

LONE STAR REGION USAVOLLEYBALL FEBRUARY, 2010

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

During the 2009 Season we registered a total of 11,984 members. Already during 2010 we've registered 12,414 with 593 members still remaining on the Region's Unpaid List. Club directors are reminded to constantly monitor their club database and ensure that all of their members are paid. If a club director has someone on their unpaid list, and they have no idea who the member is, then please contact me and I will take the necessary action to get the name removed, and placed on the proper listing with the correct club. Additionally, club directors should ensure that each player is listed on a team roster. We still have over 200 members listed as UNDECIDED. It's a little late in the season to not have a club affiliation. Members who are listed as UNDECIDED can log on to their records and change their club affiliation.

Last season, as many of you know, we were able to incorporate our USAV Webpoint Data into the AES Tournament System. This improved the tournament entries for many of our junior events, and I'm sure that many of you have noticed a significant increase in the number of events using the AES entries. For those events not using an on-line entry system, the Webpoint Team Roster should be used as your tournament entry. Club directors should make sure that their team rosters are always current. They can then log on to their club database and print the team rosters and send them to the tournament hosts, as the official entries. A few of the adult events are using the AES entries, but the two systems have not yet been incorporated. All data, for the adults, must be manually added to the AES entries. In these cases, be sure and use your club and team names, as they are listed in our Region Database. The correct Club and Team Codes are required and are listed in your Region Club Database.

Club directors are also reminded when creating their team, that these team names are stable entries in the club database. You cannot delete the old team and create a new one. If you wish to do that, then you must contact the Region Office, because we are the only ones who can make the changes in the team data. This is why we asked each of you to create a system for naming your teams, so that we would not be required to make changes to the team names, each year. You should not incorporate the coaches' names into the team name. What happens when the coach move up, next year, with the players? Now, you will have to create a new team with the coach's name at the next level. Eventually, some of the larger clubs will have a great number of inactive teams, which is nothing but junk in the club database. If you develop a numbering system, or a color system, for your teams, all you need do the next season is add the members' names to the teams. And, you're not creating excessive junk in your system. **If this sounds familiar, it's because I include it in the Newsletter each season, at this time.**

Finally, it's already time to start considering your options for attending one of the National Championships. On-Line applications are now being accepted. Talk with your people and make your decisions, now. As a number of teams now know, once you've gone to the Regional Championships and finished high enough to get a bid, it's too late to submit then. Log on to the USA Volleyball web site and get all the particulars, make your decision, and get your entries into the system.

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2010 USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The adult pre-tournament package is already on the USA Volleyball website (<http://usavolleyball.org/events/2245>). All events will be played in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 29 – Jun 5, 2010. 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 (65, 70, 75); U-Volley; Co-Ed - ***In the National Office by 5:00 pm; Mar 24, 2010**
 - Adult Nationals: Masters/Seniors (40, 45, 50, 55, 60) - ***In the National Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 7, 2010**
 - Adult Nationals: Club (AA, A, BB, B) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Mar 29, 2010**
- *Note:** *Send entry and fee directly to the National Office, with copy to the Region Office*

The Girls Junior National Championships will be in Reno, Nevada and the Boys Championships in Austin, Texas. Additional information and entry instructions are outlined in Pre-Tournament Manuals on the USA Volleyball website (<http://usavolleyball.org/pages/5535>). Regional entry deadlines are as follows:

- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (**Open At-Large**) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 9, 2010**
- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (**Nat'l & American**) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 9, 2010**
- Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (**Open At-Large**) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; May 4, 2010**
- Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (**Club**) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; May 28, 2010**

Note: *The entry deadline for the girls' event is the same as the entry deadline for the Girls Regional Championships. Only teams with a National entry on file, in the Region Office, will be eligible to compete in the BID portion of the Regional Championships. If you're sending anything, to the Region Office, via special delivery (UPS, FedEx, Express Mail, etc) do not send it with a signature or receipt required. This could only delay the delivery process, should I happen to be out of the Office at the time of delivery.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual Board of Directors meeting will be on Friday, March 26th. The meeting is open to all members and will be at the Hilton College Station; 801 University Drive East; College Station, TX 77840. The meeting is scheduled to start at 8:00 pm. Those positions up for elections are:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	
	Vice Commissioner	Hal Naumann
	Secretary	Renee Blakely
	Referee's Chairman	Thomas Hoy
	Junior Development Director	Dick Kappel
	Tournament Director	Vicki Barnes
	Player Representative (Men)	Keith Kubicek
Area Representatives		
	Austin	Virgie Mallett
	Brazos Valley	Wally Simpson
	San Antonio	Mar Resendiz

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 or Faxed (NLT March 12, 2010) to:

WILL VICK, Commissioner
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1608 Canyon Oak
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FROM THE REFEREE'S STAND

By Thomas Hoy

REFEREES—HOW DO I GET RATED

To complete referee certification, and not have to start over next year, all referees need to get ratings completed. This rating part usually completes the process of referee certification along with 1) an application at a clinic, 2) exam with corrections as needed, and 3) of course USAV registration. Do not let this part keep you from getting your certification completed.

Here's what all referee applicants need to do: 1) print out a referee rating/evaluation form at www.lsvolleyball.org under "reference" and have it ready, 2) go to a junior or adult tournament, club scrimmage or any volleyball match (rec, coed, or church) where they are using USAV rules and regulations, and a rater is present, and 3) when completed send the rating/evaluation sheets to me for entry into the USAV database. I am often asked "who can rate me"....well if you are a Junior Olympic or Provisional referee it can be any Regional or higher certified referee, or if you are a Regional referee then one R1 rating must come from a Junior National or higher referee. I am also often asked "how do I find a rater"and of course the answer is any of the places mentioned in #2 above by checking with the tournament director. The referee corp. is going to attend almost all junior tournaments over the next two months to try to get applicants rated; most adult tournaments have raters available. If a rater is not available, then for Junior Olympic and Provisional referee applicants I allow one rating by the tournament director (have the form with you, they do not always have one). If clubs want to rate their referee applicants at a club scrimmage, please contact a national-level referee in your area or contact me for assistance. Good luck and get it done!

2009/2010 RULE CHANGES/ADDITIONS

This year there are significant rule changes/additions. Here is a summary of the major changes for this season (09-10) regarding the more significant regulations (see regulations for full descriptions):

- 1) All coaches can not be closer than 1.75 meters from the sideline of the court during play.
- 2) A referees platform is required.
- 3) Casts, even padded, are restricted and are not allowed.
- 4) If a player's equipment falls to the floor, play is stopped and a delay sanction is assessed.
- 5) During warm-up one junior team at a time has exclusive rights to the entire playable area of the court.
- 6) To touch the opponent's court with any part of the body above the feet is permitted as long as it does not interfere.
- 7) Contact with the net by a player is not a fault, unless it interferes or there is an advantage gained. Players may not touch the top band of the net, gain support while playing the ball, gain an advantage or hinder opponent's attempt to play the ball coming out of the net.
- 8) Substitutions are only recognized when a player enters the substitution zone.

[Reference: 2009-2011 USAV Domestic Competition Regulations]

FROM THE SCOREKEEPER'S TABLE

By Steve Crane

Hope everyone is having a great season. We have already conducted or scheduled over 85 clinics. If this is your season to be certified hurry in while the clinics are still hot.

Once you have attended the clinic don't forget to send in two completed score sheets for evaluation.

To check your "official" status log in to your USAV record. I also post a listing of all completed/certified officials on the LS Web site. If your name is not on that list then you are not certified.

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