

Boys volleyball in the OVR

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Hello, everyone! I can't believe the summer is winding down already. Here are a few items before we officially close the books on the 2001 USAV season.

First, my previous newsletter article had an incorrect statement regarding junior teams from Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania teams have

a split boys season, but their high school association doesn't have as restrictive rules with respect to team composition. I apologize for misstating the facts.

Second, I want to congratulate the following clubs/teams who ably represented the Ohio Valley Region at the Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships in Phoenix AZ: Beaver Valley Premier, Buckeyes, Northcoast, and Tool City. I hope their tournament experiences, both on and off the courts, were memorable and inspire them to pursue future volleyball accomplishments.

Third, I was one of three OVR representatives at the Annual Meetings of the Youth and Junior Olympic Volleyball Division (YJOVD) held August 1-5 in Colorado Springs CO. As much as possible, I attended sessions relating to junior boys and competition matters. The YJOVD Administrative Council discussed the following proposals that may impact junior boys competition for 2002. *However*, the proposals marked with an asterisk must go through proper USAV channels for approval and I hope to confirm their status following the Regional Operations Division (ROD) meetings in October. *Please treat the asterisked items as informational only!*

- a. There will be a consolidated list of 2002 boys tournaments available October 1 (probably on the USAV web site).
- * b. To be considered for an at-large Open bid, a team must submit performance data for the current year, using the USAV reporting form. A team that has not yet

competed during the current season (e.g., team from Guam/Puerto Rico/Hawaii, newly-formed team) may submit additional performance data (e.g., final finish at last year's Boys JOVC, player/coach bios, description of returning players) which the Seeding Committee may consider at its discretion.

- * c. Boys JOVC deadlines:
 1. On-line registration plus completed entry forms and fees are due to the National office NLT 21 days prior to the first day of the Boys JOVC.
 2. Final team roster due NLT 14 days prior to the first day of the Boys JOVC.
 3. Entry fee refund policy:
 - Guaranteed refund: 22 or more days prior to the first day of the Boys JOVC.
 - Conditional refund: 15-21 days prior to the first day of the Boys JOVC, if replacement team is found.
 - No refund: 14 or fewer days prior to the first day of the Boys JOVC.
- * d. ALL registered coaches at the JOVC must be at least IMPACT certified.
- * e. Roster additions at the JOVC must have written authorization, including appropriate written documentation, by the designated Regional authority. Roster additions will be allowed up to the team's first match at the JOVC.
- * f. Final roster verification will be conducted courtside prior to a team's first match at the JOVC.
- * g. If three teams are tied and two teams advance to the Gold division, the tie-breaker procedures at the Boys JOVC will be modified as follows:
 1. Seed teams by game percentage, then by point differential.

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