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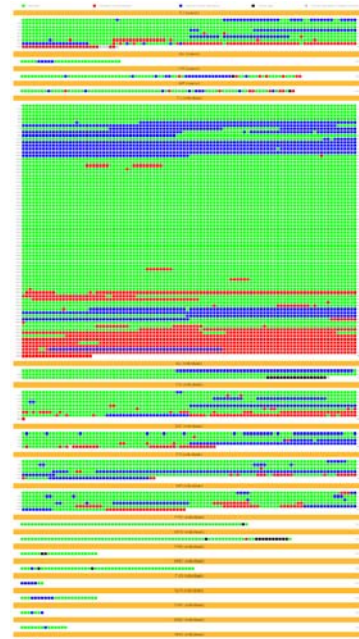
Online Registration Scores an Early Win

October marked the start of a new era for the Ohio Valley Region. Online registration opened first for professional officials, then in successive, rapid stages for all other registration types. As this newsletter nears completion, 7,334 individuals and 709 teams have been registered online vs. approximately 3,827 individuals and 314 teams registered by mail.

Those registering online immediately benefit through receiving their registration numbers and team codes. Clubs who already maintain their information in a spreadsheet or database have taken advantage of *EasyReg*, uploading their compete rosters as single registrations. The record so far goes to *Premier Volleyball Club* (Toledo), who registered 424 players, coaches, and staff comprising 41 teams. Thanks to Jodi Schramm, *Premier* director, and Tom Smith, *Premier* webmaster, for taking the plunge!

As the 2003 season progresses, additional facilities will be deployed to use our newly accessible and more complete registration data to full advantage. Watch our website for announcements!

If your club or team still has to register, do so today at www.ovr.org/register/.



OVR registrations at a glance: this drastically reduced overview shows paid registrations in green, pending payments in red, and pending paper registrations in blue. The top 4 sections are teams; the rest are individuals. Each row contains 100 entries, and in the online version each square displays and links to detailed information.

Elections 2003

Each year the OVR elects five candidates to the **board of directors** to serve a term of three years, non-compensatory. Candidates must be members of the region and acquire 25 signatures of currently registered adult members to qualify. In addition, aspiring board members should submit a profile stating the reasons they want to serve on the Board of Directors, how they feel they can

help the region, and their relevant background. Both the petition and the profile are available online at www.ovr.org/elections/. The deadline for submitting this information is Monday, March 31, 2003.

Officer terms ending on August 31 include *Registrar*, *Junior Officials' Development Director*, and *Juniors' Program Director*. These positions are elected

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Executive Director's Commentary



“Please remember and do the following...”

Dear Members, A special thanks to those directors, clubs, and teams who used the OVR online registration system. Our goal is 90% usage within the next two seasons. You may also add individuals to your roster by using this method. If you haven't registered as yet... avoid the mail and take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Now that our adult season is underway, please remember and do the following: **Uniform...** must be similar, especially shorts and shirts with numbers contrasting with color of shirt. **Facility usage...** keep it clean and deposit all trash in the proper containers. **Player officials...** must be diligent and not lackadaisical in your responsibility. Remember, the team you referee will be doing your games as well. **Last, and most important...** do not *ever* bring to an event or

consume alcohol in a public education facility (school or college). Doing so is a serious fine in the state of Ohio and will result in suspension from USAV and the OVR. The custodial staff at KSU reported the beer cans found at the gym annex. The OVR has been using this facility for more than 20 years and I'll not let a member ruin that track record. As always — please use the OVR website for tournament information, standings and other region listings.

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

Elections 2003

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by the board of directors. Interested individuals should submit cover letters and resumes relevant to the positions for which they are applying. Job descriptions are available from www.ovr.org/elections/. The application deadline for officer positions is Thursday, May 15, 2003.

Submit all candidate materials to Al Herbert, 2003 OVR Elections Coordinator by e-mail (herbert@ovr.org), US mail (Al Herbert, 4440 Merlin Ave., Uniontown, OH 44685), or fax (330-972-5238). Please cc: BoD profiles to Nick Nystrom (nystrom@ovr.org) for posting online and at voting sites.

