

# 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*



Since this is the first newsletter of the 2019 Season, I'll start with HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all. Registrations seem to be going well for the new season. We currently have registered just over 20,000 members and still have a few unpaid members listed in our registration system. It's time for club directors to review their club database and ensure that all membership fees have been paid for their club participants. If a club director has someone on their unpaid list, and have no idea who the member is, please contact myself or the Region Registrar and the member will be removed and placed with the correct club. Additionally, club directors should ensure that all registered members in their club, both athletes and adults, are listed on a team roster.

We still have a number of players listed as UNDECIDED. 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 Registrar, for assistance.

At the beginning of each season, we 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, it is very likely that your request will be denied. **The Region policy has always been, and remains, 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 that level. In these cases, directors and coaches should talk with the member and make them aware that they can transfer, at this point, 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.** Though members are not permitted to transfer if participation in a sanctioned event has taken place, this does not stop the member from dropping off the team for the remainder of the season. In these cases, we have allowed members to continue to train with other clubs, on a space available basis, but not to be placed on a team roster or be allowed to compete in a USAV Volleyball sanctioned indoor event. These members are allowed to compete in outdoor events since that participation does not require a club affiliation.

**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. Creating new teams is now a function of the Region Registrar to allow team names and team codes to remain constant. Any registration system that is used, such as AES, must have the same team name and team code as listed in USAV Webpoint in order for the team to clear roster verification and have tournament finishing scores properly recorded for the junior rankings.

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 2019 Girls Junior National Championships



## 2019 USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **2019 USA Volleyball Open National Championships** will be in Columbus, Ohio, May 24-29, 2019.

The Tournament Manual is already on the USA Volleyball website, <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/calendar/2019/may/24/open-nationals>. Entry information, fees, and entry deadlines are in the Manual. All entry forms and checks for the 2019 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 may have been some changes for the 2019 event. Be sure and check the 2019 Tournament Manual. If you have any problems, contact Jazzy Sapp at the USAV National Office, at [jazz.sapp@usav.org](mailto:jazz.sapp@usav.org) or 719-228-6800.*

The **2019 USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships** will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 27—July 06, 2019.

The **2019 USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships** will be in Dallas, Texas, June 30—July 07, 2019.

Additional information and entry instructions for two above events are outlined in the Tournament Manuals on the USA Volleyball website, and in an additional article, in this Newsletter.



## LONE STAR REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The annual Board of Directors meeting will be on Friday, March 29th. The meeting is open to all members and will be at the Hilton Garden Inn Houston Energy Corridor; 12245 Katy Freeway; 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>
Commissioner	Will Vick
Treasurer	Ed Dahl, Jr
Scorer Chair	Steve Crane
Media Director	Karen Tarmon
Legal Advisor	Michael Inlow
Coaches Development	Mark Papich
Player Representative (Women)	Debbie Trainor
<u>AREA REPRESENTATIVES</u>	
Corpus Christi	Crystal Lyne
Golden Triangle	Steve Boucher
Houston	Gordon Morrison

Although only current Board members present at the meeting may vote, nominations can be made by any Lone Star Region member. Not only can you nominate someone for a position on the Board, you may also wish to appear and make a presentation on behalf of the nominee. The only thing that I ask when making the nomination is that you also provide notification, so that time can be made available for a presentation. If you think that one of the Region incumbents is not properly representing you and our Region, now is the time to speak. Nominations should be mailed or faxed (NLT March 10, 2019) to:

Lone Star Region  
1608 Canyon Oak  
Schertz, TX 78154  
210-945-8630 (FAX)

# Junior Development News

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Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



## Important Information for LS Regionals & GJNC

The **Bid division** at LS Regionals will be limited to 48 teams (the 11s at 24). The 48 teams accepted into the Bid division will be based on the Lone Star Region’s Jr Development Director’s Ranking Committee. The ranking is displayed on the Lone Star Region and updated every two weeks. The field of teams for 2019 LS Regionals will be determined on March 20 for ages 12s-14s and March 27 for ages 11s, 15s-17s. See the applicable host tournament website for registration instructions. <http://lonestarregionalsvb.com/>

In 2019, the Lone Star Region will be introducing a 3<sup>rd</sup> division offering 2 non-bid divisions, Elite and Club. The Bid and Elite divisions will be contingent on the team’s regional ranking. Any team that registers for the Bid division and does not fall into either the Bid or Elite division will be offered to play in the Club division.

The projected division sizes:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Bid</u>	<u>Elite</u>	<u>Club</u>
11s	Top 24	Next 16-24 teams	-
12s	Top 48	Next 48-64 teams	-
13s	Top 48	Next 48 teams	Next 64-80 teams
14s	Top 48	Next 64 teams	Next 64-80 teams
15s	Top 48	Next 64 teams	Next 48-64 teams
16s	Top 48	Next 48 teams	Next 48-64 teams
17s	Top 48	Next 32-48 teams	-

### Club Directors – How to Register

\*Teams will only have 2 options when registering, Bid or Club. After the registration deadline, the tournament hosts will add the Elite division and move teams accordingly.

