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Bob Price, OVR Commissioner, Inducted to the Volleyball Coaches' Hall of Fame



Nick Nystrom

Bob Price, Volleyball Coach at Westerville South High School and Commissioner/President of the Ohio Valley Region, was inducted to the Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches' Association (OHSVCA) Hall of Fame. No more than three individuals are inducted in any given year, with selection

determined by nomination at the August OHSVCA directors' meeting followed by voting and approval of at least 75% of district directors. Additional information and a list of Hall of Famers since 1988 is online at www.ohsvca.org/halloffame/halloffame.htm. *Congratulations, Bob!*

Jimmy McKinzey Appointed to OVR BoD

At the October board meeting, the OVR directors appointed Jimmy McKinzey (Cincinnati) from a strong field of candidates to fill the seat vacated by Rick Laskey, expiring May 31, 2004.

Jimmy brings considerable experience to the position. He is a National Scorekeeper and a candidate for National Official (NIRSA 2003). He serves as president of the Ohio Valley Volleyball Officials' Assn.,

and earlier this year the Southwest Ohio coaches elected Jimmy as the recipient of one of 5 Golden Whistle Awards. Jimmy also refs collegiate competition, hoping to achieve PAVO National candidacy next fall. Prior to his move from Chicago to Cincinnati over a decade ago, Jimmy was a national officer for NAGVA, directing all four of their national tournaments.



Juniors' Tournaments 2003

Tom Kohl, Juniors' Tournament Coordinator



Thank you to those tournament directors who have sent their Applications for Sanction for the 2002-2003 season. We currently have 201 sanctioned tournaments (as of 10/28/02). To those tournament directors who haven't sent their Applications for Sanction, please do so as soon as you know your plans.

Please be advised that all tournament directors must be members of USA Volleyball. Register online at www.ovr.org/register/, or contact Ron Wyzynski (wyzynski@ovr.org, 888-873-9478) for registration information. Any tournament directors not registered for the 2002-2003 season will not have their tournaments listed on the OVR web site and will lose their tournament sanction until they have registered. The online Juniors' tournament schedule will be available December 15. [*Boys', championship, qualifier, and national events are already posted.* -Ed.]

My goals for this season are as follows:

1. Facilitate online reporting of tournament results
2. Consistency of tournament procedures and formats
3. Awareness of coaches, referees and tournament directors of the procedures for conducting OVR tournaments
4. Keep Tournament Directors aware of any changes in procedures
5. Help with the Power Challenge Tournaments

As I sanction tournaments, I will e-mail copies of the *Checklist of Tournament Procedures*, *Procedures for Tournament Hosts*, and the *Juniors' Tournament Rules*. Any additional forms you need to conduct your tournament can be found at www.ovr.org/juniors/tournament_packet/.

It is important for all parties involved in OVR sanctioned tournaments — tournament directors, referees, and coaches — to be informed of tournament procedures and rules to ensure consistent play and reporting of results. Should you have any suggestions, please e-mail me at kohl@ovr.org.

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

Tom Kohl

OVR Juniors' Tournament Coordinator

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Expanding Boys' Volleyball in the OVR

Emi Vishoot, Boys' Jr. Volleyball Program Liaison

The OVR board of directors met on Sunday, October 27 and agreed to the following items (in no particular order):

- The OVR will host Boys' Regional Championships on March 1, 2003. Keith Burke is checking into facilities in the Columbus area. If someone has an alternate site that they would like considered, please contact me.
- The OVR will host two boys' tournaments at Kent State on Saturday, January 25 and Saturday, February 22. The tournament format will be similar to adults' events: 5-team pools, pool play of 2 games to 21 points, top 2 teams advance to playoffs. The team entry fee will be \$100. Current plans are for two courts each of 18s and 16s for each date.
- The OVR will coordinate with Dayton Juniors to host an inter-regional boys tournament in conjunction with the Presidents' Cup at the Dayton Convention Center, February 15-16, 2003.

