



Lone Star Region

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Newsletter

Notes from the Commissioner

First, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers over the past two seasons, while my wife, JoAnn, was waging her courageous battle with both brain and lung cancer. Your kind words and thoughtfulness were very helpful, and encouraging for both of us. So, from the Vick Family to our Volleyball Family, our sincere thanks for your continuous support over the past 18 months. For your email, phone calls, cards, flowers, and other donations in her memory, we will remain eternally grateful.

Now, the 2007 Season continues to move along, thanks to many special people who picked up much of the slack, for me, and kept things working throughout the Region. We continue to have problems with our On-Line Registration System, but this season it is mainly because many of our members refuse to accept responsibility for maintaining their own record. There would be no problems getting yourselves registered if you kept your record current throughout the season. This means you must maintain your log-in information and keep your email and mailing addresses current. Learn to use the system to obtain your own information, this is why the system was developed. The Region Office does not have the staff to accomplish their many required tasks, and try and maintain your records for you. The individuals, as well as the club directors, must accept responsibility for their data.

At the present time we have 730 members who are still listed as **UNPAID**, in our system. Club directors should immediately screen their club database and make sure that all their members are properly registered. That means they have completed their on-line registration, and sent in the Waiver and Release of Liability,

along with the appropriate registration fees. If you have members listed in your database who have not participated with your club, during this season, you should contact the Region Office and have them deleted or moved to the correct club. Many of you may recall that last season we deleted almost 600 members from the system, at the end of the season. It was indicated that none of these individuals had participated with their club. When we started registering for this season I received many call from parents wanting to know why their daughters were not listed in the database, since they had registered the season before. So, be careful who you have deleted. If they have participated with your club in any way their registration should be completed. By now, club directors should have created all of their teams and the individuals should now be listed on the team rosters. If you are having a problem listing someone on the team, you should immediately contact the Region Office for assistance.

For you individuals who think you have completed your registration and haven't yet received your final registration confirmation, you need to log on to your record and check your status. If you are listed as **UNPAID** or **PENDING** you need to immediately contact your club and find out why. The records of those individuals who have not completed the entire registration process will soon be deleted. For those of you who are listed as **UNPAID** and **UNDECIDED** you can log on to your record and change the club status, for yourself. All you need do is log on to your record and open your file. The go to "Club" and click on **UNDECIDED**. You will be able to select your correct club and click on "Edit Contact Info" at the bottom of the screen. You can

then log-in and reprint your Waiver and Release of Liability, and provide it to your correct club. Again I stress, this is your record. It is your responsibility to know its contents, and keep the data current. In order to do this, you must know your **Log-In Information**.

Our Region Rules still require that each team have at least one referee and one scorekeeper. This information must be reflected on your team roster. If it is not there, the club directors should be contacting the appropriate officials' chair (Thomas Hoy for referees and Steve Crane for scorekeepers). Right now we have a number of clubs who have not sent anyone to either the referee or scorekeeper clinic. This is a club responsibility and club directors need to monitor the development of officials, within their club.

Another requirement that needs to be checked a little more closely is the **IMPACT** Certification of the coaches. Each team is currently required to have at least one **IMPACT** Certified coach on their bench at all times. Club directors, this is another place where you need to give more attention. Something you might also consider, USA Volleyball will shortly require that all junior coaches be **IMPACT** certified, before being allowed to do any coaching. It will be treated the same as the background screening.

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2007 USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The adult pre-tournament package is already on the USA Volleyball web site (www.usavolleyball.org). All events will be played in Austin, Texas, on May 26 - Jun 2, 2007. On-line entry information and fee are available at the above site. Entry deadlines have been established by USA Volleyball and the Lone Star Region. Deadlines are as follows:

- Adult Nationals: Open; Seniors (60, 65, 70, 75, 80); U-Volley; Co-Ed - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Mar 12, 2007**

- Adult Nationals: Club (AA, A, BB, B); Masters & Seniors (40, 45, 50, 55) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Mar 26, 2007**

The Junior National Championships will be in Atlanta, Georgia and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Additional information and entry instructions are outlined in this issue. Entry deadlines are as follows:

- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (all ages) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 27, 2007**

- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Invitational (all ages) - **In the Reion Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 13, 2007**

- Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (all ages) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; May 25, 2007 (or as instructed at the qualifying events)**

2007 Board of Directors' Meeting

The annual Board of Directors meeting will be on Friday, March 30th. The meeting is open to all members and will be at the Atrium Inn Hotel (FM 3009 & IH-35, Exit 175); 17401 IH- 35, North; Schertz, TX; (210) 651-4100 or 1-877-2-ATRIUM. The meeting is scheduled to start at 8:00 pm. Those positions up for elections are:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Commissioner	Will Vick
Treasurer	Helen Janak
Scorekeeper's Chair	Steve Crane
Media Director	Annell Neale
Coaches Development Director	Gene Chambliss
Legal Advisor	Michele Hanlon
Player Representative (Women)	Rachel Nobles
Area Representatives	
Corpus Christi	Melissa Garcia
Golden Triangle	Toni Leach
Houston	Gordon Morrison

Although only current Board members present at the meeting may vote, nominations can be made by any Lone Star Region member. Not only can you nominate someone for a position on the Board, you may also wish to appear and make a presentation on behalf of the nominee. The only thing that I ask when making the nomination is that you also provide notification, so that time can be made available for a presentation. If you think that one of the Region incumbents is not properly representing you and our Region, now is the time to speak. Nominations should be mailed (NLT March 7, 2007) to:

WILL VICK, Commissioner		REGINA DANIEL, Secretary
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Junior News

by Dick Kappel, Junior Development Director

1. The 2007 USA Junior National Championship (JOVC) Tournament in Minneapolis will host both Club and Open divisions with two subdivisions in Club – National and American. The Lone Star Junior Regional tournament on May 5-6 will qualify one team for the National Club division and three teams for the American Club division for ages 14-18. The 12 & 13-year-old divisions will qualify one team for the National Club division and two teams for the American Club division. The Open division will be composed of teams that win bids at national qualifying events.

