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Commissioner's Notes

Will Vick
Commissioner
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



ACCOLADES

With the being the last Newsletter of the 2016 Season, I need to take this opportunity 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 2016 Season recipients:

Leticia Lackey — Club Director for San Antonio Magic Volleyball

Jerry Linch — Coach with Absolute Volleyball Academy

David “Rik” Mullane — Coach with South Texas Volleyball Academy and Sitting Volleyball Coach with the Armed Forces and Wounded Warriors Rehabilitation Program

Frank Sullivan, Jr. — Club Director, Coach, and Tournament Host for Texas Tigers Volleyball

Debbie Trainor — Adult Club Director for ATX Volleyball, and Women's Player Representative for the Lone Star Region Board of Directors

In addition to the above members, we had many others who made outstanding contributions to the Region throughout the 2016 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 events with with six teams winning their divisions! Be sure to view the photos of our National Championship winning teams on the Home Page of the Region website. I'm sure there were many of our Region 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.

REGISTRATION

Registrations for the 2016–2017 Season will start on September 1, 2016. Although the registrations are scheduled to start on September 1st, USA 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.

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 active during September will be the Outdoor Season. Our Adult Indoor Sanction Season will begin the first weekend in November and the Junior Indoor Sanctioned Season will begin after the last day of the UIL 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. For the Adults, we will continue with the **Friendship** Season during September and October. Since these will be non-sanctioned events, advanced registration is not required. After the start of the Sanction Season, all players must be registered online, with their fees paid, before they will be allowed to participate in the event.

Our 2016 Registration Reports indicate a total of 19,168 members, during the 2016 Season. This was up slightly over the 18,764 total, for the 2015 Season. All Unpaid registrations will be deleted from the Webpoint System, prior to September 1st.

Registration, via the USAV Webpoint System, is an individual online 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 online 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 2017 Season (\$45 for Regular Adult and Regular Junior memberships). Payment procedures will remain the same as they were for the 2016 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 online via credit card, by the individual member. Most Adult members, not affiliated with a Junior club, may pay online 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.**

BACKGROUND SCREENING

Background Screening requirements remain basically the same for the 2017 Season. Every adult, working with the Junior Program, will be required to complete and be cleared in the Background Screening Application through Webpoint. 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 2017 Season, will also be required to complete and be cleared, in the Background Screening Application through Webpoint. The fee for each background screening applicant will remain at \$18.

AGE WAIVER / PLAYER TRANSFER

Just as a reminder, for the 2017 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 2015-16 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 online 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
Junior Director
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



New for 2016-2017 Season

- ◆ 2017 GJNC for all 18's divisions will be played at one event in spring of 2017. Dates and location are TBD.
- ◆ 2017 GJNC all 12-17 Divisions: Jun 25 - Jul 04, Minneapolis, MN
- ◆ Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament 18's: Feb 11-12, Round Rock.
- ◆ Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament 12-16's: April 29-30, Houston.
- ◆ Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament 11's & 17's: May 6-7, Houston.
- ◆ The BID divisions of the Junior Regional Tournament will be limited to 64 teams maximum. This will allow for a tournament completion early enough for players and parents to return home on Sunday afternoon.

2016 Girls' Junior National Championships

Congratulations to all 81 teams that represented the Lone Star Region at the 2016 USAV Junior National Championships!!!

Gold Division Top Finishes

1st	18 USA	HJV 18 Elite
5th	18 National	AJV 18 Mizuno
2nd	17 Open	HJV 17 Elite
3rd	17 National	Alamo 17 Premier
3rd	17 USA	TX Tornados 17 Mizuno
3rd	17 American	Brazos Valley 17 National
1st	16 USA	AsicsWillowbrook16Gold
3th	16 USA	AP 16 Gazelle
5th	16 USA	AJV 16 Molten
1st	15 USA	SA Magic 15 ELITE
1st	15 American	Revolution 15-1 National
5th	15 American	AJV 15 Mizuno
1st	14 National	HJV 14 Elite
5th	14 American	TX Tornados 14 Mizuno
5th	14 American	AJV 14 Mizuno
1st	13 National	Alamo 13 Premier
5th	13 American	HJV 13 Elite
5th	13 American	AJV 13 Cedar Park

2017 Junior Volleyball National Qualifiers (tentative)

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2017-girls-junior-national-qualifiers>

Colorado Crossroads	Ages TBD	March 4-6
Colorado Crossroads	Ages TBD	March 10-12
Mideast Qualifier (St Louis)	12's - 13's	March 17-19
Mideast Qualifier (Indianapolis)	16's - 18's	March 25-27
Mideast Qualifier (Indianapolis)	14's - 15's	Mar 31 - Apr 2
LS Super Qualifier (Houston)	18O, 18U, 18A	March 3-5
Disney Volleyball Showcase	All Ages & Divisions	April 7-9
Pacific Northwest Qualifier	Ages TBD	Mar 24-26
Pacific Northwest Qualifier	Ages TBD	Mar 31 - Apr 2
Northeast Qualifier	Ages TBD	April 8-10
Northeast Qualifier	Ages TBD	April 14-16
Big South	All Ages	Mar 31-Apr 2
Windy City	All Ages	April 14-16
Sho-Me Qualifier	Ages TBD	April 8-10
Sho-Me Qualifier	Ages TBD	April 21-23
Southern Calf (Las Vegas)	All Ages	April 7-9
Lone Star Classic (Dallas)	13,s, 14's, 15A	April 8-10
Lone Star Classic (Dallas)	12's, 15O, 15U, 16's, 17's	April 14-16
Far Western (Reno)	Ages TBD	April 22-24
Far Western (Reno)	Ages TBD	April 28-30
Northern Lights	Ages TBD	April 21-23
Northern Lights	Ages TBD	April 28-30
GJNC (location TBD)	18's (all divisions)	Spring 2017 (dates TBD)
GJNC (Minneapolis)	12's - 17's	Jun 25 - Jul 4

