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# Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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Since this is the first newsletter of 2013, let me start out by wishing each of you a very Happy New Year. I hope your 2013 Season is going well, and continues to do so, throughout the remainder of the season. By now many of you have already been playing for a number of months. Our adults started their sanctioned play in November, and the juniors starting in December, shortly after the conclusion of the State High School Championships. It seems as though we are just getting underway and already I'm receiving applications for the National Championships. And, we already have two of our junior teams qualified for the 2013 Girls Junior Nationals. They both qualified earlier this year, at the Colorado Crossroads National Qualifier. Congratulations to San Antonio Magic 161 and Houston Skyline 17 Roshambo, for their outstanding efforts.

During the 2012 Season we had a total of 15,723 members. So far in 2013, we've already registered over 16,500, with over 550 members still remaining on the Region's Unpaid List. 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 remove, and placed on the proper listing, with the correct club. Additionally, club directors should ensure that each player is listed on a team roster.

Again this season, we continue to use the AES, for many of our Region tournament entries, as well as the majority of the National Qualifiers and the National Championships. For those of you who had teams entered into the AES last season, your club already has an account established. Do not create a new club in the AES, this season, if you had one last year. Also, your team names should be the same as they are listed in the Webpoint System. It is difficult to verify the data if the team names have been changed for entry into AES. Remember, for the AES to work properly you need to keep the data updated. This means any time you have a change in you Webpoint database, you need to make sure the data is exported into the AES. For those events not using an on-line entry system,

the Webpoint Team Roster should 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 fully incorporated. All data, for the adults, must be manually added into the AES entries. In these cases, be sure and also use your correct club and team names. These should be as they are listed in our Region Database. The correct Club and Team Codes are required and are listed in your Region Club Database.

As usual, we have already had a number of members who are not satisfied with their choice of clubs, and wish to change after having completed their on-line registration. There is no problem changing the club as long as they haven't yet played with their current club, in a sanctioned tournament. In this case, all they need do is contact the Region Office and request the change. But, if they have played with the club, it is very likely that their request will be denied. The Region policy has always been, and remains, that once you have registered with a club, and actually played with that club in a sanctioned tournament, you will be expected to remain with that club for the remainder of the current season. Knowing this, club directors should not play a member if they know the member cannot benefit their club, and will not be able to play at that level. In these cases, directors and coaches should talk with the member and make them aware that they can transfer, at this point, and possibly transfer to a team more compatible with their level of play. Don't wait until it's too late, and then decide the member cannot make your team.

Club directors are also reminded, when creating a new team, the 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,

# Commissioner's Notes

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The **Girls Junior National Championships** will be in Dallas, Texas and the **Boys Championships** in Reno, Nevada. Additional information and entry instructions are outlined in the Pre-Tournament Manuals on the USA Volleyball website, and in an additional article, in this Newsletter.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual Board of Directors meeting will be on Friday, March 22nd. The meeting is open to all members and will be at the Hilton Garden Inn; 7979 Willow Chase Blvd; Houston, TX 77070. The meeting is scheduled to start at 8:00 pm. Those positions up for elections are:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>	
	Commissioner	Will Vick
	Treasurer	Helen Janak
	Scorerkeeper Chair	Steve Crane
	Media Director (Appointed)	Annell Neale
	Coaches Development	Mark Papich
	Player Representative (Women)	Rachel Nobles
Area Representatives		
	Corpus Christi	Rocky Contreras
	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 emailed or faxed (NLT March 20, 2013) to:

**WILL VICK, Commissioner**

**Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball**

# From the Referee's Stand

By Thomas Hoy

Club Directors:

We are about two months into the season and things appear to be proceeding as planned; thanks to all the clubs that help us make things work. We have set up over 100 scorer and referee clinics throughout the region that will hopefully assist you in training the officials needed to make tournaments successful and fair. We want to recognize that many of our junior clubs have extended their facilities to allow us to hold clinics and rating sessions to get team representatives certified as referees and scorers, and this is much appreciated.

