



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