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The 2009 Mizuno® Lone Star Classic™ Returns to Dallas

DALLAS, April 15, 2009 – The Mizuno® Lone Star Classic™ National Qualifier is in its 22nd year and will be held at the Dallas Convention Center. Over 13,000 junior girls' volleyball players will be in Dallas April 10-12, 2009 and April 17-19, 2009. Team from across the country will be fighting for a chance to qualify for the USA Volleyball Junior Olympics Championships held in Miami Beach, FL. this year.

The Mizuno® Lone Star Classic™ is one of nine National Qualifier tournaments in the United States and is by far the largest of its kind with 95 courts set up in the Dallas Convention Center. Of the 1,100+ teams participating over the course of the tournament only two to three bids are given out per division. In total fifteen bids will be distributed across the 12 divisions ranging in age from 12 and under to 18 and under.

Winners from this past weekend include: TAV 16 Molten, TAV 16 Asics, TAV 17 Molten, TAV 17 Asics, TAV 18 Molten, and Vision 18 Gold. Ages 12 – 15 will be participating in this weekend's event.

The LSC has a significant economic impact on the city Dallas. The tournament brings in 24,000 room nights over the two weekends. During the first weekend close to 30,000 parents and spectators came through the doors of the convention center. With 50% more teams the second weekend of the tournament will be even bigger!

Austin Junior Volleyball and the Austin Sports Center would like to thank the City of Dallas for allowing us to host our event at the Dallas Convention Center for the third year. Special thanks goes out to the Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau and Dallas Convention Center staff for all the hard work they contributed to make the tournament come together. In particular Monica Paul, Ginger Lively, and Mary Beth Lysen.

For more information about the event check out www.austinsportscenter.com and click on Lone Star Classic link.

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