

USAV seeks award nominees

Quite often, the work that club directors, coaches, officials and great team parents goes unnoticed.

So to all the hardworking individuals in the junior volleyball community out there, thank you from the Badger Region staff.

While most of their efforts are forgotten as soon as a match is done or a season is complete, there is now a chance to highlight the efforts of some deserving individuals.

Nominations for the 2017 USA Volleyball Service Awards are now being accepted.

Nominations for members who have served the Junior community of USA Volleyball on a local, regional and national level are needed for the following categories:

1. Outstanding Program Director
2. Outstanding Female Coach
3. Outstanding Male Coach
4. Outstanding Parent
5. Outstanding Clinician
6. Outstanding Service

(This category is reserved for those people who are not eligible for any other of the classifications.)

7. Outstanding Referee
8. Outstanding Scorer

If you know of anyone in the Badger Region who meets the above criteria, please contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call the Region office at 262-349-9785.

And next time you see a great club director, coach, official or team parent, say "thank you."

While they might not be up for a national award, I am sure they will appreciate it.

THE BADGER BEACON

Grant to help clubs, officials

Good things are ahead thanks to a new grant the Badger Region received Oct. 8 at the USA Volleyball meetings held in Las Vegas.

The Badger Region staff, its board of directors and its advisory chairpersons see a great deal of benefit in a Junior Club Certification Program that encourages parents to sign up to assist with "work crew" responsibilities at tournaments that they attend.

And this grant money would help build these programs.

Our program would be modeled after an existing program in another Region of USA Volleyball.

The Delta Region of USA Volleyball has a Junior Club Certification Program where a parent can register as a chaperone, get certified as a scorer and also learn about line judging or libero tracking. While there are not certifications for line judging and libero tracking, the rostered adult can perform that duty for a team when it is needed at



tournament.

During the season, this parent/adult can contribute to the success of the club and ease some stress on the team if they're able to step in and give a player a break to eat, rehydrate or rest.

The benefits of the "Junior Club

Certification Program" would include:

- USAV/Badger Region parent members are allowed on the playing surface to retrieve balls during warm-ups

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Student looks for ways to make volleyball 'greener'

Alexah Proper, an eighth grade student at Franklin (Pa.) Middle School contacted the Badger Region office with the following request:

"We have to do a research project, and we were asked to pick a subject and learn about ways this subject is going green. I chose volleyball because it is my favorite sport. I was just wondering if you got the time if maybe you could answer some of these questions on ways you guys are making volleyball go green.

1. Do you guys have solar lights in your gyms or is it all

just powered using electricity?

Most of the gyms do not use solar lighting, however some gyms have skylights and windows. We have seen many gyms that use the natural light from outside to help illuminate their gym if there are teams playing during the daytime.

2. What do you guys do with the volleyballs after they are no longer good to play with and are just worn out?

If the volleyballs are worn put but still useful, we donate

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Questions about membership?

Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.

We can help you find usernames and passwords for Webpoint, help you choose the right membership and answer other questions about the 2016-17 season.



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Some tips on getting recruited for college

By Mike Schall
Court and Classroom

When you decide you would like to play college volleyball, here are some recruiting tips.

Handle the recruiting process yourself. It's not your parent's job to get you recruited. It's a red flag to have parents emailing or calling on behalf of the athlete. It shows a) the parent could be an issue and b) the student-athlete is not ready to transition to being an adult.

1. Do a Google search on your name. What will coaches find? Make a list of the good stuff (newspaper stories, photos, video, etc.).

2. Create a YouTube account in your name and upload the good stuff. Make sure the URL for your channel is YouTube.com/YourName, so it's easy to find. Create a Skills Tape first. Once coaches see your athletic potential is a fit, they'll want to see game film, not highlight reels. Game film allows them to see your interaction with teammates, coaches and officials. Also how you handle errors. Make sure the game film has your uniform color and jersey number listed so the coach can find you.

Game film: Coaches want to see a full (unedited) set posted. It is perfectly acceptable to provide them with the times of great plays, but give them the option to see more (i.e. great block at minute 5:36 and 8:47, great dig at 4:16, etc.). Use a good (preferably HD) camera and leave it stationary at a good angle and not try to follow the ball with the camera.

3. Clean up your Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. Delete anything negative or snarky. Coaches will determine your sense of humor later. Have you given your teammates shout outs? Have you celebrated opponents' successes? Are you a leader? Make sure your high school name, club name, volleyball and Class of ___ is in your profile.

