

# Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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Newsletter***

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# Commissioner's Notes

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*Commissioner*  
*Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball*



I guess it's never too late to wish each of you a Happy New Year. Yes, I'm late with my article again. I hope your 2015 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 started 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 questions about the National Championships. We already have two of our Junior teams qualified for the 2015 Girls' Junior National Championships. Both teams qualified earlier this year at the Colorado Crossroads National Qualifier. Congratulations to **San Antonio Magic 15 Elite**, who qualified in the 15 USA Division; and **Texas Tornados 15 Mizuno** for earning a bid in the 15 Open Division. It's still early and we are looking forward to many more outstanding efforts such as presented by these two teams.

During the 2014 Season, we had a total of 17,867 members. So far in 2015, we've already registered over 18,300 with 135 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 the Registrar and the necessary actions will be taken to get the name removed and placed on the proper listing with the correct club. Additionally, club directors should ensure that each player is listed on a Webpoint team roster. If you are one of these Unpaid members and are affiliated with a club, you should contact your club director immediately. If you are still undecided about a club, you can log on to your record and complete your registration by making your payment with your credit card. Once you have decided on a club, you can go back into your record to amend the club field for yourself.

At the beginning of each season, we usually have a number of members who are not satisfied with their choice of clubs and wish to change after having completed their on-line registration. In these cases, all they need do is contact the Registrar and request the change. **But, if they have already 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 duration 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 at this point, a transfer to a team more compatible with their level of play is still possible. **Don't wait until it's too late and then decide the member cannot make your team.**

**Club directors are again reminded that they should not be changing the information in their club database without first contacting the Region Office. The club contact information and team names are things that should be changed only by the Region Office.** This information cannot be simply updated in the system. In many cases it must also be updated on the insurance policies and on the Region Website. As a club director, you cannot change the team names or anything pertaining to that team, other than adding and deleting players. You can add new teams but you cannot delete the old ones. Teams names are supposed to remain constant, and so should the rankings and team codes associated with those teams.

Finally, it's already time to start considering your options for attending one of the National Championships. On-line AES applications are now being accepted. Talk with your people and make your decisions now. As a number of teams have learned, once you've gone to the Regional Championships and finished high enough to get a bid, it's too late to submit an application for Nationals. Log on to the USA Volleyball web site and get all the particulars, make your decisions, and get your entries into the system. For each of the Championships, you should be sure and download the Pre-Tournament Manual and comply with the instructions as well as the entry deadlines.

## 2015 USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2015 USA Volleyball Open Championships Tournament Manual (Adult pre-tournament package) is available at: [www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Adults](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Adults).

All events will be played in Detroit, Michigan on May 22-27, 2015. Entry information, fees, and entry deadlines are available in the Manual. **All entry forms and checks for the 2015 USA Volleyball Open National Championships are to be sent directly to the USAV Events Department, USA Volleyball; 4065 Sinton Rd STE 200; Colorado Springs, CO 80907.** A copy of the entry form will be provided to the Region Office.

There may have been a few major changes for the 2015 event so be sure to check the 2015 Pre-Tournament Manual. If you have any problems, contact Irina Damy at the USAV National Office: [irina.damy@usav.org](mailto:irina.damy@usav.org) or 719-228-6800.

The **2015 Girls' Junior National Championships** will be in New Orleans, LA and the **2015 Boys' Junior National Championships** in Columbus, OH. 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 held Friday, March 27th. The meeting is open to all members, however, seating for this meeting will be extremely limited. The meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Clear Lake NASA; 750 W. Texas Avenue; Webster, TX 77598. The meeting is scheduled to start at 8:00 pm. Positions up for elections are:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Commissioner	Will Vick
Treasurer	Edward Dahl
Scorer Chair	Steve Crane
Media Director (Appointed)	Karen Tarmon
Coaches Development	Mark Papich
Player Representative (Women)	Debbie Trainor
 <u>AREA REPRESENTATIVES</u>	
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, 2015) to:

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# Junior Development News

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## 2015 NATIONAL QUALIFIER BID WINNERS

Teams that win a bid at a National Qualifier must be in contact with the USAV National Office during the week following the bid award. These teams will follow instructions provided by the National Office and submit their entry form and \$900 fee directly to the USAV Events Department. A copy of the entry form should also be sent to the Region Office.

## 2015 LONE STAR REGION TOURNAMENT BID & Non-BID Division Procedures

Bids for the National and American divisions are earned at the **BID** Division of the Lone Star (LS) Junior Regionals Tournament. The **Non-BID** Division is for teams competing for the Regional Championship who do not wish to continue on to the 2015 Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC).

