

# Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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# Commissioner's Notes

*Will Vick*  
*Commissioner*  
*Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball*



Our Indoor Regional Championships are finished and plans are now underway for the 2018 Season. The Adult Regional Championships were hosted by Thang Nguyen, Adult Tournament Director, with the cooperation of the Katy Volleyball Academy, who again provided their facility, Faith West, for the event. The Junior Regional Championships and Regional Bid Tournaments were hosted by AUSTIN JUNIORS and TOURNAMENTS INC., and played on two separate weekends, at the H.R. Brown Convention Center, in Houston. The Girls 18 Regional Championships were hosted separately from the other Junior Championships, and earlier in the season. This event resulted in the awarding of five bids for the 18 and under division of the 2017 Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships in Dallas. A great job was done by all of hard working members who were responsible for hosting each of these Regional events.

For the remainder of the 2017 Indoor Season, we only have our Girls' and Boys' Junior National Championships remaining. The 2017 Girls' Junior National Championships, in Minneapolis, is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>. And, the 2017 Boys Junior National Championships will be in Columbus, Ohio, on July 1-8. According to the large number of teams we had qualified this season, we should be well represented at both events.

Registrations for the 2018 Season will again start on September 1<sup>st</sup>, and will need to be completed through the USA Volleyball On-Line Registration System (Webpoint). **Before you complete your on-line registration, be sure and check with your club to determine if you need pay you fees on-line by credit card, or if your club will be making your payments. Should new members register for indoor play, before September 1<sup>st</sup>, they will be registering only for the remainder of the 2017 Season; the membership will expire on October 31<sup>st</sup>.** With the limited number of remaining opportunities to play in indoor events, I would think that the majority of our new registrations prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>, will be for the **Outdoor events**. If you plan to renew your membership for the 2018 Season, you will need to know your **log-in information**. The best way to keep track of this information is for each of our members to periodically review their records and keep them current, throughout the summer. **Keep you contact information current including both mailing and email addresses.** If you did not keep a record of your login information, you should now go to the Region web site, [www.LSVolleyball.org](http://www.LSVolleyball.org) and select **Registration**, at the top of the Home Page. This will take you to the Registration Instructions, where you can use the **Forgot Password** option to get this information. That is always your first option for getting this 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 maintaining 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 [LSRregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:LSRregistrar@gmail.com). She can also be reached at (830) 358-7714, but registration problems can be better handled by email communication. .

As you prepare for the 2018 Season, you need to remember that **the Region does not sanction any junior indoor events after the conclusions 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.** And 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 arrangements with the clubs are between the parent and club and do not involve the Region.**

Our overall membership has continued to grow for the 2017 Season. For the 2016 Season we had a total of 19,177 registered members. As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, our records reflect a total of 19,737 paid members, and we will continue to register a number of outdoor players, before the end of the Season. In the Region database, we currently have 92 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 2017 Season. Most of these individuals are players, but we also have many officials and coaches who are unpaid. Once an individual has registered on-line their registration fees need to be sent to the Region, either by the Club or the individual member. The registration has not been completed until all fees have been paid. This has not yet been done, or at least the fees haven't gotten to the Region Office. These records must be cleared from the Unpaid List before we can start registrations for the 2018 Season. Hopefully, we can get registrations completed for those members who actually participated in sanctioned events or practices. If not, we will start deleting them from the system as soon as all our competitions are completed for this season. 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 actually been participating in sanctioned events.

Our Annual Board of Meeting was held on March 24<sup>th</sup>, in Houston. A copy of our Board Minutes is being published in this issue of the newsletter, for your information. The Meeting was held on Friday night prior to the Adult Regional Championships. Please take the opportunity to read through these minutes, since those changes addressed here will be those which affects us during the 2018 Season.

# *2017 Board of Director's Meeting*

**Lone Star Volleyball Association  
Minutes of the  
Annual Board of Director's Meeting  
Friday, March 24, 2017  
Wyndham Hotel  
Houston, Texas**

**Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner**

**Recorder: Carrie Baehr, Secretary**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Absent but excused were Debbie Trainor, Mark Papich, Crystal Lyne, and Walter Simpson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The 2016 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Steve Crane moved/ Hal Naumann seconded).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as written. (Steve Crane moved/ Karen Tarmon seconded).

**DATE AND LOCATION OF 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2018 Meeting will be held in conjunction with the adult regional championship tournament. (Virgie Mallet moved/ Marc Holmquist 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. (Thomas Hoy moved/ Karen Tarmon 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 2015-16 Season with 19,177 individuals, and 1,513 teams. As of March 24, 2017, we had registered 19,380 individuals and 1,562 teams.

