

# Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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Newsletter***

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# Commissioner's Notes

*Will Vick*  
*Commissioner*  
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All Indoor Regional Championships are finished and plans are now starting for the 2017 Season. Annell Neale, Adult Tournament Director, hosted the Adult Regional Championships, along with the cooperation of the Katy Volleyball Academy (KVA). KVA graciously provided their facility, Faith West, for the competition. Austin Juniors and Tournaments Inc. once again hosted the Junior Regional Championships and Regional Bid Tournaments. The events were held over two separate weekends at the H.R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Both clubs and a number of hard working members did a great job.

For the remainder of the 2016 Season, we have only a few sanctioned events within the Region. We still have our 2016 Girls' Junior National Championships, in Indianapolis, IN., on June 24 – July 3; along with the 2016 Boys' Junior National Championships will be in Dallas, TX., on June 29 – July 6. A number of our adult members are getting ready for their trek to Orlando, FL., to participate in the USA Volleyball Open National Champions. That event will run from May 27 – June 1 and eleven adult teams will be representing the Lone Star Region.

Our overall membership has continued to grow for the 2016 Season. In the 2015 Season, we had a total of 18,764 registered members. As of May 19<sup>th</sup>, our records reflect a total of 19,068 paid members, and we will continue to register a number of Outdoor players before the end of the Season. Presently in the Region database, we have 109 members still listed on the **UNPAID List**. These are members who have registered on-line but have not yet paid their individual registration fees for the 2016 Season. Most of these individuals are players, but we also have officials and coaches whose records remain unpaid. Membership fees must be sent to the Region, either by the club or the individual member, once a membership application has been submitted. Registrations are not completed until all fees have been paid. These Unpaid records must be cleared from the Unpaid List before we can start registrations for the 2017 Season. Hopefully, members who actually participated in sanctioned events or practices, will complete the membership. 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 them will be interested to know that they were not actually registered, when they had been participating in sanctioned events.

Registrations for the 2017 Season will again start on September 1<sup>st</sup>. **Should NEW members register for Indoor play PRIOR to September 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be registering only for the remainder of the 2016 Season and that membership will expire on October 31<sup>st</sup>.** With the limited number of remaining Indoor events, I would think that the majority of our new registrations, for this current season would be for the **Outdoor** events. After September 1<sup>st</sup>, complete your New or Renewal membership application through the USA Volleyball On-Line Registration System (Webpoint). **Before you complete your on-line registration, check with your club to determine if you need pay your fees on-line by credit card, or if your club will be making the membership payment.**

If you plan to renew your membership for the 2017 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 to keep information current throughout the summer. **This includes mailing and email addresses on the membership record.** If you did not keep a record of your Login information, go to the Region website, [www.lsvolleyball.org](http://www.lsvolleyball.org), and select **Registration** from the top menu options. This will take you to the Registration Page, where the **Forgot Password** prompt is located beneath the prompts to access the Webpoint registration system. This is always your first option for getting your information. With the number of records in our system, the Region Office does not have sufficient staff to maintain and retrieve this data for those who cannot accept the responsibility for recording 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 (830) 358-7714, but registration problems can be better handled, via email.

As you prepare for the 2017 Season, you need to remember that **the 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 their 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.** Additionally, 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 and contractual arrangements are between themselves and the club.**

Our Annual Board of Meeting was held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, in Houston. The meeting is held each season on the Friday night prior to the Adult Regional Championships. A copy of our Board Minutes is published in this issue of the Newsletter, for your information. Please take the opportunity to read through the Minutes, since changes addressed will be those which affects us during the 2017 Season.

# ***2016 Board of Director's Meeting***

**Lone Star Volleyball Association  
Minutes of the  
Annual Board of Director's Meeting  
Friday, March 18, 2016  
Wyndham Hotel, Houston, Texas**

**Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner**

**Recorder: Karen Tarmon, Media Director**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Absent but excused was Michael Inlow. Absent but excused was Carrie Baehr.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The 2015 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Steve Crane moved/ Mark Papich seconded).

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

**DATE AND LOCATION OF 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2017 Meeting will be held in conjunction with the adult regional championship tournament. (Mark Papich moved/ Virgie Mallett seconded). The location will be the Wyndham Houston West Energy Corridor hotel. The specific date of the meeting will be determined at the scheduling of the adult regional championship tournament.