We also want to make sure that everyone is aware of current practices and policies regarding the certification of officials for our regional finals and for qualifying tournaments around the country. First a reminder that all Lone Star Region teams must have a certified referee and scorer to participate in the Lone Star Regional Tournament. Please use the Lone Star Region policy from the Member's and Official's Handbook (see below) as a guide to prepare your teams for end of the season competition. Next, we want you to be aware that many of the national tournaments, qualifiers, and some tournaments in other regions, require that you have a certified scorer and referee to enter the tournament. This is often verified through the USAV database, where we document your certifications, or in other cases you may be asked for your USAV membership card which identifies your certifi-

cation as an official. To this end, if your teams still need certified officials for this season, please review the Official's Clinics listing at [www.lsvolleyball.org](http://www.lsvolleyball.org). If you have questions regarding clinics in your area of the Lone Star Region, please contact us as needed.

We want the rest of the season to be successful for all of us, so train hard, play hard and have fun!

Best Regards!

Thomas Hoy , Referee Chair  
Steve Crane, Scorer Chair  
Dick Kappel, Junior Development Director  
Vicki Barnes, Adult Development Director

## Lone Star Region Players and Officials Handbook

### AT LEAST ONE REFEREE AND SCORER REQUIRED

Each team is required to have at least one referee and one scorer (not the same person) to play in a sanctioned tournament.

Applications can be obtained by contacting the REFEREE CHAIR or the SCORER CHAIR listed inside the front cover of the handbook. Teams must have, listed as a member of their roster, a certified referee and a certified scorer to compete in the Regional Championships. Anyone over the age of 18 will need to complete the Provisional scorer or referee rating.

### REFEREE/SCORER RECERTIFICATION

Within the Lone Star Region, each referee and scorer is required to re-certify every two (2) years. An official's application must be completed every two (2) years for re-certification and the appropriate renewal fee paid. If an official does not complete certification in the year they apply, they will have to re-apply the following year.

## Get Rated To Finish Your Referee Certification

To get referee certification or re-certification this season, and because you do not have to start over next season, referees need to get ratings completed. This rating process usually completes the process of referee certification along with 1) an application at a clinic, 2) exam with corrections as needed, and 3) of course USAV registration. Do not let this portion keep you from getting your certification completed. Here's what all referee applicants need to do: a) print out a referee rating/evaluation form at [www.lsvolleyball.org](http://www.lsvolleyball.org) under "reference" and have it ready, b) go to a junior or adult tournament, club scrimmage or any volleyball match (recreation, coed, or church) where they are using USAV rules and regulations, and a rater is present, and c) when completed send the rating/evaluation sheets to me (my address is on the form) for entry into the USAV database. I am often asked "who can rate me"....well if you are a Junior or Provisional referee it can be any Regional or higher certified referee, or if you are a Regional referee then the ratings must come from a Junior National or higher referee. I am also often asked "how do I find a rater" ....and of course the answer is any of the places mentioned in (b) above by checking with the tournament director listed on the website. The rating referees are going to attend almost all junior tournaments between February 16 and March 17, to try to get applicants rated; most adult tournaments have raters available. If a rater is not available, then for Junior and Provisional referee applicants I allow one rating by the tournament director (have the form with you, they do not always have one). If clubs want to rate their referee applicants at a club scrimmage, please contact a national-level referee in your area or contact me for assistance.

For more information, please attend a clinic or study at [www.volleyballreftraining.com](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com).

## From the Referee's Stand

By Thomas Hoy

It is with great sadness that I post this article. Nothing can be done, but I need to let people know about their checks.

