

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



COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Our Lone Star Regional Championships are finished and plans are now underway for the 2019 Season. The Adult Regional Championships were hosted by Thang Nguyen, Adult Tournament Director. Katy Volleyball Academy again provided their Faith West facility for the event. The Junior Regional Championships and Junior Regional Bid Tournaments, hosted by EM2 and TOURNAMENTS INC., were played on two separate weekends at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The Girls 18 Regional Championships, held earlier in the season, was hosted by EM2 and also held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. A great job was done by all hardworking members who were responsible for hosting each of these Regional events.

For the remainder of the 2018 Indoor Season, we have our Girls' and Boys' Junior National Championships to still take place. The 2018 Girls' Junior National Championships in Detroit, Michigan, is scheduled for June 25th through July 4th. The 2018 Boys Junior National Championships will be in Phoenix, Arizona, on July 2nd through July 9th. According to the large number of teams we had qualify this season, we should be well represented at both events.

Our overall membership has continued to grow for the 2018 Season. We ended the 2017 Season with a total of 19,796 registered members. As of May 31st, our records reflect a total of 20,052 paid members and we will continue to register a number of Outdoor players before the end of the Season. We currently have 81 members still listed on the **UNPAID List** in the Region database. These are members who have registered on-line but have not yet paid their individual registration fees for the 2018 Season. Most of these individuals are players but we also have a few officials and coaches on the list. Registrations are not completed until all fees have been paid. Unpaid members need to go online to add their credit card or have their club mail the registration fees into the Region Office. These records must be cleared before we can start registrations for the 2019 Season. Hopefully, registered members who actually participated in sanctioned events or practices will have their fees updated. **Club directors, you will have until the end July to get these "unpaid" members straightened out as we will start deleting applications from the system as soon as all our competitions have been completed for this season. I'm sure members will be interested to know that they were not actually registered when they had been participating in sanctioned events.**

Registrations for the 2019 Season will begin on September 1st 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 to pay your fees on-line by credit card or if your club will be making your payments. **Should new or renewing members register for Indoor play prior to September 1st, they will be registering for only the remainder of the 2018 Season and said membership will expire on October 31st, 2018.** With the limited number of remaining opportunities to play Indoor events, I would think that the majority of our new registrations prior to September 1st, will be for the **Outdoor events.**

If you plan to file a renewal application for the 2019 Season, you'll need to know your **log-in information**. The best way to keep track of this information is for each member to periodically review their records and make sure email and mailing addresses are kept current. If you did not keep a record of your login information, go to the Region website at www.LSVolleyball.org and select **Registration** from the top menu options. The **Forgot Password** prompt is located beneath the Registration prompts. The Region Registrar is Karen Tarmon and she can be contacted at LSregistrar@gmail.com. She can also be reached at (830) 358-7714 but registration problems can be better handled via the internet.

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. 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 the Region does not get involved in the financial arrangements between the clubs and its members.

Our Annual Board of Meeting was held on March 23rd, in Houston. A copy of our Board Minutes is being published in this issue of the Newsletter. The Meeting was held on the Friday night prior to the Adult Regional Championships. Please take the opportunity to read through these minutes since any changes addressed will be those which affect us during the 2019 Season.

As you prepare for the 2019 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.

2018 Board of Director's Meeting

**Lone Star Volleyball Association
Minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, March 23, 2018
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 8:15 PM.

ROLL CALL: Absent but excused were Eddie Dahl, Jr., Michael Inlow, Debbie Trainor, and Crystal Lyne.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was held for Ed Dahl.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The 2017 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Steve Crane moved/ Thomas Hoy seconded).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written. (Mark Papich moved/ Steve Crane seconded).

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2019 Meeting will be held in conjunction with the LSR Adult Regional Championship tournament. (Virgie Mallet moved/ Thang Nguyen seconded). Adult Regionals will remain at Faith West Academy. Location for the Board Meeting is under review and will be posted at a later time. The specific date of the meeting will be determined at the scheduling of the LSR 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. (Hal Naumann moved/ Mark Papich seconded).

Voting for the position of Austin Area Representative was held. Virgie Mallet will continue to represent the Austin Area for the Lone Star Region. Results accepted. (Gordon Morrison moved / Mar Resendiz 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 2016-2017 Season with 19,796 individuals, and 1,562 teams. As of March 23, 2018, we have registered 19,684 individuals and 1,610 teams.