Adult Tournament News

Thang Nguyen
Adult Tournament Director
Lone Region, USA Volleyball



Dear Adult Players, Team and Club Reps,

I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2016-2017 USAV Season. As I take over for Annell Neale, I want to congratulate her on her retirement and to thank her for her many years of service in the Lone Star Region and to the Board of Directors.

With the Rio2016 Olympics just finishing, I'm excited for volleyball in the Region and I hope that y'all are too! As the Summer Beach season slowly marches towards the Fall Indoor season, please begin thinking about your participation in the upcoming events. 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 some Friendship tournaments where you can take a look at a new player without committing them, or your team, for the entire season. Friendship tournaments also don't require uniforms and are generally much more loosely run than sanctioned season tournaments. Remember though, once the regular season begins, 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 2016-2017 Indoor Season begins Saturday, November 5, 2016. 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.

You can start registering your players as of September 1, 2016, and online payments are now accepted for membership fees. Contact the Registrar, Karen Tarmon, for any help with registration issues. Contact the Region Commissioner, Will Vick, to create a new club or to start the process to reopen last year's club. Begin 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. Good luck and have fun!

Sincerely,
Thang Nguyen
Adult Tournament Director, Lone Star Region



Annell Neal
Retired Adult Tournament Director
Lone Region, USA Volleyball



One Parting Note

Just a quick note to sign off as Adult Regional Tournament Director. As of July 1, 2016 I handed the reins over to Thang Nguyen. Thang is brilliant, qualified, and as important as either of those things, still active.

I've enjoyed my time as a player, referee, adult and junior coach, and Board Member. Most of all, I have enjoyed meeting all of you, the players, parents, and coaches that love the game as much as I do.

I leave you with one parting gift. I asked the Board, at our meeting in March, to consider partially relaxing the **ADULT** requirement for shorts as part of the uniform and the request passed. Shorts must still be the same color for each player but some can be nylon while others may be spandex and the lengths can differ as well. Teams often come together quickly and where uniform tops are a team purchase, shorts often consist of what's in your closet or can be obtained quickly for last minute player additions. That being said I wanted us to consider body types as well. Whereas as some may be comfortable in "bike" shorts others absolutely may not. Since the issue was becoming more and more prevalent at tournaments and while most don't care, to some it was a serious issue so I wanted to see it addressed before bowing out for good.

BE ADVISED – *This is for our Region only.* If you travel to another Region to play or take a team to Nationals, the uniform requirement from the USAV DCR will apply.

Thanks for the good times,

Annell Neale

From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



The upcoming 2016-2017 USAV and Lone Star Region season (starting officially September 1, 2016) promises to be another fantastic opportunity to showcase our outstanding athletes. In order for this to proceed smoothly and within the rules I would like to make several recommendations that will save you some trouble as you prepare:

- Review the USAV Domestic Competition Regulations (DCR - rules) for 2015-2017, to make sure the coaches, players and parents understand the differences between NFHS and USAV. The DCR is posted on the USAV website (<https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/>).
- Start planning for scorer and referee clinics now and get the dates on the Lone Star Region website. **Starting this season, your team will need to have a referee and scorer listed on your USAV Webpoint roster to enter a tournament.** 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 by attending 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 an application on file) 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, David Plaisance (drp2nd@hotmail.com) in the greater areas around Austin, or Thomas Hoy (thoy@satx.rr.com) in the greater areas around San Antonio, or southern and western parts of the region.
- Review the rules and criteria for uniforms carefully and completely **before ordering jerseys**. We are already getting photos, ads and pictures of jerseys that are not compliant with the revised solid-color jersey rule, with numbers that are not legally positioned, but mostly with colors of the a) team jersey, b) number, or c) solid-color jersey that are not 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 rules have been clarified about solid-color jerseys under DCR 19.2, and of course either the Libero or teammates must have a solid-color jersey. Remember the number must be clearly seen, no designs behind the number.

Join me in congratulating all the referees that completed referee certification in the Lone Star Region during the 2015-2016 season. The referee certification is good for two years, but we recommend that all recently certified officials attend a referee clinic at no charge this upcoming season to be up-to-date on interpretations and clarifications. Congratulations to Steve Aguilar, Jane Belinfante, Kristin Cooper, and Edward Lau, our new Lone Star Region Junior National Referees. All were certified at the Girls Junior National Championships in Indianapolis, IN.

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair, Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball

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 (yea!) Please review the scoring section of the DCR or attend a clinic to get the latest information.

There are already a number of clinics 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.

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

C.L. 'Steve' Crane
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