

# Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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Newsletter***

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# Commissioner's Notes



*Will Vick  
Commissioner  
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball*

It's now time to start closing out the 2014 Season and to start planning for 2015. There are only a few tournaments remaining in the Season. Among these are the 2014 Girls' Junior National Championships in Minneapolis, and the 2014 Boys' Junior National Championships at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. We have 70 Junior Girls' teams qualified and selected to compete in Minneapolis, on June 24 - July 3, 2014. Currently, we are planning on having eight outstanding Junior Boys' teams representing the Region in Houston, on June 28 - July 5, 2014. The 2014 USAV Open National Championships has already taken place in Phoenix, Arizona, on May 23-31 and the Lone Star Region was well represented with eight Adult teams.

Both the Adult and Junior Regional Championships went well this season. The Adult Championships were hosted by Scott Woodard, at the Faith West Volleyball Academy, in Katy. The Junior Girls' events were again split, this time between Austin, Houston, and San Antonio. They were a combined effort between Austin Juniors Volleyball and Tournaments, INC. of Houston. Many thanks to each of the event hosts for their outstanding efforts. GREAT JOB!!

**Individual registrations for the 2015 Season will again start on September 1<sup>st</sup>** and all registrations will need to be completed through the USA Volleyball On-Line Registration System (Webpoint). We will once again allow members to pay by credit card or payments can be processed through clubs just as we have done for years. Registrations for Indoor membership submitted **prior** to September 1<sup>st</sup> are membership applications for the remaining months of the 2014 Season which will expire on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Membership fees remain non-refundable so please do not submit your registrations until September 1<sup>st</sup> when the Webpoint system turns over to allow applications for the 2015 Season.

If you plan to renew your membership for the 2015 Season, you will need to know your **Login information**. The best way to keep track of this information is for each of our members to periodically review their records and **keep current contact information, both mailing and email addresses**, on your USAV membership record. If you did not keep a record of your Login information, you should go to the Region web site [www.LSVolleyball.org](http://www.LSVolleyball.org) and select Registration from the top menu options. This will take you to the Registration page where you can choose the USAV Member Login Page prompt. The **Forgot Password** prompt is available on the left side of the Login screen. That is always your first option for getting the information you need. With the number of records in our system, the Region Office does not have sufficient staff to maintain and retrieve this information for those who cannot accept the responsibility for maintaining their own data. If you have to call the Region Office to obtain this data, be prepared to explain why you couldn't use the proper procedures for getting this information. The Region Registrar is Karen Tarmon, and she can be contacted at [LSregistrar@earthlink.net](mailto:LSregistrar@earthlink.net). She can also be reached at (210) 358-7714, but registration problems can be better handled via the internet.

As you prepare for the 2015 Season, you need to remember that the **Lone Star Region does not sanction any Junior Indoor events after the conclusion of the Indoor season, and prior to the last day of the State High School Playoffs.** For try-outs, camps, or clinics during the summer, the event hosts will be on their own for the insurance. **Club directors, parents, and players should be aware that those members who try out for a club will not be obligated to that club until they have actually participated with the club in a sanctioned tournament.** And once the player has played for their club in a sanctioned tournament, **they will be expected to remain with that club for the remainder of the season.** Parents should also be aware that all financial arrangements with the clubs are between you and the club. The Region will not get involved in financial matters between the clubs and the members. Additionally for the 2015 Season, Parents and Club Directors can expect an increase in correspondence from USAV and the Region concerning the new SafeSport program geared for Athlete safety. Additional information will also be posted to the Region website this summer.

