

From the Referee's Stand

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As we head into the collegiate season, it only means one thing: another season of USAV can't be far away! That means OVR referee clinics and volleyball rules tests!

Our clinics for the 2002-2003 season will be held in Columbus (Dec. 7), Toledo (Dec. 8), and Pittsburgh (Dec. 14). Please mark your calendars now, and remember: you must attend one of the three clinics to maintain your good standing as a referee in the OVR.

Speaking of clinics, we'll do our best to shorten them this year! One way in which we'll accomplish that is through online test-taking. After October 15, OVR members who did not take the joint USAV/NCAA rules test will be able to jump on the Internet and take the test online. Details will follow in a separate e-mail as that time draws nearer. This should enable us to trim some time from the clinics!

Incidentally, now is the time to also do some recruiting! We added 85 new officials to our ranks last year, and if we could do that again this year, we'll be in good shape to cover all of our tournaments. To each of you, I put the task

of bringing *one* new recruit to a December clinic. Remember, there's no cost to attend!

On another note, kudos to **Tom Bailey, Terry Bush, Chuck Fleet, Anthony Hines, and Tom Joseph** for completing their Junior National referee certification in Salt Lake City during the Girls' JOVC in July. Likewise, both **Dan Litteral** and **Jimmy McKinzey** received a thumbs up to attend the 2003 NIRSA Collegiate Club Championships in Columbus next spring as USAV National referee candidates. Congratulations and good luck to all of you!

Our August OVR board of directors' retreat was quite productive, and I'll be detailing some of our discussions in the next issue! There are a number of positive things on the horizon, but I'll wait until we get through this collegiate season before springing those one you!

Finally, on behalf of the officiating cadre in the OVR, I would like to extend sincere condolences to the family of Leo Lubawy, a Regional referee, who passed away in late August. The OVR and volleyball in Pennsylvania will truly miss him.

Until next time, have a great fall season!



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Officials' Clinics

Visit www.ovr.org/officiating/clinics.php for additional and updated information.

Professional Officials' Clinics

The following are mandatory for professional officials, who *must* renew their membership prior to October 15. For additional information and to register, contact Brian Hemelgarn (hemelgarn@ovr.org, 419-868-1317).

Saturday, December 7, 2002, Columbus, OH.

Sunday, December 8, 2002, Toledo, OH.

Saturday, December 14, 2002, Pittsburgh, PA.

Player Referee Clinics

Player Ref Clinics to be announced

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