



From the Women's Tournament Director

Michelle Fox

We are looking forward to a great new season beginning in January. To make the season go more smoothly for everyone, let's not let uniform issues take our focus off the game.

It is *required* that all teams have identical shirts/jerseys with contrasting numbers that are 6" tall on the back and 4" tall on the front. Black numbers on red or purple shirts are *not* contrasting. The libero's uniform needs to be of contrasting color, too. Grey and white are *not* contrasting colors. Please see your registration packet for more details on the specifications of the libero's uniform.

Shorts must be the same color. Black and navy blue are *not* the same. Black and dark grey are *not* the same. Navy blue and royal blue are *not* the same. If shorts have trim or a logo, it must be minimal. Black shorts with ½" wide trim are ok, if the rest of the team is wearing plain black. But, black shorts with 3" white side panels are *not* ok. Women are permitted to have a mixture of spandex and boxer-style shorts on the same team, as long as the color is the same.

Teams wearing improper shorts at tournaments will not be allowed to play. According to the rule, games will have to be forfeited until the proper uniform is obtained. We all know that we go to tournaments to play volleyball. Make sure your uniforms conform to the USAV rules so everyone can just *play volleyball!*

From the Men's Tournament Director

Keith Burke

Welcome back! It's almost time for another season in the OVR. I want to take a couple of lines to let everyone know what will be happening this year with the men's division.

To start, I am going to use the website even more for the convenience of all the tournament directors and teams. I will be requiring all men's tournament hosts to post teams as they enter their events on the website so everyone can all be able to see the entries and pools when we set them. The men's tournament hosts will be posting their results online as well. This will let everyone see the complete results for each tournament and allow for faster standings updating on my part. The juniors used this format last season with great success. I believe that the expanded use of the website by the host and myself will provide a clear, timely picture of the men's division and help you make decisions for tournament entries.

I would also like to mention that we are always looking for new tournament sites and hosts. If you know anyone who could host a weekend event, have them give me a call or drop me an e-mail. The more the merrier as far as I'm concerned.

Finally, I want to touch on several team-related items. The

OVR has never had to ask a team to change their name due to vulgarity, and I really like some of the more colorful entries we get every year. But let's remember that pushing the envelope is fine but in this politically correct world please be aware of those around you.



Along this same line, there are several teams with names that are almost identical. You need to be aware of this when you enter tournaments and use your OVR team registration number with all entry info. Tournament hosts are required to enter this number on all pool/results information they put on the website. To help your team and the tournament host, use your OVR registration number when you enter.

Have a great fall, and let's get ready for a great season.