2. Please note that the application date for the Junior National tournament is PRIOR to the Lone Star Junior Regional tournament.

Important Note: No LS regional team can be accepted to Junior Nationals unless the team representative has submitted all Junior National entry materials to Will Vick by **April 27**.

There are no exceptions.

3. There is also the Invitational Tournament. Applications for this tournament must be submitted separately and will be accepted on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. This year, teams may play in both the Invitational and JOVC events.

4. Teams should make every effort to use the on-line entry system as outlined in the 2007 pre-tournament manuals. See USA Volleyball website www.usavolleyball.org

5. Entry Deadlines are as follows:

- Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament

April 4, 2007

- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Invitational (all ages) –

In the Region Office by 5:00 pm: Apr 13, 2007

- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (all ages) –

In the Region Office by 5:00 pm: Apr 27, 2007

- Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (all ages) –

In the Region Office by 5:00 pm: May 25, 2007

(or as instructed at the qualifying events)

6. Competition Dates:

- Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament; May 5 – 6
- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships; June 29 – July 8
- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Invitational; June 7 – 10
- Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships; July 4 – 11

2007 Lone Star Junior Regional Championship

2007 Lone Star Junior Regional Championship Tournament

The 2007 Junior Regional Championship tournament will be held on May 5 - 6 in Houston, for ages 16-18 and in Austin, for ages 12-15.

Teams that have already qualified to play at Junior Nationals will be allowed to "play up" in age division at the regional tournament.

The regional tournament will provide paid R1 referees, but each team must have a certified scorekeeper and referee (one person minimum for each team).

The top winners of each age division qualify to play at the Junior National Championship tournament in the "National Club and American Club" divisions (with properly and timely submitted entry materials).

The top teams from the LS Junior Regional Tournament qualify for a bid in the Club Divisions of the National Division and the American Division as follows:

12's-13's	National: 1 st place	American: 2 nd & 3 rd place
14's-18's	National: 1 st place	American: 2 nd , 3 rd & 4 th place

Since all application deadlines for Junior Nationals are scheduled BEFORE the LS Junior Regional tournament, remember to submit all entry materials for Junior Nationals according to the requirements of the LS Region and the USA National Office.

2007 Girls Olympic Volleyball Invitational (JO-Invite-Girls)

Host City: Atlanta, GA

Competition Dates: June 7 – 10

Age Classifications & Dates:

12's: June 7 – 9

13's-18's: June 7 – 10

2007 Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (JOVC-Girls)

Host City: Minneapolis, MN.

Competition Dates: June 29 – July 8

Age Classifications & Dates:

12 Club: June 29 – July 2

13 Club: June 30 – July 3

14 Club and Open: June 29 – July 2

15 Club and Open: July 1 – July 4

16 Club and Open: July 4 – July 7

17 Club and Open: July 5 – July 8

18 Club and Open: July 3 – July 6

Note: In years past, some teams have seen their applications disqualified when they submitted late materials and failed to meet national deadlines. To avoid this disappointment, send entry materials (forms & fees) to Will Vick

2007 Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (JOVC-Boys)

Host City: Atlanta, GA

Competition Dates: July 4 – 11

13, 15, & 18: July 4 – 7

14, 16, & 17: July 8 – 11

12's: July 8-10

From the Referees' Stand

By Thomas Hoy, Referee Chair

We have had over 30 clinics so far this season with only a couple left as "last chance" in March. The largest clinic had over 150 participants with the smallest with less than ten participants. It is often hard to predict how many participants will show up for a referee clinic but we always try to take everyone. Thanks to the clinicians, especially Joe Campbell who developed the PowerPoint program we use, those that provided facilities and especially all of the participants that learned a little more about rules that will make our play in the Lone Star Region better.

Now is the time of the season to finish up. It is kind of like a close volleyball match, you want to finish strong and complete your goals to win. What I mean is that you took the time to apply as a referee, you took the time to go to a clinic and finish the exam, and you took the time to review the materials and the 2006-2007 USAV Domestic Competition Regulations (rule book); so now finish strong. It is time to get the ratings done (rating form at www.lsvolleyball.org under reference), finish correcting the exam (contact me if you want to take it online), register if you forgot (go to the Lone Star website and follow the instructions under registration) and get the documents to the referee chair. When you finish you will have a two-year certification as a referee and will have com-

From the Scorekeepers' Table

By Steve Crane, Scorekeeper Chair

The season is more than half over now and a number of you have not completed your certifications yet. We have conducted over 70 total clinics all around the Region. NO EXCUSES if you have not attended one!

Remember, the requirements for certification are:

1. Attend a clinic
2. Take and correct the test
3. Submit completed scoresheets from two sets (games)
4. Submit a scorekeeper application
5. Register in the Lone Star Region
6. Pay applicable fees

The following season steps only steps 4-6 are required, then the process repeats.

The Official's information is now posted in the same database that tracks your registration in the Region. If you want to know your status simply log in to your account, click on Officials Certifications. If one is listed as Current then you are good to go for this season. If it says pending or there is no record then you should contact me to see what is missing.

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