

Club Director's Meeting Topics April 28, May 5, and May 12 Columbus Convention Center

Clubs Represented:

Lineshot Volleyball Club
Cleveland Volleyball Company
Xtreme
Eastside VBC
Ohio Xtreme
Toledo Dynamic Club
Elevation Volleyball Club
Kaepa Buckeye Volleyball Club
Vertical Elite Volleyball Club
Zero Gravity
Cincy East Volleyball Club

Topics:

1. Could the OVR extend the April 1st deadline to certify scorekeepers/R2's to April 28 or the first OVR Championships? This would allow younger teams more time to get players certified since they don't usually start until early March.
**Officials should certify players at any tournament prior to OVR Championships. This club must have just run into an official who was too busy with other tournament responsibilities to give certifying the players their attention.
2. Could tournament host be required to supply balls and carts for warm-ups?
**Not feasible for all tournament hosts-some tournament hosts already supply balls and carts. Biggest fear is that the balls could disappear during the tournament. If tournament host supplies balls and carts this should be noted in the tournament information so that clubs know that they do not need to bring balls with them.
3. Admission Charge-Could OVR BOD review policy? Facility owners in favor of charging admission other are not in favor. If your club attended a tournament where admission was charged this year it was not a USAV/OVR sanctioned tournament.
**Club Directors should let teams/parents/players know that they are not competing in an USAV/OVR sanctioned event and that there could be an admission charge so that no one is surprised the day of the tournament.
4. Early Signing-the clubs that use it like it – the clubs that don't use it either don't like it or feel they don't need it. Some concern about violations of the early signing policies-some club directors feel there should be more enforcement but that would require players to report the incidents. Club Directors would like to know who has already been signed during the Early Signing Period.
****Could OVR/BOD require club directors to register with USAV/OVR their members who signed during the Early Signing period by October 1 so that all club directors would know who has already committed?
Under consideration by the BOD**
5. OVR Bid Tournament-concern about teams who have not competed in OVR but registered in the OVR coming to the Bid tournament and winning a bid that could have gone to a team that has been competing in the OVR.
****Could we require teams that enter the OVR Bid Tournament to have competed in 2 or 3 OVR events prior to the OVR Bid? We do for adults! Under consideration by the BOD**
6. Concern about helping groups that run tournaments to benefit players whether it is club players or HS players.
****Could we allow groups that use tournament profits for the players (high school or club) to sanction their tournaments first then allow others? Not really feasible for the OVR**

7. Concern that we sanction too many tournaments on a given weekend specifically when there is a 2 day tournament on that weekend.
****Could we sanction 2 day tournaments first and allow them to fill before sanctioning 1 day tournaments on the same date in the same age division? Not really feasible for the OVR**
8. Concern about the background screen process being complicated.
May be complicated but it is necessary to protect the players and coaches.
9. IMPACT name changes-why can't a club director verify the name change of a coach?
Unfortunately we have had an issue with identity theft/fraud so we have no choice but to have only the coach verify name changes.
10. Points-much discussion around points
 Hall of Fame Tournament-too many points given
 1 day tournament points are based on how many show up for the 1 day event
 2 day tournament points are based on how many are expected to show up for the 2 day event
 Seems unfair-points should be given on what is expected because a team registers for an event expecting to receive a certain number of points and that team has no control over who shows up.
****Could we change the OVR policy and give points for all tournaments based on how many teams are expected? BOD agreed to have the policy updated to reflect this request.**
11. Site Inspections-are these still happening? YES on an as needed basis.
If you have a concern about a certain site please let the OVR BOD know so that it can be inspected.
12. Concern about American teams playing up in Regional Tournaments
 There were over 500 teams that played up in the regional division for a variety of reasons-schedule flexibility, competition, distance. Many of these teams placed 1st or 2nd in the tournament.
 This policy was created when the American Division was instituted because there was no way to know if there would be enough American tournaments or teams. There are enough teams now for competition but region will need more American tournaments.
****Could OVR change policy so that American teams can only play up in their own age division. For example, 14 American would play up in 15 American instead of 16 Regional. BOD agreed so the following will be in place for the 2012-2013 USAV Season:
 13A may play 14 R
 14A, 15A, 16A may play up in 15A, 16A, 17A
 17A may play 18 R**
13. Officials-how can we help them be more consistent? Are there videos that could help show double hits, bad sets, etc.? Could these videos be used as a training tool?
14. Summer Tryouts-would the OVR ever consider this?
 Much discussion-would solve some problems but create others.
Positives- Teams would be chosen before HS started
 Easier for clubs to plan for season
 Practice could begin as soon as the HS State Championship is completed.
Negatives- Recruiting would be happening during the club season
 No break for players, coaches or club directors
 Would HS facilities be available for clubs to host a summer tryout?
 Facility owners would have no problem but others might.
15. Concern-how to identify players who have already committed to a college at a USAV tournament.
 It was suggested to have the players wear different color ankle bracelets that would signify who has signed and who is still available. Much discussion and the group decided they are not interested in pursuing this.
16. Club Directors communicate OVR policies/rules and information to their players, coaches and families via their websites, newsletters and emails.