

Patty Salvatore First Female Referee to Officiate Olympic Indoor Volleyball

Patty Salvatore, Internationally Certified FIVB Arbitor, USAV National Referee, and OVR board member, officiated men's and women's indoor volleyball at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece. Patty was the only official from the United States to officiate the 2004 indoor volleyball games, and she was also the first female to officiate Olympic indoor volleyball.

This accomplishment extends Patty's already impressive officiating resume. In 1996, Patty was the first female referee for Olympic beach volleyball. She is now one of the few (and perhaps the only) person to officiate both indoor and beach Olympic volleyball.

To recognize Patty's spectacular achievements, Bob Price, OVR Commissioner and President, created a special *OVR Commissioner's Award*. Patty's dedication, professionalism, and skill expertise set an admirable standard for all officials.



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ASEP Course and Refresher

The ASEP (American Sport Education Program) training course is a requirement all new Ohio Valley Region club directors within the first year of membership. Returning club directors who are already ASEP-accredited are encouraged to attend the afternoon session at no charge. We recommend this refresher because of the many changes that have recently been introduced, including changes to insurance, new background screening, and new tournament opportunities.

The OVR ASEP course for the 2004-2005 season will be held on December 4, 2004 from 9AM-4PM (afternoon refresher beginning at 1PM) at Westerville South High School.

The fee is \$75.00, which includes a printed includes manual. If additional club representatives wish to attend and do not require a manual, they may do so for \$25.00 each. Registrations received after November 15 are \$100.00 and \$35.00, respectively. The refresher, which does not include the manual, is free. Sign up today on the OVR website: www.ovr.org/juniors/coaching/asep.php.

Tom Kohl Appointed as Boys' Program Director

Addressing the need to expand boys' volleyball in the Ohio Valley Region, at the August meeting the board of directors created a new office, *OVR Boys' Program Director*, and appointed Tom Kohl (who retains his role as Juniors' Tournament Director) to the office. This role replaces and augments that of OVR Boy's Junior Volleyball Program Liaison, which is currently held by Emi Vishoot. Emi tendered her resignation, effective November 1.

Please support Tom in this new challenge. You can reach him at kohl@ovr.org or 937-773-7273.