The voting booth will be located in the

Convention Center at both the Adult and Junior Regional Championships. Efforts will be made to allow juniors' coaches the opportunity to vote at satellite facilities on May 3 during the 10s' and 12s' championships. For those adult members unable to be present at our Championships, mail-in ballots will be available on www.ovr.org/elections/. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by May 19.

Background information for all candidates will be posted on the bulletin board at the Convention Center, made available by the election booth volunteers at the satellite sites, and posted at www.ovr.org/elections/ to assist voters in their selections.

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Corner



The 2003 season of the Ohio Valley Region is shaping up to be an extraordinary experience.

The number of events being offered at both the adult and Jr. levels already exceeds the 2002 season, and additional events are still needed to meet the demands of growth.

I want to encourage any member who could access a facility to host an event. The OVR staff will be glad to offer any assistance needed.

The Ohio Valley Region will be hosting some of the largest events in the country in 2003. In February the *Early Bird Extravaganza* will make its debut in the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The *Ohio Valley Region-Molten® 2003 National Bid Qualifier* will be held for the first time in the GCCC on April 11, 12, and 13. The *OVR Adult Regional Championships* will be held on April 13, with space for 160 teams to play at one time, at one site, in the Convention Center. A special note: over 200 college clubs will be participating in their National Championships, also on that weekend in the GCCC. There will be 48 Sport Courts, and over 500 teams in the GCCC that week of April 9-13! It will be volleyball heaven! If you plan on staying in a hotel for any of that weekend, please contact those hotels listed on our website. They have rooms available at special rates I secured for OVR members!

On May 3, the largest Junior Regional Championships in the country begin with play in the Columbus area for the 10s and 12s age groups. The event will continue at the Columbus Convention Center on May 10-11 and conclude on May 16, 17, and 18, with over 750 teams having participated.

The amount of time and effort required to coordinate and produce events of this magnitude is extraordinary. The officers and staff of the OVR are an exceptional group

of dedicated individuals who give of themselves for the benefit of volleyball. All OVR members should make an effort to thank those who had made and who continue to strive to make the OVR a leader in volleyball. I appreciate everyone one of these people for their efforts. *Thank you.*

I want to make all members aware that demonstrating appropriate behavior at OVR sanctioned events is a must. Be advised that violations of the *Code of Conduct* or the *Junior Coaches' Code of Ethics* will result in individual or team sanctions. Unsportsmanlike behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated: this is a point of emphasis for officials! I encourage all incidents to be reported. Please access the *Incident Report* on the website [www.ovr.org/forms/Incident_Report.pdf], returning your completed form to me at the Commissioner's Office ASAP!

A major concern was addressed at the January 20 board of directors' meeting in Kent. It was brought to our attention that the *adults are not complying with the uniform code*. The OVR requires participating teams to wear *identical shirts and shorts of the same color and style!* Teams not complying to these requirements will be subject to fine or sanction. Over 10,000 junior members have not had a problem with this rule: how can 2,000 *adults?*

In closing I want to make special mention of two OVR directors, Mr. Glenn Purdy and Mr. Bob Dickenson. Both of these special people have or are experiencing some health problems. Glenn is recovering from open heart surgery, and Bob is battling some specific diabetic issues. Let us all keep them in our prayers and hope for a speedy recovery. The OVR needs them back! *Soon!*

Play hard and play often!

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

Boys' Volleyball in the Ohio Valley Region

On January 25th, nine of the ten boys' volleyball clubs registered in the Ohio Valley Region participated in an OVR-sponsored tournament at Kent State University. 22 teams competed: 14 teams in the 18-and-under division, and 8 in 16-and-under. 18 of those teams are registered in the OVR, and two teams in each division traveled from the Western Empire Region (western New York).