- The OVR membership fee for male junior players will be only \$30 for the year. (The fee for adults remains \$50).
- The OVR is interested in hosting a fall session for boys, starting in September/October 2003. Details will be announced at a later date.
- The OVR will establish clear, specific policies and guidelines for boys' volleyball. These guidelines will be published on the OVR web site.

In addition, Brian Hemelgarn will check into the feasibility of starting a CYO boys' program in the Toledo area.



www.ovr.org/juniors/boys/

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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*).

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womens_td	Women's Tournament Director
juniors_td	Juniors' Tournament Director
juniors	Juniors' Program Director
jodd	Junior Officials' Development Director
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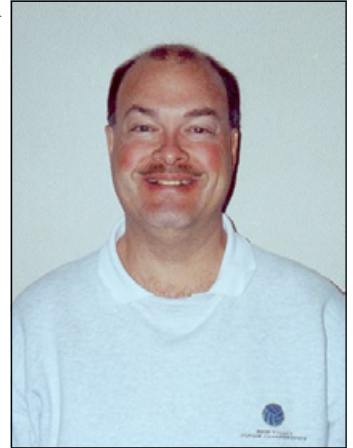
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Junior Officials' Development Program

Alan Herbert, Junior Officials' Development Director



Welcome to the start of another season of excellent volleyball in the Ohio Valley Region.

This is your second reminder that the certification of players who were certified as scorekeepers and/or second referees during the 2000 or 2001 seasons did expire on 10/31/02. Certifications are valid for two years and so these players will need to be re-certified during the coming season that begins 11/01/02 and ends 10/31/03. Players who were certified in 2002 will still be valid for 2003.

Each year I offer to coordinate officiating clinics for your clubs. You can contact me and I will locate a professional official in your area to present scorekeeping and second refereeing materials to the players in your club. This year I will be a bit more pro-active and will try to assign professional officials to contact your clubs directly. Please remember that your club is responsible for paying the clinician \$75. But, these clinics are invaluable for the improvement of the officiating support crews at the tournaments. Also, if you plan or hope to attend large inter-regional or national tournaments, they typically require that you have certified junior officials on your team.

In addition to the certification of Junior Player officials, the OVR will be implementing a program involving junior officiating for the coming season. Players are currently certified when they attain a passing score of 80 on either a scorekeeper or second referee rating during a match. They then are given a card to prove their certification. (The current process can be found at www.ovr.org/juniors/jodp/.) In order to encourage them to continue to improve their skills, I am implementing a second level of certification. If the player continues to be observed and successfully rated at 85 or above twice more by Regional or higher ranked professional officials, they may obtain an *OVR Junior Official* patch. This patch could be worn on their uniform from then on when they keep score or work as a second referee. The professional officials will be instructed on how to manage this additional program during their clinics in December.

Training materials are being developed for mini-clinics to be held before junior tournaments start each morning. The

materials for these mini-clinics will be made available on the region's web page before the start of the first juniors' tournaments. This is something that we tried at the region-sponsored juniors' tournaments at Kent State University this season. Each mini-clinic is expected to last about 15 minutes and would be presented (assuming the tournament starts at 9AM) between 8:20 and 8:35AM. There would be mini-clinics designed for scorekeeping, second refereeing and line judging. The professional officials hired to work the tournament would be asked to present the materials. Obviously, the mini-clinic will not be as in depth as a full clinic that would be presented at your club. The mini-clinic is intended to be a refresher course for the players just before they have to perform these functions during the tournament. I really believe that these mini-clinics enabled the tournaments at KSU to run more smoothly. I would like to give my personal thanks to the officials that presented the mini-clinics this year

Please take some time to review these new programs. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to me at: jodd@ovr.org. Have a great 2002-2003 season.

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OVR Meritorious Service Awards, Part II

Individuals were recognized for their dedication at the second annual OVR awards dinner on August 10, 2002. This second installment lists awards presented to individuals not present at the dinner, deferred to this issue to allow for at least one well-planned surprise presentation.

