

Lone Star Region USAVolleyball

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Commissioner's Notes

Will Vick
Commissioner
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



ACCOLADES

Efforts are underway to close out the 2014 Season but before we can do that, 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.

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 2014 Season recipients:

James "Jamie" Blair — Club Director for San Antonio Force Volleyball

Jim Gutierrez — Club Director for Maverick Volleyball

Katrina Lawrence — Adult Club Director, Adult Tournament Host, Junior Coach with San Antonio Elite Volleyball

Daniel "Rich" Richardson — National Referee and Scorer, and Junior Coach with Willowbrook Volleyball

Oscar Segovia — Coach, Director, and Tournament Host with Rio Grande Valley Volleyball

In addition to the above members, we had many others who made outstanding contributions to the Region throughout the 2014 Season. Among these were the many members, players, coaches, administrators, and officials, who actively participated in each of the USA Volleyball National Championships. The Lone Star Region was again well represented at each of the championships with 72 teams participating in five Girls' Junior National Championships events. I'm sure there were many of our members who were appropriately recognized at these events but 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 Website, www.usavolleyball.org.

I would like to also offer my congratulations to the Region teams who won a National Championship. Their pictures are displayed on the home page of the Region website: www.LSvolleyball.org.

2014 USA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Absolute Volleyball 16 Attack —1st Place USA
Houston Juniors 15 Elite—1st Place USA
Waco Juniors 15 Swoosh—1st Place American
San Antonio Magic—1st Place USA
Houston Skyline 13 RSB Royal—1st Place American

REGISTRATION

Registrations for the 2014 – 2015 Season will start after September 1, 2014. Although the registrations are scheduled to start on Labor Day, USA Volleyball is recommending that we wait until after the Holiday to start the registrations. This is understandable considering the amount of work involved with the conversion and the fact that it is scheduled to happen over the Holiday weekend.

Registration, via the USAV Webpoint system, 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.

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Background Screening requirements remain basically the same for the 2014 Season. Anyone working with the Junior Program, who does not have a current screening, will be required to complete the Background Screening Application portion of the on-line registration. This includes directors, coaches, trainers, officials, and others who are to be listed on the team rosters. All referees and tournament hosts who plan on working any of the Junior events during the 2015 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.

There is no need to be in a rush to get registered, since our Sanctioned Seasons are not scheduled to start until later in the year. The only Season that we will have active during September will be the Beach Season. Our Adult Indoor Sanction Season will not start until the first weekend in November. The Junior Indoor Sanctioned Season will not begin until after the last day of the State High School Volleyball Play-Offs.

The Adult and Junior tournament schedules are currently being finalized, and should be posted to our web site shortly. As always, for the Adults, we will continue the **Friendship** Season during September and October. Since these are not sanctioned events, advanced registration is not required. After the start of the Sanction Season, all players must be registered on-line with their fees paid before they will be allowed to participate in the event.

If you did not read the 2014 Board Meeting Minutes posted in the May Newsletter, it may be a surprise to some that **registration fees have changed for the 2015 Season (\$45 for Regular Adult and Regular Junior memberships)**. Payment procedures will remain the same as they were 2014 Season. Junior members should check with their club directors, for the club payment procedures. Junior fees are normally paid by the club, but can also be paid on-line via credit card, by the individual member. Most Adult members, not affiliated with a junior club, may pay on-line or may mail their individual fees directly to the Region Office. **All individual registration fees must be paid before the member will be allowed to participating in a sanctioned event, including practices.**

AGE WAIVER / PLAYER TRANSFER

Just as a reminder, for the 2015 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 remains 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.**

CREATE A CLUB

Creating a New Adult or Junior Club/Team can be accomplished by logging on to the Region Web Site, www.lsvolleyball.org and choosing Registration from the top menu options. Scroll down through the registration instructions and you will see exactly what you need to send 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 if the club will be Adult or Junior. Beginning with the 2015 Season, a \$100 fee will be charged to create a new club.** Additionally, for those clubs not active during the past season, action has been taken to change the club from Active to Inactive and the club will not appear on the list of clubs in our Webpoint System. In these cases, club directors must apply to the Region to have these clubs reinstated. **To have a club reinstated, there will be a \$50 activation fee.** Once the Region has received the request for creation, or activation, along with the appropriate fee, the club will be created or activated and listed in the Webpoint system. Club directors will then be notified and the club members may then 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.

