

Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

February, 2018 Newsletter

Inside this Issue

<i>Commissioner's Notes</i>	<i>Pages 2</i>
<i>2018 USAV National Championships</i>	<i>Page 3</i>
<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>	<i>Page 3</i>
<i>From the Referee's Stand</i>	<i>Page 4</i>
<i>From the Scorer's Chair</i>	<i>Page 4</i>
<i>Junior Development News</i>	<i>Pages 5-6</i>
<i>Adult Tournament News</i>	<i>Page 7</i>

Commissioner's Notes

*Will Vick
Commissioner
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball*



Let's start with HAPPY NEW YEAR and I hope your 2018 Season is going well. Registrations seem to be going well for the new season. We currently have registered over 19,470 members and still have approximately 100 unpaid members listed in our registration system. It's time for club directors to review their club database and ensure that all of their membership fees have been 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 each player is 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.

This is the time of the season where 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. If you are one of these members and wish to request a transfer, you will need to contact the Region Office. If you have already played with the club, in a sanctioned tournament, it is very likely that your request will be denied. The Region policy has always been 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. If a member has already participated in a sanctioned event and still wishes to change clubs, the transfer will not be allowed. But, this does not always stop a member from dropping off the team, for the remainder of the season. In this case, we have allowed members to continue to train with other clubs, on a space available basis, but they could not be placed on a team roster, or compete in a USA Volleyball sanctioned indoor event. They are allowed to compete in beach tournament since they are not required to have a club affiliation in order to compete in Beach Events.

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 to 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. Junior Clubs should go on-line to <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Events> to download the Tournament Manual and read the application instructions. There will be more information in this newsletter regarding the LS Region Bid tournament, and how it ties with the 2018 Girls Junior National Championships.

2018 USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2018 USA Volleyball Open Champions Tournament Manual is already on the USA Volleyball website.
<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/calendar/2018/may/25/usav-open%20/>

All events will be played in Dallas, Texas, on May 25-30, 2018. Entry information, fees, and entry deadlines are available in the Manual. **All entry forms and checks for the 2018 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.

Note: There have been a number of major changes for the 2018 event. Be sure and check the 2018 Tournament Manual. If you have any problems, contact Irina Damy at the USAV National Office, irina.damy@usav.org or 719-228-6800.

The 2018 Girls' Junior National Championships will be in Detroit, Michigan, June 25–July 4, and the 2018 Girls' 18s Junior National Championships will be in Anaheim, California, April 27-29. The 2018 Boys' Championships will be in Phoenix, Arizona, July 2-9. Additional information and entry instructions are outlined in the Tournament Manuals on the USA Volleyball website and in an additional article, in this Newsletter.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual Board of Directors meeting will be on Friday, March 23rd. The meeting is open to all members 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. Those positions up for elections are:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Vice Commissioner	Hal Naumann
Secretary	Carrie Baehr
Referee's Chairman	Thomas Hoy
Junior Development Director	Dick Kappel
Tournament Director	Thang Nguyen
Player Representative (Men)	Marc Holmquist

Area Representatives

Austin
Brazos Valley

Virgie Mallett
Wally Simpson



**Make the Commitment
Stop Abuse in Sport**
Brought to you by the U.S. Olympic Committee's SafeSport initiative



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

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



A special thanks to all the clubs that scheduled clinics at their facilities and accepted large numbers of members to participate. We will only have a few 'last chance' clinics now, so if you still need to participate in a referee clinic please plan now by going to www.lsvolleyball.org and using the tab "Officials Clinics & Info" to see what clinics will be posted in late February and March.

Some of the USAV rules that we need to revisit come from coach complaints, and recently, I was contacted by several coaches who want to emphasize rules we covered in the clinics but they felt these rules not being called correctly.

- 1) It is LEGAL to cross the centerline, UNLESS there is interference with an opposing player, a safety concern when an opposing player is very close by, or when the player goes completely under the net.
- 2) It is LEGAL to contact the net, UNLESS it creates an advantage, it hinders the opponent's legitimate effort to play the ball, or a player is in the action of playing the ball between the antennas.
- 3) It is LEGAL for players to overlap teammates that are not adjacent to their position, so UNLESS the player is out of position with the two players next to them in the rotation it is not a fault.
- 4) It is LEGAL for fans to use noisemakers, UNLESS event management chooses to disallow it.
- 5) It is LEGAL to play a ball that is off of the SportCourt, UNLESS the player does not have some body part in contact with the SportCourt at the moment the ball is played. Thanks for reviewing how you call these rules.