**ELECTIONS:** Commissioner Vick called for nominations from the floor for the positions currently up for election. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Mark Papich moved/ Gordon Morrison seconded).

## **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 or Treasurer.

**REGISTRATIONS:** Commissioner Vick reported that the Region's registered membership has had an overall increase in individual and team registrations. We closed the 2014-2015 Season with 18,778 individuals, and 1,502 teams. As of March 18, 2016, we had registered 18,765 individuals and 1,513 teams.

**SCORER CHAIR REPORT:** Steve Crane reported that there were 156 scorekeeper and referee clinics held in 50 different cities. He reported that the Region currently has certified two International Scorekeeper, 19 National Scorekeepers, 11 Regional Scorekeeper, 70 Provisional Scorekeepers, and 1,896 Junior Olympic Scorekeepers, as of March 18, 2016. Additionally, the Region has 7 qualified International scorers. He also reported that there has been a vast improvement on the number of certifications, with the score sheets now being electronically submitted electronically. There is one National Scorekeeper candidate for the 2016 Season, Kevin Carlyle.

**LONE STAR REGIONAL WEBSITE UPDATE:** Steve Crane reported that the Lone Star Region website had 92,732 unique visitors and 4,705,662 total visits in the 2014-15 season.

**REFEREE'S CHAIR:** Thomas Hoy reported that the 2015-2016 volleyball season has been very productive. He reported over 80 clinics were offered, and referees were rated at over 125 tournaments and scrimmages between October 2015 and March 2016. He is also still receiving requests for additional clinics. Dr. Hoy continues to develop and provide the USAV Form A, C and D Referee Exams to participants at the clinics and sends emails to remind applications to complete their training and exams. Dr. Hoy shared that the Lone Star Region has more National and Junior National Referees than any other region of USAV and that National Referees acted as Head Referees/Schedulers at 69 tournaments. LSR currently has 36 National, 19 Junior National, 81 Certified Regional, 51 In- Progress Regionals, 796 Certified Provisional (a 23% increase), and 171 Certified Junior or Junior R2 (a 25% increase) referees. Additionally, LSR has five members on the USAV National Referee Rating/Training Team and two USAV approved National Referee Clinicians. Dr. Hoy reported that the Region is recommending six Junior National Referee Candidates and that four National Referee Candidates are seeking recommendations. Through the USAV 2015-2016 Consortium Grant, 16 new referees were brought in through special training tournaments; focus on women and minorities certification. Dr. Hoy stated and that Beach Referees were recently certified in Galveston and that an additional clinic has been established. Goals for next season are to continue to increase the number of teams that have certified referees.

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**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Annell Neale reported 4 Women's teams and 6 Men's teams are attending the Adult Regionals on March 19, 2016. She reported that she has concerns about the declining adult membership.

**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:** Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased by 1.6%. He also reported that there are 44 outdoor tournaments currently scheduled. Mr. Kappel stated that the High Performance program is planning to field 4 teams of girls and possibly, 1 team of boys.

**COACHES DEVELOPMENT CHAIR:** Mark Papich reported there were 94 new coaches Impact certified for the 2015-2016 season.

**CORPUS CHRISTI REPRESENTATIVE:** Crystal Lyne reported that the Outdoor program is growing but the lack of beach front hotels is creating an obstacle for drawing out-of-town participants. She reported that Texas A&M has installed sand courts and will be allowing Region teams to utilize those for the Outdoor program. .

**SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE:** Mar Resendiz reported the Region's well designed website has stopped the calls regarding registration. Traveling teams continue to call requesting hotel information for the San Antonio area.

**BUSINESS:**

**USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM:** A motion was made and passed, that the Region pays the entry fees for a maximum of four Junior Girls and one Junior Boys High Performance Teams going to the National High Performance Championship, for the 2015-2016 Season. (Dick Kappel moved / Mark Papich seconded)

**COURT SIDELINE MARKING:** After much discussion, a motion was made to allow SportCourt tournaments without side boundary lines. The motion did not carry. (Thomas Hoy moved/Mark Papich seconded)

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES – 2016/2017 SEASON:** A motion was made and passed, that tournament entry fees will remain at \$115 for "non-paid" official events and \$160 for "paid" official events. (Annell Neal moved/ Virgie Mallet seconded)

