

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 2015 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.

Every season, USA Volleyball recognizes five members from each Region by awarding the **Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award**. Members are recognized for contributing outstanding participation, motivation, and other services, in promotion of the sport of volleyball. Please join me in congratulating our 2015 Season recipients:

Renee Blakely—National Referee and Secretary for the Region Board of Directors

Michael Inlow — Legal Advisor for the Lone Star Region and member of Tournaments, Inc.

David Plaisance — National Referee and Scorer

Ashley Ivy Swift — Junior Beach Commission Rep of USAV Beach Assmby and Junior Coach with Austin Juniors

April Wright — Club Administrator and Junior Coach with Austin Performance Volleyball

Please also join me in congratulating a couple of our long time outstanding National Referees who were recognized at the USAV Adult Nationals in Detroit with the presentation of the **Glen G. Davies Referee Service Award**. USA Volleyball honored both **Fred Buehler** and **Gloria Cox** as the only recipients of this prestigious award in the 2015 Season.

In addition to the above members, we had many others who made outstanding contributions to the Region throughout the 2015 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 76 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 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.

2015 USA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Absolute Volleyball Academy 17 Team Rox —1st Place Open

Absolute Volleyball Academy 17 Attack—1st Place American

Austin Junior Volleyball 16 Mizuno—1st Place American

San Antonio Magic 15 Elite—1st Place USA

REGISTRATION

Registrations for the 2015 – 2016 Season will start on September 1, 2015. Although the registrations are scheduled to start on September 1st, USAV Volleyball is recommending that we wait until the next day to start the registrations. This is understandable considering the amount of work involved with the conversion. We might as well give them the extra day to make sure everything is working the way it should.

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 this information, they should use the NEED HELP? or FORGOT PASSWORD option at the Login screen. The Region does not have the staff to continuously provide members with this information and it is the member's responsibility to keep their record current. This

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includes keeping the mailing and email addresses up to date, at all times. Members should also be aware that email addresses must be able to communicate with the USA Volleyball Webpoint System. Many of the email servers such as schools and employers, cannot be contacted by Webpoint. Without email communications, you are not going to be able to retrieve your contact information from USA Volleyball, or the Region Office.

Should any member have a problem with retrieving Login information or with the on-line registration process, they should contact the Region Registrar, Karen Tarmon, at LSregistrar@earthlink.net. Members should **NOT** attempt to solve the problems by creating new accounts. This generates issues in the Webpoint System that require Region staff to correct. Club Directors should continually point members to the Region's Registration Page where the Contact info, instructions, and Login prompts are located so that members can receive the appropriate help they need.

Registration fees have not changed for the 2016 Season (\$45 for Regular Adult and Regular Junior memberships). Payment procedures will remain the same as they were for the 2015 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 participate in a sanctioned event, including practices.**

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 Outdoor 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.

AGE WAIVER / PLAYER TRANSFER

Just as a reminder, for the 2016 Season, both the Age Waiver and Player Transfer procedures will remain as in past seasons. **Junior Age Definitions** are listed on our Region Website www.LSvolleyball.org, 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 remains the same as 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 Website, www.LSvolleyball.org, and choosing Registration from the top menu options. Scroll down through the Registration instructions to the bottom of the page 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. Remember, creating a new club or changing the name of an existing club will require an associated \$100 fee before the action can be taken.**

Additionally, clubs not active during the 2014-15 season have now been changed to Inactive status and the club will not appear on the list of clubs in the Webpoint System. In these cases, club directors must apply to the Region to have their clubs reinstated and there will be a **\$50 reactivation fee**.

Once the Region has received the request for creation or activation of a club, along with the appropriate fee, the action will be completed and the club listed in the on-line Webpoint System. Club directors will then receive notification from the Commissioner and club members will be able to start their registrations. All club names must be approved by the Region prior to any registrations. Please, tell your members to not start their registrations until the club has been created.

Junior Development News

Richard "Dick" Kappel
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NEW FOR THE 2016 SEASON

18's GJNC and Regional Tournament Changes

USA Volleyball has moved the **2016 Girls Junior National Championships for 18 Open, 18 National and 18 USA** two months earlier in the season: **April 29-May 01, 2016**. As a result, the **Lone Star Junior Regional 18's Tournament** will be scheduled for **March 5-6, 2016**.

