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Note from the Commissioner:

By Rodney Prater

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This has been a great season of volleyball for the North Texas Region. We had a superb Adult season with a growth in membership; as well as, a growth in the number of teams that participated at Nationals in Austin. The junior's season was just as impressive! We had record numbers in our power leagues and record numbers at Regionals. The North Texas Region also had a strong showing at nationals. We had two NTR teams in the 16 Open Semi's...TWO out of the top four! Our outdoor season, even with all the rain has been a success! The Officials division has seen a steady growth as well as several of our members moving up into Junior and National rankings.

On the Region side of the business of volleyball we are in full compliance with USAV and the IRS. A first for the region! As we move forward into the next season we still have a bunch of work to do...We have several projects working to help grow the sport we all love so much. So I say kudos to everyone and let's continue to move forward...together!

Thanks,
Rodney Prater
North Texas Region
Commissioner

*Registration for
adult players,
coaches and
players will be
coming up soon.
Continue to check
the website for ore
information.*



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Director's Desk

By Robyn Barlow and Suzanne Motes

I have been pleased with the success the region has had this past season. I definitely had to get my feet wet quickly and I appreciate all the assistance and patience I received from our members. What a gracious, outstanding group! Undoubtedly, the season went smoothly because of the members who continue to make volleyball a top priority in this community.

We feel we have taken some positive steps to provide timely information as a resource for athletes, parents, coaches, directors and officials. Our goal is to improve our customer service and create a welcome environment to our region members.

I look forward to another strong season and I am excited about the upcoming events being planned.

We encourage you to contact our office for any questions and concerns you may have. For email correspondence, you can reach me at ntredir@ntrvolleyball.org. For general email, please feel free to email our staff address at ntrstaff@ntrvolleyball.org.

See you on the courts,
Robyn Barlow

*Tryout
procedures will
be posted soon,
as well as new
forms.*

North Texas Region - Juniors

By Andy Reitingner

As this Juniors season is coming to a close, we would like to take the opportunity to recognize everyone for a great season. We had an amazing year with over 5,500 players participate this season.

We hope everyone had a great season and would like to say Congratulations to those who represented our region at Nationals. We had a total of 39 North Texas teams playing at JOs this year.

We had 16 teams play in the American Division, with 3 of those teams having qualified at a National Qualifier outside of our region. Those teams are: TAV 15 Advantage, TAV 17 Molten, and Team PSA 14 Red.

The following 13 teams qualified in the American Division through the region: ACE 16 National, North Dallas Jrs 16 Red, Premier 15 Darren, Premier 18 Mark, Skyline 15 RoShamBo, Skyline 17 National, TAV 12 Asics, TAV 13 Asics, Team PSA 13 Red, Texas Assault 14 Kaepa, Victory 14 Elite, Victory 17 Elite, and Victory 18 Elite.

We had 14 teams play in the National Division, with 5 of these teams qualified at a National Qualifier outside of our region. Those teams are Skyline 12 RoShamBo, TAV 14 Molten, TAV 15 Molten, TAV 16 Advantage, and TAV 16 Molten. The following 9 teams qualified through the region: Mad Frog 12, North Dallas Jrs 17 Red, Premier 14 Ed, Skyline 16 RoShamBo, TAV 18 Asics, Team PSA 12 Red, Texas Assault 13 Kaepa, and Victory 13 Elite, and Victory 15 Elite.

We had nine teams play in the Open Division. Those teams are Dallas Juniors 16 Gold, Mad Frog National Green 14, Premier 16 Damon, Skyline 17 RoShamBo, Skyline 18 RoShamBo, TAV 14 Asics, TAV 15 Asics, TAV 16 Asics, and TAV 17 Asics.

We would also like to recognize those athletes who represented our region on the High Performance teams. Two national select teams were chosen as well as one international youth. The teams traveled to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for the USA High Performance Championships.

We hope to see everyone back next season for another great year of NTR Juniors Volleyball.

Adults

By Jim Wright

Well we have come to an end of another season of Adult Indoor. I want to thank all of our members for allowing me to serve as your Adult coordinator. The season got off to a slow start, but the numbers of teams in January and February were very encouraging. I was especially impressed that we have so many teams from our region that will participate in the National Tournament this year in Austin.

I want to also acknowledge thanks to the directors and staff of the LMRA, Downtown Dallas YMCA, Summit Sports Complex, Sportsplex, and TAV facilities for their support of the USAV Volleyball Community. Without their generosity and community support, USAV Volleyball would not have such nice surroundings to compete. I also want to thank the Region Board with their support and concern about the adult division. The easy thing to do is to sweep it under the rug, but I am very happy about the commitment and concern of the board members to encourage the adult division to flourish. I will soon be calling on those that expressed interest in forming an adult board.

Results of North Texas Regional at Sportsplex:

Women BB- 1st- LMRA House Rules, 2nd- Combat, 3rd- Nt Hardliners, 4th- Swirl 5th- Big D
Men BB- 1st-Zoom, 2nd- Cobra Kai, 3rd- LMRA No Shoes No Balls, 4th- Balls Deeper 5th- Balls Deep. 6th- High Altitude (Jr. team)
Men B- 1st-LMRA Half Fast, 2nd- DFW High Intensity 14
Men A- 1st- Sexual Chocolate, 2nd- Pai YA
Men AA- 1st- Granite Energy.

