

LONE STAR REGION USAVOLLEYBALL NOVEMBER, 2011

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

As always, I'm late again. This is a difficult time of the year to try and take the time to set down and write a newsletter article. We've just wrapped up the old season, and now we're trying to get the new one up and running. Already, for the 2011-12 Season, our on-line registrations are over 14,300 members. We ended the 2010-11 Season with a total of 14,829 members. So, as you can see we are getting off to a great start for the new season. For the new season we have added a few new registration categories. In addition to our Regular Adult and Regular Junior members we have added a new Outdoor membership for both adults and juniors. These memberships are restricted to outdoor play only, and those members cannot be added to a team for indoor competitions. The outdoor membership can be upgraded to a regular membership by logging on to your record and upgrading the membership, and paying the difference between the outdoor fee and the regular membership fee. Also, USA Volleyball has created a new collegiate membership. This is restricted to members of Collegiate Club teams, and created so that those teams may participate in our adult indoor events. If the collegiate members wish to participate as coaches or referees for junior events they will also need to upgrade their membership, and complete the necessary background screening application.

We have a number of our members who are affiliated with a number of teams, oftentimes they are players for one team and coaches for another. If their rolls are split between two different clubs, they must decide on which club to list on their initial on-line registration. The best policy is to register with the club with which you will be coaching, or performing a roll which will require the background screening. And, once registered you can contact the Region Office and you will be placed on the team for which you will playing. This process simplifies the tournament entry in the Advanced Event Systems (AES). This System requires that team members entered into the AES be affiliated with clubs that are being entered into the AES. cases, they do not keep a record of their User Names and Passwords. This is why we have a ***Forgot Password*** option built into Webpoint (our registration system). For the Forgot Password Option to work the member's email address must be current, because this is where Webpoint is going to send the log-in information. So, it is very important that we keep our email addresses current, even if we are not currently playing. Remember, you only have one account in the Webpoint, and it should be kept up to date. We have some of our people who find it necessary to create new, and duplicate, accounts for themselves. Oftentimes, this is because they simply do not want to take the time to follow the prescribed procedures for renewing their members. Please, consider the amount of work it creates for others when you create a duplicate account. Believe me, our staff members who are responsible for registrations have enough to do trying to help those who are following the proper steps. They do not need the extra work caused by those who try taking the so called **short cuts**. It is a long drawn process to merge these duplicate records. Should you have a registration problem you will need to contact our Registrar, **Karen Tarmon**. Her phone number has recently changed and she can be contacted at **830-358-7714**. Since, like most of us, she also has another job, and can be more easily contacted via email, at lsregistrar@earthlink.net.

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Having just started the new season, I feel I would be remiss if I did not remind you of a few important Region Policies. First, **players may only represent one organization during the season.** These means that once a player has registered and played with a team during a sanctioned tournament, they will not be allowed to transfer to another club. Also, these players, once registered with the Region, will not participate in any unsanctioned events. Should our members wish to enter and event of another organization, both the members and the teams must be registered within that organization, and that event must be restricted to only that organizations members. **Members must be registered and fees paid prior to participating in a sanctioned event.** I believe this speaks for itself, except for those who try and register and pay their fee at the last minute. All registration fees should be mailed to the Region Office, to arrive at least seven (7) days prior to the event in which the member wishes to participate. If you mail your fees in late there is no guarantee that they will be posted prior to your tournament date. There are many things that can take us out of the office. We also have tournaments and other events that require us to be gone. Also, if you send something to the Region Office do not require a signature. This often times causes and extra delay in getting the registration posted. If there is no one here at the time of delivery, we will have to go to the Post Office to pick up the package. And, the earliest this can be done is the next day. All the signature will show is who picked up the package, late.

I know it's a little late, by the time you read this, but I hope many of you had a change participate in the events associated with the NCAA Women's Final Four, here in San Antonio. There were many events scheduled during the week, in addition to the actual collegiate play. It is always great to have an event such as this in our Region.

Finally, I am also a little late with the Holiday Wishes, but at least I had a chance to write them, even if you didn't get to read them, in time. I do hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. May you enjoy the best of everything during the New Year. And, keep our Sport of Volleyball growing, through active participation and outstanding sportsmanship.

FROM THE SCORER'S TABLE

Welcome to the new season. As of 11/20 we had already scheduled 73 clinics. Wow, starting off with a bang!

As you attend these clinics, please remember that this is not just another administrative pain, it is an opportunity to better understand the rules and make your participation in the great sport of volleyball more enjoyable. Show up with an open mind and something to take notes with.

For those of you sending in score sheets for evaluation, don't forget to look them over before you send them to me. If you do not feel it will be acceptable, you may want to do another one and send that to me.

