

# Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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Newsletter***

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## Commissioner's Notes

*Will Vick*  
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I'd like to start the Newsletter a little differently, to close the 2016-2017 Season. While watching the Saturday NEWS, as many of you were doing, I thought the overlay that I was watching on my television screen was a picture of Hurricane Harvey completely encompassing our Lone Star Volleyball Region. The wind and rains were stretching from the western edges of the Region to the Louisiana border, and from the Waco Area to the Rio Grande Valley. It looked like a perfect outline of our Region. So, I felt that I would be remiss if didn't express my sincere concerns for all the members of our Region, as well as their families, friends, and neighbors. At this writing, Harvey is headed back toward the Gulf, and is expected to regenerate, somewhat, before spreading more of its devastation in the Houston Area. At this point, our whole Region has been impacted to some degree. I do hope the all of you stay safe, and do everything necessary to protect yourselves and your families. My thought and prayers are with you all.

### ACCOLADES

Since this is the last newsletter of the 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. For the 2017 Season, I had the pleasure of nominating five of our hard working members for the **2017 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award**.

Every season, USA Volleyball recognizes five members from each Region for the 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 2017 Season recipients:

**Marc Begnoche** - Referee and Tournament Host for many of the San Antonio Area tournaments

**Madeline Kazmann** - Club Director, Coach, and Tournament Host for Magic Volleyball Club

**James Fuller, Jr.** - Referee and Coach with Texas Tornados

**George Perrine** - Senior Player, Referee, and Junior Coach with Woodlands Revolution Volleyball

**Mitchell Woods** - Club Director, Referee, and Coach with Houston Skyline Juniors.

In addition to the above members, we had many others who made outstanding contributions to the Region throughout the 2017 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 events. Congratulations to National Championship winners **Austin Juniors 18 Mizuno**, who won the **18 USA Division**, and to **Houston Juniors 17 Elite** who won the **17 USA Division**. 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](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

### REGISTRATION

**Registrations for the 2017-2018 Season will start on September 1, 2017.** Although the registrations are scheduled to start on September 1st, USA Volleyball is recommending that we wait a few days 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. As always 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.

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Registration instructions are on the Registration Page of the Region web site: [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org). Registrations, 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 members should have their individual User Name and Password. If they do not remember this information, they should use the FORGOT PASSWORD option at the Login screen. Additionally, USA Volleyball will be sending an email to each of the 2017 members, providing them with their contact information. This is the same as they have done for the past few years. It is the members' responsibility to keep their record current. This 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, members will not be able to retrieve their contact information from USA Volleyball, or the Region Office.

Should any member have a problem with the on-line registration system, they should contact the Region Registrar, Karen Tarmon, at [LSRegistrar@gmail.com](mailto:LSRegistrar@gmail.com). Members should NOT attempt to solve the problem by creating new accounts. 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 needed.

**Registration fees have not changed for the 2018 Season (\$45 for Regular Adult and Regular Junior memberships).** Payment procedures will remain the same as they were for the 2017 Season. Junior members should check with their club directors for the club payment procedures. Junior fees can be paid by the club, or 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.**

## **AGE WAIVER / PLAYER TRANSFER**

Just as a reminder, for the 2018 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](http://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](http://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 this past season have now been changed to Inactive, and will not appear on the list of club in our 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.

Finally, with all the recent catastrophic events caused by Hurricane Harvey, we can expect many unforeseen situations to occur early this season. I'm sure we're going to have a number of our obligated players being forced into relocating, which could result in club changes. These situations could occur after members had made sizeable deposits, but before they have registered, or played, in a sanctioned event. Club directors should consider the situations and the unusual circumstances. I am asking that you give special consideration to each of these requests, as well as the circumstances, and strongly consider making the correct decision, when refunds are requested. Within our Region, and considering the recent event, we should all be prepared for these situations, and remember that we are here for the **Development of Volleyball, within the Lone Star Region.**

