

The Juniors' Page

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WELCOME TO THE OHIO VALLEY REGION JUNIORS' PAGES.

Juniors' volleyball programs are going strong across the region. Over 900 tournaments are already scheduled. The OVR Power Tournaments and Power Challenge events are filling fast. Clubs are busy filling their teams' tournament schedules.

Coaches' Certifications

Coaches are reminded that they must be IMPACT or CAP accredited to coach for a USA volleyball program in the OVR. *Every* coach must have one of these certifications. Completed *Juniors' Coaches' Code of Ethics* forms must be submitted by every club for each of its coaches. Each coach must have a background check completed through SSCI, the screening agency contracted by USA volleyball. All clubs must be in compliance with this regulation.

OVR-Kaepa® USA Girls' Volleyball Championships

We will begin accepting registrations for the *Ohio Valley Region, Inc.-Kaepa® USA 2005 Girls' Volleyball Championships* on February 1, 2005. The deadline for entry will be April 1, 2005. Clubs will enter knowing that there will be a financial penalty for withdrawing from the event. Teams entered before the deadline, with checks submitted in a timely manner, will be accepted based on their regional ranking. Teams that enter after the deadline will be accepted only if there are openings. Remember that all registration is done online, unlike local events!

Our Girls' Championships will again be held over 3 weekends this season. We will be using schools in and around Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, May 7, for the 10-and-under and 12-and-under divisions.

The Greater Columbus Convention Center will be the site for the next two weekends (see the Juniors' Tournament Schedule). We will use 40 Sport Courts each weekend at the convention center.

Once again, teams entering this event, then withdrawing, will receive a partial refund (\$25 penalty) if they are replaced up to two weeks before their event. There is no refund if a team withdraws from the tournament within two weeks of its scheduled event. We will use seeding points accrued and reported up to the posting of the pools. We will try to accept every team that registers for this event. We reserve the right to move teams to the Open or Club divisions, or up in age group for this event. The skill level of our top Club teams and our lower Open divisions are very comparable.



Coed 10-and-Under Division

One new concept we are trying to develop this season is to permit boys to participate in our 10-and-under division. Boys may participate on girls' teams or form their own team and play in 10-and-under events (the registration fee for 10-and-under is \$50/member). We encourage all of our clubs to start 10s' teams, regardless of the gender. Permitting boys to be a member of these teams can only increase the number of teams in the division, and it helps start boys' volleyball teams!

Have a great season!

Club Directors: Register for the OVR Girls' Championships and/or Bid tournament today. Simply sign in to the OVR website, then go to your club's page (www.ovr.org/dir/club.php).