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Commissioner's Notes

Will Vick Commissioner Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



ACCOLADES

Efforts are underway to close out the 2012/13 Season but before we can do that, we need to take a moment to recognize a few of our exceptional members for their many contributions to the Lone Star Region and USA Volleyball.

Each year, USA Volleyball recognizes five members from each region for contributing outstanding participation, motivation, and other services, in the promotion of volleyball by awarding the **Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award**. Please join me in congratulating our 2013 recipients:

Gabriela Carbone – Director, Coach, and Player with Willowbrook Volleyball Club
Edward J. Dahl – Club Director and Coach with South Texas Volleyball Academy
Hillary S. Moehrig, Club Director, Coach, and Tournament Director with LaVernia
Volleyball Club
Urissa W. Stephens, Club Director and Coach with Austin Junior Volleyball
Jennifier M. Woods, Club Director, Coach, and Tournament Host with Houston
Skyline Juniors

In addition to the above members, there were many others who made outstanding contributions the Region throughout the 2013 Season. Among these were the multiple members, players, coaches, administrators, and officials, who actively participated in each of the USA Volleyball National Championships. The Region was well represented at all of the National Championships and 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.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the Regional teams that I am aware of, who won a National Championship. Their pictures are displayed on the home page of the Region website: <u>www.LSvolleyball.org</u>.

2013 USA VOLLEYBALL ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

San Antonio Magic Men - 1st Place A Division

2013 USA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Austin Junior 18 Mizuno – 1st Place American Austin Junior 17 Cedar Park – 1st Place USA San Antonio Magic 151 – 1st Place National Fort Bend Fire 14 Mizuno – 1st Place American

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REGISTRATIONS / CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Registrations for the 2014 Season **will start on September 1st**. The Region will again be utilizing the USAV Webpoint Database System to process applications. <u>New for the 2014 Season, members</u> <u>will be allowed to make their own on-line payment with a credit card</u>. Club Directors wishing to pay for their Unpaid members can still do so by continuing to send in their Unpaid List along with a club check to the Region Office. Reminder: <u>MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS ARE NON REFUNDABLE</u>

The USAV Webpoint Database System is an individual on-line registration system and has been designed for each member to complete their own registration. <u>Club directors should not be submitting</u> <u>applications for their members</u>. As with past seasons, USA Volleyball will be sending an email to each of the 2013 members on September 1st, providing them with their Username and an option to change the Password. It is the members' responsibility to keep their record up to date with correct email and mailing addresses so they can receive these communications from USAV and the Region. Members should also be aware that they must have an email address with which Webpoint can communicate. Many of the systems, such as schools and employers, cannot be contacted by the Webpoint.

Should members encounter a problem with on-line registration, they should **not create a new ac-<u>count</u></u>. Instead, direct them to the Registration page where the contact information is listed for the Region Registrar, Karen Tarmon. With the vast amount of registrations at the beginning of the season, Karen will respond faster to the email: LSregistrar@earthlink.net.**

CREATING A NEW ADULT OR JUNIOR CLUB/TEAM

All teams must belong to a club. New clubs can be formed by going to the bottom of the Registration page of the Region website: <u>http://www.LSvolleyball.org</u>. You will need to send a request to the Region Office providing the CLUB NAME; CLUB ADDRESS; NAME OF THE CLUB DIRECTOR; CLUB PHONE NUMBER; CLUB EMAIL; and whether it is an Adult or Junior Club. There will be only one Club Director listed for the new club. Once the club has been created and listed in the Webpoint 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.

AGE WAIVER AND PLAYER TRANSFER

As a reminder for the 2014 Season, both the <u>Age Waiver and Player Transfer</u> procedures will remain as it has been for past years.

Junior Age Definitions are listed on the Region website in the Club/Team Package available in the Reference section. These are the definitions as provided by USA Volleyball, and will be followed.

The Player Transfer Policy is outlined in our Members Handbook and is 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.

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NEW LONE STAR REGION MEMBER BENEFIT

The Lone Star Region officially changed banking facilities this summer to allow the set-up of the online credit card payments. We are now utilizing Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU). With the Region as a member of RBFCU, each registered member of the Lone Star Region will be authorized to apply for individual membership with the RBFCU. I have personally been a member of the credit union since 1972 and find it to be an outstanding banking facility with many membership benefits that only a federal credit union can offer. Members from anywhere in the Region may apply for membership. Check them out at https://www.rbfcu.org/.

