

Executive Director's Commentary



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Dear Members, The OVR is now into its second season of online registration. Last year approximately 75% of our members used the online system for individuals and teams. Our goal is to increase that this year to 90%. This system not only saves time but eliminates the need to hire someone to enter your information into the database. Once you enter the system and receive your registration numbers the next responsibility is to send in the fees in a timely manner, usually 7-10 days. The region will again as necessary notify team representatives of overdue payments. Remember that you or your team(s) may not participate in sanctioned events or clinics or accept officiating assignments until payment is received. In a few weeks the region will host in various venues its preseason informational officials', coaches' and directors' clinics. The December 6th kickoff event at Westerville South High

School is an excellent place to connect on these areas. This clinic is very important for new team directors, junior tournament directors and junior coaches who need IMPACT certification. If you can't attend, please send a representative from your club. Although the OVR website is perhaps the best of the 39 regions, there's nothing like joining together as a group and meeting in person many of the OVR officers and staff. I'm sure that they'll have the answers to your questions or concerns. As always, the OVR-elected leadership has planned and organized an excellent season of volleyball activities. Now all we need is for you to join us.

Sincerely,
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Ohio Valley Region-Kaepa USA 2004 Junior Volleyball Championships

The Ohio Valley Region-Kaepa USA 2004 Junior Volleyball Championships, the largest regional volleyball championship tournament in the country, will be held on May 1 at Columbus-area schools and on May 8-9 and May 14-16 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. For 2004 we're increasing the number of courts from 32 to 36, potentially accommodating up to 80 additional teams. 10s and 12s will compete on May 1. 13s and 14 Open are tentatively scheduled for May 8, 14 Club for May 9, 17 and 18 Open and Club for May 14-15, 15 Open and Club for May 15, and 16 Open and Club for May 16. Some dates may change, depending on the numbers of entries for each.

For additional information, visit www.ovr.org/juniors/championships/. Following on last season's very successful online tournament entry procedure, this year's entries will also be online. From their clubs' pages on the OVR website, club directors will easily be able to verify their rosters and check the boxes for those teams and click the button for entry into the Bid tournament. **The entry deadline, by which entry fees must also be postmarked, is April 1.**

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