Our overall membership has continued to grow for the 2014 Season. For the 2013 Season we had a total of 16,802 registered members. As of June 1st, 2014, our records reflect a total of 17,832 paid members, and we will continue to register a number of Outdoor players, before the end of the season. Currently in the Region database, we have 183 members still listed as UNPAID. These are members who have registered on-line but have not yet paid their individual registration fees for the 2014 Season. Most of these individuals are players but we also have officials and coaches who are listed as UNPAID. Once an individual has registered on-line, their registration fees need to be sent to the Region either by the Club or the individual member. The registration has not been completed until all fees have been paid. These unpaid records must be cleared from the UNPAID List before we can start registrations for the 2015

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Season. Hopefully, we can get those registrations complete for members who actually participated in sanctioned events or practices. If not, we will start deleting them from the system as soon as all our competitions are completed for this season. Club directors, you will have until the end July to get these UNPAID members straightened out. After that, they will be deleted from the system. I'm sure many of these members will be interested to know that they were not actually registered when they had been participating in sanctioned events.

Finally, at our Annual Board Meeting, a few financial changes were made for the upcoming 2015 Season. First, individual Adult and Junior Indoor membership fees will be increased to \$45. This is in response to the insurance increase which was actually imposed on the members for this past 2014 Season. Most of the required financial changes that come from USA Volleyball are normally added by the Region on the following season's membership fees. Additionally, the Board has decided to clarify the Gate Fees that many events are charging. The gate fees are now set at a maximum of \$3 per adult (per day) and \$2 for children 12 and under. The exception to this would be for convention center events.

Our Board Minutes are being published in this issue of the Newsletter. The Annual Board of Directors' Meeting was held on Friday night prior to the Adult Regional Championships. Take the opportunity to read through these minutes since those changes addressed in this edition of the Commissioner's Notes will be those which affect us during the 2015 Season.



## **USA Volleyball & SafeSport Committed to Safety for All Participants**

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.

Visit the [SafeSport](#) link at USA Volleyball for more information.

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

# *2014 Board of Director's Meeting*

**Lone Star Volleyball Association  
Minutes of the  
Annual Board of Director's Meeting  
Friday, March 28, 2014  
Wyndham Hotel  
Houston, Texas**

**Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner**  
**Recorder: Renee Blakely, Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** All board members were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The 2013 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Steve Crane moved/ Virgie Mallett seconded).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as written. (Wally Simpson moved/ Gordon Morrison seconded).

**DATE AND LOCATION OF 2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2015 Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Adult Regional Championship tournament. (Mark Papich moved/ Wally Simpson seconded). The specific date and location will be released at a later date.

**ELECTIONS:** Commissioner Vick called for nominations from the floor for the positions currently up for election. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Virgie Mallet moved/ Annell Neale seconded).

**WELCOMING STATEMENT:** The Commissioner, Will Vick, reported the \$5000 gift donated by the Lone Star Region for the construction of the Veterans' Plaza was deeply appreciated.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The report was distributed to each board member. Any questions concerning the report must be submitted in writing to the Commissioner.

**TREASURER:** Ed Dahl had nothing to add to the report submitted.

**REGISTRATIONS:** Commissioner Vick reported that the Region's registered membership has had an overall increase in individual and team registrations. He reported that there has been a membership increase of approximately five percent, for the 2013-2014 Season. We closed the 2012-2013 Season with 16,802 individuals, and 1,425 teams. As of March 28, 2014 we had registered 17,610 individuals and 1,462 teams.

**VICE COMMISSIONER:** Hal Naumann had nothing to report at this time.

**REFEREE'S CHAIR:** Thomas Hoy reported that the 2013-2014 Volleyball Season has been very productive. Hoy reported the following three initiatives, put in to place the 2013-2014 Season, have helped increase coaches' referee certifications. Over 140 clinics were offered, at over 100 different tournaments, with raters provided. He also contacted 25 of the largest clubs and updated them with a Mid-Season Referee Report. Dr. Hoy has planned two initiatives for the upcoming season. First, he is forming a consortium with Bayou, Sun Country, North Texas and Oklahoma, with a grant proposal to USAV, for the development of new referees, and the creation of a model program. Hoy is also creating a new Adult and Junior R2 Certification, for next season. To date, the Region Referees' Certification Program includes 34 National, 19 Junior National, 74 Regional, 99 Provisional, and six Junior Olympic Referees. The Lone Star Region Beach Program has one FIVB (International), five National, one Zonal, and 22 Local beach officials. The Region has recommended two candidates, Bobby White and Gilbert Mokry, for the advancement to the Junior National level. Dr. Hoy also reported Anibal Colon has been recommended for advancement to the National level. Congratulations were extended to Carmelo Pastrana, April Fricke and Kevin Carlyle for their new Junior National status, and John Havens and Joe Lizama for their new National status.