When you see a player from the following teams, tell them GOOD LUCK in their participation of USAV Nationals held in Austin Texas. All of the above teams are going to Nationals. Team Next is also going in the Men AA division.

Calling all adult recreational players!

One of my goals for next year is to expand the grassroots base and try and recruit some new blood into the USAV Adult division. I need your help to make this happen.

I would like to establish a list of places and leagues that you participate in.

I need for the level of play, nights available, contact information such as address, web info, contact numbers and names. I also need for some volunteers to be ambassadors for our Region. I will attempt to create a flyer to try and get new teams to join USAV. We may even create a different format for beginning teams. I know I do not remember what it was like to try to play as a beginner with others who were encouraging yet sometimes annoyed. The help I need is for volunteers to pass out the fliers to the various Gyms around the metroplex that have active adult play. Thank you in advance for your help!

If you have any suggestions for improving or expanding the Adult region of North Texas please contact Jim Wright at jim@wrightsale.com

Please make sure we have a current way to contact you. Information about the 2007-2008 season will be coming soon and we want to make sure we have your up-to-date email address. If you haven't joined the Adults Yahoo! Group, please do so in order to receive more information about the division.



Referee Corner

By Michele Furlong, Referee Chair

During the meetings at the Open this year, a new national rating process was voted on and passed. There will be a file on the website with the initial proposal as it was passed and there will be minor changes made before the final version is posted. The new rating system will make the ratings more consistent at the lower levels of the rankings. There is also a new point system that will be in effect that will be used in our Region with modifications for Region requirements to be added. We will incorporate the new system into our training program as well. I am sure there will be a lot of questions regarding the new system so send them my way and I will do my best to answer them!

We will start clinics in November again so check the region calendar for dates. The dates should be posted in October.

Remember, clinic attendance is mandatory! For Jr. National and above rated officials, there will be a clinic in late December or early January. This clinic will replace the clinics that you attend prior to Jr. and Adults Open tournaments. If you do not attend this clinic, you will have to attend one at the post season tournament as you have done in the past.

Michelle Kellen and Chad Klunck will be heading up the training and development program. Any questions can be directed to them. Watch the website for updates!

Outdoors

By Kevin Belknap

Outdoor season is swinging into full gear!! The Beach page has been updated with 2007 information at <http://www.ntrvolleyball.org/indexout.html>

On Saturday April 14, Junior players braved the cold and wind to learn from one of the best beach volleyball coaches in the world, **Dane Selznick**. It was a great experience for players and coaches to hear one of the great minds talk about and work with players and the elements. The region will be looking to conduct more outdoor clinics to grow outdoor knowledge in N.Texas....so be on the look out.

AVP Dallas Tour stop, 4/20-22

The sun was out, but as usual so was the wind...this didn't stop the Pros from hammering away. It was a great experience to be within arms reach of great players such as Karch Kiraly, Mike Lambert, Kerri Walsh, and Elaine Youngs. Seeing some of the great indoor players making the transition to outdoor is even better to see! Logan Tom a US Olympian in the indoor arena, was partnered with the long time tour great Holly McPeak.

In the end, Misty May-Treanor/Kerri Walsh overtook Elaine Youngs/Nicole Branagh on the women's side. For the men, Phil Dalhausser/Todd Rogers held off Jake Gibb/Sean Rosenthal.

JUNIORS

NTR Junior Beach Event dates are set...don't miss out, **REGISTER EARLY!!!** 2vs.2 with **two** sets to 21. Visit <http://www.ntrvolleyball.org/indexout.html> for registration information.

May 12-13 - [U12 finals](#) - Kimberly Bell/Allison Ryder def. Alicia McCarthy/Kathryn Davis; [U14 finals](#) Julia Kerwin/Rachel Smith def. Rachel Brummitt/Hannah Pavey; [U16](#) didn't complete due to weather

May 19-20 - [U12 finals](#) - Allison Ryder/Gabi Stewart def. Morgan Saffell/Kylie Rogers; [U14 finals](#) Rachel Brummitt/Ericka Novak def. Alyssa Hill/Kristen Robbins; [U16 finals](#) Lauren Rine/Bekah Dorsey def. Kaylee Fifer/Clarissa Pavey

June 2-3 - [U12 finals](#) - Kimberly Bell/Alicia McCarthy def. Kylie Rogers/Allison Ryder; [U14 finals](#) - Alyssa Hill/Kristen Robbins def. Kayla Rhinehart/Caitlin Nolan; [U16](#) - rescheduled for June 24th due to weather

June 16-17 (qualifier)

There are many more sanctioned Junior Beach events and training taking place in N.Texas, so be sure to check out the Outdoor page or Calendar for more information.

On a national level, the **USA Jr. Beach Tour** dates have been set as well. You can find a link to this information on the Outdoor page or visit www.usavolleyball.org/Beach/.

ADULTS

The first **NTR Adult Beach Regional Qualifier** date has been set, **August 4-5**. Divisions will be 2 vs.2 and 4

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

<http://www.ntrvolleyball.org/indexout.html>

Division winners of this event will earn at least entry in the **US Beach Open Championships** in Huntington Beach Sept. 21-23.

See you on the sand!
Kevin Belknap
Outdoor Coordinator



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