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Commissioner's Notes

*Will Vick
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My time for providing an October article has come and gone, but I guess it's better late than never. Since we are now trying to use email as our vehicle of delivery, I'll take a different approach and direct my comments to all the members, rather than relying on the club directors to pass along the information.

Right now, all registrations are going well and we currently have approximately 16,000 paid members and expect to end the 2015 season with upwards of 18,000 members. It seems that though we continue to grow in our Junior program, we drop in our Adult player population each season. We had approximately 1200 graduating seniors finish their Junior club volleyball career with the completion of the 2014 season. Hopefully, many of these moved on up to participate on collegiate varsity teams and collegiate club teams. However, there are a number of those graduating seniors that we would love to have participating with our Adult volleyball program. We have a full schedule of Adult tournaments for both men and women starting in November and ending in May with the Open National Championships in Detroit, Michigan for the 2015 season. Creating an Adult team is a very simple process, and it can be comprised of either collegiate or non-collegiate players. Additionally, if after finally finishing your Junior volleyball career you find that you are burned out on the Indoor Program, why not give the Beach Program a try? We have a number of outdoor clubs and facilities spread throughout the Region with more being added each season. You can find those clubs with Outdoor programs listed on the Region website under the Adult menu option.

With both the Adult and Junior programs underway for the 2015 season, let me remind all members that once you have registered and actually played for a club in a sanctioned tournament, you will be expected to remain with that club for the entire season. Within the Lone Star Region, a player is not consider to be obligated to a club until they have actually entered the court as a player in a sanctioned tournament. If you are permitted a transfer, this does not relieve you of any financial obligations to the previous club as the Region will not get involved in financial matters between a club and its members.

Still trying to get registered, but the USAV Webpoint System just won't work for you? Did you forgot to write down your User Name and Password? Please do not try to solve the issues by creating new accounts in the system. This will only cause problems for you and the staff members who have to take the time to try and straighten the records out. We have a Lone Star Region Registrar, Karen Tarmon, and her position was created solely to help the prospective members get registered. Can you imagine the problem with trying to get 18,000 members registered over the phone? You got it—she's busy! That is why she is asking that if you have a problem, address it via email. Her email address is LSregistrar@earthlink.net. When contacting her please provide the member's name, date of birth, state the problem, provide a good email address for the member's record, and then give her time to reply.

Hopefully, I'm not too late with my Holiday Wishes. Have a safe and happy holiday season, and my best to you and your family during the New Year. Please continue to keep the sport of volleyball growing, through active participation and outstanding sportsmanship.

Junior Development News

Richard "Dick" Kappel
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2015 Junior Volleyball National Qualifiers

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

Colorado Crossroads	12's - 15's	Feb 21-23
Colorado Crossroads	16's - 18's	Feb 27-Mar 1
Mideast Nat Qualifier	12's - 14's, 15A	Mar 13-15
Mideast Nat Qualifier	15O, 15USA, 16's - 18's	Mar 20-22
Disney Volleyball Showcase	All Ages & Divisions	Apr 17-19
Pacific Northwest Qual	12's - 14's, 16U, 16A	Mar 20-22
Pacific Northwest Qual.	15's, 16O, 17's - 18's	Mar 27-29
Southern California	12's - 14's, 15U, 15A	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 (Philadelphia)	15's - 16's	Mar 28-30
Northeast Qualifier (Philadelphia)	12's, 17's - 18's	Apr 3-5
Northeast Qualifier (Gaylord Natl)	13's, 14's	Apr 3-5
Lone Star Classic (Dallas)	13,s, 14's, 15A	Apr 11-13
Lone Star Classic (Dallas)	10's - 2's, 15U, 15O, 15S,	Apr 17-19
16's, 17's, Boys		
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 Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy
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The referee clinics held in October are now finished and 124 participants were able to attend, get rated, and in most cases, get certified for a two-year period. Congratulations to that group of players, coaches and officials. Do you need to attend a referee or scorer clinic, or does your club need to host clinics? Here is the policy from the Lone Star Region Members Handbook on having a referee and scorer on each team prior to playing in a tournament:

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 this handbook. Teams must have, listed as a member of their roster, a certified referee and a certified scorekeeper to compete in the Regional Championships. Anyone over the age of 18 will need to complete the Provisional scorekeeper or referee rating.

We have one rule change this season and there seems to be more confusion than expected about what it means. The USAV rule 19.2 (solid-color jersey) requires a team that uses a Libero(s) to also have the Libero and/or team wear a solid-color jersey. Please review the USAV module and video at www.volleyballreftraining.com using the Indoor Training Materials tab to get to the topic—"Solid-Color Jersey Rule." Keep in mind a few items: 1) if the Libero wears a solid-color jersey, then the team can wear any jersey that was legal last year, 2) even though the module says no logo/name combination on the solid-color jersey, that interpretation has been relaxed for this season and is allowed, and 3) if your team has two jerseys, one a solid-color jersey and another a multi-color jersey, make sure the colors are contrasting as required under USAV rule 4.3 and 19.2.

