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The 2004 Ohio Valley Region season will provide many educational, exciting, and rewarding experiences. It is the responsibility of each supervisory adult to guarantee that such an experience is provided to each and every individual with whom they are in contact. The behavior demonstrated must be a model that can be appreciated by all parents. The parents have made you responsible for their most valued possession, their children! Do not take this responsibility lightly: you have a tremendous influence on the maturation process of those athletes. Take pride in your ability to develop and mold their future.

I would like to refer all club directors, coaches, and anyone else who acts in a supervisory role to read or become familiar with a book written by Dr. Richard Borkowski, titled *Coaching for Safety, A Risk Management Handbook for Coaches*. The book is about the most boring subject there is in sports: safety. It's boring, that is, until someone suffers a serious injury!

I'm not going to go into detail, but I am going to share a short list that the good Dr. says every volleyball coach

needs to know:

1. Recognize that risks exist
2. Identify those risks
3. Evaluate the risks
4. Have a plan to reduce the risk
5. Closely supervise the program
6. Remind participants of their role in controlling risks
7. Always remain vigilant: risk management is a continual process
8. Review and revise the program as necessary
9. Care about the welfare of *all* athletes

I want to make you all aware of the importance of providing a safe and secure environment for practices, traveling, and housing of your athletes. A good rule to follow: if there is doubt, *don't do it!* You are constantly be scrutinized by parents, as you should be! Keep yourself on the volleyball court, and out of the courtroom by acting responsibly.

I'll see you in the gym!

Respectfully,
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