SCORER CHAIR REPORT: Steve Crane reported that there were 3,735 completed scorers with more attempting to complete as of the meeting day. Scorer clinics were held in 52 different cities. He reported that the Region currently has certified two International Scorers, six qualified International Scorers, 20 National Scorers, 18 Regional Scorers, 133 Provisional Scorers, and 3,556 Junior Olympic Scorers, as of March 23, 2018. 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 two National Scorer candidates for the 2018 Season, Mark Begnoche and Joe Lizama.

REFEREE'S CHAIR: Thomas Hoy reported that the 2017-2018 volleyball season has been very active with clinics, ratings, and tournaments. The LSR currently has 40 National, 32 Junior National, 108 Certified Regional, 1,305 Certified Provisional, 133 Certified Junior, 120 Junior R2 referees, and 141 Adult R2 referees. Dr. Hoy reported that the Region is recommending five Junior National Referee Candidates. The Lone Star Region has certified a new record number of referees, and the Region continues our mission to foster training for referees to support amateur volleyball competition.

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Thang Nguyen reported that the women's Lone Star Adult Regional tournament was canceled due to 2 teams dropping out on Wednesday. For the 2017-18 Season there were 13 men's teams, and 22 women's teams. Thang expressed concern about the lack of participation in the Adult Program.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased. The Lone Star High Performance teams from 2017 finished well, and the Region will continue to support High Performance Program with three girls' teams and one team of boys.

AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Virgie Mallet reported that beach volleyball continues to grow and grow. Indoor is steadily growing.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that everything is still growing. The area has a new indoor site that juniors are using.

BEAUMONT AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Steve Boucher stated that growth is steady, and they are continuing to get referees certified throughout the area.

BRAZOS VALLEY AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Wally Simpson reported that the Brazos Valley Area continues to grow and is doing well. A lot of interest in the younger age groups.

BUSINESS:

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM: The Region will continue to pay the entry fees for a maximum of three Junior Girls and one Junior Boys High Performance Teams going to the National High Performance Championship.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES – 2018/2019 SEASON: 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.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES 2018/2019 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 multi-day events. All rostered team members are exempt from these fees (this includes players, coaches, chaplains, 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.

SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2018: Karen Tarmon - All region leadership and tournament directors have completed SafeSport. Safe Sport will be a renewable two year program. It will continue to be free.

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.

LEGALITY OF UNIFORMS: The head referee at each tournament will make the decision on legality of court uniforms. If there is not a head referee, the R1 (Coach) will make the official call. Any issue should be reported to Dick Kappel.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was held for Linda Fletcher.

APPOINTMENT: Due to the loss of Edward Dahl, Will Vick filled the Treasurer position with Ed's son, Eddie Dahl, Jr. (Virgie Mallet moved, Steve Boucher seconded)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 10:21 P.M. (Thang Nguyen moved/ Marc Holmquist seconded)

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Baehr

Secretary

From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



Speaking for the entire referee crew, we would like to 1) thank all the referees that spent time rating our coaches and players, 2) thank our national-level referees that prepared the teams to officiate through our clinics held from October through April this season (over 171 clinics in 52 cities), and also 3) thank our members who went through this referee process to understand the rules and to make the game fair for all. We could not have done this without the help of the clubs and tournament directors. Some special thanks also to the tournament directors, club directors, and coaches who went on to get higher referee certification this season so they could help their members get the needed ratings for certification.

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 send me a picture or attachment so we can add you to the list of certified referees (thoy@satx.rr.com). Please remember that if you are still listed as "in-progress" on WebPoint (USAV database) then you probably still need ratings. Go to 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 five tournaments where we still have raters assigned. Ratings must be turned in by the deadline—October 31, 2018. We have rated at over 200 tournaments, scrimmages, and rating clinics this season. Thanks again to the tournament and club directors who scheduled and made this possible.

A heads up for next season, if you were certified this season you can attend any referee clinic next season free of charge (since you are currently certified). Just sign in 'pre-paid' at the clinic. There will be some changes and specifically you need to know about the adjustments regarding uniform requirements. Have a great post-season!

From the Scorer's Chair

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



Welcome to the summer!

What a productive season! We conducted 171 official's clinics in 52 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 the Registrar and Junior Director), we now have 4,351 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. (The absolute, final deadline is 10/31/18!)

We have two candidates for National Scorer that will attend their final rating session at Boy's in Phoenix next month. If you see them, wish Mark Begnoche and Joe Lizama the best.

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 – QUIT IT!

Have a great summer and enjoy a little Beach volleyball.

Adult Tournament News

Thang Nguyen
Adult Tournament Director
Lone Region, USA Volleyball



2018 Adult Regionals Results

Men's A
Texas Airborne

Men's B
Austin Block Party

The 2018 Adult Regionals did not have any competing teams in the Women's Division.



