

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Steps are currently underway to close out the 2005/06 season. As in past years, before we can close the last season we have to take the time to recognize some of our outstanding members for their many contributions to the Lone Star Region and USA Volleyball. Again this season, I had the pleasure of nominating five of our hard working members for the **2006 Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award**. Each year USA Volleyball recognizes a maximum of five members from each region for contributing outstanding participation, motivation and other services, in the promotion of volleyball. I am extremely happy to announce our 2006 recipients: **Laura L. Groff**, Varsity Coach, University of Texas at San Antonio, Technical Director and Coach for Alamo Juniors; **Pat Johnston**, Player, and Member of the Region Board of Directors, Spike Sport Volleyball Club, Houston; **Jo Ellen L. Kliafas**, Coach and Club Director, Texas Tornados Volleyball Club, Houston; **Vanessa A. Seghers**, Coach and Club Director, Houston Juniors; and **Debra L. Sokol**, Coach, and Technical Director, Club Texas Juniors, Houston.

In addition to the above, we were well represented at both the Adult and Junior National Championships. I'm certain that we had many members who were appropriately recognized at each of these events. However, I must rely on our team and club representatives, coaches, and officials' chairs to provide us with the names of those honored in these areas. However, I would like to offer my congratulations to our Regional teams, that I'm aware of, who won a National Championship. Their pictures are displayed on the home page of the Region Web Site, www.lsvolleyball.org. First, was **Texas Seniors**, they won the National Championship in the Men's 75 & Older Division of the 2006 National Open Championships, in New Orleans. The winner of the Men's BB Gold Division was **Texas Rangers**, an adult club team of Spike Sport Volleyball Club. Another of our adult teams, **Texas Airborne**, won the National Championship in the Men's U-Volleyball Division. In addition to these, and other team pictures, you can get the complete results for each of the national championships by going to the USA Volleyball Web Site, <http://www.usavolleyball.org/Events/>.

Our registration figures have not yet been finalized for the 2006 season, but it doesn't appear that we'll continue our growth at the same rate as in past years. There have been many problems with the new on-line registration system and many of our club directors have not gotten the registrations in to the Regional Office, as they should have. We have deleted almost 600 members who should have been registered early in the season, but were not. Many of them had practiced with the clubs, and some had actually participated in sanctioned tournaments, without registering. This we can't have. An individual should not be allowed to participate, in any way, without completing their registration. This means that they should have completed their individual on-line registration, printed the appropriate computer generated registration forms, and provided them to their club. For those not affiliated with a club, their forms and fees should have immediately been provided to the Regional Office for finalization. Remember, the registration is not complete until it has been updated at the Region Office. Club directors must continuously review their Club Mgmt Area and keep their data up-to-date. If a member is listed as "Unpaid" that means the forms and fees have not been received and posted in the Region Office. Unpaid members are not eligible to participate in any way with a club.

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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2007 SEASON WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 2ND.

Registration instructions for the on-line system are currently being updated, and will be on our web site. There will be no Team Registration Packages mailed out this season. Individuals will be expected to register themselves by simply logging on to our web site (www.lsvolleyball.org) and clicking on "Registration" ([Link here](#)). This will take them to the registration instructions, which will include examples of registrations, for them to view. After reading the instructions they will find a link for renewal of membership (if registered in 2005 or 2006 in the Lone Star Region). If the member was registered with another region then they need to contact me, (210) 945-4365, before they will be able to renew their membership as a member of the Lone Star Region. For new members, or those who were not registered during 2005 or 2006, they will use the link for new members. Since these are all considered as new members they will not be required to have a User Name and Password for their registration. These will be provided upon conclusion of your initial registration. The third link is for those members who are already registered. Here they can logon to their record and view and maintain their data. For those of your who were registered in either 2005 or 2006, I'd advise you to logon to your record and make sure your email address and other information is correct before you try and renew your membership for 2007. You will definitely need to update your email before you start the registration process.

For any member who does not have the capability of registering through the on-line system, we have updated the Data Collection Form on the Region Web Site ([Link here](#)). This form can be downloaded, completed, and sent to the Region Office along with the \$40 fee. The on-line registration will be completed by someone in the Region Office. Keep in mind this will not complete the registration. The Waiver & Release of Liability will be mailed back to the member and must be signed and returned before the registration is complete. Until the signed Waiver is returned the member will be placed on the "Pending" list and will not be permitted to participate in any sanctioned events until the registration is complete.

Background screening requirements will remain the same for the 2007 season. All screenings are recorded in the on-line system and those members who are required to be screened will be prompted to do so at the time of registration. The computer generated Background Screening Form should be printed at the same time as the Waiver & Release of Liability. Both forms should be provided to your club director. ([Screening form link here](#))

For those of you starting new clubs/teams, you should first contact the Regional Office in order to create the club. This should be the first step in the registration process. All club names must be approved by the Region prior to any registrations. Please, tell your members not to start their registration until the club has been created.

LINK TO ADULT EVENT SCHEDULE

October 2006 Referee/Scorekeeper Clinics

Check the Schedule of Events ([Link here](#)), on our web site, very closely. The dates and locations of the October clinics will be included. Remember, if you attended a clinic last season and completed all requirements for certification, you need not attend a clinic this season. However, to maintain your certification you must complete a renewal application and pay the renewal fee. This is required each year. For those of you who did not receive referee/scorekeeper cards last season, then you must start all over this season. The entire certification process can be accomplished at one of the October clinics. **This is a great opportunity for those who plan to referee or keep score for Junior clubs.** Get everything completed before the season starts. Also, when you plan to attend the October clinic be sure and bring your playing equipment. Those attendees will be asked to form teams and play while others are receiving their practical evaluations.

