

Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

Commissioner's Notes

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Registrations for the 2012 – 2013 Season will start on September 1, 2012. The 2013 Season will run from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2013. The adult and junior tournament schedules are currently being finalized, and should be posted to our web site shortly. For the past two seasons, as many of our adults will recall, we started our sanctioned events earlier, to go along with the September 1 start. 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 the 2012 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 2012 Season, I had the pleasure of nominating five of our hard working members for the **2012 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award**. Each year USA Volleyball recognizes a maximum of five mem-

bers from each region for contributing outstanding participation, motivation, and other services, in the promotion of volleyball. I am happy to announce our 2012 recipients are: **Evan Bouilly**, and Events Coordinator with Austin Juniors Volleyball; **Jeff Hill**, Facility Owner and Director Willowbrook Sports Complex; **Milton Koller**, Club Director and Coach with TEXSTARS Volleyball; **Reno Puente Jr**, Club Director, Tournament Host, and Coach with San Antonio Elite VB; **William "Billy" Riemer**, Coach, Director, and Tournament Host with Woodlands Wave VBC.

In addition to the above members, we had many others who made outstanding contributions to the Region, throughout the 2012 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. 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.usavolleyball.org.

Our final registrations for 2012 have resulted in a total registration of 15,719 members. Our records are still showing that we have 397 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 31st. (Continued)

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Additionally, we have already had a number of new members who have gone on-line and registered for the 2013 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 1st.

Registration instructions are on our web site, 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 2013 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 2013 Season will be required to complete the Background Screening Application, when registering on-line. The fee for each background screening applicant will remain at \$18.

Creating a New Adult of Junior Club/Team can be accomplished by logging on to the Region Web Site, www.lsvolleyball.org. There you will click on Regis-

tration. Then, 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.** 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.

Just as a reminder, for the 2013 Season, both the Age Waiver and Player Transfer procedures will remain as it has been for past years. **Junior Age Definitions** are listed on our Web Site under **Reference (Club/Team Package)**. These are the definitions as provided by USA Volleyball, and will be followed. The **Player Transfer Policy** is outlined in our Members Handbook and are the same as they have been in the past. **Players will only represent one club during the Indoor Season. Once the player has registered and participated, with a club, in a sanctioned tournament, they will not be allowed transfer to another club. All transfers must be approved by the Commissioner, and current Region policies and procedures will be followed.**

Finally, registration fees and payment procedures will remain the same as for the 2012 Season. Junior members will check with their club directors, for the club payment procedures. Junior fees are normally paid by the club, to the Region Office. Most adult members normally mail their individual fees directly to the Region Office. **All individual registration fees must be paid to the member participating in a sanctioned tournament.**

Will Vick, Commissioner
Lone Star Region
USA Volleyball

The Region is proud to announce that Thomas Hoy was again honored with the 2012 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding accomplishments to the PAVO and USA Volleyball, through the USAV and PAVO Refereeing Program. Congratulations Thomas and, as always, thank you for your continuing hard work and dedication.

From the Referee's Stand

By Thomas

Accolades to our new Lone Star Region national-level referees who have gone through a difficult process to get to their next certification. Our new USAV National Referee is Harvey Madrigal, out of Austin. The new USAV Junior National Referees are Stacia Washington (Missouri City) and Patrick Hazlett (Brian). I would also like to announce that we have a new WOVD referee; Mr. Thang Nguyen (Houston) was awarded international certification in Canada this past summer. One more, congratulations to Joe Campbell, he is in London, England, at the Paralympics as a referee; this is Joe's sixth (yes, 6th) Paralympics, a record for any referee. We are so proud of all our referees. Please congratulate them when you see them next.

A major rule change for the 2012-2013 season has been approved, the Liberos can serve in one position. This is a USAV rule, not FIVB, and means one or two Liberos can serve, but only in one position in the rotation. This will require new coaching strategies, scorer competencies and referee recognition; it should be exciting. For the purist out there, this is not the end of the world, just a little left turn....it will be ok.

Uniforms! Almost all questions that come to me as referee chair have to do with uniforms. Always consult the rules before ordering uniforms. Well, we are about to change it again. **Beginning in the 2014-15 USAV season**, the following verbiage from the

USAV Rules Interpreter will be used in regards to Libero jerseys contrasting with regular team jerseys. As of **SEPTEMBER 1, 2014**, it is required that either the Libero or their teammates wear a solid color jersey. The solid color jersey of the Libero(s) must clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the teammates' jersey (or visa-versa). Predominant colors are those that appear on approximately half of the body of the uniform jersey. To be considered solid colored:

- a. Sleeves must be the same color as the body of the jersey.
- b. Piping/trim not exceeding 1 inch in total at its widest point may be placed along the seams and may be a different color than the uniform jersey.
- c. Lettering and collars can be a different color than the body of the jersey.
- d. Numbers must be a contrasting color and meet all other specifications in Rule 4.3.3 and associated USAV regulations.

More information will follow! If you are ordering multi-year uniforms that might stretch into the 2014-2015 season, please order carefully. Otherwise, be aware of the change coming in the 2014-2015 season.

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair, Lone Star Region

From the Scorer's Chair

Welcome all to a new season!

A lot has been going on during the "Off" season. The big one is the new USAV Rule that allows the Libero to serve.

- 1. The Libero may serve out of only one position in the service order.**
- 2. Either Libero may serve from that position**

A more detailed description can be found on <http://lsvolleyball.org>, click on Official's info & Clinics.

Last season we conducted 113 clinics in 32 cities. Keep your eyes on the web site to see scheduled clinics in your area for this season.

All scoresheets, tips and presentations have been updated to reflect changes and are available on the web site for download. The changes to the scoresheets are minor and you can continue to use the ones you have.