There are a bunch of resources for both scoring and refereeing on the Lone Star Region and USA Volleyball web sites. Hints, guides presentations, etc. Take advantage and sharpen your skills.

Steve Crane, Scorer's Chair

FROM THE REFEREE'S STAND

Congratulations to all the Lone Star Region referees who received certification or re-certification this past 2010-2011 season. Because of your hard work in completing the certifications we are in a better position 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.

Accolades also to our new national referees that were certified at the Boys' Junior National Championships in Minneapolis, MN. The new National referees are: Tody Day, David Plaisance, and Jack Zaldivar. Please congratulate these referees when you see them, and certainly push them to mentor/train a new set of officials for our region.

As far as new rules, interpretations and mechanics for the coming 2011-2012 season, we do have some changes and a new 2011-2013 USAV Regulations Guide (rule book). There will be some new wording of old rules, new processes for special situations, but the most notable changes will be: 1) one or two Liberos can be designated for the MATCH, 2) adults can play with jewelry as long as it does not present a safety issue, and 3) referee stands are required (should be adjustable) but if not the referee will officiate from the floor. Contact me if you have questions!

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair, Lone Star Region

JR NEWS FROM DICK KAPPEL, JR. DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

IMPACT Required for Junior Coaches

New for 2011-2012, all junior coaches must be IMPACT certified before they can be listed on a junior team roster. If a coach is unable to attend one of the **LS region** clinics listed on the junior schedule, then the coach must take the course online using the **USA webinar clinic**.

Follow these links to take the clinic online - <http://usavolleyball.org/> point to Resources, Education, click on IMPACT, Attendance Options, IMPACT Online Webinar.

2011-2012 AGE DEFINITIONS

Once a player participates (including but not limited to practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to take part in any regional and national programming, which includes but is not limited to national JNC qualifying and championship events.

18 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 1993 or Players who were born on or after September 1, 1992 *and* a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year

17 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 1994

16 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 1995

15 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 1996

14 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 1997

13 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 1998

12 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 1999

11 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2000

10 and Under Division: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2001

2012 LONE STAR REGIONALS

Apr 28 & 29

Austin – 12 & 13

May 5 & 6

Austin – 14, 17, & 18

Houston – 15 & 16

2012 JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL QUALIFIER SCHEDULE

Colorado Crossroads (Denver)

Feb 25-27 (12C, 13N, 13A, 14O, 14N, 14A, 15A, and 16A)

Mar 2-4 (15O, 15N, 16O, 16N, 17O, 17N, 17A, 18O, 18N, and 18A)

Pacific NW Qualifier (Spokane)

Mar 23-25 (12C, 13C, 14C, 14O, 16C)

Mar 30-Apr 1 (15C, 15O, 16O, 17C, 17O, 18C, 18O)

Mid East Qualifier

Mar 16-18 - St. Louis, Mo. (12s - 14s)

Mar 23-25 - Indianapolis, Ind. (15s-18s)

Southern California (Anaheim, CA)

Mar 16-18 (18O, 18C, 17O, 17C, 16O, and 16C)

Mar 30-Apr 1 (15O, 15C, 14O, 14C, 13C, and 12C)

Big South Qualifier (Atlanta, GA) –

Mar 30-April 1 (all ages)

Northern Lights (Minneapolis, MN)

Apr 13-15 (12C, 13C, 16C, 16O, 17C, 17O, 18C, 18O)

Apr 20-22 (14C, 14O, 15C, 15O)

Far Western (Reno, NV)

Apr 21-23 (12C, 13C, 14C, 14O & 15C)

Apr 27-29 (15O, 16C, 16O, 17C, 17O, 18C & 18O)

Lone Star Classic – (Dallas, TX)

Apr 13-15 (13C, 14O, 14N, 14A, 15O, 15N, 15A)

Apr 20-22 (11C, 12C, 16O, 16N, 16A, 17O, 17C, 18O, 18C)

North East Qualifier (Baltimore, MD)

Mar 31-Apr 2 (12C, 13A, 13N, 14A, 14N, 14O, 16A, 16N, 16O)

Apr 6-8 (17A, 17N, 17O, 18A, 18N, 18O)

Show Me Qualifier (Kansas City, MO)

Apr 14-16 (16A, 16N, 16O, 17A, 17N, 17O, 18C, 18O)

Apr 20-22 (12C, 13C, 14A, 14N, 14O, 15A, 15N, 15O)

2012 Championship Events

USA Junior Olympic Girls' Volleyball Championships (Columbus, OH)

June 28 – July 7, 2012

USA Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championships (Dallas, TX)

July 1 – 8, 2012

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