**SCORER CHAIR REPORT:** Steve Crane reported that there were 143 scorekeeper and referee clinics held in 40 different cities. He reported that the Region currently has certified two International Scorekeeper, 17 National Scorekeepers, 15 Regional Scorekeeper, 58 Provisional Scorekeepers, and 1,544 Junior Olympic Scorekeepers, as of March 28, 2014. He also reported that there has been a vast improvement on the number of certifications, with the score sheets now being submitted electronically. There is one National Scorekeeper candidate for the 2014 Season, Eric Burris.

**LONE STAR REGIONAL WEBSITE UPDATE:** Steve Crane reported that the Team Finder link on the Region's website continues to be very active. He reported the website had 210,381 visits for the 2013-2014 Season.

**MEN'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE:** Thang Nguyen reported that he has the same concerns about the declining Adult membership.

**FEMALE'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE:** Debbie Trainor had nothing to report at this time

**HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE:** Gordon Morrison reported the Junior division continues to grow as does new facilities.

**AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE:** Virgie Mallet reported an increase in Junior clubs and also Outdoor participation.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Annell Neale reported 10 Women's teams and 4 Men's teams are attending the Adult Regional's on March 20, 2014.

**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:** Dick Kappel reported that the number of Junior teams (girls) increased by 4.2%. He also reported that there are 36 Outdoor tournaments now scheduled, with two National Qualifiers.

**COACHES DEVELOPMENT CHAIR:** Mark Papich reported there were 10 Impact Clinics, with 163 new coaches certified for the 2013-2014 Season.

**SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE:** Mar Resendiz reported that Juniors continue to grow in the San Antonio area. Mr. Resendiz also reported they are making an effort to incorporate sand volleyball tournaments and are currently recruiting participants.

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPRESENTATIVE:** Steve Boucher reported that they are continuing to struggle, but with outside interest from other clubs the numbers of teams are expanding, in their area.

**CORPUS CHRISTI REPRESENTATIVE:** Rocky Contreras reported that there is an increase in participation but lack of facilities for practice.

**LEGAL ADVISOR:** Michael Inlow had nothing to report at this time.

## **BUSINESS**

**USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM:** A motion was made and passed, that the Region pays the entry fees for a maximum of five Jr. Girls High Performance Teams going to the National High Performance Championship, for the 2014-2015 Season. (Dick Kappel moved / Thomas Hoy seconded).

**REGISTRATION FEES-2014/2015 SEASON:** A motion was made and passed, to increase the registration fees to \$45 for Regular (Adult and Junior) memberships. The Collegiate and Outdoor (Adult and Junior) memberships will remain at \$15 and \$20, respectively. (Mark Papich moved / Hal Naumann seconded).

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES 2014/2015 SEASON (GATE FEE REVIEW):** After some discussion, a motion was made that all tournament facilities, excluding convention centers, have a set maximum entry fee of \$3 per adult per day and \$2 for children 12 and under per day. The tournament host has the option to offer a discounted weekend pass, but must provide the spectator the option to purchase a single (one) day pass. The requirement still exists for advanced approval of all gate fees, at the time of sanctioning requests. (Karen Tarmon moved/ Steve Crane seconded).

**VICKI BARNES MEMORIAL PROPOSAL:** At this time, a motion was made that the Lone Star Region establish a \$25,000 endowed scholarship in Honor of Vicki Barnes at Texas State University, the ***Vicki Barnes Memorial Endowed Scholarship***. (Steve Crane moved / Virgie Mallett seconded).

