



Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

The 2009 Indoor Season is here, and we have already registered over 10,500 members. Yes, we are still using the USA Volleyball Webpoint Registration System, and it seems to be getting better each season. This season many of you who are using the Advanced Event System, for tournament entries, will notice that the two on-line systems have been merged, somewhat. This is an effort to simplify the tournament entries process, and ensure that the data is the same in both systems. I have already gotten many favorable comments from the club directors who have used it. It will immediately verify the data that you enter, for all of those member who have completed their on-line registrations. This is something that USA Volleyball is trying to perfect and hopefully will use for all National Qualifying events, as well as many of the tournaments within our Region.

To assist you with your on-line registrations, I sent out email instructions to each of the club directors. So, if you are having a problem getting yourselves registered you may want to contact your club director. If they can not help you will need to contact our newly hired Registrar, Karen Tarmon. It is best if you contact her via email (lsregistrar@earthlink.net), since she can not provide the contact information over the phone. Her phone number, where you can leave a message, is (210) 599-4743. Just remember she can not work the registrations over the phone, so there is a good

chance that you may not even get a return call, if you're asking for something she can't provide.

With the start of the new season, we always have a number of members who are not satisfied with their choice of clubs, and wish to change after they have completed their on-line registration. There is no problem changing the club as long as you haven't yet played with the club in a sanctioned tournament. In this case, all you need do is contact the Region Office and request the change. But, if you have played with the club, it is very likely that your request will be denied.

Another problem that usually comes up at the beginning of the season, is how to make your payments. The instructions that were provided to the club directors address this. But, for those of you who have not been in contact with your club, I'll give you a brief rundown. First, if you are an adult player and you are also going to be coaching with a junior club, you will be expected to pay your registration fees before you will be permitted to play in a sanctioned tournament and then be reimbursed by your junior club director. And, all of this normally occurs before the junior clubs are formed. For those of you who are affiliated with a junior club, the club will be paying the registration fees for its members. The club director will ensure that the members have been registered on-line, and they will submit a listing of their members, along with the appropriate fees 7 days prior to the first tournament played. Other members not affiliated with a club

may make their payments directly to the Region Office, again, 7 days prior to the first tournament played. The mailing address is: Lone Star Region; 1608 Canyon Oak; Schertz, TX 78154. We **DO NOT** have the capabilities of paying on-line.

Many of our adult players, once they have registered and started playing, decide that they want to become coaches with one of the junior clubs. If you are one of these, then you will need to complete an application for background screening. The background screening must be completed before you will be allowed to work, in any way, with the junior members. You can request the background screening by logging on to your record and clicking on to "Submit Background Application", on the left of the screen. Once you've done that and completed the on-line application process, your background screening fee, \$18, will need to be sent to the Region Office, so that the application process can be completed.

Finally, we have a number of new clubs starting up, this season. This means that we are going to have more teams trying to get into tournaments. So, you need to get your members registered, get their fees paid, create your teams, and get your tournament entries in early. Tournaments will fill up in a hurry, especially the junior tournaments. Get your entries in, and enjoy a very successful season.

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