

From the Men's Tournament Director

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Well, the year has flown by again. I want to congratulate all those teams that won their divisions at the Regional Championships. For those of you who had one of those days at Regionals, hang in there. Next season will be here before you know it.

I would like to take a minute to thank all of the local tournament hosts for providing the sites and running the weekly tournaments for the Region. Without your help we would not get nearly enough playing time each year. I will start taking requests for next season's tournament dates in September.

I think we finally have the divisions to a point where the teams are equally matched. And I want to thank those teams that made the moves up when asked. I was also very impressed with the number of teams that made a request to move up this year on their own. Everyone wants the highest level of competition each week and the sandbaggers just don't seem to be there anymore.

With the end of the season, I assigned levels for next year's competition. Please check the 2003 final results, if you haven't already, and make sure that you plan for your team's 2004 division. Requests for changes down will need at least two 2004 tournaments at the assigned level of play before being considered. Teams wanting to move up will be moved immediately, no questions asked.

Finally, I want to use this time to take a quick poll. Anyone who played this season is invited to respond, not just team reps. Please e-mail your responses to the following questions to me at burke@ovr.org.



1. What was your level of play in the 2003 season (Open, A, BB, B)?
2. Do you think your division was equally matched, team wise, in 2003?
3. How far are you willing to travel on a weekly basis for a tournament?
4. What size tournament do you prefer (1, 2, 3, or 4 courts)?
5. What determines a tournament you play in, the day of the week it is held or the distance you have to travel to get to the tournament?

Thanks for your answers. and have a great summer.

Sites Selected for 2004 USA Volleyball National Tournaments

USA Volleyball recently announced playing sites for the 2004 National Championship and Invitational Tournaments. The 2004 USA Volleyball National Championships will be held in Atlanta's Georgia Dome, home of the 1996 Olympics Super Bowl XXXIV (2000), and Super Bowl XXVIII (1994). The USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships will be held in June 2004 at the Reliant Center in Houston, Texas. The 2004 USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Invitational

and the USA Junior Olympic Boys Volleyball Championships will be held in the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas. Dates and details for each tournament will be posted on USA Volleyball's website, www.usavolleyball.org, when available. Additional information relevant to OVR teams going to Nationals will be posted at the OVR website (adults: www.ovr.org/mw/usopen.php; juniors: www.ovr.org/juniors/nationals/).