

Important Information for LS Regionals & GJNC

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The **Bid division** at the Lone Star Regionals will be limited to 48 teams for all age divisions except the 11's age division, which will be limited to 24 teams. The 48 teams accepted into the Bid division will be based on the Lone Star Region's Jr Development Director's Ranking Committee. The ranking is displayed on the Lone Star Region website and updated approximately every two weeks. Replacements for any qualified team or teams that drop out of the Bid Division will be drawn from the posted Lone Star Classic Rankings for 11s-18s.

See the applicable host tournament website for registration instructions:

<http://lonestarregionalsvb.com/>

Club Directors – How to Register

*Teams will only have 2 options when registering, Bid or Non-Bid. After the registration deadline, the tournament hosts will divide the Non-Bid teams into the Elite and Club divisions according to the teams' regional rankings.

1. **Register for Bid division:** If your team would like to be considered by the region's seeding committee for a chance to earn a spot in the Bid division
2. **Register for Non-Bid:** If your team would not like the opportunity to earn a Bid

Acceptance Procedure:

LSR will be split into 2 weekends. The first weekend will be for the 12s – 14s. The second weekend will be for the 11s, 15s-17s. Both events will be held at the GRB in Houston.

- At the respective registration deadline, any team registered in the Bid division that has completed all registration requirements (registered on AES and submitted payment) will be sent to the region and considered by the seeding committee.
 - Approximately a week after the registration deadline, the region will confirm the 48 teams to be accepted into the Bid division and the tournament hosts will divide the Non Bid teams into the Elite and the Club divisions. Those teams will be notified and officially accepted as of that date.

Important Reminders:

Teams registered for the Bid division will not be accepted until after the registration deadline when the region has approved the ranking.

- Finalizing Divisions after NQs: The 48 teams accepted at the time of the registration deadline will remain unless there are drops from those 48 teams based on earning Bids at a National Qualifier
- Teams will be moved up accordingly from the Non-Bid to the Bid division

Important Items:

a) Teams that have qualified previously for the GJNC tournament in the Open division are not eligible to play in the LS region Bid division.

- b) Teams that have qualified previously for the GJNC tournament in the USA, Liberty or American division are eligible to play in the LS region Bid division for the opportunity to improve to a National division bid.
- c) If a team having a USA, Liberty or American bid wins a National bid at LSR regionals, then their original USA, Liberty or American bid remains with the region and will be awarded to the next highest placed team of the LSR regional tournament.
- d) After Regionals, a team may accept a qualifier trickle down or open-at-large bid. If so, then there will be trickle downs for the LSR Bid division.
- e) **AT-LARGE BIDS AWARDED THROUGH USA VOLLEYBALL:** The USAV Events Department, with the assistance of its Seeding Committee, awards some GJNC Open, USA and Liberty Bids as At-Large Bids. Teams will automatically be considered for an At-Large Bid provided that the Team:
- Has played in at least one NQ in the same GJNC Division age group for which the Team is applying (Open, USA or Liberty);
 - Teams must have at least one finish in the top 50% of an event in the division they want to be considered At Large for;
 - Is registered for GJNCs in the GJNCs Event registration system.
- f) **For teams to play at the Lone Star Junior Regional tournament in the Bid or Non-Bid tournament**, they must:
- Play in their assigned age division (except for Non-Bid divisions with region approval).
 - Have a coach who has completed the **IMPACT & Safe Sport** clinic.
 - **HAVE A CERTIFIED SCORER AND REFEREE (matches will be forfeited if a team uses a non-certified scorer or referee in the bid division.) In the Non-Bid division, the referee and scorer can be “in process” without penalty.**
 - Teams under age 16 must have and use an adult referee.
 - Teams must be registered in the Lone Star Region.

Tie Breaking Procedures for Bid Divisions

All ties will be broken using the USAV Qualifier Manual procedures. Please note that all tie breakers are 1 set to 15.

IT IS THE COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW IF A PLAYOFF WILL BE HELD FOR THEIR POOL. DO NOT LEAVE THE FACILITY UNTIL YOUR POOL IS COMPLETED AND FINISHES HAVE BEEN POSTED FOR THE POOL IN AES. WHEN IN DOUBT, STAY UNTIL THE POOL IS FINISHED AND POSTED IN AES. EVENT STAFF AND OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO ANSWER HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS TO AVOID PROVIDING INACCURATE INFORMATION.

- The tournament will determine if a tie breaker set is needed.
- Teams are seeded and the tie breaker set(s) is/are scheduled on the grid in AES.
- The score sheet is printed, and a member of staff pages the teams involved in the tie breaker by announcing the teams and court number.
- The assigned referee takes the score sheet to the court to begin warm up.
- If any of the three involved teams are missing, the referee does the coin toss and starts the warm-up protocol (the coin toss is considered the start of the “10-minute clock”) and notifies a head referee if one or more teams are not present.

- If one or more teams are still missing at the end of 10 minutes, the head referee in conjunction with tournament staff determines if a tie breaker is still needed based on the number of teams missing and the number of tie breaker sets originally needed.

If there was an error in the system (ie. scores were improperly entered, system outage, etc.), the tournament staff will immediately notify all teams by text using the phone number provided on online check in for the event and a proper amount of time will be given to allow teams to play off the tie.

LS Region Bid Allocations –

The top teams from the LSR Junior Regional Bid Division qualify for a bid in the GJNC Divisions as follows:

- 11's - **One** National Division Bid
- 12's - **One** National Division Bid, **Three** American Division Bids
- 13's - **Two** National Division Bids, **Three** American Division Bids
- 14's - **Two** National Bids, **Three** American Bids, **Two** Freedom Bids
- 15's - **Two** National Bids, **Three** American Bids, **Two** Freedom Bids
- 16's - **Two** National Bids, **Three** American Bids, **Two** Freedom Bids
- 17's - **Two** National Bids, **Three** American Bids, **Two** Freedom Bids
- 18's - **Two** National Bids, **Three** American Bids, **Two** Freedom Bids

Penalties for Not Using a GJNC Bid Earned at LSR Regional Tournament

Teams competing in the bid division are required to accept any bid earned. 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 the next year.

This exclusion will be determined at the end of the Bid tournament and will not apply to teams offered a bid later.

GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP MANUAL

Current link from USAV: <https://usavolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2025-Girls-Championship-Manual-Finalized-Updated-with-Changes-as-of-Feb-19.pdf>

National Qualifier Bid Winners

Teams that win a bid at a National qualifier must be in contact with the USAV National Office during the week following the bid award. These teams will follow instructions provided by the National Office and submit an entry form and fees **directly** to the USAV Events Department. A copy of the entry form should also be sent to the region office.

- During the week after winning a bid at the LS regional Bid tournament, teams must register for the GJNC by submitting an entry form and applicable fee **directly** to the USAV Events Department. A copy of the entry form is also to be sent to the region office.
- Do not send GJNC application or fees until **after** a team has won a bid at the LSR Junior Regional tournament. Do send a **copy** of the GJNC entry to the LSR office.
- **Do not send GJNC or LS Jr Regional applications or fees to the LSR office.**
- After completion of the LSR Bid tournament, the Lone Star Jr. Director will notify the national office of the bid winners qualifying for GJNC National, American and Freedom

divisions (also trickle-down bids, if applicable). Once qualified, teams will send their GJNC entry and payment directly to the USAV Events Department.