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Records Shattered at Championships



Nick Nyerom

Saturday morning at the nation's largest regional championship tournament. Following 10's, 11's, and 12's competition on May 4, the Ohio Valley Region Inc. Kaepa-USA Junior Volleyball Championships 2002 continued on May 11-12 and 17-19 using 32 courts at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. 704 teams participated, breaking last year's record of 670. Our adult Regionals were equally successful, with an impressive 92% of registered teams competing. The OVR board, officers, and staff are committed to making these great events for everybody: quality courts, a first-class facility, excellent officiating, fine accommodations at the Hyatt Regency, space for spectators, and, of course, competition and memories commensurate with membership in the OVR.

BoD Election Results

Voting for 5 board seats was conducted at the adult and junior regional championships and by mail. The newly elected directors, serving from June 1, 2002 through May 31, 2005, are **Terry Miller** (261 votes), **Glenn Purdy** (260 votes), **Bill Zehler** (259 votes), **Bob Dickenson** (217 votes), and **Art Faura** (179 votes). Keith Burke (155 votes) and Monte Moser (133 votes) were close behind. Write-ins receiving 1-2 votes each included Paul Dickson, Alan Evers, Jamie Fox, Ken Nguyen, Jeri Price, Dan Stevens, Greg Ulland, and Richard Wyman. Brian Hemelgarn served as the Elections Chair. Appointments for Men's Tournament Director, Juniors' Tournament Director, and Regional Scorekeepers' Chairperson will be made at the August board meeting.

Ron Wyzynski Honored



Ron Wyzynski is the recipient of USA Volleyball's 2002 Youth/Junior Olympic Volleyball "Outstanding Service Award". Ron began his association with the OVR in 1970.

In 1989 Ron was unanimously appointed to succeed Roland Stone as Commissioner. Following two highly productive 4-year terms, our board named Ron as the OVR's first Executive Director/CEO, a role (along with that of Registrar) in which he continues to dedicate himself to the growth of the Ohio Valley Region and the sport of volleyball. His tireless effectiveness is evident in all

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Corner



The 2002 season was a record breaking year for the OVR. A record number of members, a record number of teams, plus the largest attended Adult and Jr. Region Championships in the country. I want to publicly acknowledge those

people responsible for the successes experienced this season by the OVR.

The efforts of Michelle Fox, Women's Tournament Director, and Keith Burke, Men's Tournament Director, were exemplary in the development of completion of the largest Adult Region Championships in USA- Volleyball.

Bill Zehler, Jr. Program Director, and his staff of thousands who made the 2002 Jr. season such a tremendous success deserve a heartfelt *thank you!* Just to mention a few, Tom Kohl, Yoon Ha, Art Faura, Hank Trimble, Keith Burke, Rich Zeciski, Gene Williams, Steve Donahue and numerous others, I express to all of you the OVR's appreciation. Rick Laskey and Terry Miller also must be mentioned for coordinating the officials and scorekeepers, gentlemen, *well done!*

The Region events for the Adults and Juniors were excellent examples of organization and planning that provided quality playing experiences for all OVR members. A very special thank you to all those mentioned and to those who played a role in these events!

I want to recognize Mr. Rick Laskey, a very special person for his 20+ years of service to the OVR. Rick and his wife Connie are retiring and plan to relocate in the

Carolinas. I've been honored to have had the opportunity to work with *the best* Regional Referees' Chairman in the USA-Volleyball organization. Rick has made the OVR one of the most respected officials divisions in the country. His expertise, along with his willingness to share that expertise, demonstrate the quality of professional he is. Rick Laskey has always been a person whose priority was the promotion and development of the game of volleyball. Rick will be missed, but not forgotten.

Ron Wyzynski, Executive Director/CEO, has been awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the YJOV division of USA-Volleyball. Ron's leadership has been the driving force behind the successes of the OVR. Congratulations!

The OVR has been awarded the 2002 Viggo Nelson Publications Award for Website. Congrats must go to Nick Nystrom, our webmaster; Nick developed, designed, and continues to expand the services of this award-winning website! Congratulations to Nick, and thank you for your dedication to volleyball!

The 2002 season was a tremendous success, and the OVR and its BOD and staff are already at work to make the 2003 season even better! Please contact any BOD with ideas to make the OVR better serve your needs. Have a great summer!

Respectfully,
Bob Price
Commissioner & President
Ohio Valley Region, Inc.
USA Volleyball

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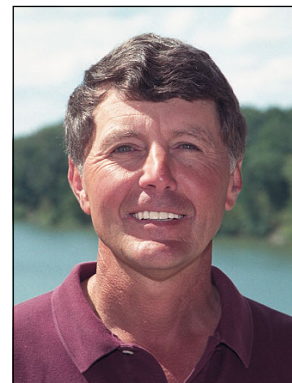
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Executive Director's Commentary

Dear Members, I'm pleased to report that the OVR 2002 volleyball season in almost every area of our business was a huge success. Examples would be the largest individual membership, surpassing 12,450, the most registered adult and junior teams and certified officials, and large increases in female and male junior players as well as their coaches. Our educational programs ASEP-CAP and IMPACT had a record number of participants as did our officials' clinics. Our end of the season regional championship events produced the largest percentage of adult team entries since 1993, and the junior event established a mark of 704 teams played on three weekends. Good luck to OVR adult, junior and high performance teams competing in post season events around the country. Please remember to get your results and team information to website director Nick Nystrom. While I'm on that subject a special Congratulations to Nick! The OVR website via Nick's efforts and expertise

received the V. Nelson national website award as "best in the nation for 2002". The website will have received close to 2,000,000 hits by the close of this season. As the season moves to closure your board of directors and staff will meet in August to prepare for 2003. This group of dedicated people always brings to the table suggestions and improvements related to your participation. I want to personally thank Commissioner Bob Price for supporting my push to be the best efforts the last 14 seasons. Since Bob and I started working and planning together, the region's members and programs were always paramount in our decisions. I see no reason to deviate from this path of success.



Sincerely,
 Ronald J. Wyzynski
 Executive Director / CEO
 Ohio Valley Region, Inc.
 USA Volleyball

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The region has a number of convenient new communication mechanisms accessible through our Mailing Lists link. Those facilities complement the mailing lists already accessible from our lists of clubs, teams, tournaments, and officials, providing one-click access to large groups of people. The distributions available now include

- OVR Board of Directors, Officers, and Staff
- juniors' tournament announcements
- all juniors' club directors
- all juniors' tournament directors
- all men's and women's team reps
- all men's and women's tournament directors
- all professional officials

As with our other mailing lists, sign-in is now required. Those with usernames and passwords should simply use them; others can easily create an account in a few seconds. That requirement protects our membership against unsolicited advertising and other inappropriate e-mail (*spam*).

You can also reach our board members, officers, and staff at *name@ovr.org* (e.g. *wyzynski@ovr.org*) or using the following easily remembered aliases, all @ovr.org:

staff	Board of Directors, Officers, and Staff
commissioner	Commissioner
ceo, registrar	CEO/Executive Director, Registrar
referees_chair	Referees' Chair
mens_td	Men's Tournament Director
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juniors_td	Juniors' Tournament Director
juniors	Juniors' Program Director
jodd	Junior Officials' Development Director
hp	Director of High Performance & Coaching Education
jresults	Juniors' Results Coordinator
boys_liaison	Junior Boys Liaison
bid	Juniors' Bid Coordinator
editor	Publications Editor
webmaster	Webmaster



The support of the teams and individual players is what makes it all worthwhile.

From the Men's Tournament Director

Keith Burke

Well it's the end of another indoor season. Congratulations to all of the winners at the Adult Regionals. For those teams who played and were just not quite in that final match, we can all look forward to next season.

I want to thank all of the local tournament hosts who held tournaments this year. You are the heart and soul of our sport. Without your local tournaments where would we be able to play each weekend?

I also want to thank all of the teams who play each weekend. The Region is growing each year, and the support of the teams and individual players is what makes it all worth while.

The Adult Regionals was a great success. The percentage of teams playing at the Regionals was a record high of 92%. With this kind of participation numbers it's great to see everyone enjoying volleyball.

The level of play has also increased dramatically throughout the region. We now have more teams playing in the Open and A divisions than we ever have had. Teams are calling me now wanting to move up during the season.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer. If you are still in the playing mode remember there are several outdoor tournaments and leagues within the region. The web site has a tournament list of all the grass, mud, and sand events. Check one out. It will help keep your volleyball skills in check and besides getting a little sun with some friends always makes for a great day.

See you next season. Remember that if there is anything I can do to answer a question or help you out drop me an email or give me a call.

Summer Tournaments: www.ovr.org/non-usav/tournaments.php



From the Women's Tournament Director

Michelle Fox

Thanks for another great season of volleyball! Letters were mailed out to all team reps after the Regional Championships indicating the level of play recommended to start next season. If the indicated level needs to be changed, we can do that after two or three tournaments next year. These levels of play are also listed on the standings page on the OVR website.

Please take a look at the non-sanctioned summer tournament schedule listed on the website. There are plenty of tournaments available so you can play volleyball on the weekends all summer!

Juniors' Tournaments: 2002 Wrapup, 2003 Preview

Tom Kohl, Juniors' Tournament Director

I would like to thank all the tournament directors for your help this past season. A total of 91 tournament directors were responsible for 713 sanctioned regular season Junior tournaments. As of May 25, there were 22 documented incidents of incorrect pool play and/or tournament play and 5 tournaments that failed to submit a Report of Event. By my math, that means 96% of the tournaments were run correctly and I received a Report of Event. That's really good!

