

Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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Commissioner's Notes

Will Vick
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Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



Since this is the first newsletter of the year, I hope your 2017 Season is going well and continues to do so throughout the remainder of the season. Registrations seem to be going well. We currently have registered over 19,348 members and still have approximately 112 unpaid members listed in our registration system. Club directors are reminded to constantly monitor their club database and ensure that all of their members have the membership fee paid. If a club director has someone on their Unpaid list and they have no idea who the member is, please contact me and I will take the necessary action to get the name removed and placed with the correct club. Additionally, club directors should ensure that all of their players are listed on a team roster.

We still have a number of players listed as UNDECIDED and it's a little late in the season to not have a club affiliation. Members who are listed as UNDECIDED can log on to their records and change their club affiliation or contact the Region Office for assistance.

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. Based on my phone calls and email, this season is no exception. If you are one of these members, and wish to request a transfer, you will need to contact the Region Office. **But, if you have already played with the club, it is very likely that your 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 remainder 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 the team level. In these cases, directors and coaches should talk with the member and make them aware that at this point, they can transfer to a team more compatible with their level of play. **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 in the Region Office. This information cannot be simply updated in the system. In many cases it must be also 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 only add new teams, but you cannot delete old ones. Teams names are supposed to remain constant, and so should the rankings and team codes, associated with those teams.

Finally, many clubs are already considering their options for attending one of the National Championships. The application procedures are different for the 2017 Season. Junior Clubs should go on-line (<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events>) and read the application instructions and download the Tournament Manual. There will be more information, in this newsletter, regarding the Region Bid Tournament, and how it ties with the Girls Junior National Championships.

2017 USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2017 USA Volleyball Open Championships Tournament Manual (is available at: <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/adults/2017-usav-open>).

All events will be played in Minneapolis, MN, May 26-31, 2017. Entry information, fees, and entry deadlines are available in the Manual. **All entry forms and checks for the 2017 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 changes for the 2017 event so be sure to check the 2017 Tournament Manual. If you have any problems, contact Irina Damy at the USAV National Office: irina.damy@usav.org or 719-228-6800.

The **2017 Girls' Junior National Championships** will be held in Minneapolis, MN, and the **2017 Boys' Junior National Championships** in Columbus, OH. Additional information and entry instructions are outlined in the Tournament Manuals on the USA Volleyball website: <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual Board of Directors meeting will be on Friday, March 24th. The meeting is open to all members, provided space is available, and will be at the Wyndham Houston West - Energy Corridor; 14703 Park Row Blvd; Houston, TX 77079. 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	Karen Tarmon
Coaches Development	Mark Papich
Player Representative (Women)	Debbie Trainor

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Corpus Christi	Crystal Lyne
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 mailed or faxed to:

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From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



We have received a tremendous number of requests for clinics this season, thanks so much to all the clubs that scheduled clinics early at their facilities and accepted large numbers of members to participate. We only have a few clinics left, so if you still need a referee clinic please plan now by going to www.lsvolleyball.org and using the tab "Officials Clinics & Info."

As you may know we have no new rules this season in the 2015-2017 USAV Domestic Competition Regulations (rule book). We do have one rule change that goes with the DCR, and that is the rule on the "Solid-Color Jersey" for the Libero in 19.2 (and being in 'compliance'), which has been eliminated from the rules by the USAV Rules Committee. Rule 19.2 now only reads "the Libero(s) must wear a uniform which clearly contrasts with the rest of the team." This new rule supersedes the language and interpretations formally stated about solid-color jerseys. Be very careful with this new rule because it says "clearly contrasts" and now the first referee on each match makes a judgment call on whether the jersey is legal or not; it is a judgment call and therefore not protestable. Do not take chances with the uniforms being almost legal. Also, we are still seeing white team jerseys and light yellow Libero jerseys, dark royal blue team jerseys and black Libero jerseys, jerseys with the number in the wrong place, and jerseys with no number on the front; these are all illegal uniforms and players are not allowed to participate in all of these examples.

To finish a referee certification in the Lone Star Region (Junior Referee, Junior Second Referee, Provisional Referee, Adult Second Referee, or Regional Referee) you need to complete two ratings within one season. For Junior Second Referee and Adult Second Referee certification you will need two Second Referee ratings, but all other certifications require at least one First Referee rating and one Second Referee rating. A schedule of the Lone Star Region "rating tournaments" can be found at www.lsvolleyball.org, then use the "Officials Clinics & Info" tab, and then use the tab box "ATTENTION In-Progress Referees." Teams need to have a certified referee to enter the Lone Star Region Junior Regional Tournaments.

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



Well, the season is fully underway. There were no changes in the score sheet this season (Yea!!!). Speaking of that, I continue to see Tournament Directors using outdated score sheets. We have been using the current version for two years! Get with the program!! Don't make too many copies just in case they make revisions this coming season. It is time for a revision of the DCR and with that may come changes in the score sheets.

