

**To: Delta Region Junior Coaches, Officials & Registered Adults.**

This is my first attempt at utilizing the e-mail function of the on-line registration system; about half of the current users say it doesn't work, so we will see.

1) The Terry Pettit Coaching Seminar, co-sponsored by the Delta Region, will be held on April 28 in Springdale at the All-Star Sports Arena. Coach Pettit is known in the volleyball world for his past success at the University of Nebraska and across the country as a motivational speaker to numerous sports organizations and corporations. Current Delta Region coaches will receive a 50% discount for this event, making your total cost only \$25.

Registration information is located at: <http://ozarkjuniors.com/view.php/id/429> The seminar begins with a Q & A session at 4:45; the main session starts at 6:00 p.m. Since many coaches will already be in Springdale for Regionals, it should be very convenient. Feel free to invite high school and other coaches to the seminar, but they will be paying the full \$50 fee. Thanks to Ozark Jrs. for putting together this event.

2) The deadline for entries into the 2006 Delta Region Bid Qualifier is fast approaching. As you are aware, teams competing at the Bid Qualifier on April 8 in Jonesboro MUST commit to attend the Jr. National Championships in Atlanta in late June/early July. This is a double-elimination event designed specifically to produce a champion in each age group. If only two teams enter an age group, then only one match will be played.

The deadline for the receipt of each team's \$150 Bid Qualifier fee to Delta Region and \$900 check to USA Volleyball JO Championships is 5:00 p.m. March 20, 2006--just over two weeks away. Details are available on the Delta Region web site.

To help plan for the court space and officials needed (R1's provided) please respond ASAP to [com@deltavolleyball.net](mailto:com@deltavolleyball.net) if you anticipate your team entering this event.

3) Openings are available for the J.O. Invitational Tournament in Minneapolis June 29-July 2 and no bid is required for this event. However, I would recommend you move quickly to enter and obtain housing if you would like to compete at this event. Yes, it's near the Mall of America. Details are available on the USA Volleyball web site.

4) We're trying constantly to improve our officiating & scorekeeping in the Delta Region, but the 1st line of defense is our coaches. Please monitor the quality of your score sheets. Please coach your R2 to be a better official. A current list of certified officials is on the Delta Region web site based on their completion of clinics and the on-line test program. If you have not seen the new WeR1 officiating video, you can obtain it from your club director. It is very helpful in understanding the officiating process.

5) Finally, if you are not carrying an Incident Report Form in your coaching bag, please do so. This helps documents ANY injuries sustained to players (or coaches or spectators) at sanctioned events & practices. Since you never know if that ankle sprain is going to

turn into a surgical case in a few months, I'd suggest you complete it for anything that requires an athlete to stop competing--even short-term. Medical expenses are rather pricey on a J.O. coaches' salary--protect yourself.

Hope your season is still a successful one--and you still enjoy coaching. If you occasionally feel like throwing in the towel (or clip board) that probably means you are normal. Thanks for remembering it is all about the athletes.

Joe Williams, Commissioner  
Delta Region, USA Volleyball