

Notes from the Editor

Well, as you can probably see, there is very little content for this edition. Most the normal contributors are so busy getting the season started that they just said go ahead without me.

Will, the Commissioner/Registrar, did ask that I ask everyone to PLEASE get your registration information in on-line. It is also most helpful if you can get your payments mailed in 7 days prior to playing in your first tournament.

Club Directors, you need to get your players moved over to their appropriate teams so that the team rosters print out correctly. You're not just doing this for the region, you are doing it for your teams so that when a roster goes to a tournament host all of the players are noted and life is good. If a player from within your club, but not on the team registered for a tournament, is playing please let Vicki know in advance so that she can note that on the roster and let the tournament host know.

Quit waiting until the end of the year for someone to call and tell you what to do so your team can play in Regionals Get it together now!

These are the things you can all do to help your team, yourself and the region:

- 1. Get yourself registered.
- 2. Get your payment in to your Club or the Region Office (Will Vick). Junior Clubs normally pay the registration fees for their members.
- Going to be a referee or scorekeeper? Get you initial or renewal application in to Thomas Hoy or Steve Crane, get your ratings and get to a clinic! PS-You don't have to have been to the clinic to get your ratings done. If you are at a tournament and there's a Regional ref or scorekeeper go ahead and get that out of the way.
- 4. Keep your personal information up-to-date on your record. You can do this on-line at any time during the year.
- Keep your log-in information! You need this to make changes or corrections and to register next year.

Annell Neale Newsletter Editor

Anyone recognize these two characters?



Left-Will Vick, Commissioner, Right-Carl Thompson, TSMV

Do you have something you'd like to say or a team photo, etc. you'd like to see in your newsletter? Send it to me at

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From the Referees' Chair

This year the rule changes/additions/deletions are minimal, but watch out for big changes after the olympics next year. Here is a summary of the changes for this season (07-08) regarding the more significant rules:

- 1) Player's jerseys must be numbered in a permanent manner from 1 to 99, and the numbers must be clearly visible and centered on the chest (minimal 4 inches) and back (minimal 6 inches).
- 2) Assistant Coaches must remain on the bench but can give instruction to the players from the bench.
- 3) We are no longer testing the joust rule, so now it is USAV rule that if simultaneous hits by opponents above the net lead to extended contact of the ball, play continues.
- 4) It is now written, the Libero is designated for the set and must be indicated on the line-up sheet each set. The re-designated Libero must remain as the Libero for the entire set.
- 5) As usual, the Libero uniform must be contrasting in color (not just different colors) and color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules. I would add that yellow/white, beige/white, and light grey/ white are also examples that are not distinctive enough.
- 6) Team Captains and the Second Referee are not required to sign the scoresheet.

[Reference: 2007-2008 USAV Domestic Competition Regulations]

There are additional editorial clarifications on page xviii of the <u>2007-2008 USAV Domestic Competition Regulations</u> and everyone is encouraged to review and read the playing regulations. Remember rule 20.1.1!

Thomas Hoy

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