

## Ohio Valley Region-Molten® 2004 National Bid Qualifier

The *Ohio Valley Region-Molten® 2004 National Bid Qualifier* tournaments are used to award the region's "Club" bids to the *2004 USA Girls' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships* (June 23-30, 2004, Houston, Texas) and the *2004 USA Girls' Invitational Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships* (June 24-27, 2004, Austin, Texas).

For the first time ever, all divisions of the *Ohio Valley Region-Molten® 2004 National Bid Qualifier* will be held in the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The tournament will be held on April 17 (12s and 13s) and on April 17-18 (14-18 Open).

### Eligibility

All Ohio Valley Region teams declared "Open" as of February 1, 2004 will be eligible to participate. Teams in the 12-and-Under and 13-and-Under age divisions are not required to declare "Open" status. Due to court constraints, the region maybe forced to limit the tournament to the top teams in each age group. Our goal would be to host all those that want to play; however, if teams are omitted from the tournament it will be by strength of the team entered.

Each player must be eligible for her team's level of competition, as defined in the USA Volleyball Age Divisions. Age waiver are not applicable for Bid or National competition. Each coach must be IMPACT- or CAP-certified. Each club must have an ASEP-accredited representative.

Teams that earn a bid at a National Qualifier prior to the *Ohio Valley Region-Molten® 2004 National Bid Qualifier* will not be eligible to participate at OVR Bid Tournament and will receive a refund. Teams earning a bid at our regional Bid Tournament event that do not participate in the Junior National Championships will cause all team members and coaches in their club to be sanctioned for two years, during which they will not be allowed to participate in OVR bid tournament.

### Format

All 12s and 13s will compete on Saturday, April 17, 2004.

14-18 Open will begin competition at 8:00AM on Saturday, April 17, 2004. The morning will feature 4-team pools, which will be repooled to 3-team pools for the afternoon. Only the top team from each 4-team morning pool and from each 3-team afternoon elimination pool (a total of 12 teams per age group) will advance to Sunday's single-elimination tournament. The match format for all ages will be 2 games to 25 points and, if necessary, a third game to 15 points.

### Entry Fee and Procedure

The cost of the OVR Bid tournament is \$175.00 for the 12 and Under and 13 and Under divisions and \$250.00 for the 14-18 Open divisions. Tournament entry checks should be payable to *Ohio Valley Region*.

Entry for the Ohio Valley Region-Molten® 2004 National Bid Qualifier will be online, similar to last year's process for our Junior Championships. Bid tournament entry will open on February 1 and close on February 28. All entry fees must be postmarked by February 28. See the checklist for proper entry into the tournament.

Club directors: To enter (between February 1 and February 28), sign in to the OVR website and select your club's page ([www.ovr.org/dir/club.php](http://www.ovr.org/dir/club.php), or click the "My club" link from your "My account" page). After verifying that the rosters for the teams you'd like to enter, simply check the boxes for those teams and click the button for entry into the Bid tournament. Promptly mail your entry fees, which must be postmarked by February 28.

### For Additional Information

Complete and up-to-date information for the *Ohio Valley Region-Molten® 2004 National Bid Qualifier* is available on the OVR website at [www.ovr.org/juniors/bid/](http://www.ovr.org/juniors/bid/).

Please e-mail your questions to the OVR Bid Committee at [bid@ovr.org](mailto:bid@ovr.org). Alternatively, you can contact the committee members directly: Art Faura ([faura@ovr.org](mailto:faura@ovr.org), 513-524-2283), Al Herbert ([herbert@ovr.org](mailto:herbert@ovr.org), 330-896-3205), and Tom Kohl ([kohl@ovr.org](mailto:kohl@ovr.org), 937-773-7273).

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Enter online from  
February 1-28!