**SCORER CHAIR REPORT:** Steve Crane reported that there were 3,098 completed scorers with more attempting to complete as of the meeting day. Referee clinics were held in 53 different cities. He reported that the Region currently has certified two International Scorers, 17 National Scorers, 14 Regional Scorers, 119 Provisional Scorers, and 2,948 Junior Olympic Scorers, as of March 24, 2017. He also reported that there has been a vast improvement on the number of certifications, with the score sheets now being electronically submitted. There are three National Scorer candidates for the 2017 Season, Kevin Carlyle, Jane Belinfante, and Michelle Hayes.

**REFEREE'S CHAIR:** Thomas Hoy reported that the 2016-2017 volleyball season has been an extraordinary year of training, certification, and officiating. The Lone Star Region has increased the number of uniformed referees by more than fifty, partly through a USAV grant for referee development. We have also certified a record number of referees, particularly coaches and players who represent their teams as referees on the work teams at tournaments. The number of tournaments using uniformed, paid referees has increased by 35 for a total of 105. This is about 40% of all events.

The LSR currently has 39 National, 27 Junior National, 115 Certified Regional, 1,009 Certified Provisional, 147 Certified Junior, and 87 Junior R2 referees. Dr. Hoy reported that the Region is recommending six Junior National Referee Candidates. Goals for next season are to continue to increase the number of teams that have certified referees.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Thang Nguyen reported that the women's adult regional tournament was canceled due to 2 teams dropping out on Wednesday. For the 2016-17 Season there were 13 men's teams, and 22 women's teams. Thang expressed concern about the lack of participation in the Adult Program.

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**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:** Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased. Mr. Kappel also stated that the High Performance Program is planning to field three teams of girls and possibly one team of boys.

**AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE:** Virgie Mallet reported that a lot of Beach Volleyball is popping up in the area, especially on the north side of Austin.

**SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE:** Mar Resendiz stated that one of the main venues, for Beach Volleyball, in San Antonio was closing due to owner's retirement. There is now only one facility on the northeast side of town.

**BUSINESS:**

**USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM:** A motion was made and passed, that the Region pays the entry fees for a maximum of three Junior Girls and one Junior Boys High Performance Teams going to the National High Performance Championship, for the 2016-2017 Season. (Dick Kappel moved / Marc Holmquist seconded)

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES – 2017/2018 SEASON:** A motion was made and passed, that tournament entry fees will remain at \$115 for "non-paid" official events, and \$175 for the first day and \$160 for second / third day for "paid" official events. (Thomas Hoy moved/ Gordon Morrison seconded)

**TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES 2017/2018 SEASON (GATE FEE REVIEW):** All spectator fees, excluding convention centers, will remain set at a maximum entry fee of \$5 per day for adults and \$3 per day for children 12 and under. Single day fee/passes must be available for multiday events. All rostered team members are exempt from these fees (this includes players, coaches, chaperones, trainers, and any other club staff members listed).

**REFEREE/SCORER REQUIREMENTS:** Identification of team referee and scorer, on Webpoint team rosters, will again be required prior to acceptance, of a Lone Star Region tournament entry for an LSR sanctioned event.

Will Vick recognized Thomas Hoy, Steve Crane, Karen Tarmon, and Jim Gutierrez for all of their hard work and teamwork. They have done a great job getting correct records and bigger numbers on both scorers and referees in the 2016-2017 season.

**REFEREE CONTRACT AGREEMENTS:** Thomas Hoy reported that referees currently sign a contract at each event. Research is currently being considered to make an agreement that would cover all tournaments. He will continue to research this possibility during the off-season.

**SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2017:** Karen Tarmon reported that all region leadership, as well as, all tournament directors have completed SafeSport for 2017. USAV is floating the idea of renewing SafeSport membership every two years.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR HOSTING TOURNAMENTS:** All forms will be updated so that everyone is aware of the required equipment needed if hosting tournaments. Focus on properly lined courts.

**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 new motions were presented, at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 10:38 P.M. (Edward Dahl moved/ Karen Tarmon seconded)

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Carrie Bachr  
Secretary**

## *From the Referee's Stand*

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



What did we accomplish this season with members on every team completing certification as officials? In talking to tournament directors, it is obvious that the team referees are better, it was also obvious that we still need to get better. There were apparently fewer complaints to the tournament directors this season, better time management, and more members are better informed about the rules. Some tournament directors are still trying to find a way for us to get multiple certified officials on each team, because what level of officiating do you get if that "one" certified member is not at the tournament that weekend to referee or score—lousy officiating.