2018 USA VOLLEYBALL OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women's AA Division - 1st Place



Grindmode

Front Row (L-R): Kristina Childress, Yvonne Ramirez, Justyna Brewczyk

Back Row (L-R): Lauren Wicinski*, Jillian Sawatzky*, Allison Sawatzky* **, Maria Kliefoth*, Emily Fraik, Stephanie Minnerly

**** MVP**

*** Women's AA Division All-Tournament Team**

Junior Development News

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



2018 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

Bid Division Results

Level	Place	Team
12	1st	ST Lightning 12 White
	2nd	ST Lightning 12 Red
	3rd	Fr Challenge Elite 12 Roy
	3rd	Texas One - 12 Gray
13	1st	VALLEY VENOM - 131 RED
	2nd	Ignite 131
	3rd	Texas Coastal 13 Maroon
	3rd	ST Lightning 13 Red
14	1st	HJV 13 Elite
	2nd	Ignite 141
	3rd	Texas One - 14 Navy
	3rd	SA Force 142 National
15	1st	TX Tornados 14 Mizuno
	2nd	H Skyline 15 White
	3rd	Houston Force 15-1
	3rd	Alamo HC 15 Nat

Level	Place	Team
16	1st	Alamo 14 Premier
	2nd	KATY VBA 16 Black
	3rd	Huffman IMPACT 16
	3rd	HJV 16 Molten
17	1st	AVA TX 15 Team Rox
	2nd	Xcel Volleyball 172
	3rd	HOU STELLAR 17 SELECT
	3rd	SA Force 173 Select
18	1st	FMTVA 18 Purple
	2nd	Corpus Christi Storm 181
	3rd	CENTRAL TX ACE 181

Non-Bid Division Results

Level	Place	Team
11	1st	W Revolution 11 Premier
	2nd	SA Xtreme 11
	3rd	New Age VC - 11 Select
12	1st	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno
	2nd	SA Xtreme 12
	3rd	AJV 12 Mizuno
13	1st	AJV 13 Mizuno
	2nd	AP 13 Asics
	3rd	H Skyline 13 Royal
14	1st	H Skyline 14 Royal
	2nd	HJV 14 Elite
	3rd	AVA TX 14 Team Rox

Level	Place	Team
15	1st	AJV 15 Mizuno
	2nd	W Revolution 15 Premier
	3rd	Alamo 15 Premier
16	1st	CC Force 161 Crossfire
	2nd	Alamo 16 Premier
	3rd	HJV 16 Elite
17	1st	W Revolution 17 Premier
	2nd	HOU STELLAR 17 ELITE
	3rd	W Revolution 17 Elite-KW
18	1st	SA Magic 18 ELITE
	2nd	Asics Willowbrook 18 Gold
	3rd	Alamo 18 Premier

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2018 Girls' Junior National Championship

Lone Star Region Competing Teams

Level	Division	Team
11	Nat	W Revolution 11 Premier
	Nat	SA Xtreme 11
	Nat	New Age VC - 11 Select
12	Nat	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno
	Nat	SA Xtreme 12
	Amr	AJV 12 Mizuno
	Amr	Alamo 12 Premier
13	Open	Alamo 13 Premier
	Nat	AJV 13 Mizuno
	Nat	AP 13 Asics
	USA	W Revolution 13 Premier
	USA	HJV 13 Elite
	USA	H Skyline 13 Royal
	Amr	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	Amr	TCVA 13 Green Adidas
	Amr	SA Magic 13 ELITE
	Amr	TAV Houston 13 Black
	Amr	AsicsWillowbrook13Gold
14	Open	TAV Houston 14 Black
	Open	Austin Skyline 14 Royal
	Open	Alamo 14 Premier
	Open	H Skyline 14 Royal
	Open	HJV 14 Elite
	Nat	AVA TX 14 Team Rox
	Nat	AJV 14 Mizuno
	USA	W Revolution 14 Premier
	USA	TCVA 14 Green Adidas
	USA	SA Magic 14 ELITE
	USA	Texas Tornados 14 Mizuno
	Amr	HOU STELLAR 14 ELITE
	Amr	HJV 14 Premier
	Amr	AJV 14 Molten
	Amr	WE GOT GAME - 14
15	Open	SA Magic 15 ELITE
	Open	H Skyline 15 Royal
	Open	HJV 15 Elite
	Nat	AJV 15 Mizuno
	Nat	W Revolution 15 Premier
	USA	H Skyline 15 Black
	USA	AVA TX 15 Team Rox
	USA	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
	USA	AsicsWillowbrook15Gold
	USA	Alamo 15 Premier
	Amr	SA Magic 15 PREMIER
	Amr	AP 15 Asics
	Amr	Austin Skyline 15 Royal
	Amr	Austin Skyline 15 Black
	Amr	TAV Houston 15 Black
	Amr	Alamo 15 Elite