2014 Junior National Qualifier Dates

Colorado Crossroads	March 8-10; 14-16	Denver, CO
Mid East Qualifier	March 14-16 March 22-24	St. Louis, MO Indianapolis, IN
Disney Volleyball Showcase	March 28-30	Orlando, FL.
Pacific Northwest Qualifier	March 21-23; 28-30	Spokane, WA
Southern California Qualifier	March 22-24; 28-30	Anaheim, CA
Big South Qualifier	April 4-6	Atlanta, GA
Show Me Qualifier	April 5-7; 11-13	Kansas City, MO
NorthEast National Qualifier	April 12-14; 18-20	Philadelphia, PA
Mizuno Lone Star Classic	April 12-14; 18-20	Dallas, TX
Far Western National Qualifier	April 12-14; 25-27	Reno, NV
Mizuno Northern Lights	April 18-20; 25-27	Minneapolis, MI

From the Scorer's Chair

Welcome to the new season in the Lone Star Region! The new DCR (Rule Book) is out and is something you definitely want to review before you play in your first tournament. It is available for download on the USA Volleyball site at this link:

http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/rules interpretations indoor.php#tm1

Along with a few new rules come the new score sheets. They look a lot different, but you will see that most of the change is cosmetic. There was an effort to make it easier for the tournament directors to get match information from them. Please review the scorekeeping section of the DCR or attend a clinic to get the latest information.

There are already a number of clinics scheduled. As always, look on the Lone Star web site for the most current clinic and playing schedules: <u>http://www.LSvolleyball.org</u> click on "Official's Clinics & Info".

Be sure to congratulate our newest National Scorer, Harvey Madrigal, when you see him. Well done Harvey!

Have a great season, look forward to seeing you on the court.

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



From the Referee's Stand

Congratulations to all the referees that completed certification or re-certification this season!

We are very proud of our new Lone Star Region national-level referees. Please join me in congratulating them next time you see them. Our new Junior National Referees are April Fricke, Carmelo Pastrana, and Kevin Carlyle. Our new National Referees are John Havens and Joe Lizama.

Accolades to the fine Lone Star Referees that also were selected to work at the High Performance, including Jack Zaldivar, Anibal Colon, Mary Lou Flink, Charlie Tamez, and Carlos Rodriguez (there may be others I am not aware of).

The rule changes for the 2013-2015 are extensive and too many to cover in this article. Please plan to attend a referee clinic at the beginning of our season to get the complete update. Thanks!

Thomas Hoy Referee Chair Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



Junior Development News

Richard "Dick" Kappel Junior Director Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



2013 Junior Nationals - Dallas

GOLD DIVISION FINISHES

3rd	18 USA	AP 18 Gazelle
1st	18 American	AJV 18 Mizuno
5th	18 American	IMPACT - 181
1st	17 USA	AJV 17 Cedar Park
3rd	17 American	FB Fire 17 Mizuno
5th	17 American	SA Force 171 Darkside
3rd	16 USA	AJV 16 Mizuno
2nd	16 American	Skyline 16 RoShamBo
1st	15 National	SA Magic 151
3rd	15 USA	FB FIRE - 15 Mizuno
5th	15 USA	AP 15 PHD
3rd	15 American	Brazos Valley Juniors 15 Mizuno
5th	14 National	SA Magic 141
2nd	14 USA	HJV 14 Elite
3rd	14 USA	Brazos Valley Juniors 14 Mizuno
1st	14 American	FB Fire 14 Mizuno
3rd	14 American	WACO JRS 14 SWOOSH
3rd	13 National	Alamo 13 Kaepa Premier
3rd	13 USA	SA Sting VB 13 Black
3rd	13 USA	Xtreme 13 Kaepa
5th	13 American	AJV 13 Mizuno
5th	13 American	SA MAGIC 131
5th	12 National	Woodlands Wave 12UA
3rd	12 American	Xtreme 12 Kaepa

Congratulations to all 76 teams that represented the Lone Star Region at Junior Nationals!

Adult Tournament Alerts

Annell Neal Tournament Director Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



The Adult Tournament Schedule is now posted at the Region website: <u>http://www.LSvolleyball.org</u>. Choose the Adult link to view the posted schedule.

*****Credit cards will now be accepted as online payments for membership fees. Please keep in mind that per Region rules, membership payments remain <u>NON REFUNDABLE</u>. ******

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