Remember, if you have any questions about scoring just ask the referee on your court. You may also review the clinic Power Point by downloading it from <http://lsvolleyball.org> on the Reference page. On that same page, there are helpful hints and a one page example. Feel free to print those out and keep with you for reference.

As of this writing, we have scheduled a whopping 171 clinics in 53 cities around the Region! 167 have already been conducted. The early response has been amazing. Now, get those ratings done. We had way too many folks who never turned in their score sheets for evaluation last season. The requirement for scorers is completed score sheets from two sets where you were the scorer in a live match. You may take a legible photo and email them to clcrane@swbell.net or mail them to me. A completed certification is good for two seasons. Another incentive to wrap up the work.

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

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Junior Director
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



Summary of the 2017 GJNC Divisions

National Championship Manual

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2017-girls-jnc/tournament-manual>

Open Division

A Division of the GJNC where teams must obtain a bid to participate. Bids are earned through finishing in a “bid” position in the Open Division of a NQ, through a Trickle Down at that Event, or through the AtLarge process. Open bids are not available for allocation through the Regions. The GJNC field size for Open Divisions will be 36 teams; except for the 13 Open division, which will be limited to 24 teams.

National Division

A Division of the GJNC where teams must obtain a bid to participate. 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.

USA Division

A Division of the GJNC where teams must obtain a bid to participate. Bids are earned through finishing in a “bid” position in the USA Division of a NQ, 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, would be allocated through an at-large process.

American Division

American Division: A Division of the GJNC where teams must obtain a bid to participate. Bids are earned through finishing in a “bid” position in the American Division of a NQ 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 process described in the “Reallocation Bids” section of this championship manual.

Patriot Division

A Division of the GJNC where teams may gain access to the tournament by simply entering the Event through the established process. Order of acceptance will be initially based on date of entry until the tournament is full.

Teams that have Qualified for the 2017 Junior National Tournament

AJV 16 Mizuno Boys	Open	5th @ Atlantic Northeast
Catalyst 18 Green	Amr	1st @ Dallas AVC
AVA TX 18 Team Rox	Nat	1st @ LS Regional
AsicsWillowbrook18Gold	Open	4th @ LSC
H Skyline 18 Royal	Open	2nd @ LSC
SA Force 182 National	USA	3rd @ LSC
TX Tornados 18 Mizuno	Nat	5 th @ LSR (1 st in USA @ Dallas AVC)
AJV 18 Mizuno	USA	6th @ LSR (trickle from TX Tornados)
HJV 18 Elite	Amr	7th @ LSR
SA Magic 18 ELITE	USA	5th Southeast
HOU STELLAR 18 ELITE	Amr	10th @ LSR
AP 18 Asics	USA	1st @ LSC
TAV Houston 18 Black	Amr	11th @ LSR

Junior Development News continued next page

Important Information for LS Regionals & GJNC

2017 LS Junior Regional Tournament

In order to play in the LSR Junior Regional Tournament, teams must register through AES (Advanced Event System) by the region deadline.

Mar 25 for 12's bid, 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's divisions, and

Mar 31 for 11's, 12 non-bid, & 17's divisions.

Send entry forms and the \$495 fee to the LSR tournament host. See the LSR website schedule and/or the applicable host tournament website for additional instructions. <http://lonestarregionalsvb.com/>. Be sure to update your club information in the USAV webpoint system, and then download the data to the AES system. This will ensure the same info for both systems.

Important Items

- a) Teams that have qualified previously for the 2017 GJNC tournament in the Open or National division are not eligible to play in the LS region Bid division.
- b) Teams that have qualified previously for the 2017 GJNC tournament in the USA or American division are eligible to play in the LS region Bid division in order to improve to a National division bid.
- c) If a team having a USA bid wins a National bid at LSR regionals, then their original USA bid remains with the region and will be awarded to the next highest team placement of the LSR regional tournament.
- d) If a team having an American bid wins a National bid at LSR regionals, then their original American bid remains with the region and will be awarded to the next highest team placement of the LSR regional tournament.
- e) After Regionals, a team may accept a qualifier trickle down or open-at-large bid. If so, then there will be trickle downs for the LSR Bid division.
- f) Teams applying for an Open-At-Large bid must play in at least one National Qualifier in the same Open division age group for which the team is applying and submit to the Events Department complete, accurate and up-to-date results for all of the team's competition through the last day of the last NQ, no later than the end of business on the Tuesday after the finish of the last NQ.
- g) For teams to play at the Lone Star Junior Regional tournament, they must:
 - play in their assigned age division (except for Non-BID division).
 - have a coach who has completed the **IMPACT & Safe Sport** clinic.
 - have a **certified scorekeeper** and a **referee** listed on their **webpoint** roster indicated with a 'Y'. In-process is indicated with a 'P' and is not fully certified.
 - teams under age 16 must have and use an adult referee.
 - teams must be registered in the Lone Star Region.

