

LONE STAR REGION  
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## COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

**Registrations for the 2010 – 2011 Season will start on September 1, 2010.** Until then, anyone who registers on-line will be registering for the remainder of the 2010 Season. And, unless the registration fee, for the 2010 Season, is immediately paid the unpaid record will be deleted prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>. The 2011 Season will run from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. The adult and junior tournament schedules are currently being finalized, and should be posted to our web site shortly. Last season, as many of our adults will recall, we started our sanctioned events earlier, to go along with the September 1 start of the season. Well, this didn't appear to be well received. So, this season we will revert back to our former scheduling procedures. The adult sanctioned season will start with the first weekend in November. The junior events will remain the same, and will not start until after the last day of the State High School Play-Offs. As always, for the adults, we will continue the **Friendship** season. These events should be scheduled during September and October. And, since these are not sanctioned events, advanced registration is not required. After the start of the Sanctioned season, all players must be registered, on-line with their fees paid, before they will be allowed to participate in the event.

Before closing out the 2010 Season, I want to take the time to recognize a few of our outstanding members for their many contributions to the Lone Star Region, and USA Volleyball. For the 2010 Season, I had the pleasure of nominating five of our hard working members for the **2010 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award**. Each year USA Volleyball recognizes a maximum of five members from each region for contributing outstanding participation, motivation, and other services, in the promotion of volleyball. I am happy to announce our 2010 recipients are: **Ebi Azimi**, Coach, and Director with Southwest Juniors VBC; **Gloria Cox**, National Referee, Clinician, and member of the National Rating Team; **Meridel Prentiss**, Player, Referee, and long time leader with the Texas Senior/Masters Volleyball Club; **Kara Waddell**, Coach and Director with Texas Tornados Volleyball; **Tasha Wilson**, Coach and Director with Corpus Christi Wave VBC.

In addition to the above members, we had many others who made outstanding contributions to the Region, throughout the 2010 Season. Among these were the many members, players, coaches, administrators, and officials, who actively participated in each of the USA Volleyball National Championships. Again this season, the Region was well represented at each of the championships. And, I'm sure there were many of our members who were appropriately recognized at these events. However, I must rely on our team and club representatives, coaches, and officials' chairs to provide us with the names of those individuals. All of the tournament results and final standings are listed on the USA Volleyball Web Site, [www.volleyball.teamusa.org](http://www.volleyball.teamusa.org).

Our final registrations for 2010 have resulted in a total registration of 12,936 members. Our records are still showing that we have 324 members who have not yet paid their registration fees, or their clubs have not made the payments, as they should have. All of these records will be deleted, prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, we have already had a number of new members who have gone on-line and registered for the 2011 Season. These records will also be deleted from the system, and those members will now be required to complete a **RENEWAL** of their membership, after September 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Registration instructions are on our web site, [www.lsbolleyball.org](http://www.lsbolleyball.org). This is an individual on-line registration system, and has been designed for each member to complete their own registration. Club directors should not be registering their members. All renewing individuals should have their individual User Name and Password. If they do not remember it, they should use the FORGOT PASSWORD option on our web site. The Region does not have the staff to continuously provide members with this information. It is the member's responsibility to keep their record current. This includes keeping the mailing and email addresses up to date, at all times. You should also be aware that you must have an email address with which the USA Volleyball System can communicate. Many of the systems, such as schools and employers, cannot be contacted by the Webpoint System. Without email communications, you are not going to be able to retrieve your contact information from USA Volleyball, or the Region Office.

**Background Screening requirements** remain basically the same for the 2011 Season. Anyone working with the Junior Program, who does not have a current screening, will be required to complete the Background Screening Application portion or the on-line registration. This includes directors, coaches, trainers, officials, and others who are to be listed on the team rosters. All referees who plan on working any of the junior events during the 2011 Season will be required to complete the Background Screening Application, when registering on-line. The fee for each background screening applicant will be \$18.

not to start their registrations until the club has been created.

**Creating a New Adult of Junior Club/Team** can be accomplished by logging on to the Region Web Site, [www.lsvolleyball.org](http://www.lsvolleyball.org). There you will click on Registration. Then, just scroll down through the registration instructions and you will see exactly what you need to send to the Region Office. You will need to provide the **CLUB NAME; CLUB ADDRESS; NAME OF THE CLUB DIRECTOR; CLUB PHONE NUMBER; CLUB EMAIL; and is it an Adult or Junior Club**. Once the club has been created and listed in the On-Line System, you will be notified and the club members may start their registrations. All club names must be approved by the Region prior to any registrations. Please, tell your members not to start their registrations until the club has been created.

**Finally, many of you are now aware that the individual registration fee has been increased by \$10, for the 2011 Season. This resulted from an increase which was imposed on each of the USAV regions, starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. The amount of that increase was \$10, which is required for each registered member, and will go directly to our National Office. Therefore, our individual registration fee, for this season, has been increased to \$40, per member. This information was recorded in our last Board Minutes, which were attached to our last newsletter, and is now on the Region Web Site.**

## FROM THE REFEREE STAND

Congratulations to all the Lone Star Region referees who received certification or re-certification this '09-'10 season. Due to your hard work in completing the certifications we are in better shape to create a level playing area for all our teams because the referees know and can apply the rules better. Thanks for being a part of this improvement in our region.

Accolades also to our new national-level referees that were certified at the Boys' National Tournament in Austin, Texas, and the Girls' National Tournament in Reno, Nevada. The new Junior National referees are: Sallie Bennett, Sal Hernandez, Eric Houston and Joseph Lizama. The new National referees are: Peri Copeland and Matt Storm. Please congratulate these referees when you see them, and certainly press them to mentor and train a new set of officials.

