

LONE STAR REGION USAVOLLEYBALL FEBRUARY, 2011

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

I haven't written a newsletter since last August, so I guess it would be appropriate to start with HAPPY NEW YEAR. We closed out the 2010 Season, with a final registration of 12,938 members. Yes, that was a great year. But, even with the increase in registration fees for this season, we have already increased our membership for 2011. As of this writing, we have registered 14,456 members. This is almost a 12% increase, and we still have 438 unpaid members in our System. 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 105 unpaid members listed as UNDECIDED. It's a little late in the season to not have a club affiliation. Members who are listed as UNDEDIDED can log on to their records and change their club affiliation.

Again this season, a few changes have been made to the AES Tournament Entry System. Hopefully, it will continue to become more user-friendly. The key to keeping your AES data current is to do periodic updates. This will ensure that both the Webpoint and the AES data are always in agreement. For those events not using an on-line entry system, the Webpoint Team Roster should continue to 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 teams, 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 then too late to submit your application. 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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2011 USA Volleyball National Championships

The adult Open National Championships pre-tournament package is already on the USA Volleyball Website (<http://usavolleyball.org/events/5079/page/10378>). All events will be played in Dallas, Texas, on May 28 – Jun 4, 2011. 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 (W65, 70, M75), U-Volley, Co-Ed - ***In the National Office by 5:00 pm; Mar 23, 2011**

- Adult Nationals: Masters/Seniors (40, 45, 50, 55, 6, M65) - ***In the National Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 6, 2011**

- Adult Nationals: Club (AA, A, BB, B) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Mar 25, 2011**

***Note:** Send entry and fee directly to the National Office, *with copy to the Region Office*

The Girls Junior National Championships will be in Atlanta, Georgia and the Boys Championships in Minneapolis, Minnesota. 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 13, 2011**

- Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (**Nat'l & American**) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 13, 2011**

- Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (**Open At-Large**) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 29, 2011**

- Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (**Club**) - **In the Region Office by 5:00 pm; Apr 29, 2011**

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, April 1st. The meeting is open to all members and will be at the Best Western; 18658 IH-35, South; Buda, TX 78610. The meeting is scheduled to start at 8:00 pm. Those positions up for elections are:

POSITION

INCUMBENT

Commissioner

Will Vick

Treasurer

Helen Janak

Scorekeeper Chair

Steve Crane

Media Director (Appointed)

Annell Neale

Coaches Development

Mark Papich

Legal Advisor

Michele Hanlon

Player Representative (Women)

Rachel Nobles

Area Representatives

Corpus Christi

Melissa Garcia

Golden Triangle

Steve Boucher

Houston

Gordon Morrison

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 18, 2011) to:

WILL VICK, Commissioner

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RENE BLAKELY, Secretary

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FROM THE SCOREKEEPER'S TABLE

**By Steve Crane
Scorekeeper Chair**

This has been a very busy season for all the clinicians. There have been 107 clinics conducted in 31 cities around the Region. A number of you need to finish up by getting your ratings in.

The requirements for certification are:

1. Attend a clinic
 2. Take and correct the test
 3. Submit completed score sheets from two sets (games) and receiving a passing rating
 4. Submit a scorekeeper application
 5. Register in the Lone Star Region
- Pay applicable fees

You can always check your status by logging in to your USAV record. That is where you can also print out a membership card that has all your certifications.

FROM THE REFEREE'S STAND

**By Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair**

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 not be 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 improve yourselfstudy, watch, learn.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Robert Buttler gave a good fight but lost to an enemy he could not see. The Lone Star Region appreciates the contributions that Robert Buttler made as a national-level referee, clinician and rater in our region during his tenure. Our condolences to his family and especially his wife who went with him to volleyball tournaments all over the country. Robert's ashes will be layed to rest in the Houston National Cemetery.

Thomas Hoy

Lone Star Region Junior Leadership Recognition

Many junior players step up for their teams and get certified as scorekeepers or referees to help their clubs through the season. This takes a special person who can learn the skills and perform during competition. We appreciate all the efforts our junior players make to become certified referees or scorekeepers.

There are a few players that take greater leadership positions within their teams and become both certified scorekeepers and referees. We see these individuals as our Junior Leadership group and very possibly our volleyball leaders of the future. We would like to recognize the following individuals for “stepping up” and becoming certified as referees and scorekeepers during the 2009-2010 USAV volleyball season. Thanks to all of you for taking this leadership role for your team and within the Lone Star Region. Congratulations and keep stepping up for leadership roles!

