

OVR High Performance Program Update

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Those of you who have attended a national qualifier tournament are probably aware of the USAV National High Performance tryouts that take place in conjunction with these events. But, did you know that we have our own regional HP program? The purpose of this opportunity is to help players

make the transition through the national pipeline to become a part of the USAV national programs.

There are some exciting things planned for this year's OVR HP program. Currently we're working on our region's first-ever High Performance Camp, probably to be held in mid-June. From this camp, one player will be selected to attend a

USAV National High Performance Camp. We're also looking at holding tryouts for this camp and then selecting 2 teams of 12 players each that will compete in the national high performance tournament called the *VolleyClassic*. This year the tournament will be held on July 20-25, 2004 in Austin, Texas. Selected players will train together for several days prior to departing for the tournament. We're also looking to expand, enhance, and increase coaching opportunities within these programs, so stay tuned to the OVR website for special announcements. Anyone wishing to be a part of the tryout evaluation team, camp staff, or team coaching staff must fill out an application that can be retrieved from the HP section of the region's website (www.ovr.org/juniors/hp/). Several of our region's top coaches at the collegiate level have already expressed a desire to be an integral part of our efforts to raise the bar of elite development.

Junior Officials' Development Program

Barb Strome, Junior Officials' Development Director



Many clinics have been given in the 2003-2004 season so far. It is not too late to host a clinic for your players. You can contact me at strome@ovr.org, and I will locate a professional official in your area to present score-keeping and second refereeing materials to the players in your club. Please remember that your

club is responsible for paying the clinician \$75. These clinics are invaluable for the improvement of the officiating support crews at the tournaments. Also, if you plan or hope to attend large inter-

regional or national tournaments, they typically require that you have certified junior officials on your team.

Just a quick note to all tournament directors: please supply a Junior Rating Form (http://www.ovr.org/forms/Junior_Officials_Rating_Form.pdf) for each match at your tournaments. These forms are used by the professional officials to evaluate the players as 2nd referees and scorekeepers.

I look forward to meeting more of you this season.