

# Commissioner's Corner

## Bob Price, OVR Commissioner & President

**T**HE OHIO VALLEY REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STAFF spent many hours this summer to guarantee your 2006 volleyball experience will be exceptional! I want to personally thank the many juniors' club directors and coaches who attended the August 7 forum in Westerville.



The 2006 juniors' season should be a very positive experience *if* parents and players make themselves familiar with the policies/procedures that govern junior participation. Please visit the website and review the juniors' page. The information provided will assist you in your selecting the proper club.

### Selection of a Club or Team

Your selection of the proper club is the *most* important decision you will make to guarantee a positive experience – not the clubs' selection of your son/daughter! The club philosophy *must* match your needs and expectations of your son's or daughter's athletic ability.

Please be thorough in your selection process, as you can play for *only one* club during the 2005-2006 season. Some clubs promote a winter and a separate spring season. You are *not permitted* to change clubs during the 2005-2006 season!

USA Volleyball rules state: Section 5, Definitions and Guidelines for RVA sanctioned Regional and Interregional Competition Article X Section D – 2D: "A player shall represent no more than *one* club or team in sanctioned competition during the same season."

What does that mean? *Releases and transfers do not exist!* The contractual season is November 1, 2005 through October 31, 2006.

### Juniors' Tryouts

Please review all tryout procedures, which are posted on the website ([www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts/policies.php](http://www.ovr.org/juniors/tryouts/policies.php))! Pay special attention to the dates *when* tryouts may begin, the length of the tryout, and the cost. Club directors and coaches are not permitted to require athletes to contractually commit for 10

calendar days following the tryout! The Ohio Valley Region's policies and procedures governing tryouts and participation must be adhered to: failure to do so will result in penalties for the club, coach, and/or player.

### Eligibility and Coaching

Parents must be aware of the Ohio High School Athletic Association governing coaches. Your athlete cannot be coached by *any member* of their respective high school coaching staff — that includes paid coaches as well as volunteer! High school coaches are permitted 10 days of coaching contact between June 1 and July 31... *no exceptions!*

All OVR programs are required to have persons in authoritative positions involving juniors' players pass background screening procedures. Require administrators to provide proof of completing that requirement for all coaches and adult supervisory staff.

### Fulfilling Obligations from 2005

The end of the 2005 season has left some issues that must be resolved before individuals are permitted to register for the 2006 season. Club directors, coaches *must* complete all requirements from the 2005 season that are related to their club!

Parents, a friendly reminder, *make sure all financial obligations are paid* from the 2005 season.

The OVR office receives notices of players who have not fulfilled their financial obligation. The OVR will not accept their registration for 2006. Your child's record will be flagged in our database and they will be prevented from registering. Don't wait for this to happen to you! The OVR has expectations of clubs to provide a quality volleyball experience; our expectations of parents and players are no less!

I hope to see you on the court!

Respectfully,  
Bob Price  
Commissioner/President