We would like to thank all the referee leaders that spent time rating our members and players, thank our national-level referees that prepared the new referees through our clinics held from October through April this season (over 176 clinics in 53 cities), and also thank our members who went through this referee process to understand the rules and to make the game better for everyone. We could not have done all of this without the assistance of the clubs and tournament directors. A special thanks also to the tournament directors and club coaches/directors who went on to get their Regional Referee certification this season, so they could add "value" to their tournaments by rating referees at these events.

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 (thoy@satx.rr.com). Please be mindful that if you are still listed as "in-progress" on WebPoint (USAV database) then you probably still need ratings, so go to [www.lsvolleyball.org](http://www.lsvolleyball.org), then use the "Officials Clinics & Info" tab, and then click on the "ATTENTION In-Progress Referees" box for a listing of the seven tournaments where we still have raters assigned. We had rated at over 184 tournaments, 25 scrimmages, and five rating clinics this season; thanks again to the tournament and club directors who scheduled and made this possible.

We want to congratulate all referees that have been selected from the Lone Star Region to officiate at the 2017 USAV Qualifiers, NCVF (College Club), Open Nationals, Girls and Boys National Championships, High Performance events 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 bid and national-level events. The Lone Star Region continues to have the largest cadre of National and Junior National referees of any region in the country, and we often dominate in attendance

## *From the Scorer's Chair*

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



Welcome to the summer! It looks like we will be using the same score sheet for the next two seasons (yea!)

What a productive season! We conducted 176 official's clinics in 53 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 job on the part of individuals and clubs (and a little push from Karen and Dick), we now have 3,696 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.

## Junior Development News

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



## 2017 Lone Star Regional Championships

### Bid Division Results

Level	Place	Team
<b>12</b>	1st	Alamo 12 Premier
	2nd	W Revolution 12 Premier
	3rd	AP 12 Asics
<b>13</b>	1st	AJV 13 Mizuno
	2nd	Alamo 13 Premier
	3rd	AVA TX 13 Team Rox
<b>14</b>	1st	AJV 14 Mizuno
	2nd	H Skyline 14 Royal
	3rd	HJV 14 Elite
<b>15</b>	1st	Alamo 15 Premier
	2nd	CC Force 151 Crossfire
	3rd	HOU STELLAR 15 ELITE
	15 Open	HVA 15 Performance

Level	Place	Team
<b>16</b>	1st	AsicsWillowbrook16Gold
	2nd	AJV 16 Molten
	3rd	HOU STELLAR 16 ELITE
<b>17</b>	1st	AVA TX 17 Team Rox
	2nd	H Skyline 17 Royal
	3rd	AsicsWillowbrook17Gold
<b>18</b>	1st	AVA TX 18 Team Rox
	2nd	AsicsWillowbrook18Gold
	3rd	H Skyline 18 Royal

### Non-Bid Division Results

Level	Place	Team
<b>11</b>	1st	TX Tornados 11 Mizuno
	2nd	SA Xtreme 11
	3rd	SA STING 11 BLACK
	3rd	STVA 111
<b>12</b>	1st	HVA 12 COMETS
	2nd	TX Tornados 12 Teal
	3rd	Alamo 12 Gold
	3rd	GCVA 121 Coast
<b>13</b>	1st	WE GOT GAME - 13
	2nd	Xcel Volleyball 132
	3rd	Houston Hazard 13 Black
	3rd	Magic 13 National
<b>14</b>	1st	TX Eclipse 14 Black
	2nd	Texas Coastal 142
	3rd	HJV 14 National
	3rd	WE GOT GAME - 14

Level	Place	Team
<b>15</b>	1st	W Revolution 15 Mizuno
	2nd	AP 153
	3rd	Alamo 15 Silver
	3rd	Xcel Volleyball 151
<b>16</b>	1st	Alamo 14 Premier
	2nd	AP 163
	3rd	Houston Career Prep 16RED
	3rd	HJV 16 Mizuno
<b>17</b>	1st	Xcel Volleyball 172
	2nd	SOUTH TX 171
	3rd	evolution 17s
	3rd	Katy Elite - 17 National

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## 2017 Girls' Junior National Championship Lone Star Region Competing Teams