Ohio Valley Region Awards 2002

Glenn Purdy Meritorious Service Award	Rick Laskey
OVR Junior Coach of the Year	Julie Kovick
OVR Club Director Award	Vanessa Garrett
OVR Tournament Director Award	Bunny Brooks
OVR Commissioner's Award	Yoon Ha
OVR Commissioner's Award	Nick Nystrom

See also the article on page 10 accompanying Julie Kovick's award by Micki Fox, and *OVR The Block* 19:4 for coverage of national awards (Ron Wyzynski:YJOV Outstanding Service, Nick Nystrom:Viggo O. Nelson publications award).

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Clarification of Competition Schedule at 2003 US Club, Masters, and Seniors Tournaments in Minneapolis

At the annual meetings in 2001, upon recommendation from the Regional Operations Division, the National Championships Division approved a revised formula for offering US Club and US Masters and Seniors tournaments. Previously the age group tournaments ending in "0" were always conducted in the first session in even numbered years; the age group tournaments ending in "5" were always conducted in the first session in the odd-numbered years. The "0" and the "5" were always paired with the same US Club classification tournaments (Class AA, A, BB, B), whether in the first or the second session, since they alternated in a similar manner.

The regional commissioners determined this to be unfair since it provided a conflict for some players every year, who wanted to play in both a club tournament *and* a masters tournament, and could not do so because they were conducted concurrently.

Therefore, a pattern of alternation was designed so that the club classifications would play back-to-back same sessions once during a four year quadrennium, and likewise, in two different years, the age groups would play back-to-back same sessions in the same time period.

This plan was adopted by the National Championships Division for implementation in 2001. The club classification tournaments did not alternate in 2002 from 2001, but the age group tournaments did. For 2003, the age group tournaments will play in the same sessions, i.e., the "0"s in the first session and the "5"s in the second session, in 2003. All tournaments will then alternate together in for the 2004 Championships.

Although this has been announced at all of the captain's meetings in conjunction with the USA Open Championships, it has become apparent that not everyone is knowledgeable of this plan.

This plan will be reviewed at the 2004 annual meetings for the next quadrennium (2005-2008). The consensus is that it has provided more equity for more players who elect to play in both a club tournament and an age group tournament.

We have received several inquiries as to whether or not this was a misprint in the information this year, or asking why it was done. The answer is *no*, it is not a misprint. The first session will include all age group tournaments whose classification end in "0"; the second session will include all age group tournaments whose classification ends in "5".

Questions should be directed to me directly, and not to the national office. Thanks for your attention to this information and assistance with the distribution of same.

Joseph B. Sharpless, Vice President
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Board Meeting Summary: October 27, 2002, Westerville

Present: Ron Wyzynski, *Bob Price*, Keith Burke, Don Burroughs, *Bob Dickenson*, *Troy Dixon*, *Steve Donahue*, *Art Faura*, Michelle Fox, *Brian Hemelgarn*, *Al Herbert*, Tom Kohl, *Rick Laskey*, *Terry Miller*, *Nick Nystrom*, *Glenn Purdy*, *Patty Salvatore*, Hank Trimble, *Emi Vishoot*, *Bill Zehler*.

Not present: *John Buck*.

Guests: Howard Garcia, Marci Treux (Treasurer, OHSVBA).

Appointment to vacated seat on the board of directors

- 7 individuals expressed interest: Keith Burke, Michelle Fox, Tom Kohl, Dana Johnson, Jimmy McKinzey, Michelle Phillips, Rich Wyman.
- Jimmy McKinzey was appointed to the remainder of the open term, expiring May 31, 2004.

Junior recruiting policies (girls)

- The commissioner requires first-hand information regarding violations: the individual or parent must report the violation, not the club director. Recruiting policies, enforcement, and means of reporting will be stressed on the OVR web site (www.ovr.org/juniors/recruiting.php).

Ron Wyzynski, CEO/Executive Director

- Ron reported on contracts and opportunities for the OVR in coming years.
- Ron will continue to accept paper registrations to ensure that we don't miss anyone. Electronic registration will be handled by Nick and Steve.
- Bill and Ron will teach ASEP on 12/7.
- The region will sell the new Molten® *Soft Touch*™ volleyball (\$30/ball).