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES 2016/2017 SEASON (GATE FEE REVIEW):** After some discussion, a motion was made and passed, that tournament facilities, excluding convention centers, have a set maximum entry fee of \$5 per day for adult and \$3 per day for children 12 and under. Single-day fees will be available at all multi-day events. (Gordon Morrison moved/ Steve Crane seconded) **Note:** *This motion was copied from previous Minutes and remains in effect. It also provides for a single day pass, at multiday events.*

**ADULT UNIFORM MODIFICATIONS:** A motion was made and passed, that beginning with the 2017 Season, we relax the adult uniform requirements on shorts only, with the understanding that at Nationals, the USAV uniform rules must be followed. (Annell Neale moved/ Wally Simpson seconded)

**REFEREE/SCORER REQUIREMENTS:** A proposal was made by the LSR Referee and Scorer chairs to ensure that all Webpoint team rosters include the appropriate code for each referee and scorer applicant. These team rosters will be used to ensure that each team has at least one referee and one scorer listed, prior to being eligible to compete in a sanctioned event. (**Reference: Lone Star Region Member's Handbook, page 9**). After much discussion, a motion was made to identify team referees and scorer on Webpoint team rosters, prior to accepting the Lone Star Region Tournament Entry. (Thomas Hoy moved/ Virgie Mallett seconded)

**PAID REFEREE TOURNAMENTS:** Thomas Hoy recommended an increase in the number of tournaments using uniformed, paid referees. Tournaments with six or more courts, could request to use paid referees, if desired. The Tournament Request Form will be amended by the Junior Director to allow the request.

**SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017:** Karen Tarmon, SafeSport Coordinator, stated that beginning with the 2017 season, certification in SafeSport will be required for Region Leadership, adults working in a Junior program, and all Junior Event Staff and Officials.

**BOARD ADVISORY POSITIONS – BEACH ADULT; JUNIOR; BOYS INDOOR; & TOUR SEEDING:** During the discussion on these topics, it was decided by the Commissioner to delay all actions until it could be further discussed and evaluated during the off season. No motions were made, at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 11:20 P.M. (Steve Boucher moved/ Gordon Morrison seconded)

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen Tarmon  
Media Director**

## Adult Tournament Alerts

*Annell Neal*  
*Tournament Director*  
*Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball*



### Lone Star Adult Regionals Results

Men's A	Texas Airborne
Men's BB	No competitors
Men's B	1 <sup>st</sup> Team Z
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Austin Block Party
Women's A	1 <sup>st</sup> Grindmode
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bazinga
Women's BB	1 <sup>st</sup> SATX
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Play
Women's B	No competitors

Congratulations to all of the teams who played in the 2016 Adult Regional Championship Tournament. There was a lot of great competition and comradery. The event was hosted at Faith West Academy in Katy and I gratefully acknowledge the support and assistance of Jimmy Botter and Frankie Velez. You guys are champs in your own right.

Look for at least two post season tournaments hosted by Ramin Sadrai at Spike Sport. If you are going to Nationals it is a great opportunity to compete with your team. If you're not taking a team to Nationals then it's another opportunity to play. I believe he plans to make both Open events.

I would like to thank all of the teams who participated in the 2015-16 adult volleyball season. We look forward to having you all back again next year.

## From the Scorer's Chair

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



What a great and productive season! We conducted 163 Official's clinics in 52 cities across the Region. A huge thanks to all the clinicians who took the time and effort to conduct these sessions. With that and a super effort on the part of individuals and clubs (and a little push from Dick), we now have 2,286 certified scorers in our Region. Congratulations!!

For those of you who have not sent in your score sheets, you still have time. Get them in now and save yourself the trouble of attending another clinic next season.

Tournament Directors: You should be completely out of the old score sheets by now, so I expect to see only the new ones used this coming season. There are still a few stragglers using the old stuff.

Have a great summer and enjoy a little Beach VB. I am off to Open's and will let you know in the next newsletter if there will be any changes for next season.

Have a great summer!