# Junior Development News

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## New for 2017-2018 Season

- ◆ 2018 GJNC for all 18's divisions: April 27-29 in Anaheim, CA.
- ◆ 2018 GJNC for all 11-17 divisions: Jun 25 - Jul 04, Detroit, MI.
- ◆ 2018 BJNC for all 12-18 divisions: July 2-9, Phoenix, AZ.
- ◆ Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament 18's: Feb 10-11, Round Rock, TX
- ◆ Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament 12-14's: April 28-29, Houston, TX.
- ◆ Lone Star Junior Regional Tournament 11's, 15-17's: May 5-6, Houston, TX.
- ◆ 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.

## 2018 Junior Volleyball National Qualifiers (tentative)

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2018-girls-junior-national-qualifiers>

|                                  |                        |                    |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Colorado Crossroads              | 12's-15's              | March 10-12        |
| Colorado Crossroads              | 16's-18's              | March 16-18        |
| Disney Volleyball Showcase       | All Ages & Divisions   | March 16-18        |
| Mideast Qualifier (Indianapolis) | 12's - 15's            | March 17-19        |
| Mideast Qualifier (Indianapolis) | 16's - 18's            | March 23-25        |
| Pacific Northwest Qualifier      | Ages TBD               | Mar 23-25          |
| Pacific Northwest Qualifier      | Ages TBD               | Mar 30-Apr 1       |
| Windy City Qualifier             | Ages TBD               | Mar 30-Apr 1       |
| Big South                        | All Ages               | Mar 30-Apr 1       |
| Northeast Qualifier              | Ages TBD               | March 31 - April 2 |
| Northeast Qualifier              | Ages TBD               | April 6-8          |
| Sho-Me Qualifier                 | 15O, 15USA, 16's, 17's | April 8-9          |
| Sho-Me Qualifier                 | 12's - 14's, & 15A     | April 13-15        |
| Lone Star Classic (Dallas)       | 11's, 12A              | April 7-9          |
| Lone Star Classic (Dallas)       | 12N, 13's, 14's, 15A   | April 14-16        |
| Lone Star Classic (Dallas)       | 15O, 16's, 17's        | April 20-22        |
| Northern Lights                  | 13's - 15's            | April 20-22        |
| Northern Lights                  | 12's, 16's, 17's       | April 27-29        |
| Far Western (Reno)               | Ages TBD               | April 21-23        |
| Far Western (Reno)               | Ages TBD               | April 27-29        |
| Southern Calf (Las Angeles)      | All Ages               | Date TBD           |

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## **2017 Girls' Junior National Championships**

**Congratulations to AJV 18 Mizuno for winning 1st Place in USA 18 Division!**

**Congratulations to HJV 17 Elite for winning 1st Place in USA 17 Division!**

### **Gold Division Top Finishes**

|     |             |                          |
|-----|-------------|--------------------------|
| 5th | 18 National | TX Tornados 18 Mizuno    |
| 1st | 18 USA      | AJV 18 Mizuno            |
| 2nd | 18 USA      | AP 18 Asics              |
| 2nd | 17 Open     | AJV 17 Mizuno            |
| 3rd | 17 Open     | TX Tornados 17 Mizuno    |
| 5th | 17 Open     | SA Magic 17 ELITE        |
| 1st | 17 USA      | HJV 17 Elite             |
| 3rd | 17 USA      | AsicsWillowbrook17Gold   |
| 5th | 17 American | TAV Houston 17 Black     |
| 5th | 16 USA      | TAV Houston 16 Black     |
| 2nd | 16 American | W Revolution 16 Elite-KW |
| 3rd | 15 National | CC Force 151 Crossfire   |
| 3rd | 15 USA      | SA Magic 15 ELITE        |
| 5th | 15 American | AP 15 Asics              |
| 5th | 15 American | HJV 15 Elite - S         |
| 3rd | 14 American | HJV 14 Elite             |
| 3rd | 13 American | H Skyline 13 Royal       |
| 5th | 13 American | AVA TX 13 Team Rox       |

