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The Juniors' Page

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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 Kaepa-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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