

Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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Newsletter*

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Commissioner's Notes

Will Vick
Commissioner
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



ACCOLADES

With 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 2018 Season, I had the pleasure of nominating five of our hard working members for the **2018 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award**.

Every season, USA Volleyball recognizes a maximum of 5 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 2018 Season recipients:

David Hallimore - Tournaments, Inc.
Joseph D. Lind - Club Director, Junior Coach, and Tournament Host with TAV Houston
Hannah J. Roberts - Tournament Host with Austin Junior Volleyball
Daniel Scott - Club Director and Junior Coach with Tri-County Volleyball Club
Kelle Sullivan - Club Director, Coach, Trainer, and Tournament Host with Texas Tigers

In addition to the above members, we had many others who made outstanding contributions to the Region throughout the 2018 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 **Grindmode**, for their Gold medal finish in the Women's AA Division of the **2018 Open National Championships** and also to **AP 16 Asics** for their Gold medal finish in the American Division at the **Girls' Junior National Championships**. Be sure to view the photos of our 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.

REGISTRATION

Registrations for the 2018–2019 Season will start after September 1, 2018. Even though the registrations are scheduled to start on September 1st, we are recommending that you wait a couple of days before beginning. This will give USA Volleyball an extra day or two 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 soon posted to our website. 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.

Registration instructions are on the Registration Page of the Region web site: www.LSvolleyball.org, and were distributed to all Club Directors through Commissioner email. Registrations, via the USAV Webpoint system, is an individual online application system and has been designed for each member to complete their own registration. **Club directors should not process registrations for 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 2018 members, providing them with their contact information. This action is automatic every September 1st. 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 USAV Webpoint. Without email communications, members will not be able to retrieve their contact information from USA Volleyball, or the Region Office.

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Should any member have a problem with the online registration system, they should contact the Region Registrar, Karen Tarmon, at LSRregistrar@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 2019 Season (\$45 for Regular Adult and Regular Junior memberships). Payment procedures will remain the same as they were for the 2018 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 2019 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, 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.

ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN JUNIOR PROGRAM OR EVENTS

Whether club director, coach, chaperone, scorer, or referee, all adults working in a Junior program of USAV or working Junior events are required to have the following prior to participating: CURRENT adult membership with USAV, acceptance of the Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics, USAV clearance in background screening, and SafeSport certification. Coaches additionally require IMPACT certification. Make sure the adults in your program are properly credentialed prior to attending a sanctioned event whether practice or tournament.

CREATE A CLUB

Creating a new Adult or Junior Club/Team can be accomplished by logging on to the Region Website, 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 clubs in our USAV 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 USAV 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.

Junior Development News

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



2018 Girls' Junior National Championships

92 Lone Star Region teams qualified to participate

Congratulations to AP 16 ASICS for winning 1st Place in AMERICAN 16 Division!

Gold Division Top Finishes

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|-----|-------------|--------------------------|
| 5th | 12 American | AJV 12 Mizuno |
| 2nd | 13 American | TX Tornados 13 Mizuno |
| 5th | 13 USA | W Revolution 13 Premier |
| 3rd | 13 National | AP 13 Asics |
| 2nd | 14 USA | SA Magic 14 Elite |
| 5th | 14 USA | Texas Tornados 14 Mizuno |
| 5th | 14 National | AVA TX 14 Team Rox |
| 3rd | 15 American | Austin Skyline 15 Royal |
| 5th | 15 USA | AVA TX 15 Team Rox |
| 3rd | 15 National | AJV 15 Mizuno |
| 5th | 15 Open | SA Magic 15 Elite |
| 3rd | 15 Open | H Skyline 15 Royal |
| 1st | 16 American | AP 16 Asics |
| 5th | 16 USA | HOU Stellar 16 Elite |
| 5th | 16 National | CC Force 161 Crossfire |
| 5th | 16 Open | AJV 16 Mizuno |
| 3rd | 17 American | SA Sting 17 Black |
| 5th | 17 American | W Revolution 17 Elite-KW |
| 5th | 17 National | W Revolution 17 Premier |
| 3rd | 18 American | AVA TX 18 Team Rox |
| 5th | 18 American | H Skyline 18 Royal |
| 2nd | 18 Open | SA Magic 18 Elite |
| 3rd | 18 Open | TX Tornados 18 Mizuno |

2018 Boys' Junior National Championships

Congratulations to LS Region teams represented at Junior Nationals!