LONE STAR REGION MEMBER BENEFIT

The Lone Star Region now utilizes Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union (RBFCU) for their banking and Merchant Account needs. With the Lone Star Region as a member of RBFCU, each registered member of the Region is authorized to apply for individual banking membership. Members from any city in the Region may apply. Check them out at www.rbfcu.org.

Junior Development News

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



2014 USAV Junior Nationals - Minneapolis, MN

Congratulations to all 72 teams that represented the Lone Star Region at the 2014 USAV Junior National Championships!!!

Gold Division Top Finishes

2nd	17 National	HJV 17 Elite
3rd	17 National	AJV 17 Mizuno
3rd	17 USA	TX Eclipse 17 Green
5th	17 USA	AP 17 Eclectic
3rd	17 American	H Skyline 17 RSB Royal
5th	17 American	AsicsWillowbrook17Red
5th	16 National	AJV 16 Mizuno
1st	16 USA	AVA TX 16 Attack
3rd	16 USA	AsicsWillowbrook16Red
3rd	16 American	WoodlandsWave16UA
5th	16 American	FB Fire 16 Mizuno
5th	15 National	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
1st	15 USA	HJV 15 Elite
1st	15 American	WACO JRS 15 SWOOSH
2nd	15 American	SA Magic 151
5th	14 National	Alamo 14 Premier
1st	14 USA	SA Magic 141
2nd	14 USA	TX Eclipse 14 Green
3rd	14 USA	HJV 14 Elite
3rd	14 American	AJV 14 Mizuno
1st	13 American	Houston Skyline 13 RSB Royal

2014 USAV High Performance Championships - Tulsa, OK

Congratulations to Lone Star High Performance Team who finished 1st place out of 18 teams in the Girls National Youth 15's Division!!!

Armstrong, Tamaira BRAZOS VALLEY JUNIORS
Conner, Camille TEXAS TORNADOS
Deloney, Alyssa TEXAS TORNADOS
Fouts, Charli CENTEX VBC
Hinojosa, Victoria ALAMO VBA
Hughes, Allison HOUSTON JUNIORS
Kaiser, Maja SAN ANTONIO FORCE
Monday, Julia VALLEY STING VB
Rollins, Adanna AUSTIN JUNIORS
Simon, Chloe TEXAS TORNADOS
Squire, Faith ALAMO VBA
Romriell, Jillian TEXAS TORNADOS - Assistant Coach
Xiang, Zheng HOUSTON SKYLINE - Head Coach

2015 Junior Volleyball National Qualifiers (Tentative)

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2015-girls-junior-national-qualifiers>

Colorado Crossroads	TBA	Feb 21-23
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Mideast Nat Qualifier	12's - 14's, 15A	Mar 13-15
Mideast Nat Qualifier	15USA, 15O, 16's - 18's	Mar 20-22
Disney Volleyball Showcase	All Ages & Divisions	Apr 17-19
Pacific Northwest Qual	12's - 14's, 16A, 16U	Mar 20-22
Pacific Northwest Qual.	15's, 16O, 17's - 18's	Mar 27-29
Southern California	12's - 14's, 15A, 15U	Apr 11-13
Southern California	15O, 16's - 18's	Apr 17-19
Big South	All Ages	Apr 3-5
Windy City	All Ages	Apr 3-5
Sho-Me Qualifier	12's - 15's	Mar 28-30
Sho-Me Qualifier	16's - 18's	Apr 3-5
Northeast Qualifier	15's - 16's	Mar 28-30
Northeast Qualifier	12's - 14's, 17's - 18's	Apr 3-5
Lone Star Classic (Dallas)	13's, 14's, 15A	Apr 11-13
Lone Star Classic (Dallas)	12's, 15U, 15O, 16's - 17's	Apr 17-19
Lone Star Classic (Houston)	18's	Apr 17-19
Far Western	12's - 15's	Apr 18-20
Far Western	16's - 18's	Apr 24-26
Northern Lights	12's - 15's	Apr 17-19
Northern Lights	16's - 18's	Apr 24-26

From the Scorer's Chair

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



Welcome to a new season in the Lone Star Region! The DCR (Rule Book) 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

The score sheets remain the same as last season (yeah!) Please review the scorekeeping section of the DCR or attend a clinic to get the latest information.