We still need to improve. Basically, if a tournament director has a copy of the Junior Tournament Rules at the tournament site, and refers to those rules as needed, most problems can be avoided. Other issues to be addressed are tournament directors not having their tournament information available to club directors and coaches prior to the 14 day limit and not sending Yoon or me their completed information within the stated time. Yoon and I intend to work with Nick Nystrom to develop a reporting system that is available to Tournament Directors and Club Directors to show which tournaments have reported their information. Many times Yoon received unjustified criticism because tournament directors did not report their results in a timely manner. This reporting system will place a greater responsibility on Tournament Directors to correctly run the pools and tournament rounds. Failure to do so will result in that tournament's results being voided.

Prior to the OVR board meeting in August, I will review the rules and procedures and recommend any changes to Bill Zehler, Juniors' Program Director. Should you have any suggestions please email me at kohl@ovr.org with your suggestions.

Again, one of my recommendations will be that Tournament Directors who did not use OVR approved Junior formats for pool play and tournaments and/or did not submit their information within the stated guidelines to Yoon or me, not be given a sanction for any tournaments in 2002-2003 or must submit a tournament bond of \$400.

I will begin accepting Applications for Sanctions beginning September 1, 2002. Tournament Directors must be registered with the OVR prior to December 1, and I will not accept email requests for Sanctions prior to receiving an official Application for Sanction and tournament bond in the mail. Burned once but never twice. Please be aware that any entry fee in excess of the OVR approved fee does require proof. Rental contracts and similar documents are required.

As of Sunday, June 2, tournament bond checks will be either mailed or shredded. If you included a *stamped*, self-addressed envelope with your Application for Sanction, I returned your check by US mail. If not, the check was shredded.

Again, thanks for your help this past season. I look forward to your cooperation in the 2002-2003 season.



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OVR Referees' Chair Changes Hands

Brian Hemelgarn

At our May meeting, our OVR board appointed me to succeed Rick Laskey as the Regional Referees' Chair. I am truly honored! Rick leaves a big pair of white shoes to fill, and I fully plan to continue in the direction he has led our officiating ranks for more than a decade. Rick departs at a time of unprecedented growth in the OVR, and it will take the help of all of you to insure our future successes! I look forward to the challenge and invite you to contact me with any concerns, kudos or comments as they relate to our officiating ranks! And when you have the chance, drop Rick a note or give him a quick phone call to offer your thanks, appreciation and best wishes. He deserves it!

Speaking of unprecedented growth, we added 85 new Provisional referees to our ranks during the rating process this year, and there were 21 upgrades to Regional. That puts us comfortably over 300 certified officials!

I'll take a moment to recognize our Junior National candidates who successfully passed their ratings at a Qualifier this spring: Tom Bailey, Terry Bush, Chuck Fleet, Anthony Hines and Tom Joseph. They will all be traveling to the Girls' JOVC in Salt Lake City at the end of the June to complete the certification process. We should also wish luck to Dan Litteral and Jimmy McKinzey who will be representing the OVR during their evaluations at the Boys' JOVC in Louisville to become USAV National referee candidates at NIRSA next year in Columbus.

Finally, thanks to all of you for working hard this past season to insure the quality of our OVR tournaments. We saw many successes in the OVR, and that is truly a credit to our officials and staff!

See you on the court!

*I look forward
to the
challenge...*

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Junior Officials' Development Program

Alan Herbert, Junior Officials' Development Director

Congratulations to all players, coaches, officials and administrators for another fantastic season! 2002 will be a season that many participants will remember for a long time.

My thanks to all of the officials that helped to provide clinics for clubs and rated the players during matches. I know it took most of your free time during tournaments, but I feel that the quality of player officiating has continued to improved the past couple of years since Steve DiBacco first implemented the program.

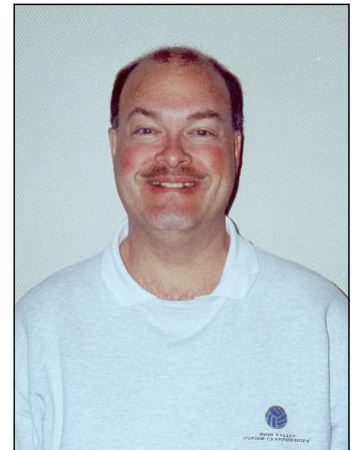
There are 420 players entered in the Certified Junior Official web page. Some of these players are dual-certified. My congratulations to Players Choice for having the most players listed (30). I wish to thank the Club Directors that took the time to enter their players into the database. Please remember that this is the official listing of your certified players. I feel that the 420 players listed are just a single tile in the SportCourt (or drop in the bucket) of how many players were actually certified. 6,000 certification cards were distributed to officials at the beginning of the season, and more were mailed to officials as they ran out of their original allocations. I hope to in-

crease the number of teams entering their certified players next year.

On a note for next year, I recommend that Tournament Directors offer 15 minute long Junior Official mini-clinics before each tournament. One mini-clinic would cover how to be a second official. The other would cover how to keep score. I tried this at the 15 Juniors Tournaments that I ran at the Kent State University Annex this past season. I think it helped to have a refresher just before the tournament. I had the mini-clinics run from about 8:20 to 8:35. This was late enough so that most of the teams had arrived but still gave the attendees time to get to their courts and warm up before their first match. I have training materials developed for these mini-clinics that I will make available via the web for next year. I also plan to add a third mini-clinic on how to be a line judge. As the players get better at all three functions, our tournaments will continue to run more smoothly.

Again, my thanks to all who worked and played so hard to make this past season so successful.

– Al Herbert



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Ron Wyzynski Honored

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aspects of our region's operation, and it is especially clear in the growth and development of our Juniors' programs for which this award is given. Ron's Outstanding Service Award will be presented in Salt Lake City. *Congratulations, Ron!*

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On the Web and In Print

By any measure, 2002 was a spectacular season for the Ohio Valley Region. Our registrations are up by 7.5%, we hosted record-breaking championship tournaments (again), our web usage is up by 90%, and USA Volleyball recognized our web site with the Viggo O. Nelson publications award. We also implemented new facilities, for example electronic registration for the OVR Kaepa-USA Junior Championships. Approximately half of the teams registered used that facility, helping greatly with the tournament's management and with assembly of a significantly expanded college coaches' packet.

We regularly receive communications saying that we're providing the information people need – OVR members and individuals from other regions alike – but more importantly, we have plans to address many of our outstanding needs for next season. This, like most worthwhile endeavors, is a continuous learning experience. As we build a better foundation, we perceive the demand for more sophisticated facilities. Expect to see new features that will make the OVR work better for everyone: less work for club directors, team reps, and staff, and faster and more accurate reporting for our members. Our objective, we must remember, is *playing volleyball*: while an elaborate infrastructure is necessary to manage an organization of our size, that infrastructure must be transparent, diverting as little energy as possible from competing, coaching, and otherwise enjoying and advancing our sport.

Aside from new features, expect to see a completely new design for the OVR web site very soon. I had many reasons for that overhaul: more efficient navigation, expansion of

content, reorganization and cleanup, and a more aesthetic look and feel.

2002 also saw the revival of our Region Handbook. While we came close to our goal of authoring a complete but concise guide to participating in the OVR, extensive revisions are already underway for the 2003 edition, which will be published on www.ovr.org prior to the 2003 season's surge of activity. Any suggestions for revisions must reach me by the end of August to stand a reasonable chance of incorporation.

Before closing, I'd like to recognize those with whom I have the privilege of helping to build and sustain the OVR. In particular, USA Volleyball chose well in selecting Ron Wyzynski for the 2002 YJOV *Outstanding Service* award. The contributions Ron has made to building juniors' volleyball, as well as to all other aspects of our organization, have been phenomenal. Rick Laskey, who recently resigned his Regional Referees' Chair, similarly exemplifies dedication and professionalism. Rick was my first contact in the OVR many years ago, and he's been a valued colleague and friend ever since. I wish Rick and Connie only the best as they explore a new life in warmer and sunnier places. Of course they're not alone: our opportunities and growth are made possible only through the hard work of the entire staff.

If you have any suggestions regarding any of our media, simply e-mail them to me. I'll see some of you on the sand this summer, and to the everyone else, 2003 is just around the corner. Let's make it even better.

Nick Nystrom
Editor, Webmaster, Board Member
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Ohio Valley Region Inc. Kaepa-USA 2002 Junior Volleyball Championships

The 2002 Junior Championships were held over three consecutive weekends in May and provided 704 teams with an opportunity to go for the gold, to finish their season on a positive note, or simply to have a great time. 10's-12's were hosted at Columbus-area high schools Westerville South, Pickerington, Olentangy, and Reynoldsburg. Back-to-back weekends of Convention Center championships began with 13's and 15 Club Nickel through Titanium divisions on May 11 and then with the full 32-court 14 Club division on May 12. The courts remained set up during the week, during which they were made available for adult non-championship tournaments during the evening. The Junior Championships resumed on Friday evening, May 17, with 17 and 18 Open and Club. After a good night's sleep, those teams returned on Saturday at 2 PM to complete their competition. In the meantime, the large 16 Club division fought it starting at 8 PM on Saturday morning. The tournament concluded with all divisions of 14, 15, and 16 Open and 15 Club Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Copper divisions on Sunday, May 19.