We are always being asked, where can I get more training and information about volleyball rules? Please find below some resources that will help you understand the rules better, and you will stay informed over and above others.

Rules Comparison (USAV/NCAA/NFHS): [https://www.pavo.org/Portals/0/docs/2014%20Rule Comparison NCAA-NFHS-USAV.pdf](https://www.pavo.org/Portals/0/docs/2014%20Rule%20Comparison%20NCAA-NFHS-USAV.pdf)

USAV Casebook of Approved Rules (revised: 2014): https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/includes/USAVcasebook_2014.pdf

USAV Domestic Competition Regulations (2013-2014 rule book): https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/includes/2013_15DCRindoor.pdf

Two new courses are available through the Lone Star Region: sign in at <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/> using your id and password, then use the "Region Events" tab, and then use the "My Region Events" tab, to access and register free of charge for :1) LS Jr Line Judge Training or 2) LS Jr Coach Rules Update.

Best regards!

From the Scorer's Chair

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



Well, the new season is underway. As of this writing, We have scheduled 78 clinics in 26 cities around the Region. 40 have already been conducted. Now, get those ratings done! The requirement for scorers is to submit completed score sheets from two sets. You may snail mail them to me or take a legible photo and email them to clcrane@swbell.net.

Remember, if you wish to review the clinic presentation or print out a copy of scorer tips, you need look no further than <http://lsvolleyball.org> and click on Reference.

Have a great season!

Adult Tournament Alerts

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The Adult season is starting slowly but coming together. Once again, we had to cancel the Adult season opener because of lack of teams.

I know a lot of potential players are junior club coaches in the thick of tryouts and training. Don't forget to look at the Adult schedule on the Lone Star Region website to see the tournaments specifically held on **Sundays** to accommodate those of you who coach on Saturdays.

For those team reps just bringing your team together for the season, **please encourage your players to register early and to pay online when they register**. Many of the junior coaches are waiting for their club to pay their registration fee. If they play with an adult team before this is done your fee will have to be paid. You can either get your club to pay early or pay yourself and get reimbursed but you must pay before you play.

Also, one last note: Each team must send a team roster to me as early as possible prior to their next scheduled tournament. To those of you who send your roster from the website – Bless You! If you are adding someone who is not on there yet be sure to send me their name so I can clear them in advance. If your players have not paid yet just send me a list of their names and I can search registrations to keep track of who has completed the process. Players cannot be added to a team roster until their registration is complete and the individual fee is paid.

Lone Star Region Member Spotlight

Please join the Lone Star Region in congratulating this long time member and former Olympian Tara Cross-Battle, with her well deserved induction into the **2014 International Volleyball Hall of Fame**.

Well done Tara!



Not just one of the greatest players in the history of American volleyball, Tara Cross-Battle was one of the best players in the world.

From a young age, Cross-Battle was no stranger to winning. She earned two California state championships her junior and senior years of high school. Cross-Battle was also named to Volleyball Monthly magazine's Fab 50 list of the top high school players in the country.

Cross-Battle was a two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association NCAA Division I Player of the Year and a four-time AVCA All-America selection at Long Beach State University. She was named to the All-Decade team for the 1980s as she led Long Beach State to the school's first-ever national title in 1989 as the 49ers finished 35-2 overall. Cross-Battle set records in the NCAA for career kills with 2,767, which included a personal-best and school-record 47 kills in a single match. Her senior year, she received the Honda Award for volleyball, an award given to the most outstanding collegiate female athletes.

Her dominance continued on the U.S. Women's National Team where she was an all-around skilled passer and world-class hitter. She became the United States' first four-time volleyball Olympian, competing in the Games in 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004.

In her debut Olympics, she helped the United States to the bronze medal in Barcelona. She competed in three FIVB World Championships (1990, 1994, 2002), winning the bronze medal in 1990 and the silver medal in 2002. She was instrumental in the United States winning gold medals in the 1995 and 2001 FIVB World Grand Prix, along with bronze medals in the 2003 FIVB World Cup and World Grand Prix. She was named Best Scorer and Most Valuable Player of the 1995 FIVB World Grand Prix. In 2001, Cross-Battle led the U.S. to the NORCECA Continental Championship and was named most valuable player in the tournament.

Cross-Battle played professionally overseas in Italy and Brazil from 1992 to 2003. After her retirement from playing she became a juniors coach back in her home state of Texas. She currently serves as head training coach for Houston Juniors Volleyball Club, which captured the 17 National Division silver medal in the 2014 USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships.

For her dominant hitting and sustained international success, we welcome Tara Cross-Battle as a 2014 Inductee, in the player category, to the International Volleyball Hall of Fame.



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