1. **Register for Bid division** -> If your team would like to be considered by the region’s seeding committee with a chance to earn a spot in the Bid division
2. **Register for Club** -> If your team would not like the opportunity to earn a Bid

### Acceptance Procedure:

LSR will be split into 2 weekends. The first weekend, April 27-28, will host the 12s-14s and the second weekend, May 4-5, will host the 11s, 15s-17s. Please note each weekend will have different registration deadlines.

- ⇒ Registration Deadline for 12s-14s: March 19
- ⇒ Registration Deadline for 11s, 15s-17s: March 26

- At the respective registration deadline any team registered in the Bid division that has completed all registration requirements (registered on AES, submitted payment, and fulfilled the stay-to-play policy) will be sent to the Region and considered by the seeding committee.
  - ◇ Approximately a week after the registration deadline, the region will confirm the 48 teams to be accepted into the Bid division and the next 48-64 teams (depending on age group) to be accepted into the Elite division. Those teams will be notified and officially accepted as of that date.

- ◇ Any team that had registered for but does not place into the Bid or Elite division will be offered to play in the Club division.
- Club division is open to any team that does not wish to be placed in the Bid division.

### Important Reminders:

Teams registered for the Bid division will not be accepted until after the registration deadline when the region has approved the ranking.

- The Elite division is considered a non-bid division. The only bids available will be awarded in the Bid division.
- Finalizing Divisions after NQs: The 48 teams accepted at the time of the registration deadline will remain unless there are drops from those 48 teams based on earning Bids at a National Qualifier
- Teams will be moved up accordingly from the Elite to the Bid division

### Policy for Teams with GJNC Bids “Playing Up” in non-bid Club Divisions:

- 1) A team with an Open Bid may play up by one or two age groups in a Club division.
- 2) A team with a National Bid may play up by one age group in a Club division (also by two age groups if approved by the region office).
- 3) A team with a USA Bid may play up by one age group in a Club division (also by two age groups if approved by the region office).
- 4) A team with an American Bid may play up by one age group in a Club division.

### Important Items:

- a) Teams that have qualified previously for the 2019 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 2019 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 LSR regionals, then their original USA bid remains with the region and will be awarded to the next highest team placement of the LSR regional tournament.
- d) If a team having an American bid wins a National bid at LSR regionals, then their original American bid remains with the region and will be awarded to the next highest team placement of the LSR 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 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 Club divisions with region approval).
  - have a coach who has completed the **IMPACT & Safe Sport** clinic.
  - for Bid division - have a **certified scorekeeper** and a **referee** listed on their **webpoint** roster indicated with a 'Y' (fully certified).
  - for Club divisions - have a **certified scorekeeper** and a **referee** listed on their **webpoint** roster indicated with a 'Y' or 'P' (fully or in-process certified).
  - teams under age 16 must have and use an adult referee.
  - teams must be registered in the Lone Star Region.

## 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 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.

## LS Region Bid Allocations

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

11's - **One** National Division Bid;  
12's - **One** National Division Bid; **Three** 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

## 2019 National Qualifier Bid Winner Registration

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 regional 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 regional 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 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.

## Current Qualified teams for 2019 Junior National Tournament

H SKYLINE 18 Royal	Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Lone Star Classic
SA MAGIC 18 Elite	Open	2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Boston VB Festival
SA STING 18 BLACK	USA	3 <sup>rd</sup> @ Lone Star Classic
AJV 18 Mizuno	Nat	1 <sup>st</sup> @ Lone Star Regionals
ALAMO 18 Premier	Nat	2 <sup>nd</sup> @ Lone Star Regionals
TAV HOUSTON 18 Black	Amr	3 <sup>rd</sup> @ Lone Star Regionals
HJV 18 Elite	Amr	4 <sup>th</sup> @ Lone Star Regionals
W REVOLUTION 18 Premier	Amr	5 <sup>th</sup> @ Lone Star Regionals

## Adult Tournament News

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### 2019 Lone Star Region Adult Regionals

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Faith West Academy

Katy, Texas

Entry Fee: \$115/team

EntryDeadline: March 27, 2019

Divisions: Men's Women's, Coed

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## From the Referee's Stand

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We want to thank all the clubs that scheduled referee clinics at their facilities and accepted large numbers of members to participate. If you still need a referee clinic, there are only a few 'last chance' clinics now, so please plan accordingly by going to [www.lsvolleyball.org](http://www.lsvolleyball.org) and using the tab "Officials Clinics & Info" to see what clinics are posted in late February and early March.

Some of the USAV rules that I need to revisit with you come from coach complaints, and recently I was contacted by 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 have two Liberos in different color jerseys, UNLESS they are not contrasting with the color of the team jersey.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. It is LEGAL for fans to use noisemakers, UNLESS event management chooses to disallow it.
6. It is LEGAL to play a ball that is off of the SportCourt, if the player has some body part in contact with the SportCourt at the moment the ball is played.
7. A reminder from the clinic, the new interpretation is that a player cannot legally play the ball if they are standing off the SportCourt, even if the ball is above the SportCourt.

Thanks for reviewing how you call these rules.

In order to finish your referee certification in the Lone Star Region (including: Junior Referee, Junior Second Referee, Provisional Referee, Adult Second Referee, or Regional Referee) you need to complete two ratings this 2018-2019 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](http://www.lsvolleyball.org), then use the "Officials Clinics & Info" tab, and then click HERE in 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.



# **Lone Star Region USA Volleyball**

## **August 2019 Newsletter**

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