In order for a team to play in the LS Junior Regionals, the team must register through AES (Advanced Event Systems) by **March 26, 2015**. Entry forms and the \$475 fee should be sent to the tournament host. See the LSR website schedule and/or the applicable host tournament website for additional instructions.

Additionally, in order for a team to play in the **BID** Division of the LS Junior Regionals, the team must also register for the GJNC through AES by **March 26, 2015**. **If a team has registered for the BID Division of the LS Junior Regionals but not for GJNC by the March 26 deadline, then they will not be accepted in the BID Division and will automatically be moved to the Non-BID Division.**

If a team wins a National or American Bid at the LS Junior Regionals, the application form and \$900 fee for GJNC will be sent directly to USAV Events Department and a copy of the form should be sent to the Region Office. Do not send GJNC application or fees until after a team has won a bid at the LS Junior Regionals. **Do not send GJNC or LS Junior Regionals tournament applications or fees to the LSR Office.**

## LSR BID Division Information

- In order to play in the **BID** Division, a team must register for both LS Junior Regionals and GJNC by **3/26/2015 as stated above**.  
<http://hplcrosscourt.com/ls-regionals/> (for LSR 15's, 16's, 17's, 18's)  
<http://www.austinsportscenter.com/tournaments/lone-star-regional-championships/overview>  
(for LSR 11's, 12's, 13's, 14's)  
<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Girls/2015-Girls-JNC>  
(for GJNC 11's, 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's, 17's, 18's)  
<https://www.advancedeventsystems.com> (for AES)
- **Note:** It is advised that teams enter both LS Junior Regionals BID and GJNC tournaments at the same time. **Only teams with a GJNC application will be eligible to compete in the BID Division of the Regional Championships.**
- Update your club information in the USAV Webpoint system, and then download the data to the AES system. This will insure the same info for both systems.
- Teams that have already accepted a bid or have an application on file in the National Office for the Patriot Division are eligible to play in the LS Junior Regionals BID tournament in order to win a higher GJNC bid. There is no need to submit an additional GJNC entry fee.

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- After completion of the LS Junior Regionals BID Division tournament, the LSR Office will notify the National Office of the bid winners qualifying for GJNC National and American Divisions. Once qualified, teams will send their GJNC payment directly to the National Office.
- 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

**Notes:**

- a) Teams that have qualified previously for the 2015 GJNC tournament in the Open or National Division are not eligible to play in the LS Junior Regionals **BID** Division.
- b) Teams that have qualified previously for the 2015 GJNC tournament in the USA or American Division are eligible to play in the LS Junior Regionals BID Division in order to improve to a National Division Bid.
- c) If a team having a USA Bid wins a National Bid at LS Junior Regionals, then their original USA Bid remains with the Region and will be awarded to the next highest team placement of the LS Junior Regionals tournament.
- d) If a team having an American Bid wins a National Bid at LS Junior Regionals, then their original American Bid is lost by the LS Region and goes back to USAV for reallocation.
- e) After LS Junior 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 Junior Regionals BID Division.
- f) Teams interested in an Open At-Large bid must play in the Open Division of at least one National Qualifier (NQ) and submit to the USAV Events Department the complete, accurate, up-to-date results for all of the team's competition through the last day of the last NQ. Results must be submitted no later than the end of business on the Tuesday after the finish of the last NQ
- g) For teams to play at the LS Junior Regionals, they must:
  - be registered in the Lone Star Region.
  - have a coach who is IMPACT certified.
  - have a certified scorer and a referee.
  - play in their assigned age division (except for Non-BID Division).

### **Policy for Teams With Bids Playing Up in Non-BID Division**

- 1) A team with an Open Bid may play up by one or two age groups in the Non-BID Division.
- 2) A team with a National Bid may play up by one age group in the Non-BID Division (also by two age groups if approved by the Region Office).
- 3) A team with a USA Bid may play up by one age group in the Non-BID Division (also by two age groups if approved by the Region Office).
- 4) A team with an American Bid may play up by one age group in the Non-BID Division.

### **Penalties for Not Using a GJNC Bid Earned at LS Junior Regionals Tournament**

When a team chooses to play in the LS Junior Regionals BID Division and at the conclusion of the tournament does not accept an earned bid for the GJNC tournament, all teams within the club will not be permitted to play in the LS Junior Regionals BID Division for the following season. This exclusion will be determined at the end of the BID Tournament and will not apply to teams offered a bid at a later date.

## Summary of the 2015 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, except for the 13 & Under Division which will be limited to 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 Division only, National Bids will also be distributed at National Qualifiers. The GJNC field size for National Divisions will be 48 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.

### **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 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 24-64 teams in 2015.

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events/Indoor/Girls/2015-Girls-JNC/Participant-Info/Patriot-Division>



## **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.

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



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