Darian Buster	Erika Chin	Allyson Debruhl
Jennifer Epperson	Cassandra Iglesias	Chelsea Knappe
Carleigh Mitchell	Brooke Mulder	Lexi Pedrotti
Taylor Potter	Courtney Reopelle	Teresa Shoemake
Ashley Ward	Tracie Wilkerson	

Respectfully Submitted:
Steve Crane, Scorekeeper Chair
Thomas Hoy, Referee Chair

Junior News

Dick Kappel, Jr. Development Director

1. The 2011 USA Junior National Championships (JNC) Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia will host both Club and Open divisions with two subdivisions in Club – National and American. The Lone Star Junior Regional tournament on May 7-8 will qualify one team for the National Club division and three teams for the American Club division for ages 13-18. The 12-year-old division will qualify one team for the National Club division and two teams for the American Club division. The Open division will be composed of teams that win bids at national qualifying events or open-at-large bids.

2. Please note that the application date for the JNC tournament is PRIOR to the Lone Star Junior Regional tournament.

Important Note: No LS regional team can be accepted to JNC unless the team representative has submitted all JNC entry materials to Will Vick by **April 13**. There are no exceptions.

3. Teams should make every effort to use the on-line entry system as outlined in the 2011 pre-tournament manual. See USA Volleyball website
<http://usavolleyball.org/events/4873/page/10338>

4. List of important dates:

- April 13 – deadline to register for LS Junior Regional Tournament
- April 13 – LS region deadline for application to attend JNC
- May 7-8 – LS Junior Regional Tournament in Austin and San Antonio
- June 25-July 4 – Girls USA JNC Tournament in Atlanta

Note: *The entry deadline for the JNC event is the same as the entry deadline for the Girls Regional Championships. Only teams with a JNC 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 the commissioner happen to be out of the office at the time of delivery.*

2011 LONE STAR JUNIOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

The 2011 JNC tournament will be held on May 7-8 in San Antonio for 13 & 14 and Austin for 12, 15, 16, 17, & 18.

This year there will be **TWO** divisions in each age group – **BID** Division and **CLUB** Division.

The **BID** division in each age group is for teams who are attempting to earn a bid to the JNC in Atlanta, Georgia. All teams participating in the BID Division at LS Regionals are required to have completed and submitted to the Lone Star Region office all necessary application and paperwork for JNC no later than April 13, 2011. If the forms and fees have not been received by the Region office, you will not be allowed to participate in the BID Division.

The top teams from the LS Junior Regional BID Division qualify for a bid in the JNC Club Divisions as follows:

12's - **One** National Division Bid; **Two** American Division Bids
13's - **One** National Division Bid; **Three** American Division Bids
14's - **One** National Division Bid; **Three** American Division Bids
15's - **One** National Division Bid; **Three** American Division Bids
16's - **One** National Division Bid; **Three** American Division Bids
17's - **One** National Division Bid; **Three** American Division Bids
18's - **One** National Division Bid; **Three** American Division Bids

A reminder of the conditions that must be met in order for entries to be considered for the participation in the LS Regional BID Division. Teams shall -

- not have qualified previously for the Jr National Tournament
- have application and fee on file to play at Jr Nationals
- play in their assigned age division
- have a coach who has completed the IMPACT clinic
- have a certified scorekeeper and a referee
- be registered in the Lone Star Region

Since all application deadlines for JNC are scheduled BEFORE the LS Junior Regional tournament, remember to submit all entry materials for JNC according to the requirements of the LS Region and the USA National Office.

The **CLUB** divisions in each age group are for those teams who wish to participate in the Regional Championships but who do not want to compete for a bid for JNC.

2011 USA GIRLS' JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (JNC)

Host City: Atlanta, Georgia

Competition Dates: June 25 – July 4

Age Classifications & Dates:

12 National & American: June 28 – July 1
13 National & American: June 26 – June 29
14 Open, National, & American: June 25 – June 28
15 Open, National, & American: June 27 – June 30
16 Open, National, & American: July 1 – July 4
17 Open, National, & American: June 29 – July 2
18 Open, National, & American: June 30 – July 3

Competition Dates: <http://usavolleyball.org/events/4873/page/10331>

Tournament Information: <http://usavolleyball.org/events/4873>

2011 USA BOYS' JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (JNC)

Host City: Minneapolis, Minnesota

May 29 – LS region deadline for application to attend JNC

Competition Dates: June 29 – July 6

Go to <http://usavolleyball.org/events/4872/page/10346> for more info.

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