2016 GJNC 18OPEN, 18NATL, 18USA: Apr 29 — May 1, Milwaukee, WI

www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/2015/May/18/Milwaukee-to-Host-First-18s-GJNC-Event-in-2016

2016 GJNC 18AMER and all 12-17 Divisions: Jun 24 — Jul 3, 2016 in Indianapolis, IN.

www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/2014/June/30/Indianapolis-Set-to-Host-2016-GJNC

Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament Changes

- Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament 18's: March 5-6, Round Rock, TX
- Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament Divisions 11's-14's, Apr 30-May 1; Divisions 15's-17's, May 7-8.
- All divisions in the Lone Star Junior Regionals Tournament will be limited to a maximum of 64 teams. This will permit a tournament competition ending that will allow for players and parents to return home on Sunday afternoon.
- Team ranking will be based on the AES system; therefore, for non-AES tournaments, club directors are responsible to enter the won/loss info into the AES system .

2015 USAV Junior Nationals - New Orleans, LA

Congratulations to all 76 teams that represented the Lone Star Region at the 2015 USAV Junior National Championships!!!

Gold Division Top Finishes

5th	18 American	Texstar 18-1
1st	17 Open	Absolute Volleyball Academy 17 Team Rox
5th	17 National	Houston Skyline 17 RSB Royal
2nd	17 USA	Woodlands Wave 17 Elite
5th	17 USA	Asics Willowbrook 17 Red
1st	17 American	Absolute Volleyball Academy 17 Attack
5th	17 American	Austin Performance 17 Pumas
5th	17 American	Alamo Volleyball 17 Premier
3rd	16 USA	Austin Performance 16 Gazelle
1st	16 American	Austin Junior Volleyball 16 Mizuno
5th	16 American	Waco Juniors 16 Adidas Black
3rd	15 National	Absolute Volleyball Academy 15 Team Rox
1st	15 USA	San Antonio Magic 15 Elite
2nd	15 American	San Antonio Sting 15 Black
3rd	14 American	Absolute Volleyball Academy 14 Team Rox

2016 Junior Volleyball National Qualifiers (tentative)

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2016-girls-junior-national-qualifiers>

Colorado Crossroads	16's-18's	Feb 27-29
Colorado Crossroads	12's-15's	March 4-6
Mideast Qualifier (St Louis)	12's - 14's, 15A	March 11-13
Mideast Qualifier (Indianapolis)	15USA, 15O, 16's - 18's	March 18-20
LS Super Qualifier (Houston)	18O, 18U	March 18-20
Disney Volleyball Showcase	All Ages & Divisions	March 18-20
Pacific Northwest Qualifier	15's, 16O, 17's, 18's	March 18-20
Pacific Northwest Qualifier	12's - 14's, 16A, 16U	March 25-27
Northeast Qualifier	12's - 14's, 15A, 18's	March 18-20
Northeast Qualifier	15O, 15U, 16's, 17's	March 25-27
Big South	All Ages	March 25-27
Windy City	All Ages	March 25-27
Sho-Me Qualifier	12's - 15's	April 2-4
Sho-Me Qualifier	16's - 18's	April 8-10
Southern California	12's - 14's, 15A, 15U	April 9-11
Southern California	15O, 16's - 18's	April 15-17
Lone Star Classic (Dallas)	13,s, 14's, 15A	April 16-18
Lone Star Classic (Dallas)	12's,15O,15U,16's,17's,18A	April 22-24
Far Western	12's - 15's	April 16-18
Far Western	16's - 18's	April 22-24
Northern Lights	18O, 18U	Jan 29-Feb 1
Northern Lights	12's - 17's, 18A	April 29 - May 1

Adult Tournament News

Annell Neal
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Lone Region, USA Volleyball



Dear Adult Players, Team and Club Reps,

Welcome to the 2015-16 Season. As Summer slowly marches toward Fall, please begin thinking about your participation in the upcoming season. As a team representative, it's time to start touching base with your returning players as well as gathering any new players you've found over the summer. Don't forget that there are usually some Friendship tournaments where you can take a look at a new player without committing them, or your team, for the entire season. Friendships tournaments also don't require uniforms and are generally much more loosely run than sanctioned season tournaments.

The season opener this year will be on November 7, 2015 and the tournament schedule should post around September or early October. Keep checking back as some hosts can't get court commitments until later in the season so some of the 2016 tournaments may be listed on the tournament schedule a bit later.

You can start registering your players as of October 1, 2015. Contact the Commissioner, Will Vick, to create a new club or to start the process to reopen last year's.