Level	Division	Team	Level	Division	Team
<b>12</b>	Nat	Alamo 12 Premier	<b>16</b>	Open	HJV 16 Elite
	Nat	W Revolution 12 Premier		Open	H Skyline 16 Royal
	Amr	AP 12 Asics		Open	AJV 16 Mizuno
	Amr	AJV 12 Mizuno		Open	SA Magic 16 ELITE
	Amr	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno		Nat	AsicsWillowbrook16Gold
<b>13</b>	Open	TAV Houston 13 Black		Nat	AJV 16 Molten
	Open	Austin Skyline Jrs 13 Royal		USA	W Revolution 16 Premier
	Nat	AJV 13 Mizuno		USA	TX Tornados 16 Mizuno
	Nat	Alamo 13 Premier		USA	TAV Houston 16 Black
	Amr	HJV 13 Elite		USA	SA Magic 16 PREMIER
	Amr	AVA TX 13 Team Rox		Amr	W Revolution 16 Mizuno
	Amr	H Skyline 13 Royal		Amr	SA Sting 16 Black
	Amr	W Revolution 13 Premier		Amr	HOU STELLAR 16 ELITE
<b>14</b>	Open	Alamo 14 Premier	<b>17</b>	Amr	AJV 16 Cedar Park
	Nat	AJV 14 Mizuno		Amr	W Revolution 16 Elite-KW
	Nat	H Skyline 14 Royal		Open	Alamo 17 Premier
	USA	AJV 14 Molten		Open	TX Tornados 17 Mizuno
	Amr	PEARLAND - 14 MAROON		Open	SA Magic 17 ELITE
	Amr	HJV 14 Elite		Open	AJV 17 Mizuno
	Amr	AP 14 Asics		Nat	AVA TX 17 Team Rox
	Amr	AVA TX 14 Team Rox		Nat	H Skyline 17 Royal
<b>15</b>	Open	H Skyline 15 Royal		USA	AJV 17 Molten
	Open	HJV 15 Elite		USA	HJV 17 Elite
	Open	AJV 15 Mizuno		USA	Alamo 17 Elite
	Open	Alamo 15 Premier		USA	AVA TX 17 Team Rox
	Nat	CC Force 151 Crossfire		USA	HJV 17 Elite - S
	Nat	HOU STELLAR 15 ELITE		USA	AsicsWillowbrook17Gold
	USA	SA Magic 15 Elite		Amr	TAV Houston 17 Black
	USA	PEARLAND - 15 MAROON		Amr	SA STING 17 BLACK
	USA	AVA TX 15 Team Rox		Amr	W Revolution 17 Premier
	USA	TCVA 15 Green			
	Amr	AsicsWillowbrook15Gold			
	Amr	AP 15 Asics			
	Amr	HJV 15 Elite - S			
	Amr	Aggie Elite 15-1			

## 2017 Boys' Junior National Championship Lone Star Region Competing Teams

Division	Team
15 Open	AJV 15 Mizuno Boys HVA 15 Performance
14 Open	HVA 14 YOUNG GUNS
16 Open	HVA 16 PERFORMANCE
17 Open	HVA 17 PERFORMANCE

## 2017 Girls' Junior National 18's Championship Lone Star Region Competing Teams

***Congratulations to AJV 18 Mizuno for 1st Place Finish in the USA Division***

<u>Division</u>	<u>Team</u>
Open	AsicsWillowbrook18Gold
Open	H Skyline 18 Royal
Nat	AVA TX 18 Team Rox
Nat	TX Tornados 18 Mizuno
USA	SA Force 182 National
USA	AJV 18 Mizuno
USA	SA Magic 18 ELITE
USA	Alamo 18 Premier
USA	AP 18 Asics
USA	HJV 18 Elite
Amr	Catalyst 18 Green
Amr	HOU STELLAR 18 ELITE
Amr	TAV Houston 18 Black
Amr	Austin VA - 18 Elite
Amr	Catalyst 18 Green
Amr	Valley Venom - 181 Red

## Adult Tournament News

Thang Nguyen  
Adult Tournament Director  
Lone Region, USA Volleyball



## 2017 Adult Regionals Results

Men's A  
Texas Airborne

Men's B  
1st — Austin Block Party  
2nd — Spike Sport 18 Hammer  
3rd — UH Men's Volleyball

The 2017 Adult Regionals did not have any competing teams in the Women's Division.

# Lone Star Region Rankings

The Region has received some questions regarding the LSR Rankings that were used for the 2016-2017 season: “How it works”, “what are the parameters”, and “how to improve your team’s rankings”. Logistics of rankings procedures continue to evolve, but here are some of the principals that are used.