# Junior Development News

Richard "Dick" Kappel  
Junior Director  
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



## 2016 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

Level	Place	Team
<b>11</b>	1st	Revolution 11 National (LS)
	2nd	TX Tornados 11 Mizuno (LS)
	3rd	SA Xtreme 11 (LS)
	3rd	AJV 11 Cedar Park (LS)
<b>12</b>	1st	TGV 121 (LS)
	2nd	AP 12 Clutch (LS)
	3rd	SA Heat 121 (LS)
	3rd	WACO JRS 12 ADIDAS BLACK (LS)
<b>13</b>	1st	TGV 131 (LS)
	2nd	Xcel Volleyball 131 (LS)
	3rd	Texas Outlaws 13 Chaos (LS)
	3rd	Pearland 13 BLACK (LS)
<b>14</b>	1st	Strikers 14's Black (LS)
	2nd	TCA Houston 14 Elite (LS)
	3rd	TCA Houston 14 Elite (LS)
	3rd	KABOOM 14 EXPL GOLD (LS)

Level	Place	Team
<b>15</b>	1st	TX Tornados 14 Mizuno
	2nd	Fort Bend Fury 15 Elite
	3rd	AsicsWillowbrook15Red
	3rd	Revolution 15 Lone Star
<b>16</b>	1st	Katy Elite - 16.1
	2nd	TX Eclipse 16 White
	3rd	Alamo 16 North Premier
	3rd	HJV 16 Molten
<b>17</b>	1st	TAV Houston 151
	2nd	AJV 17 COVE
	3rd	HOU STELLAR 17 NAVY
	3rd	Katy Elite - 17.2

## 2016 Lone Star Region Bid Tournament Results

Level	Place	Team
<b>12</b>	1st	Alamo 12 Premier (LS)
	2nd	TAV Houston 121 (LS)
	3rd	AJV 12 Mizuno (LS)
<b>13</b>	1st	Alamo 13 Premier (LS)
	2nd	Pearland 13 MAROON (LS)
	3rd	H Skyline 13 RSB Royal (LS)
<b>14</b>	1st	H Skyline 14 RSB Royal (LS)
	2nd	Alamo 14 Premier (LS)
	3rd	HJV 14 Elite (LS)
<b>15</b>	1st	HJV 15 Elite - N
	2nd	TX Tornados 15 Black
	3rd	AJV 15 Molten

Level	Place	Team
<b>16</b>	1st	SA STING 16 BLACK
	2nd	HJV 16 Elite
	3rd	AP 16 Gazelle
<b>17</b>	1st	Alamo 17 Premier
	2nd	AP 17 Eclectic
	3rd	WACO JRS 17 ADIDAS BLACK
<b>18</b>	1st	AJV 18 Mizuno (LS) (1)
	2nd	SA MAGIC 18 ELITE (LS) (2)
	3rd	TEXSTAR 18-1 (LS) (3)

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## 2106 Girls' Junior National Championships

### Region Competing Teams

Level	Division	Team
<b>12</b>	Nat	Alamo 12 Premier
	Nat	TAV Houston 121
	Amr	AJV 12 Mizuno
	Amr	AsicsWillowbrook12Gold
<b>13</b>	Open	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	Nat	Alamo 13 Premier
	Nat	Pearland 13 MAROON
	Amr	HJV 13 Elite
	Amr	H Skyline 13 RSB Royal
	Amr	AJV 13 Cedar Park
	Amr	AsicsWillowbrook13Gold
<b>14</b>	Open	H Skyline 14 RSB Royal
	Open	Alamo 14 Premier
	Nat	HJV 14 Elite
	Nat	AVA TX 14 Team Rox
	USA	CC Force 141 Crossfire
	USA	TCVA 14 Green
	Amr	SA Magic 14 ELITE
	Amr	TX Tornados 14 Mizuno
	Amr	GCVA 141 Coast
	Amr	AJV 14 Mizuno
	Amr	Pearland 14 MAROON
	Amr	H Skyline 14 RSB Black
	Amr	TAV Houston 141
<b>15</b>	Open	HJV 15 Elite
	Open	H Skyline 15 RSB Royal
	Nat	HJV 15 Elite - N
	Nat	TX Tornados 15 Black
	USA	TAV Houston 151
	USA	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
	USA	SA Magic 15 ELITE
	USA	AJV 15 Molten
	Amr	TCA Houston 15 Elite
	Amr	AsicsWillowbrook15Gold
	Amr	Revolution 15-1 National
	Amr	AJV 15 Mizuno
	Amr	CC Force 151 Crossfire

