

The Juniors' Forum

The Juniors' Club and Tournament Directors' Forum, held on December 6 at Westerville South High School, was well-attended and yielded valuable discussion on a number of topics pertinent to this season and next. The highlights are reproduced here for those who couldn't attend and may not have received them by e-mail.

For the 2004 season

- The number of entries to the Power Challenge will be increased through use of 5-team pools.

For the 2005 season

- Mandatory club directors'/tournament directors' meetings will be held prior to the December meetings at Westerville, in conjunction with OHSVCA clinic, and throughout the region.
- A new club/tournament directors' resource section will be deployed at the OVR website.
- The number of Power Challenge tournaments will be increased to 2 per age group, at least for specific age groups.
- Bid tournament seeding will be tied to participation/results in Power Challenge tournaments.
- Acquire Power Challenge and Bid Tournament sites early for 2005. (The 2005 Bid tournament cannot be held in the Greater Columbus Convention Center, although it is expected to return to the GCCC for 2006).

Big Top Volleyball

Club Directors and Coaches, If you are looking for another tournament to enter your teams, we still have openings for all four age groups: 18 Club, 16 Club, 15 Club, and 14 Club in the *Big Top Tournament*. This tournament will be played over 2 days in the Civic Center in Charleston, West Virginia. The tournament hotel is the Holiday Express – Civic Center. Rooms can be reserved through the Convention Center's Housing Bureau at 1-800-733-5469.

Award Nominations

Has an especially dedicated and effective individual made a difference to you through outstanding coaching, officiating, tournament hosting, or other service? If so, please help us recognize their efforts by nominating them for one of several OVR awards which are issued each year. Awards include the *Glenn Purdy Meritorious Service Award* for referees and scorekeepers, the *OVR Award Of Excellence* for coaches, club directors, and tournament directors, and the *OVR Commissioner's Award* for players, referees, scorekeepers, and administrators. To nominate exemplary individuals, visit www.ovr.org/awards/. The nomination deadline is August 1, and awards will be presented at the ovr Awards Dinner at Mohican Resort on Saturday, August 14.

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fourth module on the second day for an additional \$35-50. There is also a test that must be passed prior to certification. By 2006, IMPACT certification will be a prerequisite to attending any CAP level I clinic.

CAP level II certification requirements are similar to those for L1. Four modules will be taken at the clinic on the second day, with certification requiring two additional modules beyond the clinic. A test must be passed, and an article on a volleyball topic must be written. An "experience" component, for example coaching actual teams for a certain number of years, will be required by 2006 prior to L2 attendance.

The OVR will be offering a combined CAP level I/II clinic on May 22-23, 2004 at The Ohio State University. Details will be available soon. For now, when USAV is ready, all registration will go through them rather than the regions. Costs look to be \$225 for members and \$250 for non-members. It is important that we as a region have at least 25 L1 and 15 L2 participants to hold the clinic in May.

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