championship, Open National Championship [Junior National Referees are only accepted to the Open National Championship if there are not enough National referees registered for the event.]

1. Can attend three national Championships.
2. Can attend one qualifier and two national championships.

A USAV Junior National referee encountering unusual difficulty in meeting the attendance requirements must request a sabbatical. Officials wanting to take a sabbatical must notify their region and follow all region requirements regarding remaining in good standing. They must also submit the [USAV National Sabbatical Form](#).

A USAV Junior National referee with no less than one (1) certification term as a Junior National Referee who allows that certification to expire, may file for the RISE Expired or Retired Program. The referee will need to send an email to their region to be recommended to the RISE Expired or Retired Program.

#### **NOTE:**

Go to the USAV website to read information concerning Repercussions for not fulfilling requirements.

### **JUNIOR NATIONAL REFEREE (RETIRED)**

**Go to the USAV website to see the requirements.**

<https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/indoor-referees/>

### **USA-NATIONAL REFEREE**

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

1. Go to the USAV Officials Indoor Referees Hub for all application information. File the official application for the current season.
2. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Lone Star Region.
3. Must have held a Regional Referee certification for a minimum of 2 seasons.
4. Must complete the HIROS course in the USAV Academy that is on the SportsEngine account or in the USAV portal. This requirement became affective during the 2023-24 season.

### **Responsibilities and Opportunity**

- After the USA Volleyball National referee certification, you will be able to wear the official USA Volleyball National referee patch while officiating at USA Volleyball sanctioned events.
- A USA Volleyball National referee is qualified to officiate USA Volleyball sanctioned competition within all USAV regions and is qualified to officiate at the USAV Boys and Girls Junior National Championships and the USA Volleyball Open Championship.
- Certification as a USA Volleyball National Referee is valid for a period of five (5) years. To maintain certification, the referee must complete the following:

#### **Annual Requirements**

- Register as a member of a USA Volleyball region and remain an active referee with his/her RVA.
- Have a current background screen clearance on file with USA Volleyball.
- Have current SafeSport training on file with USA Volleyball.

- Remit annual dues and national-level clinic fee. Look to the Officials Indoor Referees Hub for deadlines.
- Complete the USA Volleyball National Referee Training.
- Complete the online USA Volleyball rules exam.
  - Must be taken online.
  - Must be completed up to 100% and is open book.
  - Look to the Officials Resource page for deadlines.
- Complete the USA Volleyball Officials Academy Online Courses. Look to the Officials Indoor Referees Hub for deadlines.

### **Attendance requirements**

During each certification term, you must attend three national championship events. At least two events must be a national championship. (Girls 18s Junior National Championship, Girls Junior National Championship, Boys Junior National Championship, Open National Championship.)

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A USAV National referee with no less than one (1) certification term as a Junior National referee who allows that certification to expire, may file for the RISE Expired or Retired Program. The referee will need to send an email to their region to be recommended to the RISE Expired or Retired Program.

### **NOTE:**

Go to the USAV website to read information concerning Repercussions for not fulfilling requirements.

### **USA-NATIONAL REFEREE (RETIRED)**

**Go to the USAV website to see the requirements.**

<https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/indoor-referees/>

### **INTERNATIONAL REFEREE (Fédération Internationale de Volleyball)**

**To Become an FIVB International Referee, the referee must:**

1. Be a currently certified USA National referee and have held that certification for no less than three consecutive years.
2. Be currently in good standing with the appropriate Regional Volleyball Association as well as with the National Officials Commission.
3. If interested, please contact Director of Officials at [officials@usav.org](mailto:officials@usav.org) with your interest in the International Referee Pipeline.

### **INTERNATIONAL REFEREE (World ParaVolley)**

**To Become a WPV International Referee, the referee must:**

1. Be a currently certified USA National referee and have held that certification for no less than three consecutive years.
2. Be currently in good standing with the appropriate Regional Volleyball Association as well as with the National Officials Commission.
4. If interested, please contact Joe Campbell at [iokepa1@yahoo.com](mailto:iokepa1@yahoo.com) in the International Referee Pipeline.