Start early and avoid the last minute crush. Also, please be assured that you can always contact me with questions or concerns. If I don't know the answer to your question I'll find it and get back to you as quickly as possible.

I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing from you,

Sincerely,

Annell Neale
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From the Scorer's Chair

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



As I said last time, we begin the adventure of a new season with some new rules. It is time for the DCR (Domestic Competition Regulations) to be issued that will guide volleyball for the 2015-2017 seasons. The DCR should be available some time in September.

Along with the rule changes there have been a few score sheet modifications. Nothing dramatic, but you will notice there are a couple of procedure changes and the Captains/Coaches no longer sign the score sheet. The clinics will cover the new stuff, so if you want to come by and listen, look at the clinic schedule on LSvolleyball.org.

Have a great season

--C.L. 'Steve' Crane

From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



As we prepare for the 2015-2016 USAV and Lone Star Region season starting officially September 1, 2015, we are hopeful that you too are making the correct preparations for your teams, clubs and organizations. To that point I would like to make several recommendations that will save you trouble down the road:

Review the upcoming USAV Domestic Competition Regulations (DCR - rules) for 2015-2017, as there have been changes in how the game will be called, and the processes that will be used. The DCR will be posted on the website (<https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/>) later in August. The training materials to support the officials, coaches and players are being developed now and will be available at the same website. I'm waiting for last-minute changes, but a few of the differences in the rules appear to include: contacting the net during the action of playing the ball is a fault, the Libero can be captain, Captain/Coaches will not sign the score sheets at the end of a match, and at least 10 minutes before the start of a match teams will submit a roster of players eligible to participate.

Start planning for scorer and referee clinics now and get the dates on the Lone Star Region website. According to our "Regional Rules" in the *Lone Star Region Members Handbook*-- each team is required to have at least one referee and one scorer (not the same person) in the certification process to play in a sanctioned tournament. Applications can be obtained by contacting the referee chair or the scorer chair listed on the website, or attend any listed-approved clinic. Teams must have, listed as a member of their roster, a referee and a scorer that is in the process of certification (that means attended a clinic) to compete in sanctioned tournaments. Please contact the following individuals to plan your clinics: Gordon Morrison (gordondmorrison@gmail.com) in the greater areas around Houston, Gloria Cox (gloria-cox@satx.rr.com) in the greater areas around Austin, or Thomas Hoy (thoy@satx.rr.com) in the greater areas around San Antonio, western part of the region and 'Valley' areas.

Please review the rules and criteria for uniforms carefully and completely before ordering jerseys to save your team/club the embarrassment and expense of ordering the wrong player equipment. I am already getting photos, ads and pictures of jerseys that are not compliant with the solid-color jersey rule, with numbers that are not legally positioned, but mostly with colors of the a) number/jersey, or b) team jersey/solid-color jersey that are not contrasting or that are questionable about being contrasting. Why order something that will be challenged by tournament directors, head referees and officials? The rules are clear about jerseys under DCR 4.3 (the major rules are: permanent numbers from 1-99, color/design of jersey and shorts are uniform for team, numbers are horizontally and vertically centered only on player's chest (not stomach) and upper back, number and jersey must be clearly contrasting in color (think light color vs. dark color), numbers on the front chest must be at least 4" and on the upper back at least 6", and stay up-to-date on logo/name requirements. The rules are clear about solid-color jerseys under DCR 19.2 (the major rules are: a solid-color jersey must be in clear contrast in color with the 'predominant' colors (approximately half or if three equal colors it would include all) of the team jerseys (think light color vs. dark color), it must be immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast and distinct, the number must clearly contrast with the jersey, sleeves are the same color as the body, piping/trim cannot exceed one inch at the widest point on a 'functional' seam and may be a different color than the jersey, lettering and collars may be a different color than the jersey, either the Libero or teammates must have a solid-color jersey, and meet all specifications in USAV 4.3.3.1.

Please join me in congratulating all the referees that completed certification in the Lone Star Region during the 2014-2015 season. The referee certification is good for two years, but we recommend that all attend a referee clinic at no charge this season to be up-to-date on the new rules. Congratulations to Augusto Rodriguez and Charles Bennett, our new Lone Star Region National Referees, and to Philip Franco, Jordan Bennett, Jonathan Tamayo and Gilbert Mokry, our new Lone Star Region Junior National Referees. All were certified at the Girls Junior National Championships in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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