Renaissance 18 Red finished 2nd in the 18 Gold playoffs, and Cincinnati Attack 17-1 won the Silver playoffs. Cincinnati Attack 16-1 Black finished 2nd in the 16 Gold playoffs and Mizuno Cincy Classics 16 Black finished 2nd in the Silver playoffs. Full results can be viewed at the Region's web pages.

It was wonderful to see such a large turnout of OVR teams, and it was particularly inspiring to watch the Northcoast 14s play up to 16-and-under. Even though they were giving away several years in age (I was told that most of the players are actually 12 or younger), they still battled the older boys. If the age difference wasn't enough of a handicap, they also had to play with the net set at 7'11". The boys' 14s age group normally plays with the net set at 7'4", so the net was about 8 inches higher than usual for them. But they did not back

down from the challenge.

The Region will be hosting another boys' tournament on February 22nd. In this event, all OVR boys' volleyball clubs will be represented. There are currently 15 teams registered for 18U and 7 for 16U, all of whom are OVR teams.

The first-ever Ohio Valley Region Boys Regional Championships will be hosted on March 2nd at Capital University. Again, look at the Region's web pages for more information.

Another opportunity for boys' teams to play is the Presidents' Cup tournament on February 14-16 at the Dayton Convention Center. This tournament will be offering competition in 18s, 17s, 16s, and 15s age groups.

This is probably the first year in which there are 4 quality events within the OVR for boys to compete. It is great for the boys (and their fans) to have more events locally so that they do not need to travel as much.

The Region looks forward to continuing to host events for the boys. Hopefully this will help to grow the opportunities for boys to play the sport of volleyball within the Region.

— Al Herbert

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For April 11 & 12: \$98 plus tax for single/double occupancy. The deadline for making reservations is March 13, 2003. A non-refundable one night room and tax deposit will be charged to the credit card on file if you cancel your reservation after March 13, 2003.

For May 10-11: The rate is \$98 single/double occupancy, \$103 triple/quad occupancy plus tax. A deposit of one night room and tax is required at the time the reservation is made. The deadline for making room reservations is April 10. If cancelled after April 10, the deposit is non-refundable.

May 16-17: The rate is \$98 single/double occupancy, \$103 triple/quad occupancy plus tax. A deposit of one night room and tax is required at the time the reservation is made. The deadline for making room reservations is April 17. If cancelled after April 10, the deposit is non-refundable.

Ohio State

2003 Men's Volleyball

January

- 13 Concordia..... 7 p.m.
- 15 George Mason 7 p.m.
- 24 St. Francis 7 p.m.

February

- 1 Springfield..... 7 p.m.
- 2 Springfield..... 7 p.m.
- 7 Clarke..... 7 p.m.
- 16 Penn State 5:30 p.m.
- 25 IPFW 7 p.m.

March

- 12 Findlay..... 7 p.m.
- 14 Loyola-Chicago 7 p.m.
- 26 Findlay* 7 p.m.

