

LONE STAR REGION USAVOLLEYBALL AUGUST, 2011

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Efforts are under way to close out the 2010/11 season. But, before we can do that, we have to take the time to recognize a few of our outstanding members for their many contributions to the Lone Star Region and USA Volleyball. At the USA Volleyball Annual Meeting and Convention, one of our Region leaders, **Steve Crane**, was honored as a recipient of the **George J. Fisher Leader In Volleyball Award**. The award was presented in Dallas at the **2011 Boyce Awards Banquet**. This award is named in honor of George J. Fisher, the first president of USA Volleyball, 1928-1952, and a founding member of the US-VBA.

I would also like to take the opportunity, at this time, to recognize a few of our outstanding members for their many contributions to the Lone Star Region, and USA Volleyball. For the 2011 Season, I had the pleasure of nominating five of our hard working members for the **2011 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 2011 recipients are: **Carrie Baehr**, Club Director, with Xtreme Volleyball; **Marc Holmquist**, Player, Club Director, and Tournament Host with Homeboyz Volleyball Club; **Ward Kostek**, Coach, Administrator, National Referee and Scorekeeper, and Tournament Host with Viper Volleyball Club; **Daniel B. Martinez**, Club Director, Coach, and Tournament Host with Bexar County Volleyball Academy; **Greg B. Watts**, Club Director, Coach, and Tournament Host with Texas Eclipse Junior Volleyball.

In addition to the above members, there were many other who made outstanding contributions the Region, throughout the 2011 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 championships. And, I am 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. But, I would like to offer my congratulations all of our Region teams, for their representation at the National Championships. Their pictures and results displayed on the USA Volleyball Webb Site, www.usavolleyball.org. I am only aware of one Region team who won their National Championship event. That was **Austin Juniors – 17 Mizuno** who participated in the 17 Open – Gold Division. Hopefully, we will have their team picture on the home page of the Region Web Site, www.lsvolleyball.org.

For the most part, we have finished our registrations for the 2011 Season. Our records indicate that we now have 14,835 members registered for this season. As we stand, right now, we have 351 members currently listed on our UNPAID LIST. I'm sure a few of these are new members who have gone on-line early and tried to register for the 2012 Season. Unfortunately, all of these names will be deleted from the system, within the next few weeks. These are all individuals who have registered on-line, but their registration fees have never been paid, to the Regional Office. If you are one of the individuals whose name gets deleted, you can contact your club director and see why your fee was never paid. Others who were not members of a club, it was your responsibility to get your fees to the Region Office.

Registrations for the 2012 Season will start on September 1st. Registration instructions are on our web site, www.lsvolleyball.org. This is an individual on-line registration system, and has been designed for each member to complete their own registration. Each of you should receive an email from USA Volleyball, reminding you of your renewal responsibilities.

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Individuals should be aware of their log-in formation. If they do not remember the User Name and Password, they should use the FORGOT PASSWORD option on our web site. The key to a successful on-line registration system is keeping your records current. It is the member's responsibility to keep their record up-to-date. The most important item in this system is your email address. 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. The system will only send your contact information to the email address listed in your record.

For the 2012 Season we will be adding additional registration categories. We will have our regular junior and adult memberships, with no changes. In addition to these we will have an **Outdoor Adult and Junior Membership**. We will also have a special **Collegiate Membership** and a registration for members **who are 8 years of age or younger** during the entire membership season.

Outdoor Membership – DA (Outdoor Adult) and DJ (Outdoor Junior) Each is a full membership but is limited to outdoor programming, including nationally sanctioned outdoor events. It does not include participation eligibility for indoor programming. Individuals registered in the DJ category do not count toward the JNC bid allocations. These memberships may be upgraded to “full” Junior or Adult memberships. **The cost of this membership option, within the region, is set at \$20 per season**, and does not include the USA Volleyball Magazine option.

Collegiate Membership – CA (Collegiate) The Collegiate player membership option is a full membership, but will only be applied to the full time student who is a member of a collegiate club team, which is registered with the Lone Star Region. For the collegiate member who wishes to coach, officiate, or assume other roles will have to upgrade to a “full” Adult membership and pay the additional fees required for that roll, such as background screening fees, and other clinic fees. **The cost of this membership option, within the region, is set at \$15 per season**, and does not include the USA Volleyball Magazine option.

Eight (8) and Under Membership – OZ (Other ZERO Cost) For the 2011-12 Season – Born on or after 9/1/2003 regionally sanctioned play only (indoor/outdoor). Individuals in this category are not eligible to play in national level events (Qualifiers, JNC, National High Performance teams/camps, etc). If a member is participating in a national level activity (except tryouts), he/she would need to be upgraded to a full membership. Individuals registered in the OZ category do not count toward JNC bid allocations. **This membership is offered at zero dollars to the participants**, and does not include the USA Volleyball Magazine option.

Background Screening requirements have not changed 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 are planning to work any of the junior events are required to complete the Background Screening Application, when registering on-line. Additionally, all tournament hosts for junior events will be required to complete a background screening. Finally, the screening fees for each screening applicant will be \$18.

For those of you **starting new clubs/teams** you will need to email the Region Office. Instructions for creating a new club are listed on our Web Site, immediately following the registration instructions. Just scroll down through the registration instructions and you will see exactly what you need to sent 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. Clubs may list only one club director, phone number, and email address.** 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, **again this season we will not have an on-line payment system**. Club directors will be expected to provide the Region Office with a copy of their UNPAID LIST, along with each payment. Individual members may make their payment directly to the Region Office, if they wish. All registration payments are made to the Lone Star Region and mailed to the Region Office. The Office address is listed on our Web Site, under Contacts, and is the same as the Commissioner's mailing address.