Everyone involved deserves credit for helping to make this the best Junior Championships ever. Ron Wyzynski, Bob Price, and Bill Zehler do an incredible job with the extensive preparations necessary for an event of this magnitude. We sincerely appreciate the contributions of the OVR directors, officers, and staff, the athletes from Westerville South High School and Otterbein College, and all others who helped starting on Thursday morning, May 9 with the physical labor of setting up all 32 courts and then returning for teardown on Sunday, May 19. Ron Wyzynski reported that the last piece of the courts went into the trucks at 1:33 AM: the effort of transforming a convention center into a sports facility truly is a Herculean undertaking. Linda Logan of the Columbus Sports Commission and Amy Huggins of the Greater Columbus Convention Center were invaluable for their help with securing the facility and their logistical support. Valerie Gillespie pro-

vided a great block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency Columbus for our officials and teams. We appreciate the involvement of Kaepa-USA and of Molten. Their fine products and their ongoing support of the Ohio Valley Region are good for everyone concerned. Thanks also to Chip Reiley and his staff of East Coast Volleyball, providers of the courts for our Championships, for use of their excellent equipment and for their help in its assembly and disassembly. Ryan Quiggle of Q-Sport did a fantastic job with our tournament shirts and with having available other merchandise for our participants. Behind the scenes, Hank Trimble, Art Faura, and Al Herbert were constantly laboring to develop pool sheets and other tournament papers at the last possible instant as teams dropped, were replaced from the waiting lists, and pools shifted. Our goal was to accommodate every team registered by the deadline. Wendy Alferts put in long and tedious hours transcribing information for the college coaches' packet for teams registered on paper (that step was not necessary for teams registered electronically). Among those helping in various capacities throughout the event, thanks are due to Terry Miller, Rick Laskey, Brian Hemelgarn, Emi Vishoot, Patty Salvatore, Al Herbert, Glenn Purdy, Keith Burke, Steve Donahue, Bob Dickenson, Yoon Ha, Scott Garver, Tom Kohl, Troy Dixon, the Fox family, Don Burroughs, Sandy Rowland, Gene Williams, Carrie Meyer, Rich Zeciski. Apologies to anyone forgotten in those lists: it is impossible to remember everyone, but everyone's contribution was valued. Last but certainly not least, thanks to the young athletes who are the real focus of this tournament, and to the parents who support and encourage them.

The following pages recognize the teams who participated in this year's Junior Championships. Photos, excepting two sent in directly by team reps, didn't reach us in time for inclusion in this newsletter; they will instead appear soon on www.ovr.org.

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Ohio Valley Region Inc. Kaepa-USA 2002 Junior Volleyball Championships

18 Open – Gold Division – 1st Place
Sports Express Black 18-1



Back row:

Coach Jeni Case
Sarah Bauer (12)
Kelley Potter (17)
Susie Grout (28)
Kristen Rust (14)
Maria Pongonis (7)
Assistant Coach Renee Scheidt

Front row:

Staci Dirr (22)
Alliya Riddle (9, not at Regionals)
Lindsay Simpson (21)
Kelly Byrnes (3)
Emily Huey (6)

Not pictured:

Assistant Coach Amy Doran

18 Open

1. Sports Express Black
2. Adidas Penn Juniors 18-1
3. Cincinnati Bullets
3. Premier Mavericks
5. Dayton Juniors 17
5. Advanced Approach 18-1
5. Kaepa CVC 18 Black
5. Central Ohio 18-1

18 Club Gold

1. Premier Rebels
2. Toledo SJVC 18
3. Zero Gravity 18 Black
3. SOVC 18 Red
5. Adidas Penn Juniors 18-2
5. North Columbus 18 Gold
5. Advanced Approach

18 Club Bronze

1. Spirit Commanders
2. Polaris 18-1
3. Gem City Leedy
4. Polaris 18-2
5. Jump Serve 18 Black
5. LOCO 18 Red
5. Penn Highlands 18
5. AJVC 18 Silver

18 Club Nickel

1. Columbus United
2. COVE Red
3. Richland 18
3. Queen City Crush
5. Westerville Red
5. Westland 17

18 Open Silver

1. Dayton Juniors 18
2. Quicksilver 18
3. Kaepa TVC 18-1
3. New Wave Red
5. Kaepa Borderline 18 Red
5. ACE 18-1
5. Riverstar 18
5. Kaepa Borderline 18 White

18 Club Silver

1. Pittsburgh Elite 18-1
2. Team OH
3. ECJ 18 White
3. COVE 18 White
5. Ohio Juniors 18
5. Quicksilver
5. Club Hollywood Jones
5. Stark Velocity

18 Club Copper

1. NW Penn 18
2. Jackson VC
3. QTX 18
3. Aces 18 Blue
5. North Central Orange
5. Charleston VBC 18
5. Grizzly 18
5. New Wave 18 Black

18 Club Platinum

1. Green County Leaping Lizards
2. Lineshot Brown
3. Klars 18
3. Tri County
5. Gold Diggers
5. UNNA 18

Ohio Valley Region Inc. Kaepa-USA 2002 Junior Volleyball Championships

17 Open Gold

1. TVC 17-1
2. Team Z
3. Kaepa CVC 17 Black
3. North Columbus 17 Gold
5. Team Atlantis
5. Maverick 3rd Degree 17
5. North Shore 17 Gold
5. Gem City 17 Ferguson

17 Open Silver

1. Trumbull Blue
2. Sports Express 17
3. Quicksilver 17
3. Kaepa Borderline 17 Red
5. SW Ohio Thunderbirds 17 Green
5. Central Ohio 17-1
5. Premier 17 Black Raptors
5. New Knoxville 17 Red

17 Club Gold

1. Jump Serve 17 Black
2. SWVC 17 White
3. Mid Ohio 17 Navy
3. MEVC 17
5. Premier Tornados
5. LAVC Xtreme
5. Pitt Elite 17-2
5. Players Choice White

17 Club Silver

1. LOCO 17 White
2. Central Ohio 16-1
3. Youngstown Juniors Blue
3. COVE Blue
5. North Coast Westbeld
5. Buckeye 17 Red
5. Team Atlantis Davis
5. Trumbull Grey

17 Club Bronze

1. SWVC 17 Red
2. SW Ohio Thunderbirds 17 White
3. Air Attack 17J
3. North Coast Marshall
5. Cannon Ruby
5. Jani King 17
5. Cincy West 17
5. Stars & Spikes 17 Blue

17 Club Copper

1. Air Attack 17 S
2. Cap City 17
3. Spirit Invaders
3. Eastside Acers
5. Portage Wildcats
5. Players Choice 17 Green
5. North Coast Hale
5. New Knoxville 17 Black

17 Club Nickel

1. Richland 17
2. Premier Hurricanes
3. Kaepa Borderline 17 Black
3. Prostar
5. Jump Serve Navy
5. Green County Bullfrogs
5. Tri County 17
5. YMCA Superstars
9. Cannon Garnet
9. Stark Velocity
9. New Knoxville Gray

17 Club Platinum

1. Gem City Castro
2. MVP 17
3. MVVP 17
3. Kaepa Borderline 17 White
5. QTX 17

16 Open Gold

1. Kaepa TVC 16-1
2. Cincy Classics 16 Red
3. Team Atlantis Snipes
3. Dayton Juniors 16
5. Cincy Classics 16 White
5. ECJ 16 Navy
5. Cincy Classics 16 Black
5. Pitt Elite 16-1

16 Open Silver

1. Kaepa CVC 16 Black
2. Premier Black Magic
3. ACE 16-1
3. Mid Ohio 16 Black
5. Adidas Penn Juniors 16-1
5. Kaepa Borderline 16 Red
5. Advanced Approach 16-1
5. SJVC Rebels

16 Open Bronze

1. Kaepa TVC 16-2
2. North Central Orange
3. Tri County Maroon
3. Riverstar 16
5. ECJ 16 White
5. North Coast Raffa
5. Central Ohio 16-2
5. Black Swamp 16-1

16 Open Copper

1. Quicksilver 16
2. Kaepa CVC 16 White
3. Eastern Hills 16 Hers
3. Cincy VBC 16-1
5. SEVC Xtreme
5. Gem City Staller
5. Spirit Blockers

16 Club Gold

1. North Columbus 16 Gold
2. Glass City Diamond Johnson
3. Buckeye Black
3. Team Atlantis Brown
5. Adidas Penn Juniors 16-2
5. Sports Express 16 Gray
5. Toledo SJVC Intensity 16
5. Premier Enforcers

16 Club Silver

1. Zero Gravity 16 Black
2. Team Atlantis Anderson
3. Club Hollywood 16 A
3. Club Spike 16
5. NOVA 16-1
5. Team Atlantis Hemm
5. Premier 16 Banana Slugs
5. LEVA 16 Silver

16 Club Bronze

1. Mid Ohio 16 Gold
2. Pitt Elite 16-2
3. Portage Warriors
3. Maverick 3rd Degree
5. Sen San 16 Red
5. Wayne Juniors 16
5. Younstown Juniors 16 Red
5. New Wave 16 Red

16 Club Copper

1. Air Attack 16 J
2. Polaris 16
3. MEVC 16 A
3. Club Hollywood 16 C
5. New Wave 16 Green
5. Mid Ohio 16 Navy
5. Cincy Juniors 16

16 Club Nickel

1. North Columbus 16 Black
2. Jani King 16 A
3. Cannon Crimson
3. Cannon Carbuncle
5. Trumbull 16 Blue
5. Lineshot Maroon
5. Canal Winchester 16 Scarlet
5. Buckeye 16 Red

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16 Club Platinum

1. Penn Highlands 16 N
2. Stars & Spikes Blue
3. Westerville 16 Red
3. Westerville 16 Black
5. Tri County 16 Black
5. Wooster Elite 16 Black
5. Western Buckeye Bullets

16 Club Aluminum

1. 5 Seasons 16 Black
2. COVE 16 Blue
3. Air Attack 16 S
3. Jump Serve 16 Black
5. SOVC 16 White
5. North Central 16 Navy
5. Lodi 16
5. Air Attack 16 K

16 Club Chromium

1. Premier Wahoos
2. COVE 16 White
3. LOCO 16 Orange
3. Westerville 16 Blue
5. Club Hollywood 16 D
5. Pike County 16-I
5. Westerville 16 Purple
5. Spirit Raiders

16 Club Plutonium

1. ECJ 16 Orange
2. Buckeye 16 White
3. Premier Firebirds
3. Cap City 16 Black
5. Green County Tropicana
5. Kaepa Borderline 16 White
5. Westerville Black
5. Darke County