## **2017 Boys' Junior National Championships**

**Congratulations to LS Region teams represented at Junior Nationals!**

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| 14 Open | HVA 14 Young Guns  |
| 15 Open | AJV 15 Mizuno Boys |
| 15 Open | HVA 15 Performance |
| 16 Open | HVA 16 Performance |
| 17 Open | HVA 17 Performance |

## **2017 High Performance Championships**

**Congratulations to LS Region teams represented at HP Championships!**

|      |                       |                     |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 3rd  | Girls National Select | Lonestar Select A1  |
| 7th  | Girls National Select | Lonestar Select A2  |
| 10th | Girls National Youth  | Lonestar Youth A1   |
| 2nd  | Boys Regional Div     | Texoma Select Black |
| 4th  | Boys National Div     | Texoma Youth White  |
| 5th  | Boys National Div     | Lone Star Youth Blk |

## Adult Tournament News

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Dear Adult Players, Team, and Club Reps,

I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 USAV Season. Just so y'all know now, USAV Adult Open Nationals will be in Dallas, Texas, from May 25-30, 2018. It's close and drivable, so plan to participate and have some fun over the Memorial Day weekend!

With the end of summer and with beach volleyball wrapping up, I'm excited for indoor volleyball in the region and I hope that y'all are too! 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 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.

A list of the team and club reps will be made available to organizations wanting to host a preseason Friendship event. If your contact information has changed since last year, be sure to send me your new info. Remember – once the regular season starts, 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.

Each adult team is required to have a registered and certified referee and scorer listed on a team roster.

The 2017-2018 Indoor Season begins Saturday, November 4, 2017. 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, as a USAV member, as of September 1, 2017. Contact the Region Commissioner, Will Vick, to create a new club or to start the process to reactivate a previous years' club. Online credit card payments are now accepted for membership fees.

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. Good luck and have fun!



### 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](#).



## From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy  
Referee Chair  
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



We are working on programs for the 2017-2018 USAV and Lone Star Region season (starting officially September 1, 2017) and it promises to be better than before in showcasing our outstanding athletes. This 2017-2018 season means a new DCR (rule book), which will have some new rules, wording and interpretations. Note upcoming emails that will inform you about the revised rules and notices about how to get updated.

Start planning for scorer and referee clinics now and get the dates on the Lone Star Region website. Remember, your teams will need to have a referee and scorer listed on your USAV Webpoint roster to enter a tournament. Please contact the following individuals to plan your clinics: Gordon Morrison ([gordondmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:gordondmorrison@gmail.com)) in the greater areas around Houston or eastern parts of the region, David Plaisance ([drp2nd@hotmail.com](mailto:drp2nd@hotmail.com)) in the greater areas around Austin or northern parts of the region, or Thomas Hoy ([thoy@satx.rr.com](mailto:thoy@satx.rr.com)) in the greater areas around San Antonio, or southern and western parts of the region.

Please 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 legal because of design, with numbers that are not legally positioned, but mostly with colors of the a) team jersey, b) number, and/or c) Libero 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 for the Libero jerseys are under DCR 19.2. Remember the number must be clearly seen, no designs behind the number, and if you use an outline around the number it must be at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide.

Join me in congratulating all the referees that completed referee certification in the Lone Star Region during the 2016-2017 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 new rules, interpretations and clarifications. Congratulations to Christle Miersma, Marcus Luna, James Mahlen, and Steven Wohlschlaeger, our new Lone Star Region Junior National Referees. Also accolades to April Fricke who completed her certification as a Lone Star Region National Referee. All were certified at USAV National Championships this past summer.

## From the Scorer's Chair

C.L. 'Steve' Crane  
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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. The 2018-19 release should be available for download soon on the USA Volleyball site at this link: [http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/rules\\_interpretations\\_indoor.php#tm1](http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor.php#tm1)

The score sheets remain the same as last 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 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 (<https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org>). 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.



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