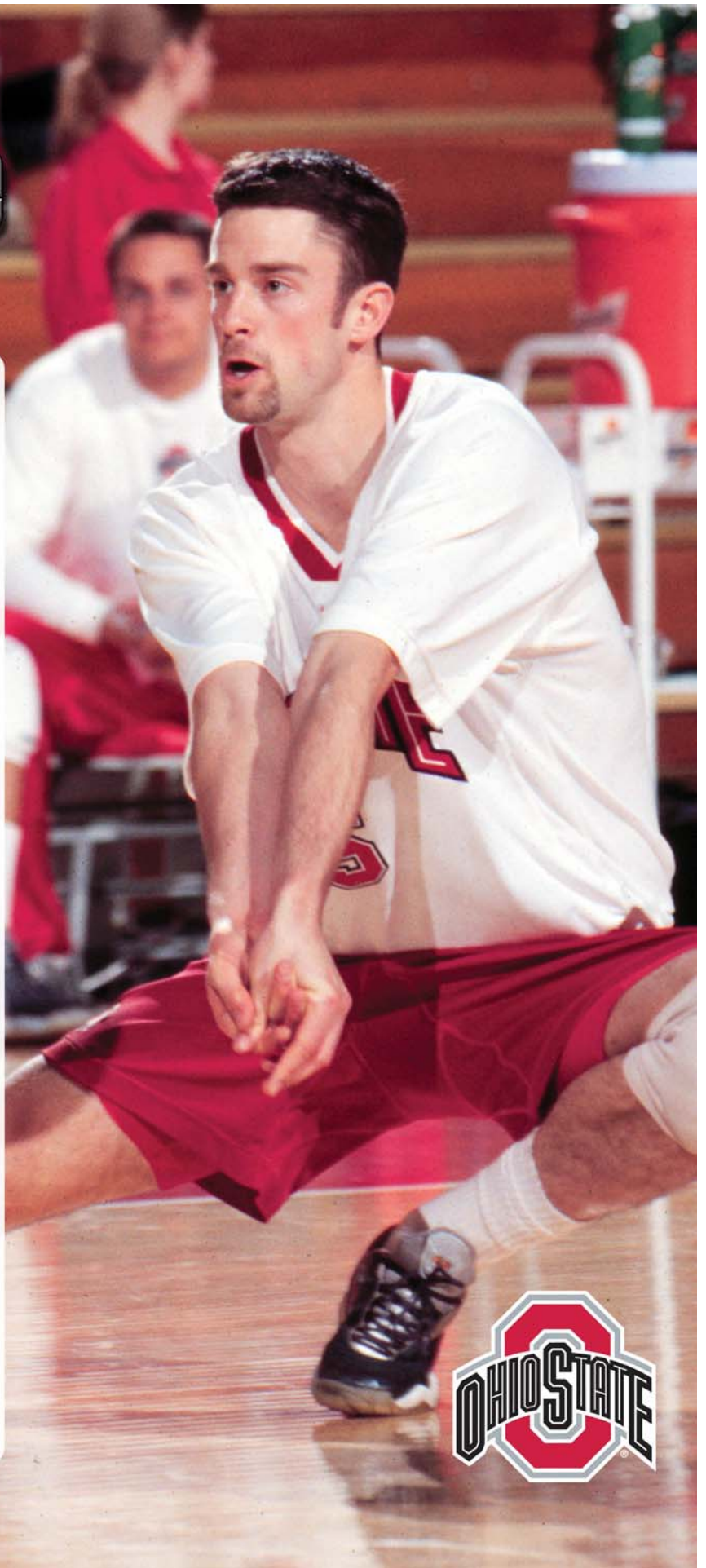
April

- 1 Mercyhurst 7 p.m.
- 4 Lewis..... 7 p.m.
- 5 Quincy..... 7 p.m.
- 12 Ball State..... 7 p.m.

*Matches played at St. John Arena
unless otherwise noted*

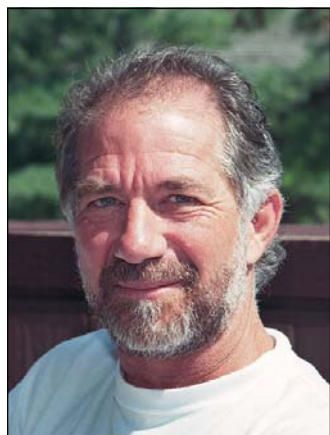
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The Juniors' Page

Bill Zehler, Juniors' Program Director



Junior volleyball programs are in high gear across the region. There are several big tournaments coming up in February. The online registration for our members is working incredibly well, thanks to the efforts of Nick Nystrom, Steve Donahue, and Ron Wyzynski!

Education courses have experienced record attendance. The ASEP Sports Club Director Courses in December at Westerville South High School (Columbus) was well-attended. Don Burroughs (see his article) is doing a

great job with the Coaching Education program. We offered another excellent CAP course in Youngstown!

Coaches are reminded that they must be IMPACT or CAP I accredited to coach for a USA Volleyball program in the OVR. *Everyone* must have one of these certifications (by their second season of coaching if they join a club after the last IMPACT clinic for this season). The *Junior Coaches' Code of Ethics* forms must be submitted by every club for each of their coaches. These will be reviewed to ensure all clubs are in compliance with this regulation.

