

From the Referee's Stand

Rick Laskey, Referees' Chairman

With the assistance of our webmaster, Nick Nystrom (nystrom@ovr.org), I have been able to post all sorts of information for officials on the Ohio Valley Region (OVR) website (www.ovr.org). The complete listing of the 253 certified referees, rule changes, directions to events, mailing lists for both officials and tournament directors, tournaments needing officials, and upcoming clinics and camps can all be found on our website. For those OVR officials (only 11 out of 253!) that still do not have an e-mail address or access to the web, now is the time to get on-line. You are missing out! If you are a current OVR referee, please check the list of certified referees on page www.ovr.org/off_rules/officials.php. If any information is incorrect, please let me know at laskey@ovr.org.

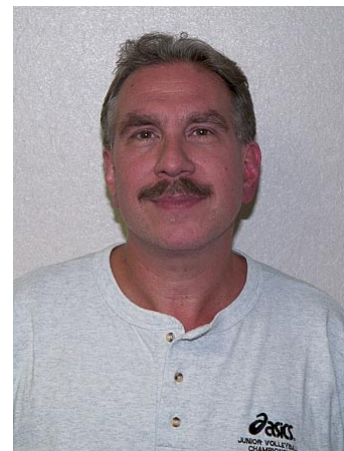
If you are a current or prospective USAV professional referee or scorekeeper in the Ohio Valley Region, please plan on attending one of our three all-day, free, mandatory USAV officials' clinics in December. Details are on the OVR website. The one at Westerville South High School will be on Saturday, December 1, 2001 (sponsored by Molten), the one at Carlow College in Pittsburgh will be on Sunday, December 2, 2001, and the one in Toledo will be on Saturday, December 8, 2001 at a site TBA (probably St. Ursula Academy). There will be a few make-up clinics (for current OVR referees only) in January and February 2002 at Kent State, Ohio Northern, and Dayton, but there will be a make-up clinic fee of \$20. If you attended a make-up clinic in both 2000 and 2001, you *must* attend the all-day clinic this December.

If you did not attend a USAV clinic last season, I have dropped you from the list of certified referees. It is imperative that you attend a USAV clinic and take the Form A test each year. In late August or early September all current OVR referees will be sent an e-mail message reminding them to renew their membership before it expires on October 31. The absolute deadline for renewal is December 8 and will not be extended. For those of you who are referees and coaches or players, you must renew your membership as an official before you renew as a player or coach.

Congratulations to our newest National Indoor Referee, **Joe Hardiman**, from Pittsburgh, and our newest National Beach Referee, **Emi Vishoot**, from Dayton. All four of our Junior National Candidates who passed at the Qualifiers, **Bob Dickenson** of Dayton, **Bruce Albert** of Wintersville, OH, **Lori Stahara** of Morgantown, WV, and **Patti Nelis** of Ruffsdale, PA, showed up at the Junior Nationals in Salt Lake City, passed another evaluation, and got their Junior National patches.

Because of a shortage of certified referees this season, I would like each currently certified referee to make an effort to recruit at least one new referee and bring them to one of the clinics in December. Please explain the process to them of pre-season clinic attendance, being rated in January or February, and joining the Ohio Valley Region.

Have a great summer and fall and I will see you at the clinics in December. ♦



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Reminder: OVR memberships expire on October 31. Officials should complete the questionnaire available on www.ovr.org and register by October 15.

The **Sports for Youth Foundation**, a non-profit member of USA Volleyball, is organizing *Goodwill Volleyball Tours to Europe* for fall 2001 and summer 2002. Visit them online at www.sportsforyouth.com/Tours/Toursmain.htm.

Contributions Wanted!

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