**SCHEDULE:** Publish dates of the rankings are set up so that tournament directors have info on the Monday before their events so that they can use it to seed the event. In general, the rankings are published every two weeks or sometimes adjusted to be available for the events that have a large number of LSR teams participating. There is a one week “lag” in the rankings due to the number of events and the ability to collect all the results. Rankings are completed on Fridays or Saturday and then published on Sunday or Monday. Therefore, results from that weekend are not included and are rolled into the next ranking. The Pre-Season ranking is posted by November 1st, followed by the first ranking after the 3rd weekend in December. New rankings are then posted approximately every two weeks.

**THE EQUATION:** The LSR Rank is not equation or math driven. It is done as if every team in the Region was in a huge tournament and each team is ranked. The ranking process uses as many pieces of information that can be gathered. Tournament finish, and head-to-head results, are the two most important data points used. Generally, teams are ranked in the order that they finished in a tournament, and then, cross referenced by their head-to-head results. The most current results are more relevant than older results. Total “body of work” is important but “what have you done for me lately” is relevant, especially in Junior volleyball. Some teams start slow but get better and better as the season progresses (which is rewarded), others, are great in December but never improve. Results that are one or two months old are less relevant than the last two or three events played.

**OPEN / NATIONAL / USA / AMERICAN division results:** How is a bottom half of the OPEN division compared versus the winner of the NATL division? This is hard to standardize as teams that play at the highest level need to be rewarded but just signing up to play in an OPEN division does not mean that team is better than every team in the NATL division. There are many events that provide different “levels”: National Qualifiers, Crosscourt, Houston Power League. The results show that there is some overlap of low finisher in the top division compared to winners of lower divisions. Teams are encouraged to play in the highest level that is appropriate for your team.

**LSR RANKINGS vs AES RANKINGS:** AES rankings are not at all used when determining the LSR Ranks. First, not all results are in the AES system including some large events like Colorado Crossroads, Big South, Far Westerns, Omaha President’s Day and others. Second, the AES rankings in Dec, Jan and Feb can be wildly inaccurate. As an example, teams in the bottom half of the Tour of Texas are ranked very low in AES, in spite of playing in literally the most competitive power league in the USA. Look at the number of teams that play Tour of Texas and then proceed to qualify for OPEN divisions at Junior Nationals. It is frequently 25% of the field. These bottom half Tour teams frequently get ranked on AES below the 2nd teams in their club that play only local or limited schedules. As another example, teams that only play small one-day events and nothing else, frequently pop in the top 50 teams in spite of not playing in any large Region or 2-day events. It looks as if AES is heavily Win % driven.

**IMPROVING RANKINGS:** All LSR sanctioned events are asked to submit the final standings of their event to the Region. If results are submitted, they are incorporated in the info used for the rankings. However, larger event and multiple-day events allow for teams to make bigger moves in the ranks due to the large number of teams playing. Events such as FAST Warm Up, Houston Power League, Tour of Tx Qual, I-35 PL, MLK Challenge, Crosscourt Classic, Central Tx Power League and others, have many LSR teams and a lot of head-to-head opportunities for teams to earn “good wins”. ( Possible indicator events may be designated in future seasons.) Also, all the National Qualifiers results are used. Strong performances at the Qualifier are rewarded as those have historically been good indicators. Teams that have strong Qualifier performances, even without earning wins, versus other Lone Star Region teams, are rewarded with the assumption that the field is strong. Small one-day events do not have much impact on rankings as the field size does not provide much info.

The final ranking of the year will be based on performance at the USAV National Championships, finish at the Lone Star Regional Championships, finish at Lone Star Classic National Qualifier then previous regional rank (in that order). The highest finishing team at Nationals will most likely be the highest ranked team in the final rankings.

**PROTEST FORM:** The “Juniors Ranking Protest Form” is posted on the Junior page of the Region website. This is a method for teams to provide information to the Region for consideration in rank adjustment. Accepted protest will result in an adjustment in the NEXT ranking date, however, egregious ranking errors may lead to immediate adjustments to the current ranking at the discretion of the Region. It is important to follow all the directions. Any manipulation, exclusion, or inaccurate information, leads to immediate rejection and no further effort from the Region is made. All results versus teams in your age group, and in the Lone Star Region are used. Any explanations about injuries, missing players, or bad officiating are irrelevant. Last year’s results, height of your team’s parents, and player shoe size, do not matter (we have received all of those!). Also, if your “best loss” is to the 24th ranked team, that does not mean you are the 25th team. It means you somewhere below the 24th team. All protests receive one short e-mail response. Any further correspondence on the protest is ignored.

Lone Star Region Scoring Committee



# **Lone Star Region USA Volleyball**

## **May 2017 Newsletter**

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