*Ohio Valley Region Kaeza-USA
2003 Junior Volleyball Championships
www.ovr.org/juniors/championships/*

We will accept registrations for the OVR Junior Championships beginning February 1, 2003. [Online registration will open in mid-February, with the delay being necessary to improve our registration process. —Ed.] Clubs will enter knowing that there will be *absolutely no refund* for withdrawing from the event. There will be no exceptions! The deadline for entry will be April 1, 2003. Teams entered before the deadline will be accepted based on their regional ranking. Teams that enter after the deadline will be accepted only if there are openings. We will offer new features for registration to attract scholarship opportunities for our athletes.

Our Junior Championships will be held over 3 weekends this season. We will again be using schools in and around Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, May 3, 2003. The 10-and-Under and 12-and-Under divisions will be held that day. The Columbus Convention Center will be the site for the next two weekends (see the Juniors' Tournament Schedule). The number of courts is limited to no more than 32 for each weekend at the convention center.

Have a great season!

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From the Women's Tournament Director Michelle Fox

Team representatives & players,

I am currently looking over tournament results to help you place your team in the correct level of play for the 2003 season and for the Regional Championships. I am hoping to work with you to have your

team in the correct bracket by the end of February. No matter what division you are playing, you can count on playing the Regional Championships on Sunday, April 13. All teams who send an entry postmarked by the April 1 deadline will be accepted into the tournament. Late entries will be taking a

chance of getting into the tournament. After all *on-time* entries are received, the remaining courts will be cancelled.

Speaking of deadlines... team reps, it is very important to enter tournaments by the deadline date. This is usually one week before the event, except in the case of the Regional Championships. Entering by the deadline gives you your best chance of getting a spot in the tournament and is a courtesy to the tournament host and other teams involved. Having all entries by the deadline date is the only way a tournament host can set up a fair tournament and inform teams of their starting playing times with enough notice.

Juniors' Tournament Update

Tom Kohl, Juniors' Tournament Coordinator



Thank you to those tournament directors who have sent their *Applications for Sanction* for the 2002-2003 season and registered with the OVR. As of Jan. 22, we have 91 tournament directors conducting 683 sanctioned tournaments, not including the Power Challenge, Bid tournaments, and Junior Championships.

My goals for this current season remain the same as stated in the last newsletter.

1. *Facilitate online reporting of tournament results*
2. *Consistency of tournament procedures and formats*
3. *Awareness by 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*

Currently, my emphasis is on the *Power Challenge* tournaments. The 16s and 18s tournaments will have the best teams in our Region competing in this 2-day event. The response to these tournaments has been overwhelming. We currently have over 25 teams for each event. The 14s tournament still has several openings. Many thanks to Art Faura for his help in setting up the pool play and tournament brackets.

Should you have any suggestions, please e-mail me at kohl@ovr.org.

Again, thanks for your help so far this season. I look forward to another successful Juniors' season.

Tom Kohl

OVR Juniors' Tournament Coordinator

From the Men's Tournament Director

Keith Burke

We're off to another fast season. I want to welcome the new teams this year and thank those who returned for another go at it. As you all know we are constantly trying to keep the level of competition high. So if you think you might have registered at level that really isn't giving you much competition, try playing up to test the waters.

Also, we need to talk about playing at the different sites. Think of them as your mother's house. Pick up after yourself and don't make a mess or we risk losing playing venues.

For those of you who haven't noticed, this year's Regionals are going to be held on one

day for all divisions. We are taking advantage of space at the convention center, running the juniors' Bid tournaments (excepting 13s) the same weekend.

In closing, as always we need more tournament hosts, so if you have a site that can offer a tournament drop me an e-mail and we can set something up. It will be financially good for your team and add events for the region.

Good luck in the season, and I hope to see your team playing a lot this year.



