

## Tournament Entry, Deadlines, and New Divisions

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*Greetings, and a Cold and Frosty start of the season to you.*

Aren't you glad we play indoors? But to the real reason for my few items we need to discuss...

Team reps, your OVR team registration number is the only link for your team to the region for standings, so you must provide that precisely to

tournament directors. This last weekend was the fourth of the season, and we have had problems every weekend with teams being listed either incorrectly or not at all. Please take that extra second to let the tournament reps know who you are. If you need don't know your team ID, you can easily find it on the OVR website ([www.ovr.org/mw/teams.php](http://www.ovr.org/mw/teams.php)).

Next, let's discuss entry deadlines. Tournament reps have to schedule gyms, officials, and other teams for the tournaments in which you participate, so asking that you enter an event by a certain date (one week prior to the tournament) is not unreasonable. You *must* take into consideration the spot in which you place local tournament directors. Complaining about canceled events is unfair to tournament directors if

teams wait until two or three days before the event to make their intentions known. If I have only two or three teams entered for an event on the day that entries close for my tournament, I cannot pay for the rental of the gyms and schedule the officials knowing that I do not have enough people coming to pay for the event. Or, consider the situation where I have teams on the waiting list for another division. When those teams that entered on time, I cannot refrain from reallocating courts on the chance that may get more teams for an undersubscribed division.

Please take to heart that an entry deadline is just that. If you want to play, then you have to make a commitment to do so and let tournament directors know you are coming.

Finally, I want to let everyone know that the OVR is sponsoring three new divisions — Co-ed, Men's U-Volley, and Women's U-Volley — at this year's adult Regionals. They will all play on Saturday, April 17, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The U-Volley divisions are height-restricted divisions that the nationals will have this year, so we will offer them as well to let teams prepare. Check the entry page on the web site for the exact heights; tentatively, they are 6' and under for men and 5'4" and under for women.

Hope your season is off a great start, and we'll see you at the gym soon.

## The Importance of IMPACT

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Our region charges coaches \$30 to attend these clinics. This fee covers three things: instructors, manual printing costs, and subsidizing our region's HP program. Instructors and the clinic manual printing costs are obvious expenses. The HP subsidy is unique and necessary to support running camps and tryouts as well as travel, lodging, and equipment, which otherwise would be cost-prohibitive for a program of our size. Though this is how things are being done now, with the goal for the future being to find other means of financially

supporting the HP program so that IMPACT clinic fees can be used to provide many other kinds of coaching clinics at a reduced cost to our membership. The OVR's Coaching Education and High Performance programs are currently self-supporting programs and are quickly becoming a model for other regional programs currently under development.

Those interested in becoming an IMPACT instructor should contact Don Burroughs ([burroughs@ovr.org](mailto:burroughs@ovr.org)). Requirements for include USAV CAP II certification strong public speaking skills.