



Operating Code

General Statement: This Operating Code describes policy statements of the Ohio Valley Region, Inc. (OVR, Inc.) and its substructures. Each substructure will be reviewed and updated as necessary by a majority vote of the Board of Directors (the “Board”).

Article I GOVERNANCE

A. Board of Directors

1. Authority. Refer to By-laws, Section 5.03.
2. Accountability. The Board is the highest authority of the Corporation.
3. Responsibilities. Refer to By-laws, Section 6.01.
4. Policies.
 - a) All members of the Board shall register annually with the National Corporation within the OVR, Inc.
 - b) Vacancies on the Board shall be filled as stated in the By-laws, section 6.08.
 - c) A member of the Board may be removed for non-attendance at Board meetings for two consecutive absences without advanced notification/approval from the Commissioner/President, whether or not a new term of office is being assumed.
 - d) Should a member of the Board be removed from or leave office before his/her term has expired, the Board shall follow the following procedures for replacing the absence created:
 - (1) Nominees shall be solicited from the membership at-large.
 - (2) A bio/resume for each candidate may be distributed to the Board.
 - (3) Balloting may occur at a meeting of the Board by mail or online vote, whichever procedure will result in the seating of a new Director.

B. Officers

1. Authority. Refer to By-laws, Section 7.
2. Accountability. The Officers and Staff of this Corporation shall be accountable to the Board, as specified in the By-laws, section 7.01, and may be removed as specified in the By-laws, section 6.06.
3. Criteria. See OVR Handbook.
4. Responsibilities
 - a) Commissioner/President
 - (1) Be a voting Director of the Corporation.
 - (2) Serve as liaison between the Board, Officers, and Staff.
 - (3) Chair Board meetings.
 - b) Other Officers. The responsibilities and job descriptions for the following officers are outlined in the OVR Handbook.
 - (1) Junior Officials’ Development Director

- (2) Junior Girls' Program Director
 - (3) Junior Boys' Program Director
 - (4) Indoor Referees' Director
 - (5) Indoor Junior Tournament Director
 - (6) Beach Program Director
 - (7) Registrar
 - (8) All Star Director
- c) Corporate Staff
- (1) Authority - refer to Bylaws, Section 9.
 - (2) Accountability
 - a) The Corporate Staff of the OVR, Inc. shall be accountable to, and may be removed by, the Board as specified in the By-Laws, section 9.05
 - (3) Criteria - See the OVR Handbook.
 - (4) Responsibilities
 - a) Serve as the liaison between the OVR, Inc. and the Board.

Article II COMMITTEES

- A. Authority. Refer to the By-laws, Section 8.
- B. Accountability. Committees are accountable to the Board, as specified in the Bylaws, section 8.02.
- C. Nomination and Election Committee
 - 1. Run all elections within the OVR.
 - 2. Maintain election and voting procedures.
 - 3. Collect petitions from candidates for office.
 - 4. Inform results of elections, selections, and appointments to membership at-large.
- D. Other Committees as Designated
 - 1. Assist the OVR in whatever capacity assigned.

Article III REPRESENTATION AT NATIONAL MEETINGS/EVENTS

- A. NATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS. The Commissioner/President should make every effort possible to attend the two (2) national meetings each year. The Corporation will pay all the Commissioner/President's travel expenses for the days he/she is required to attend meetings/events, as outlined in section C. below. If the Commissioner/President cannot attend, the following replacement order will be used:

1. Chief Operating Officer
2. Member of the Board
3. Officer OVR, Inc. Operating Code 3

B. OTHER OFFICERS' NATIONAL MEETINGS. Other officers that must attend national meetings will be compensated as outlined in section C. below.

C. COMPENSATION. The Corporation will pay all reasonable travel expenses for the national meetings. Officers must submit all expense records to the Financial Manager no later than thirty (30) days following the meeting(s).

1. 100 percent of travel.
2. 100 percent of lodging.
3. Food Per diem of \$50/day.
4. One additional night's lodging either before or after the meeting date(s).

D. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Corporation actively encourages teams to represent the OVR, Inc. at Nationally sanctioned tournaments.

1. Junior Teams. Teams are selected by USAV through a competitive process as outlined by USAV. The Corporation may provide some type of financial support to any team which competes at the National Championships if the Board approves such financial support. Additionally, players and coaches attending the National Championships may receive some type of commemorative gift as determined by the Commissioner/President.

E. REFEREES AND SCOREKEEPERS TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Corporation encourages officials to advance or maintain their certification in any officiating field.

1. Any member that has been accepted to advance their certification may apply for compensation. Application must be submitted to the appropriate officer before the published deadline. Successful completion will result in application fee reimbursement.