**NEW CLUB CREATION AND CLUB NAME CHANGE FEES:** After brief discussion, a motion was made that all new clubs, excluding collegiate clubs, would be charged \$100 registration fee; however, existing clubs would be grandfathered in without a fee. In addition, existing clubs inactive for a year would be charged a \$50 reactivation fee. (Thomas Hoy moved / Dick Kappel seconded).

**CONCUSSION CERTIFICATION:** As of now, the Lone Star Region does not require officials to obtain a CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) certification. In the 2014-2015 season, some states will require coaches and officials to have a CDC certification. The course is free of charge, and is a 45 minutes to one hour course that can be taken online, on the CDC website. Commissioner Vick will notify all clubs.

**PAID REFEREE TOURNAMENTS:** Thomas Hoy reported that more referee development is needed in order to staff the Region's larger tournaments. The number of tournaments have increased by 68% over the last 5 years. It was brought to our attention that Joe Campbell spearheaded a mentoring program, at the Houston Juniors Power League Tournaments to develop new officials with the help of Thang Nguyen, Carlos Rodriguez, Steve Crane and Elaine Crane. Dr. Hoy also recommended an increase in the number of tournaments that use paid referees and increase "at tournament" training.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 11:00 P.M. (Walter Simpson moved/ Steve Crane seconded).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Renee Blakely  
Secretary

Approved  
Will Vick

## *Adult Tournament Alerts*



*Annell Neal  
Tournament Director  
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### ***Congratulations to the Team Winners of the 2014 Lone Star Adult Regionals!***

**Women's A**

1st	San Antonio Elite/FSU
2nd	ATX Brickhouse
3rd	San Antonio Elite/Fired Up

**Women's B/BB**

1st	Ballistics
2nd	San Antonio Elite/Fire
3rd	Serves You Right

**Men's Gold**

1st	Texas Airborne
2nd	Nemesis
3rd	Woodland Wave & Spike Sport Men

**Men's Silver**

1st	Absolute Volleyball Academy 18's
2nd	Austin Block Party
3rd	Spike Sport Hammer 18's & Angelo State University Rams

# Junior Development News



*Richard "Dick" Kappel  
Junior Director  
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## 2014 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

Level	Place	Team
11	1st	Xtreme 11 Kaepa
	2nd	Texas Fearless 111
	3rd	SA Elite 111 Navy
	3rd	TX Tornados 11 Mizuno
12	1st	Alamo 12 Black
	2nd	Katy 12 Black
	3rd	Angelo Elite 12 Gold
	3rd	Strikers 12 Black
13	1st	Xtreme 12 Kaepa
	2nd	Katy 13 Black
	3rd	Texas Synergy 13 Blue
	3rd	Houston Slam—13
14	1st	Alamo 14 Gold
	2nd	Texas Fury 14 Unite
	3rd	Brazos Valley 14 Mizuno
	3rd	SA Lightning 14 White

Level	Place	Team
15	1st	Texas Fearless 151
	2nd	Alamo 15 Gold
	3rd	Texas One 15 Select
	3rd	Twisters 15 Royal
16	1st	Team Six 16U
	2nd	South TX Lightning 16 Red
	3rd	Twisters 16 Royal
	3rd	Texas Fury 16 Legacy
17	1st	Texas Storm 17
	2nd	TNT 17 Black
	3rd	Coastal 17
	3rd	Twisters 17 Royal
18	1st	Texas Coastal 18 Kaepa
	2nd	Max Performance 18N
	3rd	Allegiance 18 Royal
	3rd	Poth Juniors 18

## 2014 Lone Star Regional Bid Tournament Results

Level	Place	Team
12	1st	HJV 12 Elite
	2nd	Woodlands Wave 12UA
	3rd	Maverick 121
13	1st	Woodlands Wave 13UA
	2nd	HJV 13 Elite
	3rd	Alamo 13 Premier
14	1st	Xtreme 14 Kaepa
	2nd	Alamo 14 Premier
	3rd	SA Sting 14 Black
15	1st	AVA TX 15 Team Rox
	2nd	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
	3rd	Waco Juniors 15 Swoosh

