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2. Top seed advances.
 3. Tie-breaker game (one 15-point rally score game) between 2nd and 3rd seed, with top seed as work team.
- h. If a team from a U.S. territory or foreign country (including Canada and Mexico) participates in a U.S. tournament, they must have appropriate Sports Accident insurance. The Sports Accident insurance form is available on the USAV web site and should be included with your tournament entry form mailing. (Note: USAV notified the governing Federations of these territories and countries about this new requirement.)
- i. The All-Tournament Committee will publish the All-Tournament selection process and criteria, including factors that will eliminate a player from consideration.
- j. Encourage nominations for the following JOV awards: Outstanding Program Director; Outstanding Clinician; Outstanding Male/Female Coach; Outstanding Service; Outstanding Parent.
- * k. Teams may compete in a higher age group at the JOVC, provided no in-division team is denied entry.

Finally, I was elected to a two-year term as a voting member of the Competition Commission of the YJOVD. The Competition Commission addresses both boys and girls issues such as seeding and formats for national-level tournaments, determining entry selections and selection criteria for national-level competition, and recommending improvements to tournament procedures. Please let me know your concerns and ideas, and I will do my best to present your views to the Commission and YJOVD.

Until next time,
Emi Vishoot

The next OVR Board Meetings will be on October 21, 2001 (Westerville South HS) and on January 21, 2002 (Kent).

Junior Officials' Development Program

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Congratulations to the 2,500 juniors players who are now certified scorekeepers and the 200 junior players who are now certified second officials. Remember that this certification is valid through the coming 2001-2002 season.

I believe that the actual number of certified players is significantly higher but that some club directors were either not aware that the player had passed or didn't forwarded their names to me via e-mail. This year we are looking at having a web page into which the club directors will be able to enter the names of their players who pass the certification process. Hopefully, this will increase the number of names that I receive.

The process for certification will be very similar this year. Scorekeepers and Second Officials will be observed during each match of the season. Even if they have already passed their certification, they will still be observed and critiqued. This will further improve their knowledge of their responsibilities as officials.

I will continue to coordinate clinicians to come to your individual clubs to teach your players the functions of scorekeeping and second officiating. The cost to be paid by the club directly to the clinician(s) is increasing to \$75 for up to 100 clinic attendees and \$100 for over 100 attendees. Remember that the clinics do not certify the players. They only get certified during matches during the season. The clinic is to help them learn their responsibilities and techniques without the stress of the match. When you know that you would like a clinic, please contact me. I will identify a clinician in your area to present the materials. The club is responsible for printing copies of a Deciding Game Scoresheet for each attendee.

Finally, I would like to ask for comments about the current process. How can it be improved? The better trained the players become, the better officiated the matches will be. Please e-mail your suggestions to me at herbert@ovr.org. ♦