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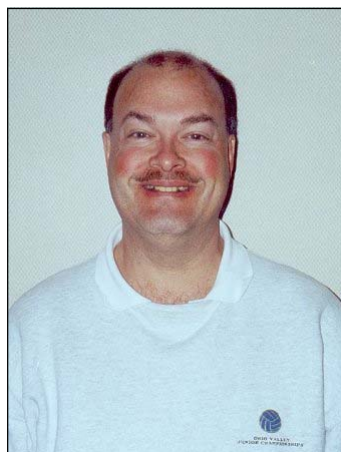


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Junior Officials' Development Program

Alan Herbert, Junior Officials' Development Director

This is a reminder that the certification of players who were certified as scorekeepers and/or second referees during the 2000 or 2001 seasons expired 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. It is not too late to host a clinic for your players. 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. 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, large inter-regional and national tournaments 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 new 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/.) To encourage junior officials to continue improving 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 were instructed on how to manage this additional program during their clinics in December.

Just a quick note to all tournament directors: please supply a *Junior Rating Form* (www.ovr.org/forms/Junior_Officials_-_Rating_Form.pdf) for each match at your tournaments. These forms are used by the professional officials to evaluate the players as 2nd referees and scorekeepers.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to me at jodd@ovr.org. Have a great 2002-2003 season!

Certifications for Juniors' Coaches and Club Directors

The OVR certification database is now online for the benefit of club and tournament directors. Having that information readily accessible will ensure that the region has a record of those individuals who have been certified, assisting greatly in meeting certification requirements and verifying information for participation in Nationals. 1,327 IMPACT and CAP certifications are currently represented, with ASEP on the way.

The list of IMPACT, CAP, and ASEP certified individuals is available at www.ovr.org/dir/certification.php. Certifications are tracked by individual, matching that information to incoming registrations to handle members changing club

affiliations and/or various aspects of their personal information from season to season. That has been working well, with problems arising only for certain cases of incomplete or inaccurate registration. Also on that page is an overview of certification requirements and instructions for notifying the region of individuals who are certified but not yet in the database.

Club directors should review their staff's representation in the database at their earliest convenience, following through to notify us of anyone we're missing.

—NN

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From the Referees' Chair

Brian Hemelgarn

Well, another season is upon us! Hard to believe! I'm beginning to get comfortable as your new Referees' Chair, but I'm stilling learning the ropes. As always, offer me suggestions and feedback because I appreciate our interaction. Now, on to the season!

ate our interaction. Now, on to the season!

We hosted three successful clinics in December, and I owe a big "thanks" to the crew who helped organize and present them in my absence! Their willingness and support allowed me the opportunity to work the NCAA Division I tournament, and that was an awesome experience—one that I hope many of you have the chance to enjoy during your careers! Our clinics welcomed nearly 70 prospective officials who are now completing the evaluation process.

With no significant rule changes this year, we should work on refining and polishing our mechanics, rule knowledge, and professionalism! One of my goals for this year—and hopefully yours too!—is to exhibit the highest level of professionalism at each and every match, on and off the court. We need to be beyond reproach in our behavior! Remember, "perception is reality," and despite our intentions, others may not always view our actions in the way we intended. Hence,

act in a way that won't call your integrity into question! And by the way, your uniform should be impeccable! That's part of our professionalism too.

As officials, we're in a unique position: when players, coaches, or spectators see us, they think OVR. Consequently, to them, we *are* the OVR, and we end up being the first line of defense when it comes to dealing with the issues and concerns of our constituents. Thus, we need to act accordingly. In fact, *Act as if!* Act as if... you're representing the board of directors! Act as if... you're an extension of me! Act as if... you're being evaluated every time you're on the stand. Act as if... you're working the Olympics... hey, you are... Junior Olympics! Act as if... you're a National referee. By "acting as if," I'm sure you'll do the right thing.

Finally, the 2003 season will bring some changes, some challenges and some excellent opportunities. Columbus plays host to the NIRSA Collegiate Club Volleyball Championships; our Bid tournaments will be held under one roof in Columbus, April 12-13, along with our Adult Championships; our Junior Championships continue to break participation records; and we have the largest cadre of officials in the country! It will be busy, but it will be *fun*, and I'm looking forward to what lies ahead!

