



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.

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