Gold Division Top Finishes

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| 5th | 15 Club | AJV 15 Mizuno Boys |
| 2nd | 16 Club | HVA 16 Performance |

2018 High Performance Championships

Congratulations to LS Region teams represented at HP Championships!

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| 8th | Girls National Select | Lone Star Select |
| 7th | Girls National Youth | Lone Star Youth |
| 2nd | Girls Future Select | Lone Star Future Select |
| 2nd | Boys Regional Div | Texoma Select Black |
| 7th | Boys National Div | Texoma Youth Black |
| 11th | Boys National Div | Texoma Youth White |
| 9th | Boys International Div | Lone Star Junior Black |

2019 Junior Volleyball National Qualifiers

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/girls-indoor/2019-girls-junior-national-qualifiers>

Tentative USAV 2019 Qualifiers & GJNC

- Feb 1-3, Lone Star 18's Qualifier (Houston)
- Feb 15-17, AVC Dallas 18's Qualifier (Dallas)
- March 9-11 (11's-15's) & March 15-17 (16's-18's), Colorado Crossroads (Denver)
- March 15-17, Sunshine (Orlando)
- March 15-17 (11's-14's, 15A, 15U), Mideast (St Louis)
- March 22-24 (15O, 16's-18's), Mideast (Indianapolis)
- March 22-24 & March 29-31, Pacific Northwest (Spokane)
- April 19-21, Windy City (Chicago)
- April 6-8 (15's-18's) & April 12-14 (11's-14"s), Big South (Atlanta)
- April 13-15 (11's-14's) & April 19-21 (15's-17's), Northeast (Philadelphia)
- April 4-8 (15's-17's) & April 12-14 (11's-14's), Show Me (Kansas City)
- Apr 13-15 (11's-14's) & Apr 19-21 (15's-17's), Lone Star Classic (Dallas)
- April 19-21 (13's-15's) & April 26-28 (11's, 12's, 15's, 16's), Northern Lights (Minneapolis)
- April 13-15 & April 26-28, Far West (Reno)
- April 4-8 (15's-17's) & April 12-14 (11's-14's) Southern Calf (Las Vegas)
- April 26-28, 2019 18's GJNC (Dallas)
- June 27-July 6, 2019 GJNC (Indianapolis)

Adult Tournament News

Thang Nguyen

Adult Tournament Director

Lone Region, USA Volleyball



Dear Adult Players, Team and Club Reps,

I'd like to welcome everyone to the 2018-2019 USAV Season. Congratulations to Grindmode for winning gold in women's AA and Homeboyz for being finalists in men's BB in Dallas. Just so y'all know now, USAV Adult Open Nationals will be in Columbus, Ohio from May 24-29, 2019.

With the end of summer and 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 2018-2019 Indoor Season begins Saturday, November 3, 2018. 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, 2018. 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.

Start early to avoid the last minute rush. 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!

From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



As we head toward the 2018-2019 USAV season in the Lone Star Region, it is our unofficial goal to again reach 20,000 members and create a fantastic environment for our outstanding athletes. Thanks in advance for doing your part to make this season a great one for our players.

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) in the greater areas around Houston or eastern parts of the region, David Plaisance (drp2nd@hotmail.com) in the greater areas around Austin or northern parts of the region, or Thomas Hoy (thoy@satx.rr.com) in the greater areas around San Antonio, or southern and western parts of the region.

Only one new rule change for the 2018-2019 season and it involves uniforms. Please know the rules and be careful in your purchases—“**USAV 4.3.3.1**: Color combinations such as purple/black, dark green/black, navy/ black, white/light yellow or navy/maroon and others [sic] are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules. **NOTE: Beginning with the 2018-2019 season, the color of the number must clearly contrast with the color of the jersey irrespective of any border around the number.**” *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, mostly with the a) team jersey, b) number, and/or c) Libero jersey not contrasting in color. Please continue to send me your pictures. 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 on the chest and upper back. For all national events, the tournament director will decide on uniform legality and compliance, but for the Lone Star Region the Board of Directors will have the referees and referee chair will make decisions on uniforms.*

Also join me in congratulating all the referees that completed referee certification in the Lone Star Region during the 2017-2018 season. The referee certification is good for two seasons, but we recommend that all recently certified officials attend a referee clinic, at no charge, this upcoming season to be up-to-date. Congratulations to Ricardo Elizondo, Bev Michelson, Jeff Peters and Jeff Wheeler, our new Lone Star Region Junior National Referees. All were certified at the USAV GJNC Championships this past summer.

From the Scorer's Chair

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



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 2017-19 release is available for download on the USA Volleyball site at this link: 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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