

Jr. Adv. Board May 8, 2010 7 pm – 10 pm Agenda Attending: 8 members

1. American Division

How's it been working? Good? Bad? Getting better?

Tournament Issues....

Seems to be working fine-will be better as this division grows.

We would suggest implementing the American division is the 13's.

We would suggest having a detailed description of the divisions on the OVR website so that club directors, players and

parents would become more familiar with how the levels of competition are separated.

2. Libero/Serving?

Yes, please!!!!!!

The libero is allowed to serve in high school and college so by not allowing the libero to serve in USAV/OVR we are

doing a disservice to these girls. They go 6-8 months of the year not being allowed to serve and then go to their high

school seasons and are expected to serve. It would be a simple change that would please many people.

3. Tournament Listing Process

The process should be more transparent.

How are sanctioned tournament released? And when?

Is there a timeframe for notifying tournament directors whether their tournament has been sanctioned or not?

If you host a tournament this year do you have priority for next year for the same weekend?

I spoke with Tom Kohl, Tournament Director for the OVR and asked him these questions and here are his responses:

Tournaments are released as soon as they are sanctioned.

There is no timeframe for notifying tournament directors whether their tournament has been sanctioned or not- he

sanctions based on how many teams in a division as well as geographic area.

There is no priority given to dates based on last year's schedule.

4. Points Chasing

I have attached a document with a different point system for folks to review.

We can continue our discussion on the point system at our next meeting.

5. Recruiting Solutions

Policy could be sent to all OVR members at the end of the USAV/OVR season so they are reminded of the rules during

their high school seasons.

OVR members could have an OVR e-mail address to be used only for recruiting-too hard to monitor.

Recruiting is governed by ethics-if someone doesn't have ethics then we are pretty sure the rules/policies will be violated.

We will focus most of our attention at our next meeting on recruiting solutions.

6. Tryout question-

Can an offer be withdrawn by the club before the 10 day signing period?

7. Bid Tourney questions-

What is the maximum number of teams allowed to participate?

Is there any chance for expansion?

Why are teams denied entry?

8. Seeding out of region events

The competition committee assigns points for teams competing in out of region events that will be used for OVR seeding. How is that determined?

6. Next Meeting, Saturday, May 22, 2010 Columbus Convention Center, 7-10 pm

Tournament listing process

Everyone should have the same opportunity to list/run tournaments, not large "business" facilities first and then working down to schools who get their tournaments listed weeks later after most teams have their schedules filled and may only be able to run 2-3 court tournaments. Have a set date (like the old days) when all tournaments are listed. Good tournament directors (with good facilities) will have no issues filling their tournaments, and those that just want to sit back and have their tournaments filled just because they have a nice facility and had them listed before anyone else will have to actually work to fill their tournaments like everyone else.

Point Chasing

The current point system was good in the beginning, but it has led to "corrupt" OVR rankings. Certain clubs just chase points (bigger tournaments) to make sure their teams are always on top of the OVR rankings. More teams do not mean that a tournament should be worth more points. A set 1-20 point system for 1 day tournaments and 1-25 point system for 2 day and out of region tournaments would be a much better tool to rank teams.

With these rankings used for Bid Play-in Tournaments, Bid Tournaments, etc they need to be more accurate. Pools need to be as close to correct as they can be. Also bringing in the old multipliers for playing up an age group/level would also be a good idea.

Chuck Musselman

Zero Gravity

Libero/Serving

The one area that I continually hear complaints about from coaches, parents, and players is "allowing the libero to serve" And I feel that USA volleyball is really doing a disservice to our liberos by not allowing them to serve. I did do some checking and found that several regions are allowing players to serve, so why not the push to make this a USA rule for all Juniors competition be it any level of play within the scope of USA Juniors Volleyball.

I think that the positives of changing the rule to allow the Libero to serve would far outweigh the negatives by a huge margin. And personally can not think of a negative for allowing the Libero to serve. Our club players regardless of the level of play are doing so to improve their level of play for the JrHi/High School and Collegiate levels that allow the libero to serve. So why not allow a rule change that improves a player's skills and chances of being recruited for the college level.

I guess I would like for the board to consider recommendation to adopt this rule change for the OVR and push the National Rules Committee to change the rule at all levels of play. Like Ronnie W. told us at an officials meeting one time...the OVR is a BIG business and we have to keep our customers happy, well this change would make a lot of people HAPPY!!

Todd Henkle, Director Grandlake VBC

Although USAV has allowed the regions some flexibility on this issue the national championships that they host do not allow the libero to serve. They opened the can of worms. About 11 regions of 41 allow this to happen. I do know that our officials' chairman and scorekeeper chair do not want this to happen.

There is logic in what Todd is saying... If they can serve in middle school, high school and college.....Why not here! Remember that the rule originates from the FIVB and the libero was intended to be a defensive player not an offensive player.

Ron Wyzinski