

Juniors' Tournaments: 2002 Wrapup, 2003 Preview

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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.

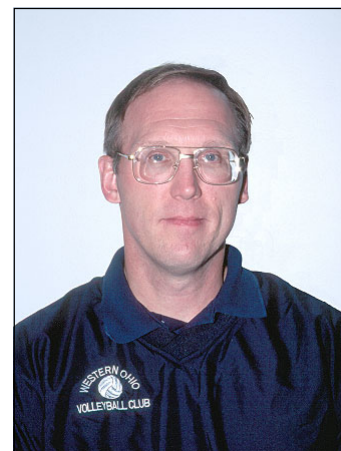
Prior to the OVR board meeting in August, I will review the rules and procedures and recommend any changes to Bill Zehler, Juniors' Program Director. Should you have any suggestions please email me at kohl@ovr.org with your suggestions.

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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