



LONE STAR REGION USAVOLLEYBALL

NOVEMBER, 2009

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

The 2009 –10 Indoor Season is here. We finished the 2009 season with 11,804 registered members. Yes, we are still using the USA Volleyball Web-point Registration System, and it seems to be getting better each season. It will immediately verify the data that you enter, for all of those members who have completed their on-line registrations. This season, if a member fails to indicate a club affiliation at the time of registration, the system will default on UNDECIDED. Right now we have approximately 300 members registered as UNDECIDED. Members who are listed as UNDECIDED should log on to their record and make the necessary change for themselves. It is a very simple process, and one which the member can do

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 Registrar, Karen Tarmon. It is best if you contact her via email (lsregistrar@earthlink.net), since she cannot 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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2010 BOYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2010 USA Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championships Going to Austin, Texas

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Sept. 22, 2009) – USA Volleyball will return its signature annual boys' youth national championship event – the USA Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championships – to the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas. The 2010 event, which will showcase approximately 400 of the best junior boys' teams from around the country, will be hosted locally by the Austin Sports Commission and held June 30 to July 7, 2010.

Austin has a recent history of hosting USA Volleyball national championship events. The USA Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championships were previously held in Austin in 1994 and 2004, while the USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championship was held in the city in 1994. The City of Austin also hosted the 2007 USA Adult Open Volleyball Championships at the same Austin Convention Center. The National Collegiate Men's Club Championships were held in Austin in 1987 and 1993.

"We are excited about bringing another USA Volleyball Junior Olympic national championship event to Austin," said Mike Chandler, USA Volleyball's managing director of events. "The City of Austin, the venue, proximity of hotels to the competition and wide variety of eating establishments and entertainment makes this a win-win for USA Volleyball, the players and the local community. USA Volleyball has received high praise after every event it has hosted in Austin, and feels next year's event will be no different."

"The 2010 USA Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championships are a highly sought after event among our industry, so it is truly an honor for Austin to host this group," Matthew Payne, executive director of the Austin Sports Commission, said. "Not only are we excited to forge a new partnership with the event producers, but we're also looking forward to showcasing the city's outdoor amenities, athletic facilities - and even our music scene - to the 4,500-plus athletes, fans and officials in attendance. These Championships will generate more than \$11 million in visitor spending for the Austin metro area."

The Austin Convention Center is located in the heart of Texas' state capital downtown business district. Situated between the shores of Lady Bird Lake and historic Sixth District, it is within a short distance from 5,500 hotel rooms. Ample parking is provided in two parking garages with a total capacity of 1,600 spaces.

The USA Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championships will crown five Open Division titles at each age group between 14 and 18. In addition, seven Club Division titles will be contested in the 12-year-old category through under-18.

Additional information on the 2010 USA Junior Olympics Boys Volleyball Championships can be found at <http://www.usavolleyball.org/content/index/5535> as information becomes available.

Boys' Bid Dates for qualification into the 2010 USA Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championships can be found at <http://usavolleyball.org/content/index/4525>



31st Annual

**Girls' Junior
National Championships**

(Formerly USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships)

USA Volleyball has renamed its junior events to be named USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships and USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships in an effort to improve the branding of the events with the National Governing Body.

June 24 - July 3, 2010

Reno-Sparks Convention Center

4590 S Virginia St.
Reno, NV 89502

2010 ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Phoenix, Arizona

May 29—June 1

Co-Ed Regular BB/B

U-Volley

Special Olympics

Men's & Women's 40+

Men's & Women's 50+

Men's 60+ & Men's 70+

June 2-5

Men's & Women's BB & B

Men's & Women's Open, AA & A

Men's & Women's 45+

Men's & Women's 55+

Men's 65+ & Men's 75+

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