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 box labelled "ATTENTION In-Progress Referees." Teams need to have a certified referee to enter the Lone Star Region Junior Regional Tournaments, so please do not wait on getting the ratings finished.

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. The new DCR (Domestic Competition Regulation) is out and there were no changes in the score sheet this season (Yea!!!).

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. You may even have them at the scorer table with you.

As of this writing, we have scheduled a whopping 169 clinics in 52 cities around the Region! Absolutely no excuses for missing a clinic.

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 snail mail them to me. A completed certification is good for two seasons. Another incentive to wrap up the work. Regionals are just around the corner, so try and get everything completed by then.

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

Junior Development News

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



2018 Lone Star Regionals

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

Mar 21 for 12's, 13's, & 14's divisions

Mar 25 for 11's, 15's, 16's, & 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 2018 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 2018 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 LS Regionals, then their original USA bid remains with the Region and will be awarded to the next highest team placement of the LS Regional tournament.
- d) If a team having an American bid wins a National bid at LS Regionals, then their original American bid remains with the Region and will be awarded to the next highest team placement of the LS 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 USAV 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.

BID DIVISION ENTRIES

Bids for the 2018 GJNC National and American divisions can be earned through participation in the Lone Star Junior Regional Championship tournament. All Bid divisions in the LS Regionals will be limited to a maximum of 64 teams. The 64 teams accepted into the Bid division will be determined by the LSR Jr Development Director's Ranking 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 28 for ages 12, 13, 14, and on April 4 for age groups 11, 15, 16, 17.

NON-BID ENTRIES

The **Non-Bid** division is for teams competing for the Regional Championship who do not wish to continue to the 2018 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.

Junior Development News continued next page

LS REGION BID ALLOCATIONS

The top teams from the LSR Junior Regional Bid Division qualify for a bid in the 2018 GJNC Club Divisions as follows:

- 11's - **One** National Division 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

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 2018 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.

2018 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 Region 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 Region 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 the 2018 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.

QUALIFIED TEAMS FOR 2018 GIRLS' 18s JNC

TX Tornados 18 Mizuno	Open	2 nd @ AVC Dallas
HJV 18 Elite	USA	1 st @ AVC Dallas
SA Force 181 Dark Side	USA	2 nd @ AVC Dallas
GCVA 181 Coast	American	1 st @ AVC Dallas
SA Magic 18 ELITE	National	1 st @ LS 18's Regional
AsicsWillowbrook18Gold	National	2 nd @ LS 18's Regional
Alamo 18 Premier	American	3 rd @ LS 18's Regional
AVA TX 18 Team Rox	American	4 th @ LS 18's Regional
AJV 18 Mizuno	American	5 th @ LS 18's Regional

QUALIFIED TEAMS FOR 2018 BJNC

AJV 18 Mizuno Boys	Open	1 st @ Southwest Boys
HVA 151 Performance	Open	1 st @ Southwest Boys
SA Magic Boys 18 Elite	USA	1 st @ Southwest Boys

Adult Tournament News

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



The Lone Star Region Adult Regional Championships are on Saturday, March 24th. Sign up to play to see who will be Region Champs for 2018!

The 2018 Adult Open Championships will be held in Dallas, Texas, May 25-30. Get your teams together, register, and pay fees to play at Nationals as it's always a great time. .

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!

Thang Nguyen
Adult Tournament Director
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



**2018 OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
May 25– May 30, 2018
Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center Dallas, TX**

**Email: opens@usav.org
Phone: (719) 228-6800
Fax: (719) 228-6899
Mailing Address: USA Volleyball c/o 2018 Opens
4065 Sinton Road, Ste. 200 Colorado Springs, CO 80907**



Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

February 2018 Newsletter

Karen Tarmon, Registrar
Lone Star Region USA Volleyball
3957 Wensledale Drive
Cibolo, TX 78108