16 Club Titanium

1. SOVC 16 Red
2. Club Hollywood 16 B
3. Advanced Approach
3. North Central Grey
5. Gold Diggers 16
5. Klars Green

16 Club Mercury

1. Queen City Crush
2. Ohio Juniors 16
3. Gem City Ryan
3. New Wave 16 Black
5. Trumbull 16 Gray
5. Eastern Hills 16 His
5. New Wave 16 Blue
5. MEVC 16 B

16 Club Kryptonite

1. North Coast Pack
2. Kaepa TVC 16-3
3. Portage Rapids
3. North Coast Morris
5. Eastern Hills 16 Aces
5. Charleston VBC 16
5. New Knoxville 16 Black
5. Westerville Green

16 Club Lead

1. 5 Seasons 16 Blue
2. Stark Velocity 16 Green
3. COVE 16 Red
3. Cap City 16 Green
5. UNNA 16 Black
5. Jani King 16 B
5. YMCA Superstars 16
5. Stark Velocity 16-I

16 Club Zinc

1. Kaepa Borderline 16 Black
2. Mid Ohio 16 Maroon
3. East Ohio 16-I
3. Westland 16
5. UNNA 16 Purple
5. Richland 16
5. UNNA 16 Green
5. Canal Winchester 16 Black

15 Open Gold

1. Cincy Classics 15 Red
2. Kaepa CVC 15 Black
3. Kaepa TVC 15-I
3. Blue Chip 15 Blue
5. Premier Black Outlaws
5. Western Buckeye Bombers
5. Black Swamp 15 White
5. Cincy Classics 15 Black

15 Open Silver

1. Glass City Diamond Johnson
2. NW Ohio Ultimate Force
3. ECJ 15 Navy
3. Kaepa Borderline 15 Red
5. Cincy VBC 15-I
5. NOVA 15-I
5. Dayton Juniors 15
5. Kaepa CVC 15 White

15 Open Bronze

1. ACE 15 Black
2. Riverstar 15A
3. Gem City Gan
3. NKYVC 15 Tide
5. North Coast Nye
5. Cincy Classics 15 Silver
5. Cincy Classics 15 White
5. Tri County 15 Maroon

15 Open Copper

1. Advanced Approach 15-I
2. Pitt Elite 15-I
3. Quicksilver 15
3. ACE 15 White
5. Central Ohio 15-2
5. Spirit Magic
5. Central Ohio 15-2
5. Black Swamp 15 Green

15 Club Gold

1. Team Atlantis Kenny
2. SWVC 15
3. Premier Bombers
3. SOVC 15 Blue
5. Mid Ohio 15 Black
5. SOJO 15
5. Kaepa TVC 15-2
5. Glass City Diamond Wagner

15 Club Silver

1. Jump Serve Black
2. Riverstar Bees
3. Gold Diggers 15
3. Trumbull 15 Silver
5. Adidas Penn Juniors 15-I
5. Cannon 15 Maroon
5. Lineshot Ash
5. Kaepa TVC 15-3

15 Club Bronze

1. Wayne Juniors
2. Advanced Approach 15-2
3. ECJ 15 White
3. BVP 15-I
5. North Columbus 15 Gold
5. Western Buckeye Bandits
5. Lineshot Beige
5. Klars 15 Red

15 Club Copper

1. Portage 15 Suns
2. Glass City 15 Emerald Johnson
3. Gem City Krabbe
3. Eastern Hills 15
5. Pitt Elite 15-2
5. NW Ohio Henkle
5. Premier Lightning
5. Buckeye 15 Red

15 Club Nickel

1. Youngstown Juniors White
2. LEVA 15
3. Team Atlantis Lori
3. Cannon Magenta
5. Buckeye 15 Black
5. Kaepa Borderline 15 Black
5. North Columbus Black
5. Youngstown Juniors Red

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15 Club Platinum

1. New Washington
2. Greene County Gators
3. Cap City 15
3. Wooster Elite Black
5. 5 Seasons Blue

15 Club Aluminum

1. SEVC Extreme
2. Team Atlantis 15 Gillian
3. Wooster elite 15 Red
3. Players Choice 15
5. Polaris 15
5. Tri County 15 Black
5. Buckeye 15 White
5. Mid Ohio 15 Navy

15 Club Chromium

1. Portage 15 Lightning
2. North Coast Nunnely
3. Mid Ohio 15 Gold
3. Jump Serve 15 Navy
5. New Knoxville 15 Black
5. X-Treme VBC 15
5. MVVP 15

15 Club Plutonium

1. Blue Chip 13 White
2. Westland 15
3. YMCA Superstars 15-1
3. Klars 15 White
5. Extreme 15
5. Jump Serve 15 Forest
5. Premier 15 Rockets
5. New Knoxville 15 Grey

15 Club Titanium

1. Club Hollywood 15 Pinter
2. Gem City Spears
3. Jani King
3. Kaepa Borderline 15 White
5. YMCA Superstars 15-2
5. Stars & Spikes 15 Blue
5. Spirit Spikers
5. LOCO 15 Yellow

14 Open Gold

1. Cincy Classics 14 Red
2. Kaepa TVC 14-1
3. Dayton Juniors 14-1
3. SW Ohio T-birds 14 Green
5. Maverick 3rd Degree
5. NKYVC Tsunami
5. Team Atlantis Outlaws
5. ECJ 14 Navy

14 Open Silver

1. Cincy VBC 14-1
2. Blue Chip 14 Blue
3. Cincy Classics 14 White
3. Black Swamp 14-1
5. Quicksilver 14
5. Kaepa CVC Black
5. Western Buckeye Blitz
5. Premier Black Aces

14 Open Bronze

1. NKYVC Tide
2. Wooster Elite 14 Red
3. Glass City Habegger
3. Kaepa CVC 14 White
5. NOVA 14-1
5. Cincy Classics 14 Black
5. North Columbus Gold
5. Jump Serve Black

14 Open Copper

1. Glass City Bauer
2. North Central Orange
3. Dayton Juniors 14-2
3. Kaepa Borderline 14 Hawks
5. Sen San Red
5. Advanced Approach

14 Club – Nickel Div. – 2nd Place Quicksilver 14 Club

- Lauren Bolmeyer (1)
- Julie Storch (5)
- Alex Feltes (88)
- Casey Barry (13)
- Erin Slattery (7)
- Theresa Richardson (22)
- Meghan Lewallen (3)
- Rachel Hipp (9)
- Wendy Birchfield (8)
- Hannah McHale (31)

Coaches Kate Barry and Bruce Wright



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14 Club Gold

1. SOJO Black
2. Grand Lake Cobras
3. Mid Ohio Black
3. Toledo SJVC Rebels
5. LEVA Black
5. Cluboom Red
5. Cannon Red
5. NW Ohio Marbaugh
9. Players Choice 14 Green
9. Trumbull Grey
9. Synergy Gold
9. Team Atlantis Eliminettters

14 Club Silver

1. TVC 14-2
2. Lithopolis Netters
3. Dayton Juniors 14-3
3. Adidas Penn Juniors 14-1
5. Borderline Liberty
5. MEVC 14

14 Club Bronze

1. Stark Velocity 14-1
2. Columbus United 14-1
3. Cap City 14 Black
3. Portage Starz
5. Stars & Spikes 14 Blue
5. Gold Diggers 14
5. Cannon 14 Rose
5. Zero Gravity Black

14 Club Copper

1. North Central 14 Navy
2. Western Buckeye Blaze
3. Mid Ohio 14 Navy
3. Swamp VBC Anacondas
5. TVC 14-3
5. Trumbull 14 Blue
5. Kaepa Borderline 14 Red
5. Glass City Emerald

14 Club Aluminum

1. Wooster Elite 14 Black
2. Premier Stingers
3. LODI 14 Orange
3. Premier Blue Devils
5. Youngstown Jrs 14 Blue
5. Team Ohio 14 Black
5. Klars 14
5. Central Ohio 14-1

14 Club Chromium

1. SOVC Red
2. Stars & Spikes Red
3. Cluboom White
3. Youngstown Juniors 14 Red
5. Adidas Penn Juniors 14 -2
5. Maverick 3rd Degree
5. TVC 14-4
5. Pike County 14-1

14 Club Nickel

1. Blue Chip White
2. Quicksilver 14
3. Trumbull 14 White
3. Queen City Crush 14
5. Air Attack 14 D
5. ECJ White
5. Buckeye 14 White
5. Team Atlantis Brennneman

14 Club Platinum

1. NKYVC Hurricanes
2. NW Penn
3. North Columbus Black
3. Team Atlantis Fleck
5. Club Hollywood Moore
5. Club Gold 14 Gold
5. Westerville 14 Purple
5. Premier Ladybugs

14 Club Plutonium

1. NOVA 14-2
2. Buckeye 14 Red
3. Marion VBC 14
3. Wayne Juniors 14
5. Spirit Cross
5. Future Invaders 14 White
5. Portage Blazers
5. Premier Chipmunks

14 Club Titanium

1. ECJ Orange
2. LODI 14 Green
3. Players Choice White
3. Youngstown Jrs 14 White
5. SW Ohio T-birds 14 White
5. SOVC White
5. Mid Ohio Maroon
5. East Ohio 14-1

14 Club Mercury

1. Air Attack 14 A
2. Dayton Juniors 14-5
3. Greene County Comets
3. Westerville 14 Red
5. North Central Grey
5. Pitt Elite 14-1
5. New Knoxville Black
5. Tri County Maroon

14 Club Kryptonite

1. Stark Velocity 14-2
2. Middletown Aces
3. SJVC Rebels
3. BVP 14-1
5. East Ohio 14-2
5. LOCO Green
5. New Wave Red
5. Premier Rainbow Warriors