The 2013-14 season there will bring some substantial form and rule changes, so don't make too many copies this season.

C.L. 'Steve' Crane
Scorer Chair, Lone Star Region

Olympic Gold Medalist Riley Salmon Returns Home



Photo courtesy of the FIVB

Hometown heroes aren't in abundance so please help me in welcoming our very own Olympian, Riley Salmon, back to the region.

Riley Salmon, who as an outside hitter, helped lead the USA Men's Volleyball team to the 2008 Olympic Gold Medal in Beijing.

Salmon has been with the USA National Volleyball Team programs since 1999. During his tenure with the national and Olympic teams, they've qualified for the Olympic Games three times (Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, and alternate for London 2012). He and the team have won many international tournaments including the gold medal in the prestigious FIVB World League and the Olympics (both in 2008).

Riley has been hired by Absolute Volleyball Academy of Texas, Co-Directors Katy Garza and Jerry Linch have announced. "We are excited to welcome Riley back to this area after the conclusion of the London Olympics to be a part of our AVA of Texas volleyball program," Garza and Linch said. "After winning the Olympic Gold Medal, he certainly knows what it takes to win at the highest level."

"It is a great honor to be asked to lead one of the top juniors programs in the local Houston area and the Lone Star Region. I hope to continue AVA's reputation of producing great championship teams and outstanding athletes. This is indeed home and I am excited to get back," said Salmon.

Written by:
Thang Nguyen
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Junior Development News

From Dick Kappel

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

2012 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

Level		Team
12	1st	Ex Rights 121
	2nd	FBFVB 12 Mizuno
	3rd	Sliders 12
13	1st	WACO JRS 13 SWOOSH
	2nd	Valley Sting 131
	3rd	Alii 13 red
14	1st	TEXAS FURY 141
	2nd	WACO JRS 14 SWOOSH
	3rd	FBFVB 14 Elite
15	1st	HOU STELLAR 15 Mizuno
	2nd	Texas Rattlers15-1
	3rd	TEXAS FURY 151
16	1st	WACO JRS 16 SWOOSH
	2nd	Brazos Valley 16 Navy
	3rd	HOU STELLAR16 Premier
17	1st	TEXAS FURY 171
	2nd	HOU STELLAR17 Premier
	3rd	WUVBA 17 Black
18	1st	JCJ 18 BLACK
	2nd	Viper 18 Red
	3rd	AJV 18 TORO

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2012 Lone Star Bid Tournament Results

Level		Team
12	1st	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno
	2nd	TCA Houston 12 Black
	3rd	SA STING 12 BLACK
13	1st	Alamo 13 Kaepa Premier
	2nd	Brazos Valley 13 Mizuno
	3rd	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
14	1st	Brazos Valley 14 Mizuno
	2nd	AVA TX 14 Team Rox
	3rd	Woodlands Wave 14UA
15	1st	AP 15 PHD
	2nd	HJV 15 Elite
	3rd	AJV 15 Mizuno
16	1st	Woodlands Wave 16UA
	2nd	Alamo 16 Kaepa Premier
	3rd	AP 16 Black Mamba
17	1st	Willowbrook 17 Red
	2nd	AJV 17 Mizuno
	3rd	SA Force 171 Darkside
18	1st	SA Force 181 Darkside
	2nd	AP 18 Stealth
	3rd	Skyline 18 RoShamBo

2012 Junior Nationals - Columbus

Congratulations to all 64 teams that represented the LS Region at Junior Nationals.
Top finishers in the Gold Division were:

5th	18 Open	AUSTIN - 18 MIZUNO
2nd	18 American	Skyline 18 RoShamBo
2nd	17 National	AsicsWillowbrook17Red
5th	17 American	SA Force 171 Darkside
2nd	16 National	Alamo 16Kaepa Premier
5th	16 National	WoodlandsWave16UA
3rd	16 American	AP 16 Black Mamba
5th	16 American	Asics Willowbrook 16 Red
3rd	15 American	Asics Willowbrook 15 Red
5th	15 American	Centex 15 National
1st	14 National	AVA TX 14 Team Rox
5th	14 National	BrazosValley 14Mizuno
3rd	13 National	Alamo 13Kaepa Premier
2nd	12 National	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno
5th	12 National	Alamo 12Kaepa Premier
5th	12 American	SA STING 12 BLACK

2013 Junior Volleyball Nat'l Qualifier Schedule (tentative)

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Girls-Qualifiers.aspx>

Colorado Crossroads	TBA	Mar 2-3
Colorado Crossroads	TBA	Mar 8-10
Mideast Nat Qualifier	12's - 14's, 15A	Mar 15-17
Mideast Nat Qualifier	15N, 15O, 16's - 18's	Mar 22-24
Pacific Northwest Qual	12's - 14's, 16C	Mar 22-24
Pacific Northwest Qual.	15's, 16O, 17's, 18's	Mar 29-31
Southern California	12's - 14's	Apr 19-21
Disney Volleyball Showcase (Orlando, Fla)	14's - 18's Open Only	Mar 22-24
Big South	12's - 18's	Mar 29-31
Northern Lights	12's - 15's	Apr 19-21
Northern Lights	16's - 18's	Apr 26-28
Far Western	12's - 14's, 15C	Apr 20-22
Far Western	15O, 16's - 18's	Apr 26-28
Lone Star Classic	14's - 15's	Apr 12-14
Lone Star Classic	13's	Apr 13-15
Lone Star Classic	12,s, 16's - 18's	Apr 19-21
Northeast Qualifier	12's - 18's	Mar 29-31
Sho-Me Qualifier	16's - 18's	Apr 13-15
Sho-Me Qualifier	12's - 15's	Apr 19-21

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