

# OVR The Block

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## Patty Salvatore to Officiate Olympic Games

Congratulations to Patty Salvatore for being selected as only one of twelve officials to referee indoor volleyball at the Summer Olympics in Athens. Patty will be the only official from the United States, male or female, going to work as an up or down official at the 2004 Summer

Games. Patty is an International USAV referee, National USAV scorekeeper, and FIVB referee, and she has served on the USAV national rating team and as USAV Beach Rules Interpreter. More information will follow on the OVR website and in the summer issue of *OVR the Block*.



## The Importance of *IMPACT*

Every year, new coaches and those who may have extensive experience but are coaching club for the first time are required to be IMPACT certified. There are several strong reasons for this. First, items such as liability and the *USA Volleyball Code of Ethics* are presented as a requirement of our insurance carrier. Second, the IMPACT acronym itself tells us the importance of this clinic for anyone of any level of experience. IMPACT stands for *Increased Mastery and Professional Application of Coaching Theory*. This clinic is not the Xs and Os clinic that most coaches expect to see. Rather, this minimum 4-hour clinic, presented in lecture/discussion format, covers the methodologies and strategies of teaching sports. This clinic teaches new coaches and reminds experienced coaches how to interpret and understand the Xs and Os found in books and videos and other typical clinics.

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## USA Volleyball CAP Clinics Restructured

As all of us prepare for another season of club volleyball, keep in mind the importance of educating yourself as a coach to better prepare your players. One way to do this is by getting involved in the USA Volleyball Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP). This year USAV will offer remodeled CAP level I and level II clinics with many new and exciting changes. First, both CAP L1 and L2 clinics are now 2-day events. The first day is a 10-hour clinic specifically geared to L1 or L2. The second day consists of "modules", wherein participants select from a list of mini-clinics, each lasting 1½-2 hours and covering a specific topic of volleyball.

The requirements for certification under the new structure have changed as well. CAP level I certification requires the 10-hour seminar with three modules included in the clinic fee, with one additional module to be taken later. Some clinic sites may offer the

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