Non-Bid Division Entries

The **Non-Bid** division is for teams competing for the regional championship who do not wish to continue on to the GJNC. There is no limit on the number of teams in the 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 or USA bid may play up by one age group in the Non-Bid division (by two age groups if approved by the region office).
- 3) A team with an American bid may play up by one age group in the Non-Bid division.

Bid Division Entries

Bids for the GJNC **National** and **American** divisions can be earned through participation in the Lone Star Regional tournament. All Bid divisions in the Lone Star Junior Regional Championships will be limited to a maximum of **64 teams**. The 64 teams accepted into the Bid division will be determined by the Lone Star Region's Jr Development Director's Seeding Committee. The ranking is displayed on the LS website. The **Current LSR Jr Ranking** is posted every two weeks, and the field of 64 teams will be determined on **March 29** for ages 12-16 & **April 5** for age groups 11, 12 non-bid, and 17.

LS Region Bid Allocations

The top teams from the LSR 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

Penalties for Not Using a GJNC Bid Earned at LSR Regional Tournament

For Bid divisions – when a team chooses to play at the Lone Star Regional Bid tournament 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 allowed to play in the LSR Regional Bid division for the following tournament.

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.

2017 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 entry form and fee directly to the USAV Events Department. A copy of the entry form should also be sent to the region office.

- Within one day of winning a bid at the LS regional Bid tournament, teams must register for the GJNC by submitting an entry form and applicable fee directly to the USAV Events Department. A copy of the entry form is also to be sent to the region office. Teams are no longer required to register for the GJNC prior to the LS regional Bid division tournament.
- Do not send GJNC application or fees until after a team has won a bid at the LSR Junior Regional tournament. Do send a copy of the GJNC entry to the LSR office.
- **Do not send GJNC or LS Jr Regional applications or fees to the LSR office.**
- After completion of the LSR Bid tournament, the LSR region office will notify the national office of the bid winners qualifying for GJNC National and American divisions (also USA trickle down bid if applicable). Once qualified, teams will send their GJNC entry and payment directly to the USAV Events Department.

Adult Tournament News

Thang Nguyen
Adult Tournament Director
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The season has been underway since November. We've gotten many adults registered to play in sanctioned region tournaments.

November: 2 tournaments	February: 2 tournaments
December: 2 tournaments	March: 2 tournaments scheduled
January: tourney canceled	April: 1 tournament scheduled

Teams have been good about getting their requirements of having a certified referee and scorer completed per roster.

There are 3 sanctioned tournaments left this season on the adult calendar. The Lone Star Region Adult Regional Championships are on Saturday, March 25. Sign up to play to see who will be region champs for 2017!

The adult open championships will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from May 26-May 31. Get your teams together, register, and pay fees to play at Nationals as it's always a great time. The following page has all the info and deadlines for Nationals.

Thanks to the teams and players who have actively participated this season. Let me know if y'all ever have any questions. Any ideas on how to get more adults playing, let me know that too!

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2017 USA OPEN VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

<http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/adults/2017-usav-open>

Event Email: opens@usav.org

Host City	Competition Venue	Competition Dates
Minneapolis, MN	Minneapolis Convention Center	May 26-31, 2017

DEADLINES

All entries must be sent directly to the National Office by the deadline listed below.

DEADLINE FOR ALL DIVISIONS – April 10, 2017 *(into AES)*

All payments have to be received by 5:00 PM MDT, April 11, 2017 in order to complete the registration.

**Teams registering after the deadline will be placed on a waitlist until a spot becomes available in the desired division. If a spot becomes available and the waitlisted team gets accepted into the tournament, the team will be charged a \$100 late fee, payable by check or credit card. No spots are guaranteed after the April 10th deadline.*

ON-LINE ROSTER SUBMISSION

Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 *(System closes to new entries, 12:00 AM EDT)*

Minimum Number of Teams: The minimum number of teams that must enter in order for a tournament to be conducted as a national championship is six (6) for all club tournaments, and five (5) for all other tournaments.

MIXED SESSIONS

2017 Tournaments	Dates
Men's PVL	May 27-30
Women's PVL	May 27-30
Men's Open	May 27-30

SESSION 1 (May 26-28, 2017)	SESSION 2 (May 29-31, 2017)	
AA Club Championships	BB Club Championships	
A Club Championships	B Club Championships	
Men's 45 and Women's 40	Men's 40 and Women's 45	
Men's 55 and Women's 50	Men's 50 and Women's 55	
Men's 65 and Women's 60	Men's 60 and Women's 65	
Men's 73 and Men's 78	Men's 70 and Men's 76	
Special Olympics	Sitting	May 29-30



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