

Unprecedented Development Opportunities

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resources, and ethics. IMPACT is an entry-level coaching requirement of both USAV and the 39 regional volleyball associations. Individuals who wish to enter into coaching must complete the IMPACT entry-level instruction (or CAP) before the start of the season or when it becomes available to them in the area in which they reside. Complete information on IMPACT clinics, along with online registration, is available at www.ovr.org/juniors/coaching/impact.php.

The Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP) is a comprehensive, multi-level coaching education program that covers all aspects of coaching and teaching volleyball. Both Level I and II courses focus on the critical athlete performance principles in coaching. Visit the OVR website, www.ovr.org/juniors/coaching/cap.php, for information on this year's CAP dates and sites (to be announced when details become firm) and online registration.

Coaches may not waive the IMPACT/CAP requirement, nor may they finish a season without such certification. The regions are responsible for keeping accurate records of those qualified to coach. If an individual is found negligent of certification, that individual must be immediately replaced

with a qualified person. Violations of this requirement may include probation, suspension, fine, or whatever disciplinary action is deemed appropriate by the authorized person, persons, boards, or committees of the OVR. Appeals may be made in accordance with procedures set forth in the bylaws and operating code of the OVR.

ASEP accreditation and IMPACT and CAP certifications do not expire. When signing up for ASEP, IMPACT, or CAP online, please supply complete and accurate information so that your certification can be correctly matched to your membership, both now and in future seasons.

Club directors and coaches who would like to verify that their ASEP, IMPACT, and CAP information is correctly represented should consult their clubs' pages on the OVR website, accessible from www.ovr.org/dir/club.php. If accreditations or certifications are missing, the OVR certification database, www.ovr.org/dir/certification.php, provides additional information and instructions on supplying records of which we are not currently aware, for instance for coaches who were certified at clinics offered in other regions.

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