

# Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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## Commissioner's Notes

*Will Vick  
Commissioner  
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The 2018 Indoor Season is here and we have already registered over 16,000 members. We finished the 2017 Season with 19,796 total members, which resulted in an approximate 3 percent increase over the 2016 Season. As of right now, we are on pace with our previous season's registration rate. Again, this season, we will be registering Regular Adult and Junior members, Outdoor Adult and Junior members, and Collegiate members. Pay particular attention to your choice when registering online.

To assist you with your online registrations, email instructions have already been sent to each of the club directors. Instructions are also available on our Website, both on the Registration Page and in the Club/Team Package available in the Reference section. If, after reviewing the On-Line Registration Instructions, you are still having problems getting registration applications completed, you may want to contact your Club Director. If your director is unable to help, you will need to contact our Region Registrar, Karen Tarmon. It is best if you contact her via email (LSRregistrar@gmail.com) since Login information is not provided by phone. Messages can be left at (830) 358-7714. Due to the legal waivers that must be electronically signed, phone applications are not accepted.

Each season, we have a number of members who register with the wrong club or are not satisfied with their choice of clubs. There is no problem changing the club as long as members have not yet played in a sanctioned tournament with their current club. All you need do is contact the Region Registrar or Commissioner, via email, and request the change. However, if you have played with the club in a sanctioned tournament, it is very likely that your request will be denied.

Another issue at the beginning of the season is how to make your membership payments. Payment Procedures are provided to club directors to address this problem. For those of you who have not been in contact with your club, I will give you a brief rundown. First, if you are participating on an Adult team and you are also going to be coaching with a Junior club, you will be expected to pay your registration fees before you will be permitted to play in a sanctioned tournament. This will include the registration fee and background screening fee (if applicable). These situations usually occur due to Adult tournaments taking place before the Junior clubs are formed. For those of you who are affiliated with a Junior club, your club should let you know how the payment is to be made. Some clubs are having the members pay by credit card at the time of registration. Other clubs are still paying the registration fee for their members. Be sure and check with your club, before you start your online registration. There are two payment options available at the time of registration, make sure you are aware of which option you should use. Many members, not affiliated with a particular club, may wish to pay fees by check. If so, they can still make their payments directly to the Region Office: Lone Star Region; 1608 Canyon Oak; Schertz, TX 78154.

Many of our adult players, once they have registered and started playing, decide that they want to become a coach with one of the Junior clubs. If this applies to you, you will need to complete an application for background screening, the Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics (JCPCOE), become SafeSport and IMPACT certified. The background screening, JCPCOE, and SafeSport must be completed before you will be allowed to work with the junior members in any capacity. Additionally, IMPACT is required before you can participate as a coach in a tournament. You can request the background screening by logging on to your record and choosing Submit Background Application, from the Member Area menu. Once the application has been completed, the background screening fee of \$18 will need to be paid by credit card on-line, or sent to the Region Office. Screenings do not begin until the fee is applied to the member record.

Now, here is the part of the Commissioner Notes where I remind you of a few of the important Region Policies: First, **players may only represent one organization during the season.** This means that once a player has registered and played with a team during a sanctioned tournament, they will not be allowed to transfer to another club. Also, **players who are registered with the Region will not participate in any unsanctioned events.** Should our members wish to enter an event of another organization, both the members and the teams must be registered within that organization, and that event must be restricted to only that organization's members. **Members must be registered, adult members properly qualified, and fees paid prior to participating in a USAV or Lone Star Region sanctioned events including practices.** If you are mailing your registration fees to the Region Office, make sure they arrive at least seven (7) days prior to the event in which the member wishes to participate. In case you planned to mail your fee, but have now gotten short on time, you can still log on to your record and make a credit card payment.

Finally, I'm sure by the time you read this Newsletter, the Holiday Wishes will be late for Thanksgiving but early for Christmas but I still want to take the time to write them. I do hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. Let's keep our Sport of Volleyball growing through the 2018 Season by enjoying active participation and outstanding sportsmanship.

## Junior Development News

Richard "Dick" Kappel  
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### New for 2018 GJNC

Under 11s National Division has been added to the GJNC. The LS region will receive one National bid and is sixth in line to receive a second National bid. The bid(s) will be awarded at the LS Junior Regional tournament.

### IMPACT & SAFE SPORT Required for Junior Coaches

All junior coaches must be IMPACT and Safe Sport certified before they can be listed on a Junior team roster. Both courses can be taken online through your USAV membership record. Go to <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp15/IntraLock/Login.wp>; login to your USAV record and select USAV Clinics, then select IMPACT On-Demand and/or SafeSport On-Demand. Further instructions are on the Participant Registration page for each course.

There are also a few in-Region IMPACT clinics listed on the Junior schedule that can be locally attended.

### USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION

Once a player participates (including but not limited to practicing, training, attending workouts and/or competing) in a club or varsity program for any university, college, community college, or junior college, he/she is ineligible to take part in any Regional and National programming, which includes but is not limited to National JNC qualifying and championship events.

**18 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 1999 or Players who were born on or after September 1, 1998 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year

**17 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 2000

**16 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 2001

**15 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 2002

**14 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 2003

**13 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 2004

**12 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 2005

**11 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 2006

**10 and Under Division:** Players who were born on or after September 1, 2007

**Boys 14 and Under Division:** Regionally waived boys teams in the 14 and under age group will be allowed to participate at the USA Junior National Championships using the following age/grade definition: Players who were born on or after September 1, 2003, or Players who were born on or after September 1, 2002 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth grade (8th) during the current academic year. (This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7' 11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.)

*Junior Development News continued next page*

## 2018 LONE STAR JUNIOR REGIONALS

**Feb 10 & 11 – Round Rock – 18's**

**Apr 28 & 29 – Houston – 12's, 13's, & 14's**

**May 5 & 6 – Houston - 11's, 15's, 16's, & 17's**

The top teams from the LS Junior Regional BID Division qualify for a bid in the GJNC Club Divisions as follows:

- 11's - One National Division Bid; (6<sup>th</sup> region in line for a 2<sup>nd</sup> National Bid)
- 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

## 2018 USA VOLLEYBALL GJNC

### Age & Division

### Dates of Competition

18 Open, National, USA, American & Patriot	April 27th - April 29th
17 Open, National, USA, American & Patriot	June 30th - July 3rd
16 Open, National, USA, American & Patriot	July 1st - July 4th
15 Open, National, USA, American & Patriot	June 26th - June 29th
14 Open, National, USA, American & Patriot	June 25th - June 28th
13 Open, National, USA & American	June 29th - July 2nd
12 National & American	June 27th - June 30th
11 National	June 29th - July 1st

## **2018 USAV JUNIOR NATIONAL QUALIFIERS**

### **Schedule & Contacts**

**Event:** [Colorado Crossroads Qualifier](#) - Denver, Colo.  
**Date:** March 10-12: **12s, 13s, 14s, 15s**  
**Date:** March 16-18: **16s, 17s, 18s**  
**Contact:** [Qualifier Staff](#)

**Event:** [Disney Volleyball Showcase](#) - Orlando, Fla.  
**Date:** March 16-18: **11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s, 17s**  
**Contact:** [Kristy Cox, USA Volleyball](#)

**Event:** [Mid East Qualifier](#)  
**Date:** March 17-19: **12s, 13s, 14s, 15s** (Indianapolis, Ind.)  
**Date:** March 23-25: **16s, 17s, 18s** (Indianapolis, Ind.)  
**Contact:** [Qualifier Staff](#)

**Event:** [Pacific Northwest Qualifier](#) - Spokane, Wash.  
**Date:** March 23-25: **15s, 17s, 18s, 16 Open**  
**Date:** March 30 - April 1: **12s, 13s, 14s, 16USA, 16A**  
**Contact:** [April Stark](#)

**Event:** [Windy City National Qualifier](#) - Chicago, Ill.  
**Date:** March 30- April 1 (**All Ages**)  
**Contact:** [Qualifier Staff](#)

**Event:** [Big South Qualifier](#) - Atlanta, Ga.  
**Date:** March 30 - April 1 (**All Ages**)  
**Contact:** [Qualifier Staff](#)

**Event:** [NorthEast National Qualifier](#) - Philadelphia, Pa.  
**Date:** March 31 - April 2: **16s, 17s**  
**Date:** April 6-8: **12s, 13s, 14s, 15s**  
**Contact:** [Julie Rife](#)

**Event:** [Show Me Qualifier](#) - Kansas City, Mo.  
**Date:** April 7-9: **15 Open, 15 USA, 16s, 17s**  
**Date:** April 13-15: **11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15 American**  
**Contact:** [USA Volleyball](#)

**Event:** [Mizuno Lone Star Classic](#) - Dallas, Texas  
**Date:** April 7-9: **11s, 12 American**  
**Date:** April 14-16: **12 National, 13s, 14s, 15 American**  
**Date:** April 20-22: **15 USA, 15 Open, 16s, 17s**  
**Contact:** [Jonathan Paris](#)

**Event:** [Mizuno Northern Lights](#) - Minneapolis, Minn.  
**Date:** April 20-22 - **13s, 14s, 15s**  
**Date:** April 27-29 - **12s, 16s, 17s**  
**Contact:** [Northern Lights Staff](#)

**Event:** [Far Western](#) - Reno, Nev.  
**Date:** April 21-23 - **11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15 American**  
**Date:** April 27-29 - **15 Open, 15 USA, 16s, 17s**  
**Contact:** [Donna Donaghy](#)

**Event:** [Southern California Qualifier](#) - Las Vegas, Nev.  
**Date:** April 21-23: **15s, 16s, 17s**  
**Date:** April 27-29: **12s, 13s, 14s**  
**Contact:** [Ann Davenport](#)

## Adult Tournament News

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*Adult Tournament Director*  
*Lone Region, USA Volleyball*



Welcome to the 2017-2018 USAV season! Adult tourneys started the first weekend of November. Check the Region website, [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org), for the latest updates on tournaments each month.