14 Club Lead

1. Westland 14 Grey
2. LEVA White
3. COVE 14 Blue
3. Westerville 14 Blue
5. COVE 14 Red
5. North Columbus 14 Red
5. Jump Serve 14 Navy
5. Future Invaders 14 Orange

14 Club Zinc

1. Buckeye 14 Black
2. Pitt Elite 14-2
3. Dayton Juniors 14-4
3. Glass City Ruby
5. Mid Ohio 14 Gold
5. Tri County 14 Black
5. Cap City 14 Green
5. UNNA 14

14 Club Tin

1. Jump Serve 14 Forest
2. Lineshot Navy
3. Polaris Central
3. COVE Gray
5. Club Hollywood Feihler
5. Darke County Starz
5. Kaepa Borderline White
5. Ohio Juniors
9. Jani-King 14
9. Lorraine VBC
9. Charleston VBC
9. Tri-County White

14 Club Tungsten

1. Westerville 14 Black
2. Zero Gravity White
3. Kaepa Borderline 14 Black
3. Club Hollywood Roussel
5. Premier Dragons
5. Pike County VBC

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13 & Under Gold

1. Gold Kaepa CVC Black
2. NKYVC Tide
3. Cincy Classics 13 Red
3. Kaepa TVC 13-1
5. Borderline Liberty 13-1
5. Blackswamp 13-1
5. Blackswamp 13-2
5. Dayton Juniors 13-1

13 & Under Silver

1. Cincy VBC 13 Red
2. Central Ohio 13-1
3. Kaepa TVC 13-2
3. Riverstar 13
5. Stark Velocity
5. North Columbus Gold
5. Cincy Classics Black
5. Glass City Diamond Simon

13 & Under Bronze

1. Team Atlantis Westergedes
2. Blue Chip 13 Blue
3. Cincy classics 13 White
3. Players Choice 13
5. Maverick 13
5. Cincy Classics 13 Silver
5. SWVC 13 White
5. SOJO Black

13 & Under Copper

1. Dayton Juniors 13-2
2. Premier Superstars
3. North Columbus 13 Black
3. Team Atlantis Kaiser
5. Quicksilver 13
5. Kaepa TVC 13-3
5. NW Ohio Lucky 7
5. Portage Panthers

13 & Under Nickel

1. Glass City 13 Diamond Wisbon
2. ECJ 13 Navy
3. YMCA Superstars
3. SWVC 13 Red
5. Kaepa CVC 13 White
5. Dayton Juniors 13-3
5. Buckeye 13 Black
5. LOCO 13 Jeep

13 & Under Platinum

1. NW Ohio 13 Red
2. Glass City 13 Emerald
3. Team Atlantis Riley
3. Mid Ohio 13 Navy
5. Team Atlantis Grapes
5. Buckeye 13 Red
5. Premier All Stars
5. Western Buckeye Aces

13 & Under Aluminum

1. Klars 13
2. SOVC Blue
3. Jagged Edge 13
3. Toledo SJVC 13 Black
5. Jump Server 13 Black
5. Cluboom 13 Red
5. Wooster Elite 13 Black
5. Westland 13 Green

13 & Under Chromium

1. ECJ 13 White
2. Mid Ohio 13 Black
3. Gold Diggers 13
3. NOVA 13-1
5. Dayton Juniors 13-4
5. Premier 13 Red Hots
5. Western Buckeye 13 Spikers
5. Pittsburgh Elite 13-1

13 & Under Plutonium

1. Team OH Black
2. NKYVC Hurricanes
3. Tri County 13 Maroon
3. Spirit Sparkle
5. New Knoxville 13 Black
5. Jump Serve 13 Navy
5. Middletown 13
5. Cannon 13 Scarlet

13 & Under Titanium

1. New Washington 13
2. DCVC Ladybugs
3. Westland 13 White
3. LOCO 13 Pink
5. LODI VBC 13
5. Kaepa Borderline 13 Red
5. Wooster Elite 13 Red
5. X-Treme VBC 13

12 & Under Gold

1. Glass City 12 Diamond Johnson
2. NKYVC 12 Tide
3. Kaepa TVC 12-1
3. Glass City 12 Diamond Chicks
5. Borderline Liberty 12-1
5. Cincy VBC 12 Red
5. Quicksilver
5. Blue Chip 12 Blue

12 & Under Silver

1. Kokoro 12 Red
2. Mizuno Cincy Classics Red
3. Riverstar
3. Team Atlantis Slonkosky
5. Pitt Elite
5. Jagged Edge
5. Mizuno Cincy Classics Black
5. SOVC 12 Red

12 & Under Bronze

1. Glass City Emerald
2. TVC 12-2
3. LEVA
3. Northshore 12 Gold
5. Eagle
5. Kaepa CVC Black
5. Northshore 12 Navy
5. Spirit Dream

12 & Under Copper

1. Borderline Twisters
2. Youngstown Juniors
3. Club Hollywood
3. NW Penn
5. Glass City Sapphire
5. YMCA Superstars
5. Rams 6
5. Westerville 12

12 & Under Nickel

1. Wooster Elite 12 Black
2. Clue Chip 12 White
3. NKYVC 12 Hurricanes
3. Kaepa CVC 12 White
5. Players Choice 12
5. Premier 12 Goldfish
5. Pike County 12-1
5. Jump Serve 12 Black

12 & Under Platinum

1. Dayton Jrs 12 Blue Aces
2. Premier 12 Slug Bugs
3. NW Ohio 12 Duncan
3. COVE 12 Red
5. Stark Velocity
5. Middletown Purple Fires
5. Cincy VBC 12 Blue
5. LOCO 12 Diamond

11/12 & Under Gold

1. Tri Coounty
2. TVC 11-1
3. Glass City 11 Diamond Jets
3. Kaepa Borderline Lizards

11/12 & Under Silver

1. TVC 11-2
2. Club Pioneer
3. Mid Ohio
3. Premier Giants

10 & Under Gold

1. Middletown Middies
2. Borderline Armadillos
3. New Knoxville Red
3. Glass City 10
5. Youngstown Juniors
5. New Knoxville Black

2002 USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships

Congratulations to the 43 teams who will represent the Ohio Valley Region at the 2002 USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah (June 26-July 7) and at the Girls' Invitational Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky (June 27-30). Each of the following teams qualified through a national qualifier tournament, an OVR Bid tournament, an open at-large bid, or a reallocated bid. To

each of these teams, we wish you a successful tournament, and we look forward to reading of your endeavors in the September issue of *OVR The Block*.

Further information on the Junior Bid process is available at www.ovr.org/juniors/bid/. Qualifying team data was provided by John Buck, OVR Juniors' Bid Coordinator.

12's

Junior National Championships

1. NKYVC - Tide
2. Kaepa TVC 12-I

Girls' Invitational Tournament

3. Mizuno Cincy Classics Red

13's

Junior National Championships

1. NKYVC - Tide
2. Mizuno Cincy Classics - Red
3. Kaepa CVC Black

Girls' Invitational Tournament

4. Dayton Jrs 13-I

14's

Junior National Championships

1. Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club (TVC)
2. NKYVC Tide
3. NKYVC Tsunami
4. Mizuno Cincy Classic Red

Girls' Invitational Tournament

5. Cincy Volleyball Club 14-I
6. SW Ohio Thunderbirds 14 Green
7. Northshore Gold 14's

15's

Junior National Championships

1. Kaepa TVC 15-I
2. Mizuno Cincy Classics 15 Black
3. Eastside Cleveland Jrs. 15 Navy
4. Kaepa CVC 15 Black

Girls' Invitational Tournament

1. NW Ohio - The Ultimate Force
2. Premier 15 Black Outlaws
3. North Shore-15 Gold

16's

Junior National Championships

1. Mizuno Classic 16 Red
2. Team Atlantis Snipes
3. Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club 16-I
4. Dayton Juniors

Girls' Invitational Tournament

1. Kaepa Cleveland Volleyball Company 16 Black
2. Mizuno Cincy Classics 16 Black
3. Premier Black Magic

17's

Junior National Championships

1. Kaepa Toledo Volleyball Club 17-I
2. North Shore 17 Gold
3. Cincy Volleyball Club 17-I
4. Mid Ohio Juniors 17 Black

Girls' Invitational Tournament

1. Kaepa Cleveland Volleyball Company 17 Black
2. North Columbus 17 Gold
3. Sport Express Red

18's

Junior National Championships

1. Adidas Penn Juniors 18-I
2. Sports Express Black
3. A.C.E. 18-I
4. Premier 18 Black Mavericks

Girls' Invitational Tournament

1. Kaepa Cleveland Volleyball Company
2. Cincy VBC 18-I
3. Spirit Pounders
4. Quicksilver 18's

USPV Tryouts

United States Professional Volleyball (USPV) open tryouts will be held at St. Xavier University, Chicago, July 19-21. \$65 pre-registration fee (\$75 walk-up) includes lunches and t-shirt. For tryout forms contact Sue Nucci-Ward (630-575-8825, sue@uspv.net), or click *Camps and Clinics* at www.uspv.com.

SWOBO Rules Clinic

A SWOBO (PAVO) Rules Clinic will be held at on August 24 from 3:30-6:30 PM at the University of Cincinnati. This clinic will focus on rule changes and technique and protocol clarifications. Participants interested in a pre-season tune-up can sign up to officiate during the alumni match at 7:00 PM. Contact Emi Vishoot (emiv@infinet.com).



High Performance Teams to Compete in the 2002 Salt Lake Volley-Classic

I would like to formally announce the players who have been selected to be members of the 2002 Ohio Valley Region High Performance Youth and Junior Teams. These players will be participating in the 2002 Salt Lake Volley-

Classic, July 23-28, 2002, in Park City, Utah.