Brian Hemelgarn, Referees' Chairperson

- Brian discussed current rates of pay for officials and proposed changes for fairly handling extra matches on multicourt tournaments.

Emi Vishoot, Boys' Jr. Volleyball Liaison

- Bob, Emi, Keith, and Art attended a meeting on 9/22 regarding boy's issues.
- A CYO league-like structure for Catholic boys' teams in Toledo was proposed.
- Bob Price: implement fall boys' season for 2003.
- Keith: already has Nov. 1 venue for championships.
- Information for boys' volleyball will be developed on ovr.org, including a checklist for teams entering nationals.
- OVR-sponsored boys' tournaments will use 5-team pools

(requested by teams participating in 2002), with an entry fee of \$100.

- Boys' registration reduced to \$30 to foster growth.

Michelle Fox, Women's Tournament Director

- ... has been sanctioning tournaments and is awaiting initial entries.

Don Burroughs, HP Director

- The Youth World Games will be held in Cleveland in 2004. For 2003, the games are in Austria (June) and Greece (August). Teams based in northeast Ohio are eligible: expenses paid excepting transportation.
- IMPACT: Clinics must be 4 hours, no exceptions. With only 5 certified instructors in the OVR, Don will probably do most of these. The manual is greatly improved, including material previously distributed as IMPACT+. Approximately 12 clinics will be held.
- HP: USAV will not sponsor a HP Junior team this summer (alternating years). Their HP camp and Youth team run every year. However, they will sanction regions who want to run Junior HP teams, and the OVR is looking into hosting an inter-regional HP tournament.
- CAP clinics to be hosted by the YSU Athletic Department. Hotel: \$69 including taxes.

Bob Price, Commissioner/President

- The 2003 OVR Retreat will be on the second weekend of August at Mohican State Park.
- NIRSA will be held at the Columbus Convention Center using 28-30 courts. Opportunities may exist to host our Bid tournaments there on April 12-13.

Subsidies for teams going to nationals

- Terry and Hank: the committee contacted club directors, who don't plan on the subsidy and don't go based on it. The money would be better spent on a scholarship program. Involved discussion led to tabling the issue until January.

Al Herbert, Junior Officials' Development Director

- Al will proceed with plans to implement a junior officials' patch and card system, with the goal of encouraging more juniors to be observed, certified, and improve as officials.

Next Meeting

- January 20, 2003: Ramada Inn, Kent.

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Julie Kovick Named OVR Outstanding Coach

Julie Kovick, coach of Stark Velocity Juniors 13s, received the Ohio Valley Region *Outstanding Junior Coach Award* for the 2002 season. Julie was presented with a plaque engraved with her name. At a surprise dinner for this award, she was congratulated by her family members, OVR staff, and parents and girls from her 13s team.



Julie Kovick, Al Herbert and Micki Fox at her surprise award dinner at the Canton Olive Garden (September 22, 2002).

Julie is a hard-working, knowledgeable, and humble coach who would never work for personal recognition. She is dedicated to the players whom she coaches – making them the best volleyball players they can be and teaching them life lessons along the way.

Julie made the most of the 2 hours/week where she practiced her team. She spent this time effectively: drilling the fundamental skills. In this small amount of practice time, Julie took her 13s team to be one of the top 16 of 120 teams in the Ohio Valley Region. At tournaments, Julie was at courtside using every possible teachable moment to constantly give feedback to the girls on the court. She was more concerned that they properly executed the skill rather than getting the ball back over the net or winning the game.

Julie cares about her girls on and off the court. Julie makes sure that they treat each other, the coaches, the officials, and their parents properly. Julie is a great role model for the girls as she holds herself to the same high standards of integrity.

Julie also holds the position of Head Volleyball Coach at Jackson High School in Canton, Ohio. She is married to Mark Kovick, and they have a daughter, Nikki, who plays on the Stark Velocity Juniors 13s team.

