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Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

Commissioner's Notes

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- *2012-13 Registration Information in Commissioner's Notes*
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The 2013 Indoor Season is here, and we have already registered over 14,000 members. We finished the 2012 Season with 15,723 total members, which resulted in an approximate 6 percent increase over the 2011 Season. So, right now we are on about the same pace with our previous season's registration rate. Again this season, we will be registering Regular Adult and Junior members; Outdoor Adult and Junior members; and the Collegiate members. The registrations in each of these areas went well, last season. The only problem that we had was a number of members registering in the wrong area, and we encountered a few problems straightening out the records, so pay particular attention while registering on-line.

To assist you with your on-line registrations, email instructions have already been sent to each of the club directors. So, if you are having a problem getting registered you may want to contact your club director. If they can't help you will need to contact our Region Registrar, Karen Tarmon. It is best if you contact her via email (lsregistrar@earthlink.net), since she cannot provide the contact information over the phone. Her phone number, where you can leave a message, is (830) 358-7714. Just remember she cannot work the registrations over the phone, so there is a good chance that you may not even get a return call, if you're asking for something she can't provide.

With the start of the new season, we always have a number of members who are not satisfied with their choice of club and wish to change after they have completed their on-line registration. There is no problem changing the club as long as you haven't yet played with the club in a sanctioned tournament. In this case, all you need do is contact the Region Registrar or Commissioner, via email, and request the change. But, if you have played with the club, it is very likely that your request will be denied.

Another problem that usually comes up at the beginning of the season is how to make your payments. The instructions that were provided to the club directors also address this. But, for those of you who have not been in contact with your club, I'll give you a brief rundown. First, if you are an adult player and you are also going to be coaching with a junior club, you will be expected to pay your registration fees before you will be permitted to play in a sanctioned tournament. And, all of this normally occurs before the junior clubs are formed. For those of you who are affiliated with a junior club, the club will be paying the registration fees for its members. The club director will ensure that the members have been registered on-line, and they will submit a listing of their members, along with the appropriate fees. Other members not affiliated with a club may make their payments directly to the Region Office. The mailing address is: Lone Star Region; 1608 Canyon Oak; Schertz, TX 78154. We still **DO NOT** have the capabilities of paying on-line.

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Many of our adult players, once they have registered and started playing, decide they want to become coaches with one of the junior clubs. If you are one of these, you will need to complete an application for background screening. The background screening must be completed before you will be allowed to work, in any way, with the junior members. You can request the background screening by logging on to your record and clicking on to "Submit Background Application", on the left of the screen. Once you've done that and completed the on-line application process, your background screening fee, \$18, will need to be sent to the Region Office, so that the application process can be completed.

Again, this season, we have a number of new clubs starting up. This means that we are going to have more teams trying to get into tournaments. So, you need to get your members registered, get their fees paid, create your teams, and get your tournament entries in early. Tournaments will fill up in a hurry, especially the junior tournaments. Get your entries in, and enjoy a very successful season.

As in past years, it's time to remind many of you of a few of the important Region Policies: First, **players may only represent one organization during the season**. This 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, **players who are registered with the Region will not participate in any unsanctioned events**. Should our members wish to enter an 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 organization's members. **Members must be registered and fees paid prior to participating in a USAV or Lone Star Region sanctioned event**. 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. There are often things that can take us out of the office, so if you mail your registration fees late, there is no guarantee that they will be posted prior to your tournament date. Also, if you send something to the Region Office do not require a signature, or return receipt. This often times causes an extra delay in getting the registrations posted. If there is no one in the office, 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. The signature will only show you who picked up the package, late.

Finally, I'm sure by the time you read this the Holiday Wishes will be late. But, as always I do want to take the time to write them. So, I do hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. And, let's keep our Sport of Volleyball growing through 2013—enjoy active participation and outstanding sportsmanship.

Will Vick, Commissioner
Lone Star Region
USA Volleyball

THIS REMINDER APPLIES PRIMARILY TO ADULT PLAYERS:

If you register at one of the OPEN playing and you don't know who you will be playing for when you register put **UNDECIED not UNAFFILIATED** . AS unaffiliated means you are not going to be playing that season.

Vicki Barnes
Regional Tournament Director

From the Referee's Stand

By Thomas Hoy

In case you missed it, Liberos can serve by rule this year. OK, what does that mean? Well for one thing, it means scoring will be done differently, coaching and training of servers may be different, and knowledge of how the rule works will need to be obtained (hopefully by sitting through a referee clinic). Can L go from position 5 to position 1 without an intervening completion of play? Not sure what that means.....go to a referee clinic.

Our October, all-day clinics are finished, about 65 participants went through the process and many completed their referee certification. If you want to attend a clinic please visit www.isvolleyball.org, and under the 'Officials' Clinics & Info' tab you will find a listing of referee clinics that are coming up soon. Pick a site near you and get the latest on rules, interpretations and mechanics.

From last year's observations and rating sheets there is one thing that will make many R1 referees improve 100%.....study and be more knowledgeable of the rules. To make this happen we have a USAV training site at www.volleyballreftraining.com that has many short modules that will give you insight into the rules, we have the 2011-2013 Domestic Competition Regulations (Rule Book) for you to read (and online), we have a volleyball rules comparison sheet at [http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/techniques_pages/pdfs/Rule Comparison NCAA NFHS USAV 2012 FIN](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/techniques_pages/pdfs/Rule%20Comparison%20NCAA%20NFHS%20USAV%202012%20FIN)

[AL.pdf](#) that lets you look at USAV, NFHS and NCAA interpretations all at one time, we have an online rules casebook at <http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/includes/USAVcasebook.pdf> that gives you examples of real-life scenarios that happen on the court, and we have referee clinics within our own region that allows you to be trained by some of the best referees in the country. All online documents are free! Do not be the team everyone hates to see officiate at a tournament, learn how this works and be the team everyone wants to see officiate their match.

