

OVR Parents:

We would like to explain the “partnership” between the OVR and our junior clubs in the development of playing opportunities for our members.

Clubs are independent, private business enterprises. Clubs must follow OVR/USAV policies when forming their teams. Once the teams are formed, the clubs bring teams to the OVR for participation in our USAV program. The OVR has no legal authority to intervene in a club’s day-to-day business, and the administrative or financial structure of a club is not under OVR/USAV jurisdiction. Violation of an OVR/USAV policy is a different matter.

With the cancelation of OVR activities for the remainder of the 2020 season, many clubs are working hard to demonstrate their character and professionalism by considering some form of financial remuneration. I must remind you, the OVR has no legal position in this matter. If your club is considering this action, I ask you to be patient. Please give your club the time to formulate what, if any, type of consideration they are proposing with the resources they have available. Please keep in mind the possible expenses I’ve listed below that your club may have incurred during the season:

- 1) Facility cost/rental – contractual agreements may take some time to resolve; private facility costs could be much higher
- 2) Equipment – many clubs make donations to schools for the use/purchase of equipment (nets, volleyballs, pads, carts)
- 3) Uniforms – accessory gear (bags, sweats/warm-up suits, shoes....)
- 4) Coaches’ contracts – many variables, including practices, events, length of season.....
- 5) Coaches’ registration expenses – USAV membership and background screen
- 6) Coaches’ overnight travel expenses – room, per diem....
- 7) Coaches’ professional development – clinics, seminars....
- 8) Delayed return of tournament entry fees from tournament hosts
- 9) Delinquent club fees
- 10) Planned USAV National events – STILL ON THE SCHEDULE?
- 11) Administrative costs

All of these expenses will impact the bottom line. Please be patient. They are doing the best they can in this trying time. Remember, you need the clubs as much as they need you!

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