I would like to thank the OVR Board of Directors, Don Wood, and Kathy Kleinhuizen who willingly volunteered their time and expertise at the tryouts held at the region

championships. Lastly, to all of the players who participated in tryouts, I would like to thank you for your time and efforts. Our best estimates indicated that there were only about 20 players interested in playing this year. Upon completion of tryouts, we had 74 players attend! With so much talent to choose from, the task of choosing only a few players was very difficult.

On behalf of Coach Chia, Coach Buck, Coach Colchagoff and myself, congratulations to those selected for this year's team and best wishes to all in your future endeavors!

Thanks for playing!

Don Burroughs, HP Director

OVR HP Youth Team

Vicki Brown	Toledo, OH
Kate Fissel	Perrysburg, OH
Jessica Heintzelman	Findlay, OH
Lauren Henning	Bowling Green, OH
Emily Holsclaw	Dublin, OH
Jessica Moses	North Olmsted, OH
Allie Niekamp	Findlay, OH
Nikki Pierzchala	Sylvania, OH
Andrea Sczesny	Perrysburg, OH
Sarah Wilson	Findlay, OH

OVR HP Junior Team

Michaele Blackburn	Cincinnati, OH
Stephanie Blackburn	Cincinnati, OH
Carrie DeMange	Dayton, OH
Stephanie Everett	Cincinnati, OH
Chrissy Gothke	Whitehouse, OH
Kelly Harms	Bowling Green, OH
Ali Hausfeld	Springboro, OH
Danielle Holt	Galion, OH
Katy Jo Mroski	Hubbard, OH
Beth Shelton	Cincinnati, OH
Amy Stephens	Mt. Vernon, OH
Stephanie Swiger	Findlay, OH

Contributions Wanted!

The Ohio Valley Region's greatest strength is you, our members, and we welcome your insights. If you have a perspective, story, or photo you'd like to share for a future issue of *OVR The Block*, please contact editor@ovr.org.

Future Board Meetings

August 9-11, 2002, Mohican State Park
 October 27, 2002 10:00 AM, Westerville
 January 20, 2003, time & location TBA

Board Meeting Summary: May 17, 2002, Columbus

The OVR board of directors convened on May 17, 2002 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. While not a regularly scheduled meeting, several issues needed attention, and many board members would be present to help with the Junior Championships. The following summary reflects that meeting's new, action item oriented format, dispensing with lengthy reports for each office. This summary is also online at www.ovr.org/executive/.

Present: Keith Burke, Don Burroughs, Bob Dickenson, Brian Hemelgarn, Al Herbert, Rick Laskey, Terry Miller, Nick Nystrom, Bob Price, Glenn Purdy, Patty Salvatore, Emi Vishoot, Ron Wyzynski, Bill Zehler.

Not present: John Buck, Troy Dixon, Steve Donahue, Michelle Fox, Tom Kohl.

Guests: Linda Logan (Columbus Sports Commission), Randy Cummings.

Meeting called to order at 2:15 PM.

Introductory Remarks [Bob Price]

Bob focused on the need for adequate time to resolve region issues, possibly requiring a fourth scheduled meeting each year. Today's meeting is an emergency meeting required to address outstanding issues.

Championship Events [Linda Logan – Dir. of Columbus Sports Commission]

Linda now represents GCCC, Nationwide Arena, etc.

The new Sports Facility Guide, published every 2 years, features a photo of OVR Junior Championships from several years ago on its cover.

The Early Bird Extravaganza (Chip Reiley) will be hosted at GCCC starting in 2003 over Presidents' Day weekend. April 2003: NIRSA will be at GCCC. Sharing the facility with our Adult Regionals, this constitutes significant exposure for the OVR.

Hotels [Linda Logan, Ron Wyzynski]

Valerie Gillespie is now our contact for the Hyatt Regency.

Maintaining/increasing our bed count is highly desirable useful for preserving our access to the convention center.

Officials will probably be accommodated in the Hyatt next year as well (discussion may continue in August).

2002 Junior Championships Update [Bob Price, Ron Wyzynski]

For the first weekend of this year's Championships at the Convention Center, over 270 teams participated. There were only 2 no-shows.

[Participants included 13s, 14C, and some 15C – Ed.]

Whether to again allow six 3-team pools on 4 courts was discussed, with the eventual consensus favoring letting as many teams play as possible.

Registration Update [Ron Wyzynski]

12,400 members were registered, paid for, and transmitted at the end of April. More boys' teams are expected. [More than 12,550 by June 7 – Ed.]

Sales

Preliminary indications are that Q-Sport's sponsorship, production, and staffing constitute a strongly positive arrangement for all concerned. Members and parents were pleased with the design. Discussion to be resumed in August.

Kent State [Ron Wyzynski]

Kent State is renovating the building. They would like us as a regular weekend client for the next few years.

Regional Referees' Chairperson [Bob P.]

Rick tendered his resignation effective at the end of this season. Rick's term expires in 2004.

Emi recommended that an interim appointment be made to maintain the 3-year cycle.

Brian Hemelgarn was appointed by unanimous vote (11-0-0) as the Interim Referees' Chairperson.

August Retreat [Bob Dickenson]

Agenda items should be sent to Bob Dickenson and to Nick by July 1 to allow time for Bob to develop an efficient schedule.

Junior 2nd Officials' Patch [Bob D.]

The juniors' patch is the next step of AI's junior officials' development program. Two candidate designs were circulated. We will revisit this discussion in August.

Awards [Brian Hemelgarn, Emi Vishoot]

Ron is the recipient of the 2001 USAV Outstanding Service Award.

Region awards: The awards committee has criteria for all awards. Nominations are due by the beginning of August. Award criteria to appear in the June newsletter.

Bob Price is recommending Keith, Terry, Emi, Hank, Yoon, and Scott Garver to USAV for Lindsay meritorious service awards.

High Performance [Don Burroughs]

HP tryouts will be held this weekend using available courts tomorrow at 10:30 tomorrow morning (accommodate prom, etc.) and also after pool play as courts open up (Junior team: 17s). Tryouts for the younger team will be on Sunday.

Both teams will participate in the Salt Lake Volley Classic. Divisions: 12 HP youth, 12 HP junior, 6 college; international format.

We are still seeking an acceptable site for hosting our 14-and-Under High Performance Camp.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

REGIONALS

The 2002 Ohio Valley Regional Volleyball Championships were held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on April 13-14, 2002. 83 men's teams (Open: 12, A: 17, BB Gold: 20, BB Silver: 9, B Gold: 15, B Silver: 10) and 65 women's teams (Open: 10, A Gold: 9, A Silver: 11, BB Gold: 10, BB Silver: 15, B: 10) competed, representing the largest percentage of adult team entries since 1993. This event

was run by Michelle Fox, Women's Tournament Director, and Keith Burke, Men's Tournament Director, supported by the usual large cast of OVR directors, officers, staff, and volunteers. Congratulations to all who competed; photos and rosters (where available) of the winning teams appear on the following pages.

*Women's Open:
1st Place*

Ultimate Chicks



Back row, left to right: Shawnette Byer, Cass Dixon, Stephanie Flaherty, Tatiana Parker, Chris Enderle.
Front row: Jen Smith, Wendy Teaman, Liz Vernick.
Not Pictured: Val Waugaman.
Sponsor: Tim Miller/Ultimate Warranty

*Women's Open:
2nd Place*

D.I.V.A.'s

(Photo not available)

Women's A
Gold:
1st Place

TJS



Back row: Pam Kline (5), Cindy Sensenich (17), Tina Kelly (15), Cheryl Niedermeyer (4).
Front row: Allison Smith (8), Janet Buchheit (14), Cara Gonzales (3), Sue Rager (16).

The Coaches Club

Women's A
Gold:
2nd Place



Angel Miller-El (4), Tina Jasinowski (22), Kerry Butkovich (7), Jen Daignault (10), Leslie Hartman (9), Beth Puliam (12).

Just Players

*Women's A
Silver:
1st Place*



Stephanie Meinig (10), Jami Brett (7), Karen Bayliff (11), Karen Lewis (16), Teresa Peters (3), Sarah Payne (1).

Whitey's

*Women's A
Silver:
2nd Place*



Jen Cavanaugh (9), Lisa Dadich (4), Molly McCann (14), Kelly Lewis-Willett (2), Yon Jones (10), Micki Fox (5).

Women's BB

Gold:
1st Place

No Rodos



Back row: D'Lynn Pritt (12), Paula Pedrotty (9), Holly Russo (4), Patty Rifailedes (2).
Front row: Kim Blend (5), Amanda Everett (8), Cheryl Bethel (7).

Women's BB

Gold:
2nd Place

Kickin' Ace



Back row: Stacy Herr (9), Melanie Griffith (7), Stacey Parks (1), Jen Cunningham (3),
Annah Haeseler (4). Front row: Ryan Ruebel (5).

Steel City Scrappers

Women's BB
Silver:
1st Place



Back row: Amanda Hood (9), Aimee Ferree (4), Caroline Hahn (11), Catie Morley (10).
Front row: Lana Moore (22), Missy Haney (8), Amanda McCue (13).

KSU Gold

Women's BB
Silver:
2nd Place



Back row: Amy Cox (5), America Shanower (11), Candice Kuhn (8).
Front row: Teresa Rayhel (3), Rebecca Bender (22), Ashley Nelson

Women's B:
1st Place

Team Midwest



Back row: Deb McClarren (10), Tammy Studer (8), Susanne Carmack (22), Missy Branham (5).
Front row: Jessica Hollins (7), Sharon Horner-Purnell (1).

Women's B:
2nd Place

TBA



Back row: Kelly Dickson (28), Stephanie Woodruff (7), Marsha Mullen (22).
Front row: Helen Boylan (9), Jodi Garrett (4), Julie Charek (3).
Not pictured: Marcy Ullom (20).