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

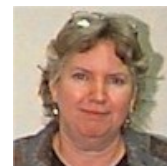
Remember, you may check your status at any time by logging in to your USAV record. It will show any certifications and allow you to print a membership card listing them all.

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

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

Adult Tournament News

*Annell Neal
Tournament Director
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Here is a reminder to those of you hoping to put an ADULT club together this year. Take advantage of the Friendship Tournaments that take place in September and October to get your team(s) started. Friendship tournaments are run without the rules required during the regular season. You can use this time to "try out" new players and see if they are a good fit for your team.

A list of the team and club reps will be made available to organizations wanting to host a pre-season Friendship event. If your contact information has changed since last year be sure to send me your new info.

Remember – once the regular season starts, if you register a player with your team AND they play on your team during a sanctioned tournament, that player is committed to your team and you are committed to that player for the remainder of the season.

The 2014-2015 Indoor Season begins Saturday, November 1, 2014. The location for the season opener is still in the works and should be published on the Lone Star Region website with the entire season schedule by September 1st. Once the schedule has been finalized I will be sending it out to the current list of team and club representatives. Be sure to check the website throughout the season for updates and possible cancellations.

Good luck and have fun this year!

From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



The new 2014-2015 USAV season is around the corner and everyone is preparing to make it one of the best yet. Good luck to everyone! I have two items I would like to present as we look forward to a new season.

One, congratulations to Anibal Colon, our new Lone Star Region National Referee who passed the rating session in Minneapolis at the GJNC.

Two, we are still using the 2013-2015 USAV Domestic Competition Regulations (rule book), which means we have very few changes in rules, wording or the mechanics of officiating for this season. However, we do have one rule change that was announced last season but it only goes into effect this season. Of course I am talking about the change in uniform jersey rule. Please refer to rule 4.3 for general information on uniform tops, and pay close attention to USAV 19.2 for the changes. Thanks to many of you that have checked with me before ordering uniforms to make sure they meet these new requirements. Please find below the wording used in USAV 19.2, which was agreed upon by USAV, NCAA and NFHS:

NOTE: Beginning Sept. 1, 2014, the Libero shall wear a uniform top that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. The Libero or his/her teammates shall wear a solid colored uniform top. Regarding the solid colored top: (a) the solid color uniform top shall clearly contrast from the predominant color(s) of the teammates' uniform top. Predominant color(s) is the color(s) appearing on approximately half of the uniform; (b) sleeves shall be the same color as the body of the uniform top; (c) piping/trim not exceeding 2.5 cm (1") in total at its widest point may be placed along the seams and may be a different color(s) than the uniform top; (d) lettering and collars may be different color(s) than the uniform top; (e) uniform numbers shall be a contrasting color to the uniform top and meet all other specifications in USAV 4.3.3.1.

Also keep in mind that all jerseys must meet the requirements in USAV 4.3.3.1.a, which has been a problem in the past. The number on the jerseys must be contrasting in color (think light color and dark color) to the color of the jersey, so color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, dark blue/black, white/light yellow, navy/maroon or other similar combinations are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules. It has also been confirmed by the Rules Interpreter that numbers cannot be part of a design (no lightning bolts through the number, etc.), and there should be no sublimation of design under the number. If numbers require a border to make them legal, please use 1/4" to 1/2" border to make them distinctive. Hopefully getting this information out to everyone will make the season smoother and without any interruption over illegal uniforms.



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The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Volleyball. USA Volleyball has ZERO TOLERANCE for abuse and misconduct.

This includes not only on-court safety, but also off-court safety in any part of USA Volleyball's programs. USA Volleyball is committed to creating safe and fun environments for youth. This includes, but not limited to, providing training, educational materials and resources for our regions, clubs, coaches, parents and athletes.

To report abuse, call **1-855-306-7775** or fill out the [USA Volleyball SafeSport Abuse Reporting Form](#).



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