FROM THE SCORER'S TABLE

With the new season comes many changes. We have a new rule that allows a team to designate two libero players. That means all the scoresheets, line-ups, tips forms, etc. have changed. The updated versions are available on the Lone Star web site (<http://lsvolleyball.org>) in the Reference section.

The decision was also made to change the term "Scorekeeper" to "Scorer." This will align with the DCR (Domestic Competition Regulations) descriptions. Don't worry, the job has not changed, just the title.

The first clinics have been posted on the web site under "Officials Clinics & Info". There will be many more, but take the opportunity and get it out of the way early.

C.L. 'Steve' Crane
Scorer Chair

FROM THE REFEREE'S STAND

Congratulations to the Lone Star Region referees who received certification or re-certification this '10-'11 season. Because of your hard work in completing the certifications we are in better shape to create fair play 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. Please watch the website for updates during the next two months as there will be new National Requirements for Provisional and Regional referee status. We will only need to make minor changes, but it does require regular clinics and exams.

Accolades to our new national referees that were certified at the Boys' National Championships in Minnesota. The new National referees are: Toby Day, David Plaisance and Jack Zaldivar. 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 2011-12 season, it appears that there will be two significant changes. It looks like there can be a Libero and a "reserve Libero" on each team; only one Libero can be in a set at a time but the reserve can go in each new set if designated. The other change will allow jewelry for adult players. We will see how this works out in wording when the new 2011-2013 DCR (rule book) comes out, but the discussion is going in the direction of these changes.

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair, Lone Star Region

JR NEWS FROM DICK KAPPEL, JR. DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Coaches need to have completed the IMPACT Certification in order to be listed on the team roster.

2011 Lone Star Bid Tournament Results

Level		Team
12	1st	Woodlands WAVE - 12 UA
	2nd	XTREME - 12 BLACK
	3rd	ALAMO - 12 Kaepa
13	1st	AUSTIN - 13 MIZUNO
	2nd	SA MAGIC 131
	3rd	XTREME - 13 BLACK
14	1st	EXTEC - 14 ROXY
	2nd	TX PRIDE - 14 Elite
	3rd	Woodlands WAVE - 14 Under Armour
15	1st	CENTEX - 151
	2nd	SOUTHWEST - 15 ASICS
	3rd	AUSTIN - 15 MIZUNO
16	1st	ALAMO - 16 Kaepa
	2nd	
	3rd	AUSTIN - 16 MIZUNO
17	1st	AVA of Texas 17 Team Rox
	2nd	ALAMO - 17 Kaepa
	3rd	AP 171 electric
18	1st	AP 181
	2nd	Bexar County 18 Asics
	3rd	ALAMO - 18 Kaepa

2011 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

Level		Team
12	1st	SA STING 12 PURPLE
	2nd	H.O.T. Volleyball Van
	3rd	TX Red Hots 12 Molten
13	1st	KATY 13 Black
	2nd	Alii red
	3rd	SA Lightning 131 Gold
14	1st	BrazosValley 13 Mizuno
	2nd	TEXSTAR 141
	3rd	STJ 141
15	1st	Brazos Valley 15 Navy
	2nd	Xtreme 15 Orange
	3rd	Texas Coastal 15
16	1st	AP 15 PHD
	2nd	AP 16 En Fuego
	3rd	Woodlands Wave16 Molten
17	1st	HJV 17 National
	2nd	Alamo 15 Kaepa
	3rd	Strikers 171
18	1st	Renegades 18 National
	2nd	SA HORNET 18 SHOWCASE
	3rd	Renegades 18 Black

2011 Junior Nationals - Atlanta

Congratulations to all 59 teams that represented the LS Region at Junior Nationals. Top finishers in the Gold Division were:

Level		Team	
12's	3rd	Amr	ALAMO - 12 Kaepa
13's	2nd	Amr	XTREME - 13 BLACK
14's	3rd	Amr	Woodlands WAVE - 14 Under Armour
15's	3rd	Open	Woodlands WAVE - 15 Under Armour
16's	2nd	Amr	AUSTIN - 16 MIZUNO
17's	1st	Open	AJV 17 Mizuno
17's	3rd	Amr	ALAMO - 17 Kaepa
18's	2nd	Amr	ALAMO - 18 Kaepa

2012 Junior Volleyball National Qualifier Schedule (tentative)

Colorado Crossroads	12's - 14's	Feb 25-27
Colorado Crossroads	17's - 18's	Mar 2-3
Colorado Crossroads	15's - 16's	TBA
Pacific Northwest Qual.	12's - 14's, 16C	Mar 23-25
Pacific Northwest Qual.	15's, 16C, 17's, 18's	Mar 30 - Apr 1
Mideast Nat Qualifier	12's - 14's	Mar 16-18
Mideast Nat Qualifier	15's - 18's	Mar 23-25
Southern California	16's - 18's	Mar 16-18
Southern California	12's - 15's	Mar 30 - Apr 1
Big South	12's - 18's	Mar 30 - Apr 1
Northern Lights	12's, 13's, 16's - 18's	Apr 13-15
Northern Lights	14's - 15's	Apr 20-22
Far Western	12's - 14's, 15C	Apr 21-23
Far Western	15O, 16's - 18's	Apr 27-29
Lone Star Classic	13's - 15's	Apr 13-15
Lone Star Classic	12,s, 16's - 18's	Apr 20-22
Northeast Qualifier	12's - 14's, 16's	Mar 31-Apr 2
Northeast Qualifier	17's - 18's	Apr 6-8
Northeast Qualifier	15's	Apr 7-9
Sho-Me Qualifier	16's - 18's	Apr 14-16
Sho-Me Qualifier	12's - 15's	Apr 20-22

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