Unfortunately we don't have photos for the men's divisions played on the first day, i.e. Open, BB Gold, and BB Silver. Those

teams missing photos are recognized together first, followed by the usual photos and rosters for Men's A, B Gold, and B Silver.

*Men's Open:
1st Place*

Beaver Steel
(Photo not available)

*Men's Open:
2nd Place*

Northcoast
(Photo not available)

*Men's BB
Gold:
1st Place*

HVW
(Photo not available)

*Men's BB
Gold:
2nd Place*

Lactic Acid
(Photo not available)

*Men's BB
Silver:
1st Place*

DeSantos
(Photo not available)

*Men's BB
Silver:
2nd Place*

SOFA
(Photo not available)

Michigan Wild

Men's A:
1st Place



Back row (not in order): Randy Stelpflug (7), Scott Reusze (8), Jeff Kless (6), Eric Olston (17).
Front row: Kevin Patrick (2), Scott Mais (11), John Rusavy (3), Todd Stamm (13).

Nikken Magnetic Products

Men's A:
2nd Place



Back row: John Hughes (8), Fred Earley (9), unknown (2), Brian Boeres (4).
Front row: Kyle Schlegel (15), Reggie Fortson (11), Joel Binkley (1).

Parkersburg Hooters

Men's B
Gold:
1st Place



Back row: Ken Edwards (99), Jason McClassen (13), Tony Slone (8).
Front row: Dominic Studer (5), Jon Leavitt (21), Mike Nau (7).
Not pictured: Gregg Dunham (17).

Mighty Mongooses

Men's B
Gold:
2nd Place



Back row: Bruce Matthews (6), Dan Byers (36), Steve Skufca (1).
Front row: Kevin Verrastro (21), Tom Horvath (2), Pat McLaughlin (7).

Cobra Systems

*Men's B
Silver:
1st Place*



Back row: Ken Ashbee (3), Jason Bateson (25), Tim Carmack (5), Matt Studer (12).
Front row: Tyler Kline (21), Ken Brown (15), Aaron Baxter (20).

1st Choice

*Men's B
Silver:
2nd Place*



Removed uniforms; not in order: Ian Fess (1), Rob Thomson (2), Dave Norris (3), Matt Eck (5), Tim Schifle (12), Eric Meitzner (21).

Getting the Most from the Club Season

Within the next month, most of your players will be finishing up their club seasons, wrapping up the school year, and starting their summer pre-season training.

For the past few months they've been exposed to the approach of a different coach. They've also, for the most part, been playing along side athletes from other schools, many of whom have been trained differently both mentally and physically.

Do you know what they have learned? The way things were taught? What key words or phrases were used to get the point across or to reinforce their learning? What technique adjustments they've been focusing on? What drills they did to work on these improvements?

If so, you're in pretty good shape right now, although your job of carrying what they've learned over to the summer and fall pre-season is far from over. If not, the next month is absolutely critical in maximizing your team's improvement before the first whistle next fall.

Let's face it, right now everybody is fatigued and ready for a break from the gym. Those of us who teach are winding down another school year and looking forward to that summer break the rest of the working world will never understand the need for. For those coaches who work in the private sector, new demands of their full-time job show up daily, leaving little or no time to sit back and reflect on what has been learned in the past few months. Your players are also ready for some time away from the game; many have been playing since the start of the new year.

This is exactly why it's so vitally important to your program that you don't let this excellent opportunity for growth slip away in the warm weather and parade of graduation parties to come. Why? Because many of those you will compete against next fall will!

Set up the following evaluation with each club player. The resulting improvement in each one's "carryover" to the

summer and fall will significantly increase your team's improvement by the start of the high school season.

Club season evaluation

Please answer each of the following questions completely and honestly before your meeting. Then make sure to bring it with you to the meeting. *Remember: the key to self-improvement is honest self-evaluation!* Please phrase your thoughts in complete sentences.

1. List each skill you feel you improved at this club season. For each skill you list, state the following:
 - a. What part of the overall skill you improved at.
 - b. Any suggestions your club coach or teammates gave you that you feel helped you to improve.
 - c. Any drills you did that you feel helped you improve.
 - d. Any mental exercises you did that you feel helped you improve.
2. List each skill you feel you did not improve at: be honest here! For each skill you list, state the following:
 - a. What specific parts of the skill did you have the most problems improving at?
 - b. What suggestions did your coach or teammates give you that you feel didn't help you?
 - c. What suggestions did your coach or teammates give you that you simply ignored or didn't honestly focus on enough?
3. Did your coach use any drills you liked and think would help our team if we used them?
4. Which teammate of yours did you admire most? What qualities does she have that make you say this?
5. Which teammate of yours did you admire least? What qualities does she have that make you say this? (Please practice constructive criticism here!)
6. Did your coach help your mental game in any way? If so, how?

7. Did your coach hurt your mental game in any way? If so, how? (Again, be constructive in your comments!)

Preparing for the meetings

Allow three to four days' time before the first meeting is scheduled. This will give the first few ample time to fill out the questionnaire correctly without just rushing through it. I suggest starting with incoming seniors and working your way down the ladder. Allow at least thirty minutes for each meeting.

Be prepared to take notes at the meeting. Jot down specific points the player mentions in relation to each question. Before writing something down, ask the athlete if they agree with what you want to write. If they do, excellent! If not, work with them to come to a "common thought." Remember: it's *their* evaluation. They need to have a sense of ownership in what is being written.

Evaluating the answers to Questions 1-3

The goal of each meeting is to identify not only what they improved at, but specifically what they did that produced this improvement. It's also important to identify which methods their club coach used that worked, as well as those that didn't. By doing this, you and your player can develop a plan involving a series of goals focusing on specific ideas on which they need to continue working, and also target areas needing a fresh approach.

It's also an excellent opportunity for you to "pick the brain" of their club coach and pick up new ideas to use yourself! Whether it's a new drill a player of yours loved, or a key word or phrase that was used to finally help your player "see the light", if it helps them to improve, use it!

I am a firm believer in the "bottom line" theory. In other words, I don't care whose idea it is: if it helps my program, I'm going to use it!

Just think, if you have players working with six or seven different coaches this club season, that's six or seven different sets of ideas to which you now have access. Maybe you have more, maybe less; the point is to use all available resources to help each of your players improve as much as possible as quickly as possible.

Evaluating the answers to Questions 4-5

Each of your players has been working and competing with athletes from numerous other programs over the past several months. Their teammates have invariably practiced the same approach to training and competing learned at their school. So, it's reasonable to assume they have been exposed to at least a few different work ethics, levels of commitment, attitudes towards teamwork, and mental approaches.

This is the perfect opportunity for you to reinforce those concepts you strive for in your program, as well as to provide them with a perfect, hands-on example of why some approaches "just aren't for us."

Many times they will provide you with excellent examples of others doing things just as you expect, and nine times out of ten, these examples will come from their teammates from winning programs. (Hey, it's no secret or surprise that the similarities among winning programs run very deep.)

It's also a great chance to build respect and admiration among your own players for those who "do things right" in your program. Many times, this can later be brought up to help smooth over those little personality conflicts that pop-up during the course of a season. In addition, a strong impression of what it feels like to play along side a teammate who doesn't conduct themselves well becomes etched strongly in their minds. Each experience of this sort builds a stronger commitment in each of your players to "never be like so-and-so."

Evaluating the answers to Questions 6-7

We all have players that love our approach to coaching – and others who don't. The information your players give you now can help you to improve your relations with the ones you just don't seem to "click" with.

If a player really enjoyed working with their club coach, it's important to find out why. Although we all sometimes run into a situation that's only going to be "so good" in working with an athlete in our program, many times a slight, painless adjustment in how we work with that one

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Juniors' Summer Camps

Additional details on the following overview as well as new listings are available at www.ovr.org/juniors/camps.php.

The following camps were held prior to publication of this list, but are documented here for future reference:

June 3-7 – Northern Kentucky University Individual Camp

- www.nku.edu/~athletics/new_volleyball.pdf

June 12-13 – University of Findlay Junior High Skills Camp

June 17-18 – University of Findlay Boys Skills Camp

- athletics.findlay.edu/sports/extrainfo/436.htm

June 17-20 – Talawanda Girls Volleyball Camp 2002

- www.borderlinevbc.org/camps_and_clinics/Talawanda_Girls_Volleyball_Camp.pdf

Other announced camps include:

June 30 – Wittenberg University Setters' Skills Clinic

- Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH; 10 AM - 3 PM
- The mental and physical aspects of setting will be emphasized. Video analysis of each athlete will be performed to ensure skill development and proper technique.
- Cost: \$50 (pay in full with application); lunch included.
- Brochure at www4.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics/volleyball/camps.html
- Contact: Connie Surowicz (937-327-6492, wittvb@aol.com)

July 1-3 – Wittenberg University Commuter Skills Camp

- Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH; 9 AM - 2 PM
- Grades 4-12
- Commuter Skills campers are placed into groups of similar skill level to insure the most improvement.
- Cost: \$90 (pay in full with application); lunch included.
- Brochure at www4.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics/volleyball/camps.html
- Contact: Connie Surowicz (937-327-6492, wittvb@aol.com)

July 1-3 – Wittenberg University Tiger Cubs Camp

- Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH; 3 - 6 PM
- Grades K-3: Volleyball/basketball skills taught.
- Cost: \$50
- Brochure at www4.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics/volleyball/camps.html
- Contact: Connie Surowicz (937-327-6492, wittvb@aol.com)

July 5-7 – Marshall University Setter/Hitter Camp

- Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 9AM-4PM daily
- Fee: \$150.00
- Contact: Tim Walenga (walenga@Marshall.edu, 304-696-4657)

July 7-10 – BGSU Falcon Volleyball Camp

- Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
- Grades 6-12
- Cost: \$270 for residents, \$190 for commuters; includes meals
- Contact: Office of BGSU Summer Athletic Camps: 419-372-7354.

