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## OVR Poised for Spectacular 2005 Season

The Ohio Valley Region is on track to break last season's records for registration, Championships tournaments, and Bid qualifiers.

The OVR directors and officers, as part of their constant effort to improve the quality of play and to expand playing opportunities in the Ohio Valley Region, effected a number of changes for the 2004-2005 season. A few of the most important include:

- grade-level Club play within the OVR
- adults' teams must provide a certified official for pool play
- addition of two new officials' clinics, along with new clinic formats
- identical uniforms for adults' teams
- Women's Open players can now play down to A
- refinement of the Junior Officials' Development Program
- background screening
- use of FIVB rules, as presented by USAV

Some changes were made in direct response to members' requests and suggestions; others were made proactively to promote and sustain quality volleyball. In addition, consistent with USA volleyball, we will use FIVB rules, as presented by USAV. Background screening ([www.ovr.org/register/background\\_screening.php](http://www.ovr.org/register/background_screening.php)) will be required for all individuals who will interact with juniors in sanctioned activities, including professional officials.

These new rules and policies, as well as others, are detailed throughout this issue of OVR The Block and on the OVR website. Please take some time to read the columns by Ron Wyzynski, Bob Price, Bill Zehler, Brian Hemelgarn, Tom Kohl, Nick Nystrom, Michelle Fox, and other contributors, and watch the OVR website for additional news. And most importantly, enjoy the best season yet in the Ohio Valley Region!

## OVR Elections 2005

Each year the OVR elects 5 candidates to the board of directors to serve a term of three years, non-compensatory. Candidates must be OVR members and acquire 25 signatures of currently registered adult members. In addition, aspiring board members should submit a profile stating the reasons they want to serve on the board of directors, how they feel they can help the region, and their relevant backgrounds. The submission deadline is March 31, 2005. Board terms ending on May 31, 2005 include those of Bob Dickenson, Art Faura, Terry Miller, Glenn Purdy, and Bill Zehler.

Those wishing to run for election for the OVR board of directors should submit all candidate materials to Elaine Viney, 2005 OVR Elections Chairperson ([viney@ovr.org](mailto:viney@ovr.org); Elaine Viney, 857 Creighton Ave., Dayton, OH 45410-2920). The petitions and profile are available on the OVR website ([www.ovr.org/elections/](http://www.ovr.org/elections/)).

To assist voters in their selections, background information for all candidates will be published at [www.ovr.org/elections/](http://www.ovr.org/elections/), posted on the bulletin board at the Convention Center at OVR Championship tournaments, and made available at the satellite sites. Online profiles will on April 1 or soon thereafter.

Voting will held at the 2005 Ohio Valley Regional Volleyball Championships on April 16-17 and at the Ohio Valley Region, Inc.-Kaepa® USA 2005 Girls' Volleyball Championships on May 7, 14-15, and 20-22. For those adult members unable to be present at our Championships, a mail-in ballot will be available. Mail-in ballots must be postmarked by May 23, 2005.

Officer terms ending on August 31, 2005 include Commissioner, Men's Tournament Director, Regional Scorekeepers' Chair, and Juniors' Tournament Director. These positions are elected by the board of directors.

*Vote*

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# IMPACT Coaching Requirement

Don Burroughs, OVR Director of Coaching Education & High Performance



IMPACT is an entry-level coaching requirement of both USAV and the Ohio Valley Region. Individuals who wish to coach a club team in the OVR must be IMPACT certified. If an individual is found negligent of certification, that individual must be immediately replaced with a qualified person. Violations of this requirement may include probation, suspension, fine, or whatever disciplinary action is deemed appropriate by the authorized person, persons, boards, or committees of the OVR. All IMPACT clinics will be 4 hours in length. This time frame is necessary to cover all the required information and adequately explain the various topics covered in the course.

Coaches may attend an IMPACT clinic in another region; however, it becomes that coach's responsibility to ensure that a copy of the certificate is forwarded to Don Burroughs so that it may be recognized by the OVR.

Further, the OVR will be offering several opportunities for the next steps of USAV coaching education. CAP I and CAP II clinics will be offered several times in 2005, possibly in May and December. The OVR website is your best resource for up-to-date and current information regarding all coaching education opportunities in our region.

# Training and Certification for Junior Officials

Barb Strome, OVR Junior Officials' Development Director

Any 17 or 18 year old registered player interested in officiating as a first referee for the 10s and 12s within the OVR should contact me as soon as possible. Training sites for Junior Olympic Officials' certification include Synergy Sports and Fitness

(Toledo, Ohio) on February 5, and Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) on February 26. Last year we had 26 girls go through the training, 23 of whom completed the process. We would like to continue to grow the program.



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Interested individuals should submit cover letters and resumes relevant to the positions for which they are applying. The application deadline for officer positions is May 15, 2005. The 4-year terms will begin

September 1, 2005 and conclude on August 31, 2009. The OVR board of directors will select individuals for these positions from among the qualified applicants at the August board meeting.