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The Ohio Valley Region staff, club directors, and their coaches have been busily preparing for the 2004 season. I encourage each junior athlete and his or her parents to become familiar with the OVR policies and procedures governing tryouts. Your understanding of these policies will guarantee you an enjoyable season. I want to emphasize to you how important it is to select the *right* club!

Club Selection

The most important decision you will make after deciding if you are going to play is the selection of the clubs for which you will tryout. I specifically mentioned *clubs* because each athlete is entitled and encouraged to tryout for more than one club. The rules provide this opportunity. *Do not allow a club director or coach to require you to make verbal or written commitment to their club prior to the 10 day grace period.* Their asking you to waive your right to the 10 days should be a red flag! Do you want to play for a club or coach who is asking you to violate OVR policies?

Please ask questions... What is the club philosophy? Who will be coaching? What determines playing time? What is the cost? Is there a contract? Is there an escape clause?

Your commitment to the club is for the *entire* season, which begins on November 1, 2003 and runs through October 31, 2004. There is no such thing as a winter season or a spring season. *Transfers/releases do not exist!*

From the previous statements I hope you can determine how important it is to select the proper club. Finding the right fit is critical for an enjoyable experience. Do some research and make an informed decision. Approximately 175 juniors' clubs fielding over 1,140 teams register to play in the OVR. Each club must follow the policies and procedures of the OVR to be eligible to register. If you experience any difficulty with a tryout or club not adhering to the rules please notify my office ASAP! Be advised: you are buying a product, so know what you are buying!

The 2004 season will provide many valuable volleyball experiences, great competition, quality tournaments, great facilities, and many opportunities to make new volleyball friends! I'm looking forward with great optimism for the best ever 2004 season!

Respectfully,
Bob Price
Commissioner & President
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October 19, 2003 Westerville South HS
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