July 8-10 – Miami University Specialty Camp

- Mason, OH
- Focuses on the development of setters and hitters; intense.
- Day camp for athletes entering their sophomore, junior or senior year who have played on the varsity and club levels.
- Cost: \$205
- Brochure: www.fansonly.com/auto_pdf/p_hotos/s_chools/mioh/sports/w-volley/auto_pdf/volley-camp-2002.
- For more information call 513-529-2472.

July 8-10 – Northern Kentucky University Individual Camp

- Northern Kentucky U., Highland Heights, KY
- Grades 3-12
- Cost: \$125.00
- Brochure: www.nku.edu/~athletics/new_volleyball.pdf

July 8,9,10 – Premier Elite Invitational Camp

- University of Findlay, Findlay, OH
- This camp is an invitational camp designed for elite club players entering their sophomore-senior years of high school.
- Contact: Jodi Schramm (jchr5550@aol.com, 419-434-4030)

July 8-11 – Wright State Univ. Session I: Advanced Skills Camp

- Wright State, Dayton, OH; 9 AM - 3 PM daily
- Open to girls entering grades 9-12.
- Players will be expected to have strong fundamental skills.
- Commuter camp fee: \$125 includes instruction, insurance, and a camp t-shirt.
- Call 937-775-2771 with any questions.

July 8-11 – Wright State Univ. Session II: Future Raider Camp

- Wright State, Dayton, OH; 6:00 - 8:30 PM daily
- Open to girls entering grades 5-8.
- Aimed at the younger camper. We will teach all fundamental aspects of the game: passing, setting, serving, and attacking.
- Commuter camp fee: \$75 includes instruction, insurance, and a camp t-shirt.
- Call 937-775-2771 with any questions.

July 8-11 – Marshall University General Skills Camp

- Marshall University, Huntington, WV, 9 AM - 4 PM daily
- Fee: \$200
- Contact: Tim Walenga (walenga@Marshall.edu, 304-696-4657)

Juniors' Summer Camps (cont'd)

July 10-13 – Northern Kentucky University Team Camp

- Northern Kentucky U., Highland Heights, KY
- Grades 9-12 - \$250.00
- Brochure: www.nku.edu/~athletics/new_volleyball.pdf

July 11-13 – Miami University Team Camp

- Miami University, Oxford, OH
- \$205 per player
- Competitive 3 day camp. The players and coaches will be housed on campus. Each team will be assigned a collegiate coach to assist in any way the Head Coach deems prudent.
- Brochure: www.fansonly.com/auto_pdf/p_hotos/s_chools/mioh/sports/w-volley/auto_pdf/volley-camp-2002
- For more information call 513-529-2472

July 11-13 – Sports Express Defensive Skills Camp

- Sports Express, Mason, OH
- Grades 9-12; Cost: \$70
- Contact: info@sportsexpressvb.com

July 12-13 – Wright State Univ. Session III: Advanced Attacking / Setting Development Camp

- Wright State, Dayton, OH; 9 AM – 3 PM
- Open to girls entering grades 9-12.
- Commuter fee: \$75, includes instruction, insurance, and t-shirt.
- Call 937-775-2771 with any questions

July 13 – University of Findlay Team Competition Camp

- University of Findlay, Findlay, OH
- Brochure: athletics.findlay.edu/sports/extrainfo/436.htm

July 14 – Wittenberg University Day Hitters/Defense Skills Clinic

- Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH; 9 AM – 2 PM
- Cost: \$50 (paid in full with application); includes lunch.
- Brochure at www4.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics/volleyball/camps.html
- Contact: Connie Surowicz (937-327-6492, wittvb@aol.com)

July 14-17 – Wright State U. Session IV: Raider Overnight Camp

- Wright State, Dayton, OH; 9 AM – 8 PM daily
- Open to girls entering grades 5-12 of all skill levels. 3 training sessions per day.
- \$275 resident fee includes meals, housing, instruction, insurance, and t-shirt. \$200 commuter fee excludes breakfast, housing.
- Call 937-775-2771 with any questions

July 14-18 – Michael Bruno Girls' Multi-Skill Volleyball Camp

- Kiski Prep, Saltsburg, PA
- Grades 7-12
- Resident campers: \$225; day campers: \$150
- Contact: Mike Bruno (middleboy71@hotmail.com, 724-746-6731)

July 14-19 – Miami University Advanced/Elite Camp

- Miami University, Oxford, OH
- Geared specifically for high school athletes entering their sophomore, junior or senior years who have played on the varsity level. Players will be housed on campus.
- \$340 per player
- Brochure: www.fansonly.com/auto_pdf/p_hotos/s_chools/mioh/sports/w-volley/auto_pdf/volley-camp-2002
- For more information call 513-529-2472

July 15-18 – Odyssey Sports Girls Volleyball Camp

- CCAC - Boyce Campus, Monroeville, PA
- Ages 8 to 18.
- Session I: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM; Session II: 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM.
- Cost: \$75.00. Includes camp t-shirt, volleyball, pizza party, and chance at raffle prizes.
- Contact: Frank Stackiewicz at 412-798-0474

July 18-21 – Wittenberg U. Varsity/Jr. Varsity/Freshman Team Camp

- Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH
- At least 8 team members needed from each school attending.
- Cost: \$195/Resident, \$155/Commuter with lunch and dinner, \$30/Resident Coach.
- Brochure at www4.wittenberg.edu/news/athletics/volleyball/camps.html
- Contact: Connie Surowicz (937-327-6492, wittvb@aol.com)

July 22-24 – Skills Camp

- University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- \$220.00 commuter; \$260.00 overnight
- Details: www.pittsburghpanthers.com
- Contact: Chris Beerman (412-648-8337, cbeerman@pitt.edu)

July 25-26 – Hitter Camp

July 27-28 – Setter Camp

- University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- \$100.00 Commuter only
- Details: www.pittsburghpanthers.com
- Contact: Chris Beerman (412-648-8337, cbeerman@pitt.edu)

July 29-August 3 – Volleyball Camp at Penn State Beaver

- Monday through Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM
- Girls ages 10-18
- Cost: \$100
- Contact: Scott Phillips (scottphillips@attbi.com, 724-242-2092)

July 29-August 3 – Big Blue Girls' Volleyball Camp

- Hamilton High School, Hamilton, OH; 8 AM - 12 PM daily
- For girls entering grades 6-9
- Cost: \$40, including T-shirt
- Contact: Jody Googins (513-305-5249)

OVR Teams Excel at AAUs

Led by coach Carlos Chia, the Cincinnati Bullets 17's team was victorious at the 29th AAU Junior National Girls' Volleyball Championships. Three Bullets were named AAU All-Americans: **Michaele Blackburn**, Libero; **Stephanie Blackburn**, also the tournament MVP; and **Emily Withers**, Setter. The tournament was held at the Disney's Wide World of Sports™ complex and at the Orange County Convention Center near Orlando, Florida, on June 13-18, 2002.

Premier Black Mavericks finished 3rd in the 18's division. Playing for Premier Black Mavericks, **Ashlei Noflinger** was also selected as an AAU All-American.

The Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) is a large, non-profit, multi-sport organization dedicated exclusively to the promotion of amateur sports and physical fitness programs. For complete results and for more information on AAU Championships, visit www.aasports.org and follow the "Sports" link to Volleyball.

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player can makes things more enjoyable and productive for all involved. Remember: no matter how right we feel we are in our approach, every once in awhile a slight tinkering with our mannerisms and reactions can greatly help a young athlete improve their performance. After all, we are the adults here!

On the other hand, if your athlete's experience was not an enjoyable one, it's essential to learn why they feel this way. Many times this can alert you to possible "danger areas" in working with this young person that you will want to avoid at all costs.

Summary

The main reasons the vast majority of your athletes play club are to have fun and improve at the game they love. Learning from their club season experience helps everyone involved. Good experiences need to be identified, and goals need to be set to continue that positive growth. Any experience that is learned from immediately becomes a positive one! So coaches, put aside that fatigue we all feel at this time and get to work: your efforts will produce many benefits that will carry on through your program for years to come!

— Dave Cross

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In the September issue of *OVR The Block*...

We'll have results and stories from the 2002 USA Open and Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships (send us your accounts and photos by the end of July!). We'll also have important updates for the 2003 season resulting from the Board of Directors' August retreat and other summer meetings. And, as always, *OVR The Block* will feature insightful commentary from our officers and board members, complemented by member contributions. Contact us at editor@ovr.org if you'd like to submit an article.

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8/31/02: Men's Tournament Director, Regional Scorekeepers' Chairperson, Juniors' Tournament Director
8/31/03: Registrar, Junior Officials' Development Director, Juniors' Program Director
8/31/04: Regional Referees' Chairperson, Women's Tournament Dir.
8/31/05: Commissioner

Calendar

Juniors' Competition

2002 Girls' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships

June 26–July 7, 2002, Salt Lake City, Utah

2002 Junior Olympic Invitational Tournament

June 27–30, 2002, Louisville, Kentucky

2002 Boys' Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships

July 3–8, 2002, Louisville, Kentucky

www.ovr.org/juniors/nationals/

July 31, 2002: deadline for submitting Nationals articles

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Men's and Women's Competition

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Off-Season Competition

2s, 3s, 4s, 6s, sand, grass, indoor, tournaments, leagues,
you-name-it: all are listed in our non-USAV section.

www.ovr.org/non-usav/

Officiating

August 24, 2002

SWOBO Rules Clinic

www.ovr.org/officiating/clinics.php

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Aug. 9–11, 2002

Mohican State Park, Ohio

Oct. 27, 2002 10:00 AM

Westerville, Ohio

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