Remember, as you're forming your teams, that you need 1 referee and 1 scorer on your team roster. Check the region website, under Officials Clinics for the next available clinic date and location.

When entering tournaments, email your team rosters to the tournament host and copy the adult tournament director to also have your rosters verified.

Reminder that Adult Nationals will be in Dallas in May 2018. Any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks!

## From the Scorer's Chair

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



Well, the new season is getting underway. There were no changes in the score sheet this season (Yea!!!). Remember, if you have any questions just ask the referee on your court. You may also review the clinic Power Point by downloading it from the Scorers Summary and Tips page in the Reference section at [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org). 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 102 clinics in 32 cities around the Region! Now, get those ratings completed. We had way too many folks who didn't turned in their score sheets for evaluation last season. One of the requirements for scorers is submission of completed score sheets from two sets. You may take a legible photo and email them to [clcrane@swbell.net](mailto:clcrane@swbell.net) or mail them to me. A completed certification is good for two seasons. Another incentive to wrap up the work.

Remember, all clinics are "All clinics are first come, first serve to the capacity of the venue unless otherwise noted." There are fire codes and logistics that must be dealt with. A BIG thank you to all the generous clubs who choose to host clinics. If your club is interested in hosting, go to [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org), click on Official's Clinics & Info, then Want to host a clinic?. If you meet the criteria listed, we will do our best to provide clinicians on the dates you would like.

Have a great season!

## From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy  
Referee Chair  
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



The referee clinics held in October are now complete and many participants were able to attend, finish the exam, get rated, and in most cases, get certified for a two-season period. Congratulations to that group of players, coaches and officials who are prepared for the 2017-2018 season.

Do you need to attend a referee or scorer clinic, or does your club need to host clinics? Please review the criteria for hosting a clinic at [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org), using the tab "Officials Clinics & Info", and scrolling down to the bottom of the webpage.

Here is the policy from the Lone Star Region Members Handbook on having a referee and scorer on each team prior to entering in a tournament:

### **AT LEAST ONE REFEREE AND SCORER REQUIRED**

*Each team is required to have at least one Referee and one Scorer (not the same person) to play in a sanctioned tournament. Applications can be obtained by contacting the REFEREE CHAIR or the SCORER CHAIR listed inside the front cover of this handbook. Teams must have, listed as a member of their roster, a certified referee and a certified scorekeeper to compete in the Regional Championships. Anyone over the age of 18 will need to complete the Provisional scorer or Referee certification.*

We have several rule changes this season in the 2017-2019 Indoor Domestic Competition Regulations. This major new rule information is being shared at referee clinics, but you can also find the rule changes listed at [www.LSvolleyball.org](http://www.LSvolleyball.org), using the tab "Officials Clinics & Info," and then scrolling down a little to find the link.

We are always being queried, where can I get more training and information about volleyball rules? Please find below some resources that will help you understand the rules better, and by using them you will continue to be a 'student of the game.'

**Rules Comparison (USAV/NCAA/NFHS):** [https://pavo.org/Portals/0/docs/FINAL\\_2017\\_Rule%20Comparison\\_NCAA-NFHS-USAV.pdf?ver=2017-09-05-191221-443](https://pavo.org/Portals/0/docs/FINAL_2017_Rule%20Comparison_NCAA-NFHS-USAV.pdf?ver=2017-09-05-191221-443)

**USAV Casebook of Approved Rules:** [https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/includes\\_rules\\_interps/indoor/15-17%20Casebook%202-15-17%20FINAL.pdf](https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/includes_rules_interps/indoor/15-17%20Casebook%202-15-17%20FINAL.pdf)

**USAV Domestic Competition Regulations (2017-2019 rule book):** [https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/rules\\_interpretations\\_indoor\\_dcr.php](https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor_dcr.php)

After becoming a USAV member please review materials at the USAV Academy (log into your USAV WebPoint database account at <https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org>, then click on the red box listed as "USAV Academy" on the bottom left side of the webpage to link over to the training site); these training materials will help you to prepare for the season. These materials include modules (topics for indoor, outdoor, scoring, etc.), various materials, updates, interpretations, and more...great training site for USAV members (at the Academy use the tab "Course Catalog," then "Officiating Education Materials," and then "Indoor Officiating Materials"). These materials can be taken for 'credit' or 'no credit,' but the Lone Star Region typically does not give credit for the modules online.

Best regards!





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