As far as new rules, interpretations and mechanics for the coming '10-'11 season, it appears that there will be very few changes. That means it is a season to perfect what we know and are using to make ourselves better. The teams deserve the best so take every effort to make yourself the best referee you can.....study, watch, learn.

Thomas Hoy  
Referee Chair, Lone Star Region

## FROM THE SCOREKEEPERS' TABLE

Hope you are all had a fun summer. The new USAV season is about to begin. To check your scorekeeper certification, login to your USAV record. If you need to be certified now is a great time to start looking for a clinic to attend that matches your schedule. As always, the latest clinic schedule is posted on the Lone Star web site (<http://lsvolleyball.org>, then click on "Official's Clinics and Info.")

No major scorekeeping changes this season, so keep up the good work.

Here are the most common issues on score sheets:

1. Place an X through the circled R or S in the set heading to indicate the correct serving and receiving team. **Do not color in.**
2. Do not circle the score in the Points column unless it is a point scored as the result of a referee action, i.e. a sanction.
3. The **last point** for each team should be circled in the Service Rounds section.

Steve Crane  
Scorekeeper Chair, Lone Star Region

## Junior News from Dick Kappel

### 2010 Lone Star Bid Tournament Results

12's 1st	BrazosValley 12 Mizuno	16's 1st	AP 16 Stealth
2nd	Xtreme 12 Black	2nd	TX TORNADOS - 16 Black
3rd	Xtreme 12 Purple	3rd	AJV 16 Navy
13's 1st	MAVERICK 131	17's 1st	WILLOWBROOK - 17 Red
2nd	SA STING 13 BLACK	2nd	BEXAR 17
3rd	SOUTHWEST - 13 Asics	3rd	AJV 17 Cedar Park
14's 1st	WOODLAND WAVE - 14 Black	18's 1st	SOUTHWEST - 18 Asics
2nd	TX TORNADOS - 14 Black	2nd	AJV 18 Cedar Park
3rd	AUSTIN JRS - 14 Mizuno	3rd	TX TORNADOS - 18 Black
15's 1st	TX TORNADOS - 15 Mizuno		
2nd	AP 15 PHD		
3rd	AUSTIN JRS - 15 Navy		

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2010 REGIONAL RESULTS

2010 JUNIOR NATIONAL RESULTS FROM RENO

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2011 QUALIFIERS (TENTATIVE)

LOCATIONS FOR 2011 JR REGIONALS

AND BOYS AND GIRLS NATIONAL TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS

## 2010 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

12's	1st	LONGHORN Jrs.12	16's	1st	TEXSTAR 161
	2nd	TX RED HOTS 12 Red		2nd	COASTAL 16
	3rd	TX TORNADOS - 12 Teal		3rd	VB ACADEMY 16 Regional
13's	1st	TX RED HOTS 13 Silver	17's	1st	MONTGOMERY Gold 17
	2nd	SA HORNET 13 Gold		2nd	TX AIRBORNE 17 National
	3rd	LONGHORN Jrs 13		3rd	SA HORNET 17 Gold
14's	1st	HJV 13 National	18's	1st	WUVBA 18
	2nd	ALII 14		2nd	WUVBA 18 Red
	3rd	STRIKERS142		3rd	WESTSIDE 18
15's	1st	PVA 15 Pink			
	2nd	HJV 14 National			
	3rd	TRV 15 Black			

## 2010 Junior Nationals - Reno

Congratulations to all 60 teams that represented the LS Region at Junior Nationals.

Top finishers in the Gold Division were:

5th	18 American	TX ELITE - 18 Black
5th	17 National	WILLOWBROOK - 17 Red
3rd	17 American	SOUTHWEST - 17 Asics
5th	17 American	CC WAVE 17
3rd	16 Open	AUSTIN JRS - 16 Mizuno
3rd	16 American	TX TORNADOS - 16 Black
5th	14 American	TRV 14 Elite



## **LONE STAR HIGH PERFORMANCE RESULTS**

The Lone Star High Performance recently traveled to Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin, to participate in the USA High Performance Championships. The High Performance Championships is comprised of teams from all across the USA and several foreign countries. This year 63 girls teams competed in four divisions and represented 16 USAV regions and 2 foreign countries, Chile and Peru. The tournament also showcased 24 Boys teams.

The competition at the tournament was very intense. A couple of teams were not up to par with the rest of the teams, but these were from areas of the country that are not as strong in the volleyball world. Even so, they still put up a tremendous fight and did not lay down to any team. The international teams brought a level of competition that local regions normally do not get to see. The players were able to showcase their talents to several college coaches while playing at a level beyond the normal region. It was very exciting to see that our Youth team stepped up all aspects of the game and won the silver medal in the Youth National Division, "Don't Mess with Texas".

The teams practiced at the Austin Sports Center over four days for a total of 21 hours. Each team used the training principles of the USA National team to prepare for the tournament. One unique aspect of the High Performance Championships is that USAV uses it as an evaluation tool for youth players in the National team pipeline. Therefore, all girls are trained using the National team system. You could watch the LSHP Select team or the USA Girls Youth National team and they would be playing the same type of defense and running the same offense.. The players gained better technique, more insight, and more confidence to take back with them to their respective clubs. This is only increasing the strength of the Lone Star Region across the board and on the national level.

The LSHP teams were very successful with two top 10 finishes, LSHP Select placed 8th and the LSHP Youth placed 2nd. The LSHP teams were comprised from the 150 players from the Lone Star region, who tried out at one of four tryouts around the region.

Overall, each team had an enjoyable trip and can't wait until next year to tryout again for the team.

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