

Commissioner's Corner



The 2001 season came to a close with the Junior Nationals and the Davis Festival bringing down the curtain in July. The high school season will begin in early August, and once again we find ourselves back in the gym, either coaching or playing.

I want to alert all club directors and coaches to the guidelines you must follow when contacting players about the upcoming junior season. Please *read carefully* the policies and procedures adopted by the OVR regarding how and when these players can be contacted! We encourage all directors and coaches to be respectful of these athletes and their high school programs. Violations of these guidelines will result in serious penalties.

I ask that all parents and players research clubs' policies and procedures before tryouts. Be sure the philosophy of the club matches your needs and interests. Once you sign a contract you have made a commitment; the OVR does not get involved with the internal structure, policies, and fees of these clubs.

A point of emphasis for the 2002 season will again be the sportsmanship and conduct demonstrated by all directors, coaches and players. Competition can be a very pleasurable learning experience; it can also be a very disappointing, ugly experience. I encourage each of our members to make an effort to guarantee that respect for all competitors is a priority.

Check out the OVR website — it is one of USA's best!

Play hard and play often.

Respectfully,
Bob Price

Officials' Clinics

Additional information is available at www.ovr.org/off_rules/clinics.html.

Professional Officials' Clinics

The following are mandatory for professional officials, who *must* renew their membership prior to October 15.

- Sat., Dec. 1, 2001, Westerville South HS Media Room, Westerville, OH.
Contact Rick Laskey (937-372-8878/h, laskey@ovr.org) or Bob Price (614-882-2468/h, price@ovr.org).
Refreshments and raffles courtesy of Molten.
- Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001, Carlow College Kresge Theater, Pittsburgh, PA.
Contact Rick Laskey (937-372-8878/h, laskey@ovr.org) or George Sliman (412-578-8826/w, gsliman@carlow.edu).
- Saturday, Dec. 8, 2001, Toledo, OH.
Contact Rick Laskey (937-372-8878/h, laskey@ovr.org).
- Make-up clinics TBA (\$20 fee).

Player Referee and Women's Collegiate Clinics

- Player Ref Clinics to be announced closer to the 2002 season at www.ovr.org/off_rules/clinics.html
- PAVO (Professional Association of Volleyball Officials) and OTP (Officials' Training Program, formerly NTT) clinics: www.ovr.org/off_rules/clinics.html

Zehler named Outstanding Director

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2000-2001. Bill was selected from among other nationally nominated candidates based on criteria including but not limited to excellence of coaching staff, development of players and leadership of high integrity and sportsmanship values, community rapport, and tournament hosting. (Selection criteria are fully enumerated on pages 24-25 of the 2001 USA Volleyball Official Guidebook). Bill accepted his award at the Junior National Championships in Salt Lake City. In addition to directing Kaepa Borderline, Bill is also the Junior Program Director and serves on the Board of Directors for the Ohio Valley Region. ♦