— Micki Fox

Officials' Clinics, (Re)certification, and Registration

Professional Officials

Attendance at one of the following free clinics is mandatory for professional officials:

- Saturday, December 7, 2002, Westerville South High School, Westerville, OH. 8:30AM registration and continental breakfast; clinic 9AM–4PM
- Sunday, December 8, 2002, St. Ursula Academy, Toledo, OH. 11:30AM registration; clinic noon–7PM.
- Saturday, Dec. 14, 2002, Pittsburgh, PA. Details TBA.

Professional referees and scorekeepers are encouraged to take their tests online (see www.ovr.org/officiating/online_testing.php) prior to the clinics.

Makeup clinics, not available to new officials, will be \$50.

Player Referees

- Player Ref Clinics to be announced

For additional information and to register, contact

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OVR Regional Referees' Chairperson
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2002 Junior National Volleyball Championships

The following reports were inadvertently omitted from the preceding issue of *OVR The Block*. Apologies!

Dayton Juniors Impress at Nationals

To say that the Dayton Jrs volleyball club attended the National Championship at Sandy Utah is a understatement. They did not only attend, but they did very well. The club was represented in the 17s (Open), 16s and 13s age divisions.

The **17s–Blue Angels**, coached by Rob Beam, went through their pool with a record of 5-1 thanks to a constant attack mentality. They achieved wins over strong clubs such as Circle City, 2nd City and Nike N’west. The only loss coming from Delta Valley after the Blue Angels had secured first place in the pool and at least a top eight finish in the tournament. They proceeded to defeat one of the favorite teams Nevada Jrs in the qtr finals and lost in the semis to the 2002 National Champions Muncie Chipmunks. Their record for the tourney was 6-2. Ali Hausfeld (setter) and Carrie DeMange (middle hitter) were selected to the All- Tournament Team.

The **16s–Chill**, coached by Yoon Ha, came out firing on all cylinders going undefeated in the first two pools they played with records of 3-0 a piece. Their quick attack and great floor defense provided them with wins over tournament runner-up NORCAL and other notables such as Indy Jrs and The Beach. In the third round they came up short finishing third and pushing them to the Silver Division. Overall they finished with a record of 8-3 and a 11th finish in the Championship.

The **13s–Blue Sparkles**, coached by Paula Boch, did less well in the first day of play, ending up with a record of 0-3. On the second day they did very well with a record of 3-1, finishing in a three-way tie for first. Due to the tiebreakers they ended up third in the pool. On the third day of play they went 2-0 with two impressive wins. After winning their first match

in tournament play to Ft Smith Jrs, they ended up loosing in three in their final match of the season to the Mavericks 13-1. Their record for the Championship was 6-5.

Members for the 17s–Blue Angels were: Jess Strader, Sarah Treadway, Ali Hausfeld, Carrie DeMange, Jenna Miller, Sarah Douglas, Abby Showers, Jen Moore and Tara Lakes. Members for the 16s–Chill were: Chelsea Noble, Jackie Strader, Stephanie Ross, Molly Spencer, Lizaiha Garcia, Amber Allen, Beth Oldiges, Lindsey Woeste and Betsy Hiltibran. Members for the 13s–Sparklers were: Jessica Raffa, Emily Borchers, Katie Laravie, Sarah Fisher, Katie Hoendorf, Stefanie Bomberger, Lauren Woeste, Michelle Nicol, Kacie Hausfeld, and Megan Martin.

It was a great season for all teams, and they expect to get there again next year!!!
— Howard Garcia

Team Atlantis Snipes Win Silver in SLC

Team Atlantis Snipes won the 16 Club Silver division (9th overall) at the 2002 USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships in Salt Lake City. Earlier in the tournament, Team Atlantis Snipes defeated the eventual Gold division runnerup 25-20 and 25-20, and they also took one game from the eventual Gold champion. Nicole Fawcett was named to the all-tournament team.

Also, Bryn Kehoe and Nicole Fawcett were named to the Youth National A2 team which will be training in Colorado Springs July 8-14 under former Ohio State player and ex-head coach from Georgia Tech and University of Pittsburgh, Shelton Collier.
— Bob Fawcett

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

January 20, 2003, Ramada Inn, Kent, Ohio

Board meeting schedules, minutes, and agendas are online at www.ovr.org/executive/.