Level	Division	Team
16	Open	H Skyline 16 Royal
	Open	AJV 16 Mizuno
	Open	HJV 16 Elite
	Nat	CC Force 161 Crossfire
	Nat	Alamo 16 Premier
	USA	TAV Houston 16 Black
	USA	HOU STELLAR 16 ELITE
	USA	AVA TX 16 Team Rox
	USA	SA Magic 16 PREMIER
	USA	HJV 16 Elite - S
	Amr	HJV 16 Premier
	Amr	AsicsWillowbrook16Gold
	Amr	Renegades 16 Black
	Amr	SA Magic 16 ELITE
	Amr	AP 16 Asics
	Amr	Upward Stars Houston 161
17	Open	H Skyline 17 Royal
	Open	AJV 17 Mizuno
	Open	HJV 17 Elite
	Open	SA Magic 17 ELITE
	Nat	W Revolution 17 Premier
	Nat	HOU STELLAR 17 ELITE
	USA	TAV Houston 17 Black
	Amr	HJV 17 Elite - S
	Amr	TX Tornados 17 Black
	Amr	SA Magic 17 SHOWCASE
	Amr	W Revolution 17 Elite-KW
	Amr	SA STING 17 BLACK
18	Open	TX Tornados 18 Mizuno
	Open	SA Magic 18 ELITE
	Open	AJV 18 Mizuno
	Nat	Asics Willowbrook 18 Gold
	Nat	Alamo 18 Premier
	USA	HJV 18 Elite
	USA	SA Force 181 Dark Side
	USA	TAV Houston 18 Black
	USA	HJV 18 Elite - South
	Amr	GCVA 181 Coast
	Amr	AVA TX 18 Team Rox
	Amr	SA STING 18 BLACK
	Amr	H Skyline 18 Royal

2018 Boys' Junior National Championship Lone Star Region Competing Teams

<u>Division</u>	<u>Team</u>
18 Open	AJV 18 Mizuno Boys
15 Open	HVA 151 PERFORMANCE
18 USA	SA MAGIC BOYS 18 ELITE



SPORTSMANSHIP

An aspiration that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors.

Enjoy this great example of sportsmanship exhibited between a North Texas Region and Lone Star Region team.

Hello!!

We had the pleasure of playing the LV 11 Rox team this weekend at Lone Star Classic and I wanted to drop you a note about our experience.

My team played Rox on Saturday night in the last match of the evening. Rox was the #1 seed; we were #2. We knew we'd have a battle on our hands, as we watched the team play earlier. The match started out a little slow (for us!) and we lost 10-25. However, my team picked up speed and won the second set 27-25. The third set was an all-out battle. Rox was up; then we caught up and went up; point for point, rally for rally, it was a 100% effort on the part of both teams. Sadly—for us—we fell short and lost 14-16. I had girls in tears. After we shook hands, the Rox girls ran over to where my team had gathered and started hugging them! My girls were told "We knew you'd be really tough!" and "That was the hardest match ever—you guys are awesome!" That kind gesture turned a very disappointing moment into one of the brightest spots of our season. It's sadly rare to have that type of sportsmanship at the club level and we—girls, parents and coaches—were impressed by the humility, kindness and sportsmanship shown by the Rox team.

Fast forward to today and we notice that Rox is playing a third set. My girls instantly run over and cheer on the team through the whole set, as loudly as they can. I mean, they made up cheers on the spot and screamed and clapped for every point won!! When Rox won, my team ran to the sidelines to get high-fives and celebrate with your girls.

I was able to speak to some of the Rox parents and they said that they were so touched by the kindness from both of our teams and wished there was more of it in our sport.

We ended up playing for our Flight championship and guess who came to our court to shag for our warmup? Yep—11 Rox. They also stayed as long as they could to cheer us on!

Both teams commented on how excited they were to have "made new friends" and I hope that feeling follows them and encourages them to continue to be good sports through their volleyball careers.

I just wanted to say thank you to the LV Rox team—kids, coaches and parents—for giving and receiving kindness and good sportsmanship in a very long tournament this weekend. We only wish y'all lived closer so we could scrimmage on a regular basis!

Best of luck on your remaining season and we will always be on the lookout for you so we can cheer you on!!

Sincerely,

Arete Head Coach
11 Steel, 14 Blue
McKinney, TX



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May 2018 Newsletter

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