From last year's observations and rating sheets we have several observations about how R2 referees can do a better job: 1) keep the whistle in your mouth, 2) do not lean on the pole that holds the net up, 3) watch the receiving team at the time the serving team is serving, 4) stay with the net, not the ball, as the ball crosses the net, 5) always transition to the blocker's side, unless the net system prevents it, 6) do not sit on the scorer's table, 7) do not eat while you are the R2, and 8) blow your whistle LOUD. Does some of this sound idiotic and over stated? Well, no! Raters and tournament directors regularly observe these things happening and it undermines our sport by making it appear that there is no interest in how our sport is officiated properly. Sharpen your skills and mechanics a little and we will all look a lot better.

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair, Lone Star Region

From the Scorer's Chair

By Steve Crane

Well, the new season is fully underway. The most important new rule is that the Libero is now allowed to serve in USAV play. Please read the rule and scoring procedures on our web site.

As of this writing, We have scheduled 93 clinics in 30 cities around the Region. 50 have already been conducted. The early response has been amazing. Now, get those ratings done. The requirement for scorers is completed score sheets from two sets. You may mail them to me or take a legible photo and email them to clcrane@swbell.net.

Have a great season,

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

Clinics at the AVCA Convention in Louisville, Ky, December 11-16, 2012

Course Information

Host: USA Volleyball and AVCA

Date: December 11-16, 2012

Location: [Kentucky International Convention Center](#)

221 South 4th St.

Louisville, KY 40202

- AVCA Full Convention-Wednesday, Dec. 12-Sun, Dec. 16. See the [AVCA](#) website for more info.
- AVCA Weekend Convention-Friday, Dec. 14-Sun, Dec. 16. See the [AVCA](#) website for more info.
- USAV IMPACT-Tuesday, Dec. 11 5-10 p.m. (Onsite and Online)
- USAV IMPACT Instructor-Tuesday, Dec. 11 4-11 p.m. (Onsite only, check-in at 3:30 p.m.)
- USAV CAP I and CAP II Full Convention Only-Wednesday, Dec. 12 7:30 a.m.-evening
- USAV CAP I and CAP II Weekend Convention-Friday, Dec. 14 7:30 a.m.-evening
- USAV VCAP-Sunday, Dec. 16 5:30-9:30 p.m.

There will also be a Beach CAP I (including the Sand Clinic from 8-6 p.m.) on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 8:00 a.m., ending prior to the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship title match on Saturday, Dec. 15.

- **Beach CAP I-Begins with the Sand Clinic on Wednesday, resuming course at 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thursday. You will be required to attend Wednesday (Sand Clinic)-Saturday for BCAP sessions and attend the FULL AVCA Convention.**
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If you have already registered to attend the AVCA Convention, you can still ADD the BCAP or VCAP USAV course.

Please view the [listing site](#) for any of the CAP Courses listed above at the AVCA.

Please contact the USAV National office Coaching Education Department with any questions at (719) 228-6800 or email (cap@usav.org)

Junior Development News
From Dick Kappel
Junior Development Director

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 -

https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp15/intralock/login.asp?targetpath=/wp15/Events2/Registrations/Register.wp?rgs_EventID=5078

2012-2013 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, 1994
or Players who were born on or after September 1, 1993 *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, 1995

16 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1996

15 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1997

14 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1998

13 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 1999

12 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2000

11 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2001

10 and Under Division:

Players who were born on or after September 1, 2002

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2013 Junior Volleyball National Qualifier Schedule

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

Colorado Crossroads	16's - 18's	Mar 2-3
Colorado Crossroads	12's - 15's	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	15's - 18's	Mar 8-10
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	11's -12,s, 16's - 18's	Apr 19-21
Northeast Qualifier	12's - 14's (Gaylord CC)	Mar 29-31
Northeast Qualifier	15's (Baltimore CC)	Mar 29-31
Northeast Qualifier	16's - 18's (PhiladelphiaCC)	Mar 29-31
Sho-Me Qualifier	16's - 18's	Apr 13-15
Sho-Me Qualifier	12's - 15's	Apr 19-21

2013 Championship Events

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

June 28 – July 5, 2013

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Girls/2013-GJNC.aspx>

USA Junior Olympic Boys' Volleyball Championships (Reno, NV)

June 27 – July 4, 2013

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Boys/2013-BJNC.aspx>

2013 GJNC Divisions

OPEN	(qualify via National Qualifiers)
NATIONAL CLUB	(qualify via Regional Championships)
USA CLUB	(qualify via National Qualifiers)
AMERICAN CLUB	(qualify via National Qualifiers & Regional Championships)
PATRIOT	(accepted via date of entry)

2013 GJNC Patriot Division

Age groups are 11, 14-17

Registration for the Patriot Division will open on January 2, 2013 through the Advanced Event Systems

Acceptance based on date of entry

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Girls/2013-GJNC.aspx>

2013 LONE STAR REGIONALS

Apr 27 & 28

Austin – 11, 17 & 18

Houston – 12, 13, 14, 15 & 16

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