From the Women's Tournament Director

Micki Fox, Women's Tournament Director



Welcome to the start of a new season! The tournament schedule already has some events scheduled. Keep checking it weekly, as it will be updated frequently with new tournaments. Remember to enter tournaments at least 3-4 weeks prior to the event to make sure that you get a spot.

Also, remember that any

player who steps on the court *must* be registered with USAV before they play. *Play hard and have fun!*

Regionals: April 13, 2003

This season's Ohio Valley Regional Championships will be held on Sunday, April 13, 2003: men's and women's teams, all divisions. This will let us optimize use of facilities, holding Bid tournaments on Saturday as the NIRSA championships unfold in another hall of the Convention Center.

US Women's National Team to Hold Open Tryouts in New Orleans

USA Volleyball will conduct an open tryout for athletes interested in positions with the U.S. Women's National Training Team and the U.S. Women's National Summer Training Program (including possible placement on the 2003 USA Pan American Games team) at the Reily Student Recreation Center on the campus of Tulane University in New Orleans on December 21-22. Interested athletes may obtain the necessary registration forms (PDF files) posted in the National Team section of the USA Volleyball web site (www.usavolleyball.org). Full text of this announcement is available at www.ovr.org/news/news.php?key=n021114a.

Certification Requirements for Juniors' Coaches

The Ohio Valley Region requires that all coaches are either IMPACT- or CAP-certified before they begin working with players in practices or tournaments. Coaches that are hired/retained before their club season begins must be IMPACT- or CAP-certified before their first contact with players. If coaches are hired/retained mid-season due to extenuating circumstances, they must be IMPACT- or CAP- certified that season if they are hired/retained before the last clinic in the region. If they are hired/retained after the last clinic, then they must be IMPACT- or CAP- certified before their first contact with players the following season.

For additional information, see our Coaching section at www.ovr.org/juniors/coaching/ or contact Don Burroughs, Director of High Performance and Coaching Education, at burroughs@ovr.org or 419-629-8103.

Jen Flynn Setting Clinic

Jen Flynn, starting setter for the US National Team and silver medalist at the 2002 World Volleyball Championships, will lead a setting clinic at Ohio State University on December 1 from 12-4. Registration is from 11-12, with a cost of \$50. See www.ovr.org/juniors/flyers/Flynn_021201.pdf for additional information.

Opportunities Abound

Check out the following frequently updated areas of the OVR web site for whatever level of participation you prefer:

- Coaching openings www.ovr.org/jobs/
- Teams needing players www.ovr.org/connections/teams.php
- Players needing teams www.ovr.org/connections/players.php
- Juniors' Clubs & Teams www.ovr.org/juniors/clubs.php
- Adults' Teams www.ovr.org/mw/teams.php
- Juniors' tournaments www.ovr.org/juniors/tournaments.php
- Adults' tournaments www.ovr.org/mw/tournaments.php
- Non-USAV tournaments www.ovr.org/non-usav/tournaments.php
- Non-USAV leagues & pickup www.ovr.org/non-usav/leagues/

Juniors' Recruiting Policies

Compliance is Mandatory

It is imperative that OVR policies for recruiting juniors be followed with no exceptions. Those policies are based on the rules of OHSA and other state athletic associations, put into place to protect athletes' scholastic eligibility, and also on necessary measures of respect between clubs to best serve all athletes of the OVR.

Reporting Violations

Every violation of OVR recruiting policies must be reported to Bob Price, Commissioner (price@ovr.org, 614-882-2468). The OVR Incident Report should be used to report the

violation. If you are unsure of whether the conditions of a contact constitute a violation, contact Bob for guidance.

Reports must be first-hand, coming from the athlete and/or a parent/guardian representing that athlete. Club directors and coaches impacted by illegal recruiting practices should encourage the individuals being recruited and their parents/guardians to file an Incident Report immediately.

What Constitutes a Violation?

