

Juniors' Tournaments: 2001-2002

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I am looking forward to another year of growth within the Junior Program and a greater number of sanctioned tournaments. Again, I would like to thank all the tournament directors for their help in achieving a 98% reporting of tournament results to the Junior Tournament Results Coordinator this past season. Your diligence in this responsibility helped reduce the number of complaints related to team seeding at various tournaments including the OVR Regional Tournaments.

My goals for this up-coming season are three:

1. continued reporting of results in a timely manner,
2. consistency of tournament procedures and formats, and
3. awareness by coaches, referees and tournament directors of the procedures for conducting OVR tournaments.

To this end, I have rewritten the Procedures for Tournament Hosts and Juniors' Tournament Rules to address situations that occurred last year and to clarify and simplify procedures and responsibilities for both the tournament

director and club director. It is important for all parties involved in an OVR sanctioned tournament, tournament directors, referees and coaches, to be informed of the procedures and rules of a tournament to ensure consistency of play and reporting of results. Should you have any suggestions, please email me at kohl@ovr.org.

To achieve the above goals, I will make a greater effort to inform and educate tournament directors, referees, and club directors of Junior tournament procedures through the use of e-mail and my attendance at the general referees' meeting in December.

I will begin accepting Applications for Sanction beginning September 1, 2001. The Application for Sanction may be viewed and printed at www.ovr.org/forms/. Please use the 2002 version for Juniors. Please be aware that any entry fee in excess of the \$125 OVR approved fee does require proof. Rental contracts and similar documents are required and must be submitted with the application.

Again, thanks for your help this past season. I look forward to your cooperation in the 2002 season. ♦



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The 2001-2002 Juniors' Tournament Schedule will be published at www.ovr.org/juniors/tournaments.php on December 1.

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USA Volleyball CAP I and II coaching courses will also be offered in early January. Check the OVR WebPages at www.ovr.org for sites and dates.

Our regional High Performance Program was very successful this summer. Our High Performance team coached by **Don Burroughs** and **Kelli Fisher** finished 5th at the AAU Championships in Orlando. Our Youth team, coached by **Denise Van De Walle** and **Wendy Teaman**, went to the Colorado Springs Cup at the U. S. Olympic Training Center. Team OVR finished second at the event, going undefeated until the finals of the tournament!

There are two positions within the Juniors division to be filled soon. **Art Faura** is resigning the position of Results Coordinator. Persons interested in the position can contact me at zehler@ovr.org. The OVR Board of Directors approved the position of Director of High Performance and Coaching Education (see job description at www.ovr.org/jobs/hp_director.html). Persons interested in applying for this position should send their resume to Ron Wyzynski, 315 Johnson Rd., Kent, Oh 44240. The deadline for application is September 15, 2001.

Have a *great* season! ♦