## **LOCAL BEACH REFEREE**

The entry level Beach Volleyball Official certification that is awarded by a Region is a Local Beach Official. Certification and re-certification requirements are to be administered by the individual Region. The **suggested** criteria used for a Local Beach Official are as follows:

### **To obtain certification as a USAV Local Beach Official:**

1. The official must be a regular member of the RVA or USAV.
2. The official will need to complete the SafeSport certification, and successfully pass a background check if they will be officiating Juniors competition.
3. The official will need to attend a Beach officiating clinic either in person or online every season.
4. The official will need to take the current Beach officials exam either online or hardcopy (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule referenced).
5. The official will need to prove proficiency in all portions of Beach officiating (i.e. R1, R2, Scorekeeping, and Line Judge). This proficiency will be measured by practical ratings and observation. These ratings will be conducted at USAV events either in Region or Nationally. Ratings should be conducted by Beach Officials who hold a Zonal rating or higher.
  - Receive one (1) passing rating as an R1.
  - Receive one (1) passing rating as an R2.
  - Receive one (1) passing rating as a Scorer. This requirement can be met by successful use of the USAV Beach scoresheet while performing their duties as an R1 or R2.
  - The Official will need to be observed as a Line Judge with feedback provided to ensure that they understand the correct technique.
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### **To retain certification as a USAV Local Beach Official:**

1. The official must be a regular member of the RVA or USAV.
2. The official will need to complete the SafeSport certification, and successfully pass a background check if they will be officiating Juniors competition.
3. The official will need to attend a Beach officiating clinic either in person or online.
4. The official will need to take the current Beach officials exam either online or hardcopy. (all exams must be corrected to 100% with rule references).
5. Receive a passing rating in the R1, R2 and Scorer positions.

These ratings can be obtained at USAV events either in Region or Nationally. The ratings should be provided by Beach Officials who hold a Zonal rating or higher.

## BECOMING A SCORER

Certification of volleyball Scorers for USA Volleyball and Regional Volleyball Association (RVA) sanctioned competition is under the jurisdiction of the Official's Division and the RVA. USA Volleyball has established 7 classifications of Scorers: Junior, Provisional, Regional, USA-National, USA-National (Retired), USA-International, USA-International (Retired).

Junior, Provisional and Regional 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.

USA National Scorers will be certified by the USA Scorer Commission at approved national clinics.

USA International Scorers will be certified by 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: <mailto:clcrane@swbell.net>**

### 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 the Lone Star Region.
2. Attend a clinic bi-annually covering techniques and scoring procedures.
3. Pay clinic fee.
4. Pass the written examination.
5. Obtain a passing rating on two sets scored at a live match.
6. Complete other requirements as prescribed by the Regional Scorer chair.

**NOTE: A Junior Scorer will only be qualified to keep score at Junior Volleyball Tournaments**

### PROVISIONAL SCORER

**To become certified as a Provisional Scorer, a candidate must:**

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Lone Star Region.
2. Attend a clinic bi-annually covering techniques and scoring procedures.
3. Pay clinic fee.
4. Pass the written examination.
5. Obtain a passing rating on two sets scored at a live match.
6. Complete other requirements as prescribed by the local Regional Scorer chair.

**NOTE:**

- i A Provisional Scorer shall automatically carry Junior Scorer certification.
- ii A Provisional Scorer must be certified in this capacity for one year prior to applying for Regional Certification.

## **REGIONAL SCORER**

### **To become certified/re-certified as a Regional Scorer the candidate must:**

1. Be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing with the Lone Star Region.
2. Be currently certified as a Provisional Scorer.
3. Attend at least one Regional Scorer clinic.
4. Pay clinic fee.
5. Pass the Regional written examination.
6. Be successfully rated on at least two (2) live matches.
7. Complete other requirements as prescribed by the local Regional Scorer chair.