The following letter was sent from Bill Zehler, OVR Juniors' Program Director, to all juniors' club directors on Tuesday, October 1, 2002:

Club directors,

It is getting close to time for tryouts. The rumors are starting to surface about individuals trying to attract members of other clubs to their programs. I am reminding you that we have guidelines in place regarding recruitment of athletes that spent the previous season with another program.

It is the responsibility of each club to act responsibly when trying to attract athletes to their tryouts. Clubs may advertise through the media (newspapers, web pages, etc.) and distribute information regarding their tryouts to the coaches of the schools in their area. It will be considered inappropriate for any member of a club (director, coach, parent of an athlete, or athlete) to try to recruit a member of another club. Clubs may respond to anyone interested in information about their program. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in sanction by the region.

Please adhere to these simple guidelines! Every complaint we receive with written documentation will be investigated! This information will also be posted on the OVR web pages for everyone to see. Recruiting is the ugliest part of Junior volleyball in any region. Please allow the athletes and their families make their own decision on where they wish to play.

Bill Zehler

Related Documents:

- Bill Zehler's *Letter to Club Directors*
 - *Junior Coaches' Code of Ethics*
 - *Athletes' Bill of Rights*
 - *OVR Incident Report*:
www.ovr.org/forms/Incident_Report.pdf
- } included in the Juniors' Registration Packet:
www.ovr.org/juniors/registration_packet/

Send Incident Reports to:

Bob Price
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e-mail: price@ovr.org



Online registration, accounts, & other aspects of ovr.org

Expansion of ovr.org continues and, driven by its own quintessence, accelerates.

Online Registration

We expended considerable effort to deliver electronic registration to meet the needs of our staff and the preferences of our members. Professional officials, club directors, and coaches have been using the new system extensively, and juniors' club registrations using have just begun to arrive. The preferred route for juniors' clubs, representing our most populous set of registrations, is *EasyReg*, an Excel™-based procedure built in response to club directors' requests. If you're registering a club, I encourage you to give it a try: navigate to www.ovr.org/register/instructions/easyreg/ for easy-to-follow instructions and simple Excel™ templates. Even if you don't maintain your data electronically yet, give that a try too: the advantages throughout the season will be well worth the initial effort.

When you register, please remember to send your fees promptly. Paper registrations always arrive with checks, so they're 100% effective. If electronic registration is to succeed, payments must be obtained with equal reliability.

Signing In

Signing in is a key step for procedures that must be restricted to certain individuals. For instance, only the director of a given tournament can update pools and other information for that event. You can update your own contact information. Or, if you're an official, you can access lists of tournaments needing officials. Many such operations are already supported, and many more will be for the 2003 season. If you've had an account but have forgotten the password, please request a new one by supplying your e-mail address or username to the "Forgot your password?" utility linked from the sign-in page rather than creating a new account.

Coming Soon to a Website Near You

A few of our plans for 2003 include verification of ASEP, CAP, IMPACT, and junior officials' certifications, reporting and automated handling of standings for juniors' tournaments, improved site navigation, expansion of facilities for directly updating information, a revamped *News* section, development of a new section for boys' volleyball, and refinement of our authentication procedure.

Club and tournament directors, coaches, officials:

Sign In

to authenticate to our system at ovr.org.

Then use

My account

for shortcuts to your special functions.

And everyone, the

Site Index

provides a different, useful view of ovr.org if you can't find what you need.

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

Look forward to additional updates for the 2003 season, results from the January board meeting, and results from the KSU kickoff tournaments. 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.

Advertising to the Ohio Valley Region

Do you want to reach more than 12,676 USA Volleyball, collegiate, high school, and recreational players, coaches, team reps, officials, parents, fans, and enthusiasts?

Advertising space is available in *OVR The Block* and also on www.ovr.org, tailored to suit your organization's individual needs. For information, contact Nick Nystrom at nystrom@ovr.org or (412) 372-1817.