Level	Place	Team
16	1st	AJV 16 Mizuno
	2nd	AP 16 Gazelle
	3rd	Woodlands Wave 16UA
17	1st	HJV 17 Elite
	2nd	AJV 17 Mizuno
	3rd	Asics Willowbrook 17 Red
18	1st	Alamo 18 Premier
	2nd	SA Force 181 Darkside
	3rd	AJV 18 Cedar Park

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***Congratulations and good luck to the all the teams that  
will be representing the Lone Star Region at the  
2014 Girls' Junior National Championship!!***

## 2014 JNC Qualified Teams

Level	Division	Team
12	Nat	Xtreme 12 Kaepa
	Nat	Alamo 12 Premier
	Nat	HJV 12 Elite
	Nat	Maverick 121
	Amr	Woodlands Wave 12UA
	Amr	AJV 12 Mizuno
13	Open	AJV 13 Mizuno
	Open	Woodlands Wave 13UA
	Nat	HJV 13 Elite
	Nat	Alamo 13 Premier
	Amr	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	Amr	H Skyline 13 RSB Royal
	Amr	Brazos Valley 13 National
	Amr	SA Force 131 Darkside
14	Open	TX Tornados 14 Mizuno
	Nat	Xtreme 14 Kaepa
	Nat	Alamo 14 Premier
	USA	AP 14 Samurai
	USA	HJV 14 Elite
	USA	TX Eclipse 14 Green
	USA	SA Magic 141
	USA	SA Sting 14 Black
	Amr	Woodlands Wave 14UA
	Amr	Power 14-1
	Amr	FB Fire 14 Mizuno
	Amr	AJV 14 Mizuno
15	Open	Woodlands Wave 15UA
	Open	Alamo 15 Premier
	Nat	AVA TX 15 Team Rox
	Nat	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
	USA	SA Force 151 Darkside
	USA	HJV 15 Elite
	Amr	SA Magic 152
	Amr	Brazos Valley 15 National
	Amr	Waco Juniors 15 Swoosh
	Amr	SA Magic 151
	Amr	H Skyline 15 RSB Royal

Level	Place	Team
16	Open	AVA TX 16 Team Rox
	Open	SA Magic 161
	Open	H Skyline 16 RSB Royal
	Open	HJV 16 Elite
	Nat	AJV 16 Mizuno
	Nat	AP 16 Gazelle
	USA	Asics Willowbrook 16 Red
	USA	AVA TX 16 Attack
	Amr	TEXSTAR 161
	Amr	Renegades 16 Black
	Amr	Woodlands Wave 16UA
17	Amr	Asics Willowbrook 16 Wht
	Amr	FB Fire 16 Mizuno
	Open	AVA TX 17 Team Rox
	Open	SA Force 171 Darkside
	Nat	HJV 17 Elite
	Nat	AJV 17 Mizuno
	USA	TX Eclipse 17 Green
	USA	Houston Stellar 17 Elite
	USA	AP 17 Eclectic
	Amr	Asics Willowbrook 17Red
	Amr	TX Tornados 17 Mizuno
18	Amr	H Skyline 17 RSB Royal
	Open	H Skyline 18 RSB Royal
	Open	AJV 18 Mizuno
	Nat	Alamo 18 Premier
	Nat	SA Force 181 Darkside
	USA	TX Tornados 18 Mizuno
	USA	Asics Willowbrook 18 Red
	USA	Impact - 181
	USA	Houston Stellar 18 Elite
	Amr	AJV 18 Cedar Park
Amr	AP 18 Puma	
	Southwest 18 Asics	

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# **Lone Star Region USA Volleyball**

## **May 2014 Newsletter**

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