## **USA NATIONAL SCORER**

### **To become certified as a USA NATIONAL Scorer, a 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 for at least one year and have demonstrated proficiency in the use of the USA Volleyball scoresheet using the modified USA Volleyball rules.
3. Must have taken and successfully passed with a score of 90% the current scorer online examination in the year of candidacy.
4. File the official application form with approval signatures (or electronic equivalent) of the respective RVA Commissioner and Scorer chair and required application fee with the USAV Director for Scorer Certification and Evaluation prior to the published closing date.
5. Attend the mandatory National candidate scorer clinic in its entirety at the tournament rating site prior to the rating evaluation.
6. Successfully complete the practical scorer examination at the prescribed USA National tournament rating site.
7. Successfully complete the National scorer evaluation rating process
8. Completion of other requirements as prescribed by the USA Volleyball National Indoor Officials Commission, Scorers.
9. After successful completion, the new National scorer must attend a USA National Open Volleyball Championship within 3 years to complete their certification. If not the certification of National scorer will be rescinded.

NOTE: Application deadline is April 15th with notification of acceptance by May 1st each year.

## **USA-NATIONAL SCORER (RETIRED)**

1. Any USA Volleyball National Scorer in good standing, with at least two certification terms of service as a USA Volleyball National Scorer may apply for voluntary retired status.
2. The Retired National Scorer retains National Scorer status and continues to wear the USAV National Scorer patch in all regional competitions. The retired National Scorer must be a current USA Volleyball registered member in good standing within his/her region and must re-certify as necessary according to the process of that region to retain the retired status.
3. The retired National Scorer will lose the status as qualified/certified USA-International Scorer and may not serve as a scorer on any international matches. Application for retired status must occur either during or immediately after a year in which the USA Volleyball National Scorer is in good standing with the Officials' Commission. This includes being certified as a USAV National Scorer and paying dues for that year.
4. The retired USA Volleyball National Scorer may apply for re-certification as a USA Volleyball National Scorer by following these procedures:
  - a. Be a USA Volleyball member in good standing.
  - b. View the online National Scorer clinic and obtain a passing score on the National Scorer exam.

- c. Submit paperwork and current fee for re-certification evaluation by the deadline to the Director, National Indoor Scorer Evaluation and Certification.
- d. Arrange re-certification evaluation with the Director, National Indoor Scorer Evaluation and Certification.

**Note:** *In the Lone Star Region, all retired National Scores must attend a clinic at least every two years.*

#### **USA INTERNATIONAL QUALIFIED SCORER**

**To become certified as a USA International Qualified Scorer, a candidate must:**

1. Become qualified to keep score using the international scoresheet
2. Be currently certified as a USA National indoor scorer.
3. Print the International Scorers Manual and bring it with you to the approved clinic.
4. Attend the approved International Rating and Training Commission (IRTC) clinic in its entirety.
5. Complete the official application form obtained at the approved clinic.
6. Keep score on a minimum of two practice matches at the USA Open Volleyball Championships using the international scoresheet.

#### **USA INTERNATIONAL CERTIFIED SCORER**

**To become certified as a USA International Certified Scorer, a candidate must:**

##### **Criteria**

1. Be currently rated as a USA National indoor scorer, having maintained this rating for the last four consecutive years.
2. Have demonstrated an interest in this program as an active worker, scorer and rater on the national level during this time.
3. Have been qualified to use the international scoresheet for a minimum of two years.
4. Have demonstrated competency on the electronic scoresheet program.

##### **Procedure:**

**When a USA International Scorer certification clinic has been announced:**

1. File the appropriate application with the Director, International Indoor Scorers, by the deadline. These forms are available from the Director, International Indoor Scorers.

**If selected as a candidate:**

1. Pay required clinic fees to USA Volleyball, and send to address as noted on the application form.
2. Fully attend and successfully complete the prescribed training clinic.
3. Successfully complete practical ratings at assigned international matches.

# 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 have 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 under Contacts on the Region website [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org). 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.



## **VOLLEYBALL MEDIA & RESOURCES**

### **USA VOLLEYBALL—[www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org)**

Visit the MULTIMEDIA and the NEWS LINK menu options

### **VOLLEYBALLMAG.COM**

Covering the sport on all fronts from High School to the Professional scene

### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LIBRARY—<https://catalog.lib.utexas.edu/#>**

Reference materials for all levels of play.

### **AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION—**

[www.acva.org](http://www.acva.org)

Advancing the sport of volleyball with coaches at the center.

## **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]*