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5/31/05: Dickenson, Faura, Miller, Purdy, Zehler

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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 (4-year term)
8/31/05: Men's Tournament Director, Regional Scorekeepers'
Chairperson, Juniors' Tournament Director

Calendar

Men's and Women's Competition

January 4-5 and 11-12 2003: kickoff tournaments at KSU

January 4-April 7: regular-season competition continues...

www.ovr.org/mw/tournaments.php

April 13, 2003: Ohio Valley Regional Volleyball Championships,
Greater Columbus Convention Center.

www.ovr.org/mw/regionals/

Juniors' Competition

Tryouts: ongoing

(following each state's state volleyball championships)

www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts.php

December 15, 2002: publish full Juniors' Tournament Schedule
(boys', championship, qualifier, and national tournaments
listed now)

www.ovr.org/juniors/tournaments.php

Power Challenge Tournaments

March 8-9, 2003: KSU, Kent, OH: 14 Open.

March 15-16, 2002: Maumee, OH: 18 Open.

March 15-16, 2002: Cincinnati, OH: 16 Open.

Bid Tournaments:

April 5-6, 2003: 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s.

April 12, 2003, GCCC: 16s, 17s, 18s.

www.ovr.org/juniors/bid/

OVR Boys' Regional Championships

March 1, 2003. Details TBA.

www.ovr.org/juniors/boys/

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2003 Junior Volleyball Championships

May 3-4, 2003, Columbus, OH (sites TBA): 10s and 12s.

May 10-11, 2003, GCCC: 13s, 14C, 15C (tentative).

May 16-18, 2003, GCCC: 16-18C, 14-18O (tentative).

www.ovr.org/juniors/championships/

National Qualifiers

March 21-23 and 28-30, 2003: Hoosier Mid East Qualifier

March 28-30, 2003: Tampa Bay Qualifier

April 4-6, 2003: Colorado Crossroads

April 11-13, 2003: Pacific NW Qualifier

April 11-13, 2003: Southern California

April 11-13 and 18-20, 2003: Lone Star Classic

April 18-20, 2003: North East Qualifier

April 18-20, 2003: Far Western

April 25-27, 2003: Northern Lights

www.usavolleyball.org/juniors/nat_qual.htm

2003 Junior Olympic Championships

Girls' JO Championships: June 25-July 2, 2003, Atlanta, GA

Boys' JO Championships: July 2-8, 2003, Phoenix, AZ

Girls' Invitational: June 26-29, 2003, Phoenix, AZ

www.ovr.org/juniors/nationals/

Club Directors' and Coaches' Development

ASEP Course

December 7, 2002: Westerville South HS.

www.ovr.org/juniors/coaching/asep.php

CAP Courses

January 4-5, 2003: CAP I, Youngstown State University.

January 3-5, 2003: CAP II, Youngstown State University.

www.ovr.org/juniors/coaching/cap.php

IMPACT Clinics

December 7, 2002: Westerville South HS.

December 8, 2002: St. Ursula Academy, Toledo, OH.

December 14, 2002: TBA, Pittsburgh, PA.

January 11, 2003: Lebanon HS, Lebanon, OH.

January 12, 2003: Sports Domain, Fairborn, OH.

February 8, 2003: Piqua HS, Piqua, OH.

www.ovr.org/juniors/coaching/impact.php

Officiating

Online testing for professional referees and scorekeepers is open
now.

www.ovr.org/officiating/online_testing.php

Professional Officials' Clinics:

December 7, 2002: Westerville South HS.

December 8, 2002: St. Ursula Academy, Toledo, OH.

December 14, 2002: TBA, Pittsburgh, PA.

Player-Ref Clinics to be announced (January at KSU?)

www.ovr.org/officiating/clinics.php

Administrative

January 20, 2003: OVR Board Meeting, Ramada Inn, Kent, OH

www.ovr.org/executive/

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Other Competition

NIRSA Collegiate Volleyball Sport Club Championships:

April 10-12, 2003, GCCC, Columbus, OH.

nirsa.net/sc/vb/2003/index.htm

Note that Bids, Adult Regionals, and NIRSA will all be playing at the Greater Columbus Convention Center on the second weekend of April! This volleyball extravaganza will allow us to run our adults together on one day and to provide first-rate facilities for our Bid tournaments.