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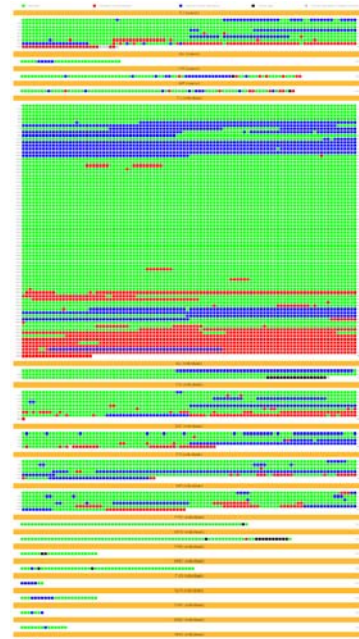
Online Registration Scores an Early Win

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
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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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