Junior News from Dick Kappel

2006 Junior Nationals

Congratulations to all the teams that represented the Lone Star Region at Junior Nationals. Among the 46 girls teams from the Lone Star Region at Atlanta,

Top finishers in the Gold Division were:

Girl's 2006 Jr Nationals – Atlanta

Team Texas Elite 17	3 rd 17 American
TX Tornados 17 Nike	5 th 17 American
Texas Riptide 16 Baden	5 th 16 American
Willowbrook 16 Asics	5 th 16 American
Alamo 15 Kaepa	3 rd 15 Open
Zero Gravity 15 Blue	3 rd 16 American
TX Tornados 14 Nike	3 rd 14 National
Woodlands Stars - 13G	3 rd 13 American
TX Tornados 12 Nike	5 th 12 National

Girl's 2006 Jr Invitational – Minneapolis

Club Texas 16 Black	5 th
Club Texas 15 Black	5 th

All Tournament Team Selections were:

Alycia Cox	Alamo 15 Kaepa
Amber Tatsch	Alamo 15 Kaepa
Kaylee Hawkins	Zero Gravity 15 Blue
Holly Anderson	Zero Gravity 15 Blue
Michele Williams	Willowbrook 16 Asic
Jessica Hays	Texas Riptide 16 Baden
Jordan Currie	Team Texas Elite 17
Sarah Grace	Team Texas Elite 17

2007 Junior Volleyball National Qualifier Schedule

Crossroads, March 10 – 12 & 16 – 18
Pacific NW, March 23 – 25 & March 30 – Apr 1
Mid East, March 23 – 26 (12, 14, 15) & March 30 – Apr 1 (13, 16-18)
Big South, April 6 – 8
North East, Apr 14 – 16 & TBD
Southern California, TBD
Lone Star Classic (Dallas), Apr 13-15 (13, 14) & Apr 20 – 23 12, 15-18)
Northern Lights (Minn), April 14 – 16 & 20 – 21
Far Western (Reno), April 28 - 30

2007 Lone Star Junior Regionals

May 5 – 6

12's - 15's Austin Convention Center

16's - 18's Houston, George R Brown Convention Center

2007 USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Tournaments

USA Junior Olympic Girls' Invitational (Atlanta GA)

Weekend of June 16th

USA Junior Olympic Girls' Championship (location TBD)

Dates TBD

USA Junior Olympic Boys' Championship (Atlanta GA)

July 5 -12

JUNIOR NEWS (Cont...)

2006 - 2007 Schedule

If you are interested in hosting a tournament, check the schedule of events for open dates and give me a call. You will need to obtain and complete the junior event form providing the date and age group. Specific tournament guidelines will be sent to you a month before your scheduled date with materials and requirements for a Lone Star Region sanctioned event.

If tournaments 'fill up' and the host is unable to accept additional teams, then a new tournament may be added to the schedule.

[LINK TO JUNIOR EVENT SCHEDULE](#)

2006 -2007 Team Registration Packages and On-Line Registration [\(Link Here\)](#)

The Lone Star Region will be using the USA on-line registration system. Refer to the Commissioner Notes and the Lone Star Website for more details.

ATTENTION CLUB DIRECTORS

THE NOEL M. ORR SCHOLARSHIP AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY IS NOW FULLY FUNDED AND AVAILABLE TO BE AWARDED TO AN INCOMING FRESHMAN STARTING THIS FALL. INTERESTED APPLICANTS SHOULD CONTACT:

JENNIFER IRWIN, FINANCIAL AID COUNSELOR
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FROM THE REFEREE STAND

It is time to congratulate all of the referees this year that have earned new certifications, renewed certifications, called tough matches, rated other officials or scheduled referees. Thank you so much for your work to make our region one of the best in the country. Special thanks goes to Dick Kappel, who worked hard all year on his officiating skills and earned his National Referee Certification this year. Congratulations Dick on a great accomplishment! Also accolades go to Luis (Rudy) Ramos and Dawn Roberson for completing the requirements for Junior National Referee Certification in Atlanta, Georgia. A job well done at the "Girls" tournament! [\(Referee App Link Here\)](#)

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair

FROM THE SCOREKEEPERS' TABLE

A new season is upon us and so are scorekeeping changes. DOWNLOAD ALL THE LATEST FORMS from the Lone Star web site (<http://lsvolleyball.org>) in the Reference section. **Tournament Directors:** [DOWNLOAD ALL THE LATEST FORMS for this season!](#)

The SANCTIONS section of the score sheet now includes E for Expulsion and D for Disqualification. That means Remarks are no longer necessary for those actions. The other change is WS (Wrong Server). An entry is no longer made in the SANCTIONS box. The correct procedure for handling a wrong server is: 1) write the exit score in the Service Rounds section of the player who should have served; 2) do not tic the number in that box;) the second referee should get the players in the correct order on the floor; 4) play continues. If this is the first service attempt by the player no other action is necessary, otherwise use the rulebook procedures to deal with points recorded. There is NO entry in SANCTIONS or REMARKS.

Have fun, get to a clinic early and don't forget to send in your score sheets to complete your certification!

C.L. 'Steve' Crane
Scorekeeper Chair

Note from the Editor:

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