Thomas

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### SPECIAL NOTICE

If you attended any of the referee clinics listed below, please be aware that the clinic packets (containing applications, checks and statements) were stolen in mail delivered to Thomas Hoy, Referee Chair. After a few days out-of-town, the mail delivered to Thomas' front porch by USPS (including Christmas gifts, boxes/packages, referee patches, and 12 referee clinic packets) were stolen. All of these referee packets listed below arrived just before the theft. The clubs and some individuals have been very responsive in re-issuing checks, but Thomas is not going to ask individuals to re-write checks for the \$25 fee. Everyone needs to be aware that even though the police reported that the checks will probably be "trashed," the checks in these referee clinic packets were stolen. Please take what you consider to be appropriate action and understand that the checks will probably not be cashed.

11/11/12 Austin	11/16/12 Harper Heights	11/29/12 San Antonio
11/11/12 Pearland	11/18/12 Houston	12/2/12 Austin
11/16/12 Austin	11/25/12 Houston	12/2/12 San Antonio
11/17/12 Houston	11/25/12 Houston	

# *Junior Development News*

## *From Dick Kappel*

### *Junior Development Director*

#### 2013 LS Junior Regionals & GJNC Tournaments

Club Directors,

If you plan to attend GJNC, USAV Qualifiers, or the Lone Star Regional tournament, please read all of the information in this letter and review the additional information by clicking on the provided links. Each year there are disappointed teams that miss deadlines.

The 2013 USAV Girls Junior National Championships (GJNC) tournament in Dallas, Texas will host **FIVE** divisions – Open, USA, National, American and Patriot – see summary of each division at end of this letter.

- a) Bids for the Open, USA, and American divisions are earned at one of the National Qualifiers. If a team wins a bid at a qualifier, their application and fee should be sent directly to the national office within 10 days along with a copy of the application to the LS region office. Note – if the application and fee are already in the LS region office, then the region office will route them to the national office. Click on link for more info. <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Girls/Girls-Qualifiers.aspx>
- b) The new Patriot division is for age groups 11's, 14's, 15's, 16's & 17's. Acceptance is based on date and time of entry. If a team then later qualifies for a higher GJNC division, their entry materials will be transferred to their new division by the national office. <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Girls/2013-GJNC/Patriot-Division.aspx>
- c) Bids for the National and American divisions are earned at the **BID** division of the Lone Star Regional tournament. The **Non-Bid** division is for teams competing for the regional championship who do not wish to continue on to the GJNC.  
Lone Star Bid division notes:
  - 1) Teams must register using the AES system to play in the BID division of the LS regional tournament. <http://www.austinsportscenter.com/tournaments/lone-star-regionals/overview> (for 11's, 17's & 18's)  
<http://hplcrosscourt.com/ls-regionals/> (for 12's-16's)
  - 2) Teams must also have an application and fee on file at the LS region office to play at the 2013 GJNC. <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Girls/2013-GJNC/Event-Registration.aspx>
  - 3) In order to play in the BID division a team must register for both LS Junior Regionals by **3/20/2013** and GJNC by **3/26/2013**.
  - 4) **Note: It is advised to enter both LS Junior regional BID and GJNC tournaments at the same time. Only teams with a GJNC application and fee 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.**
  - 5) Update your club information in the USAV webpoint system and then, download the data to the AES system. This will maintain the same info for both systems.
  - 6) Teams that have already been accepted or have an application on file in the national office for the Patriot division are eligible to play in the LS BID tournament in order to win a higher GJNC bid. There is no need to submit an additional GJNC entry fee.
  - 7) Teams that have already won an American bid at a qualifier are eligible to play in the LS BID tournament in order to improve to a National bid.
  - 8) After completion of the LS BID tournament, the LS region office will route the National and American bid winner applications and fees to the national office.
  - 9) After regionals, a team may accept a qualifier trickle down or open-at-large bid. If so, then there will be trickle downs for the LS BID division.
  - 10) The top teams from the LS Junior Regional BID Division qualify for a bid in the GJNC Club Divisions as follows:
    - 12's - **One** National Division Bid; **Two** American Division Bids
    - 13's - **Two** National Division Bids; **Three** American Division Bids
    - 14's - **Two** National Division Bids; **Three** American Division Bids
    - 15's - **Two** National Division Bids; **Three** American Division Bids
    - 16's - **Two** National Division Bids; **Three** American Division Bids
    - 17's - **Two** National Division Bids; **Three** American Division Bids
    - 18's - **Two** National Division Bids; **Three** American Division Bids

