

# OVR The Block

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## OVR Registration 2006

Registration for the 2005-2006 OVR-USAV season opened as scheduled, starting on September 1 for officials and juniors' club staff and proceeding to all other registration types by November 1. We enhanced our online registration process in several ways to improve ease of use and to reduce the turnaround time from registration to members receiving their full benefits. All registration is through the OVR website: [www.ovr.org/register](http://www.ovr.org/register).

The first enhancement supports returning members who obtained "clear" background screening results last season. Because adult members who would be involved with juniors were required as of last season to be screened, and because "clear" screens are valid for 2 years, the OVR registration system now recognizes returning members for whom "clear" screens are already recorded. Erring on the side of caution, a member may not be recognized if his or her registration information differs too much from the previous season's. It is therefore critical that

members' data be provided accurately each season. If an omission does occur, please send information on the member for whom a "clear" background screen exists to Steve Donahue ([donahue@ovr.org](mailto:donahue@ovr.org)).

Memberships are periodically reported to the national office of USA volleyball, reflecting all members whose fees are paid. In the past, this created a problem when fees for a particular member were late: the member wanted his or her benefits, and USA volleyball requires accurate updates. To minimize those oversights, notices are now sent automatically for all members whose fees and/or forms are overdue. The succinctly formatted notices, sent to registrants, will serve as helpful reminders for missing materials. Memberships reported to the national office cannot be refunded or canceled.

As always, club directors and coaches should register prior to holding tryouts and practices, and all players must be registered

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## Hosting a Tournament in the Ohio Valley Region

The start of a new season in the Ohio Valley Region presents both a challenge and an opportunity. Last season, 1,545 teams registered with the OVR, competing in 952 juniors' tournaments and 126 adults' tournaments. But every season our numbers grow, and early registrations suggest that we'll expand again for 2006.

Hosting OVR-sanctioned tournaments is easy, provides travel-free competition for the host club or team, and can be an excellent fundraiser (especially if coupled with concessions).

To host a tournament, download the *Juniors' and/or Adults' Tournament Packet*

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# Cleveland Fire Victorious at 2005 World Police & Fire Games



Back row: Brian Casper (14), Brad Englehart (8), Brad Flynn (21), Robert Wikle (13).  
Front row: Gus Fortune (12), John Verzi (2), Matt Churlik (4), Rick Gorski (9).

Cleveland Fire won the Gold Medal in the World Police and Fire Games, held June 27 through July 1 in Quebec' City, Canada. It was a truly tough battle, playing for three days straight to get to the top. Cleveland Fire may defend their gold to Japan for the 2006 tournament, and then in 2007, the World Games in Australia.

[www.2005wpfg.com/eng/sports/results.asp](http://www.2005wpfg.com/eng/sports/results.asp)

Then our two beach teams made it to the top eight, then each losing to the silver and bronze gold winners.

—Rick Gorski

## Ohio Valley Region Kaepa® USA Girls' Volleyball Championships

10s, 12s: April 29 · 13s-18s: May 6, May 7, May 13, May 14

[www.ovr.org/girls/championships/](http://www.ovr.org/girls/championships/)

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before stepping onto a court. Each member can only register once. A previously registered member can be added in a new role, for example a coach can be added as an adult player, by specifying his or her name and registration number in the "add-on" registration form. Registered members of other USA volleyball regions can participate in OVR events. If you wish to add a member from another region to your roster, contact [register@ovr.org](mailto:register@ovr.org) with the member's complete information, including the region in which he or she is registered and his or her registration number.

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from the OVR website ([www.ovr.org/juniors/tournament\\_packet/](http://www.ovr.org/juniors/tournament_packet/) and [www.ovr.org/mw/tournament\\_packet/](http://www.ovr.org/mw/tournament_packet/), respectively). Apply for sanction of boys' or girls' tournaments online at [www.ovr.org/juniors/sanction/](http://www.ovr.org/juniors/sanction/). To apply for sanction of men's or women's tournaments, contact Hank Trimble ([trimble@ovr.org](mailto:trimble@ovr.org), OVR Men's Tournament Director) or Michelle Fox ([fox@ovr.org](mailto:fox@ovr.org)), OVR Women's Tournament Director. The tournament packets provide complete information on formats, pre- and post-tournament procedures, and policies for conducting OVR-sanctioned events.