Level	Division	Team
<b>16</b>	Open	AJV 16 Mizuno
	Open	Alamo 16 Premier
	Open	SA Magic 16 ELITE
	Open	TX Tornados 16 Mizuno
	Nat	SA Sting 16 Black
	Nat	HJV 16 Elite
	USA	Asics Willowbrook 16 Gold
	USA	AJV 16 Molten
	USA	HJV 16 Premier
	USA	TX Eclipse 16 Green
	USA	AP 16 Gazelle
	USA	TCVA 16 Green
	Amr	Alamo 16 Elite
<b>17</b>	Amr	Revolution 16-1 National
	Amr	TAV Houston 161
	Amr	AP 16 Legacy
<b>17</b>	Open	HJV 17 Elite
	Open	H Skyline 17 RSB Royal
	Nat	Alamo 17 Premier
	Nat	AP 17 Eclectic
	USA	Asics Willowbrook 17 Gold
	USA	HJV 17 Premier
	USA	HOU STELLAR 17 ELITE
	USA	Revolution 17-1 National
	USA	TX Tornados 17 Mizuno
	Amr	Brazos Valley 17 National
	Amr	WACO JRS 17 ADIDAS BLK
	Amr	TAV Houston 17 White
	Amr	SA Force 17 Darkside
<b>18</b>	Open	H Skyline 18 RSB Royal
	Open	SA MAGIC 18 ELITE
	Nat	AJV 18 Mizuno
	Nat	Alamo 18 Premier
	USA	TAV Houston 181
	USA	AJV 18 Molten
	USA	SA Lightning 181 Natl
	USA	HJV 18 Elite
	USA	TX Eclipse 18 Green
	Amr	SA STING 18 BLACK
	Amr	TEXSTAR 18-1
	Amr	AJV 18 Cedar Park
	Amr	SA MAGIC 18 PREMIER
	Amr	VALLEY VENOM - 181 RED

## 2016 Boys' Junior National Championship Region Competing Teams

14 Open	HVA 14 Young Guns
15 Open	AJV 15 Boys
16 Open	HVA 16 Boys

### *From the Referee Stand*

*Thomas Hoy  
Referee Chair  
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball*



Looking in from the Referee Chair's perspective, this has been a good year as many members completed certification as referees. I would like to thank all the referee leaders that spent time rating our members and players, our national-level referees that prepared the new referees through our clinics held from October through May this season (over 160 clinics in 52 cities), and also our members who went through this referee process to understand the rules and to make the game better for everyone. I want to also point out that it is not too late to complete certification this season, so if you holding onto ratings or exams then just send me a picture or attachment so we will add you to the list of certified referees for 2015-2016. Keep in mind that if you are still listed as "in-progress" on WebPoint (USAV database) then you probably still need ratings so go to [www.isvolleyball.org](http://www.isvolleyball.org), then use the "Officials Clinics & Info" tab, and then click on the "ATTENTION In-Progress Referees" box for a listing of tournaments where we still have raters assigned. We have rated at over 120 tournaments, scrimmages, and clinics this year, thanks to the tournament and club directors who scheduled and made this possible.

Since the formation of the Lone Star Region (about 1980), the member's Handbook has always required teams to have one referee and one scorer trained per team. In recent years we have not been able to track information on rosters in time to use it at all tournaments. That will change next 2016-2017 season and all teams will need to follow the Handbook to have a referee and scorer in training (in other words, officials application filed and attended a clinic) before they can enter a tournament. Look for more information leading up to next season and plan clinics at your clubs early.

Is your volleyball world made of sand? Well we understand that and we have been working on getting referees ready for the beach. Our beach Referee Chair, Rich Richardson, has held a rules clinic, is planning on rating referees, and he will help with the upcoming USAV Junior Beach Qualifier in Galveston, Texas, during May, 2016. Look for an increase in the number of beach tournaments offered in the Lone Star Region in the future, to go along with the new NCAA Beach competition which held its first national championship in April, 2016. Do not forget the suntan lotion!

My congratulations to all that have been selected from the Lone Star Region to officiate at the 2016 USAV Qualifiers, NCVF (College Club), Open Nationals, Girls and Boys National Championships, High Performance and other important national tournaments (indoor and outdoor) still to be held around the country. The Lone Star Region continues to play a big part in producing top-quality officials and we are honored to have them work important matches throughout the season, but especially at national-level events. Some of our referees (Gloria Cox, Carlos Rodriguez, Fred Buehler, and Mary Blalock) currently serve on the USAV National Referee Rating and Training Teams, and their input is always appreciated as it keeps us up-to-date on the latest mechanics and protocols.



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# **Lone Star Region USA Volleyball**

## **May 2016 Newsletter**

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