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- 11) 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 -

- a) not have qualified previously for the 2013 GJNC tournament in the Open or USA division
- b) be able to play in the BID division even if already accepted in Patriot division
- c) have application and fee on file at the region office to play at GJNC
- d) play in their assigned age division
- e) have a coach who has completed the IMPACT clinic
- f) have a certified scorekeeper and a referee

## Summary of 2013 GJNC Divisions

### ***Open Division***

The top division of the USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) where teams must obtain a bid to participate. Open bids are earned through finishing in a "bid" position in the Open Division of a National Qualifier, through a Trickle Down at that Event, or through the At-Large process. Open bids are not available for allocation through the Regions. The GJNC field size for Open Divisions will be 32 teams.

### ***USA Division***

A Division of the GJNC where teams must obtain a bid to participate. USA bids are earned through finishing in a "bid" position in the USA Division of a National Qualifier, or through a Trickle Down at that Event. Should a team that accepted a USA Bid later win an Open or National bid, the USA bid will remain in the region of the team that originally accepted the USA bid. If the region refuses to allocate this USA bid, it reverts back to the NQ and follows the trickle down process. The GJNC field size for USA Divisions will be 24 teams.

### ***National Division***

A Division of the GJNC where teams must obtain a bid to participate. National bids are allocated to the Regions for distribution to its teams. Regions will receive 1-2 bids for this tournament, depending upon enrollment from the previous year. Unused Region bids will be reallocated to other Regions. For the 12 & Under age division only, National bids will also be distributed at National Qualifiers. The GJNC field size for National Divisions will be 48 teams.

### ***American Division***

A Division of the GJNC where teams must obtain a bid to participate. American bids are earned through finishing in a "bid" position in the American Division of a National Qualifier or the team's Region, through a Trickle Down at that Event, or through the Reallocation process. Should a team that has won an American Bid later win an Open, USA, or National bid, the American Bid will be allocated by the process described in the "Reallocation Bids" section of the Girls' National Championship Manual. The GJNC field size for American Divisions will be 48 teams.

### ***Patriot Division***

A non-qualifying Division of the GJNC where teams may gain access to the tournament by simply entering the Event through the established process (please refer to the Patriot Division Information link for entry procedures). Order of acceptance will be initially based on date and time of entry until the tournament is full. The GJNC field size for Patriot Divisions will range from 24-48 teams in 2013.





The Side-Out Foundation and our Dig Pink Initiative partners with volleyball teams and clubs around the country in the area of breast cancer education, awareness and fundraising. We are dedicated to the volleyball community and to finding a cure for breast cancer. The funds we raise go towards research and we have totally funded one breast cancer clinical trial called The Side-Out Protocol. We are working towards getting Phase 2 underway with 7 medical facilities that will be conducting research.

Please considering joining our 1,000 STRONG Campaign. If your club or team is interested in joining Side-Out in getting this trial started, we would love to have you as 1 of our 1,000. We are proud of our volleyball community coming together with The Side-Out Foundation to Dig Pink for breast cancer and to have the only volleyball funded breast cancer clinical trial in the world!

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This club season, Join **THE SIDE-OUT FOUNDATION'S** newest initiative **1,000 STRONG** and launch the 2nd phase of the Side-Out Protocol! This will expand volleyball's clinical trial to seven locations nationwide, incorporate additional methods of tumor analysis and increase the number of patient participants.

Help us "**Pink Out!**" the **Second Day** of every volleyball tournament that your Club team attends for breast cancer awareness by wearing something **Pink**....

*If you believe that someday we will eradicate breast cancer, **JOIN US!***

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