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

Board Meeting Summary: January 20, 2003, Kent

The OVR board of directors met from 9:20AM-4:50PM at the Kent Ramada Inn on January 20, 2003.

Present: Ron Wyzynski, Bob Price, Nick Nystrom, Terry Miller, John Buck, Don Burroughs, Jimmy McKinzey, Steve Donahue, Brian Hemelgarn, Patty Salvatore, Keith Burke, Al Herbert, Michelle Fox, Emi Vishoot.

Not present: Bob Dickenson, Troy Dixon, Art Faura, Tom Kohl, Glenn Purdy, Bill Zehler.

Guests: John J. Luecken, Jr.

OVR Boys' Championships – Keith Burke

- Moved to March 2 at Capital University.
- Keith Burke will be the tournament director.
- 10 entries have been received already.
- Pool play will consist of two 21-point games in each match, consistent with boys' OVR competition for the 2003 season.

Development of a 14U coed group – Bob Price

- Bob reported Jodi Schramm's suggestion to make a 14U coed group to increase boys' participation, as done in the Great Lakes and Delta regions. This would involve coed play but not coed rules. Those ideas will be researched for the August meeting.

CEO/Executive Director's Update – Ron Wyzynski

- Kent State tournaments going very well. Dan Dickey is contracted for the season to manage equipment.
- Thanked the rating team for performance and brainstorming.
- For the Bid tournament, Ron negotiated an excellent price for the Convention Center for Sun. as well as significant savings on floors. Bids will be held on 20 courts in halls E and F, including 4 that Ron secured during the meeting at John's request.
- Online registration is going well. We expect ~160 adults' teams. [Going to press, we now have 172. —Ed.]

Bid Tournament – Bob Price

- Since our holding a spectacular Bid tournament in the Convention Center relies on using facilities immediately following the NIRSA tournament, our teams will have to be flexible re. playing time. 4-10 courts are expected to become free by ~3:00 on Saturday, with more following as the day progresses.
- 13s will be held on April 5 at the newly remodeled Lucas

County Rec Center (Toledo).

- Limits may be required on the numbers of teams accepted.
- Ron confirmed that the name of the tournament is the "Ohio Valley Region – Molten National Bid Qualifier".
- For 14s-18s we get 4 bids to Nationals and 2 to the Invitational, so play must determine at least the first 6 spots. A formula will be developed to rank teams past the 8th spot.
- The OVR has a 100-block room at the Hyatt and also arrangements with the Radisson Airport and Adams Mark.
- Bob confirmed "We're here to promote and develop volleyball" and suggested a long-range plan for running quality Bid tournaments.
- Bob recommended an entry fee of \$400 for the 2-day events. 12s and 13s, 1 day each, will be \$250.

High Performance and Coaching Education – Don Burroughs

- IMPACT: Don certified 375 coaches so far this year, with 3 clinics still remaining. Last year he certified ~400. Don will run IMPACT+ at Cleveland (a 6-hour clinic). Bob will go to Marshall University, coincident with Don's IMPACT clinic, to discuss expanding volleyball in West Virginia.
- CAP: At the Youngstown CAP courses, 22 individuals were certified as CAP I and 6 as CAP II. The location was appreciated by members living in the eastern portion of the region. Through free facilities, complimentary rooms, and inexpensive airfare, this year's CAP courses are expected to be financially self-supporting. To benefit the hosting club, for every CAP clinician the fee for one of that club's coaches is waived.
- *VolleyClassic*: Don discussed options and requirements for hosting this annual international High Performance tournament, coming up with promising suggestions.

Member Misconduct – Bob Price

- Bob summarized the status and resolution of recent sanctions.
- Violations of the *Code of Conduct* and the *Junior Coaches' Code of Ethics* cannot be taken lightly.
- John J. Luecken, Jr. confirmed that it is increasingly necessary for the region to define and enforce policy.

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Board Meeting Summary

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Officials' Compensation – Brian Hemelgarn

- Brian requested allowing \$22.50 match pay for officials, e.g. for NIRSA officials who become free for a match and in keeping with October's decision to pay \$135 for 6 matches plus \$22.50 for each additional match. Request approved.

Junior Championships – Bob Price

- 10s, 12s, and 13s will be held at Olentangy, Westerville South, Pickerington, and Reynoldsburg. Rooms at the Hawthorne Suites.
- Convention Center weekends: 200-300 room block at the Hyatt.
- Brian proposed an officials' break room. Ron to follow up.
- One-day court setup on May 9. All help will be welcome.

Uniform Compliance – Brian Hemelgarn

- Brian described recent cases of non-matching uniforms. Identical shirts and shorts (same color and style) will be required by February 15, 2003. Penalty: \$100 fine. Future deadline: February 1.

Officials' Certifications – Brian Hemelgarn

- Brian videotaped 8 junior national candidates.
- An official who didn't register by the deadline or attend a clinic and who then failed a re-rating at KSU will be removed from the list of professional officials.
- Officials' violating the *Code of Conduct* will be sanctioned.

Verifications – Steve Donahue

- All CAP certification now goes through Don Burroughs.

Officiating at Regionals – Brian Hemelgarn

- Adult teams indicated that they'd prefer to have professional officials and suggested that we hire first officials for Adult Regionals. After considering costs, it was determined that we can do this without increasing the entry fee because of other savings this year.

Elections – Al Herbert

- Al will chair this year's elections, as determined in August. He will hire an assistant to help with voting.

Boys' Nationals – Emi Vishoot

- Emi accepted the role of helping boys' teams register for Nationals this year.

Scorekeepers' Certifications – Terry Miller

- Terry has 3 candidates for national scorekeepers.

Player Transfer Policies

- Nick relayed Bill Zehler's position on juniors playing for other clubs in non-National tournaments following the OVR Championships
- Bob: Up to 2 players can play on a different team for the VolleyFest, Penn State tournament, etc. (but not Nationals)

Next Meeting

- A special pre-Bid meeting may be called in March
- OVR Retreat: August 8-10, Mohican State Park

These minutes and others are available at www.ovr.org/executive/.

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

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5/31/03: Dixon, Donahue, Salvatore, Vishoot, Buck
5/31/04: Hemelgarn, Herbert, McKinzey, Nystrom, Price
5/31/05: Dickenson, Faura, Miller, Purdy, Zehler

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

Calendar

Juniors' Competition

Tryouts: ongoing

www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts.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.

www.ovr.org/juniors/tournaments.php

Bid Tournaments:

April 5, 2003: 13s

Lucas County Rec Center, Maumee, OH.

April 11-13: 12s, 14s-18s

Greater Columbus Convention Center

www.ovr.org/juniors/bid/

OVR Boys' Regional Championships

March 2, 2003, Capital University, Columbus

www.ovr.org/juniors/boys/

Ohio Valley Region, Inc. Kaepa-USA

2003 Junior Volleyball Championships (divisions tentative)

May 3, Columbus schools: 10s and 12s.

May 10, 2003, GCCC: 13s, upper 15C.

May 12, 2003, GCCC: 14C.

May 16-17, 2003, GCCC: 17C&O, 18C&O.

May 17, 2003, GCCC: 16C.

May 18, 2003, GCCC: 14-16O, lower 15C.

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/

Men's and Women's Competition

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

www.ovr.org/mw/tournaments.php

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

www.ovr.org/mw/regionals/

May 24-31, 2003: 2003 USA Volleyball Open Championships,
Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN

www.ovr.org/mw/usopen.php

Club Directors' and Coaches' Development

IMPACT Clinics

February 22, 2003: Parma Hospital Community Center,
Parma, OH.

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

CAP and ASEP courses have concluded for the current season.

Officiating

Clinics for professional officials and player refs have concluded for
the current season.

www.ovr.org/officiating/

Administrative

OVR Retreat / August board meeting: August 8-10, 2003
Mohican State Park, 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.