4. Make a list of colleges that fit your academic needs. Most college coaches love a 3.5+ GPA (makes it easier to land academic



Much like staying on top of your game, staying on top of your social media image helps with your recruiting.

scholarship money). If you get hurt or quit the team, will you still get what you need to graduate and find a good job?

You can find hundreds of college volleyball teams in the NCAA, NAIA and NJCCA.

Each organization has minimum requirements, be sure to know these requirements. NCAA and NAIA will require you to register for their Eligibility Center first.

NCAA also has rules on when a college coach can contact you ("they never emailed me back!") and how many official visits you can take. Do not jeopardize your eligibility, know the rules.

Athletes should strongly consider playing for a junior college. It's a great way to get your first two years done a little cheaper. And athletes are likely to get more playing time their 1st and 2nd year, as they are not competing with 3rd and 4th year athletes. Many DI, DII, DIII and NAIA coaches contact junior colleges for ready-made players. A lot of junior college sophomores get multiple offers to move on to 4

year schools.

Typically, players can move up a level from where they were leaving high school (i.e. if they are playing DIII now, then most will be able to find DII or NAIA after 2 years. If they are playing DII now, then possibly lower ranked DI after 2 years). Definitely worth considering.

5. Make a list of colleges that fit your criteria. Make your list of colleges very long and be very open minded. Send out as many as 50-75 emails to different colleges. Then look into the ones who are interested in you and compare options.

Create an Excel spreadsheet of your potential teams, so you can track your initial correspondence and follow-up. Visit each athletic website. Do they have room for you? Has coach been there for a few years? Are they recruiting players from all over the country or just locally? How does schedule look? How did team do last season? Follow teams on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Attend their matches, summer camps and practices if possible. Know their program before emailing coach. Find out about open gyms in the off-season and attend a few. This is a great way to get a feel for the team and level of play.

Email the coaches at the colleges you are interested in. Make the email personal, short and sweet. Don't mass email. State name, position, graduating year, height and GPA all in the email subject line. Most coaches get tons of emails and if they're only looking for one or two specific types of players, you will get their attention. Example: Susy Strong-hitter – 2017 MB – 6'4" 3.8 GPA

Dear Coach XXXX,

I am very interested in attending the University of XXX and thought my academic resume and volleyball profile might be of interest to you:

3.8 GPA at XXX High School, National Honor Society, Spanish Club and Student Council President

6'4 middle blocker for XXX High School, First Team All-State, etc. Currently playing for XXXX Club 18-1.

Please visit my YouTube channel for skills tape and game film, <https://www.youtube.com/YourName>.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Make sure to include: Your Name, address, cell phone number, Facebook link, Twitter link, and Instagram link.

6. Once the college coach emails or calls and offers you an unofficial or official visit:

Invite coaches to see you play if you are near their schools or let them know if your team is playing in a big showcase or qualifier (especially during club season, when they are not in their own fall season). Your parents will be paying for an unofficial visit, so see if coach can come and watch you play first.

Make a list of questions (Where do you see me fitting in? Where will I live? Does the whole team travel or just top 12?)

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Request a one-on-one meeting with coaching staff (without your parents). Show you are ready to handle yourself.

Spend time with team (could you see yourself playing with these athletes for 2 or 4 years?)

Accept coach's assessment "I don't think you're a DI player, but a friend coaches for ..."

Follow up with a handwritten thank you note after visit

Follow up at least monthly with emails. Your persistence may pay off. Shows coaches your continued interest.

7. When you receive an offer, discuss with your parents. Can you make this work? Should I verbally commit now? Should I graciously decline the offer and move on?

Volleyball is a fall sport and fall athletes have to learn/adapt fast to not only going to college but playing a college sport. It's a lot to juggle and coaches want to make sure recruits understand that and can prove they are ready for the commitment in little ways like communicating with coaches (not parents), registering for classes early, planning around practice, lifting and other commitments.

Don't get anxious or frustrated with early commitments. Be on your own timeline and don't feel under the gun because others have committed. DI and DII schools are just as cautious about early commitments and offers, so if they like you, they will wait. Many DI coaches feel parents are just as guilty for the early commitment as the schools are. Be very careful about pressing for offers early in the process (i.e. freshman/sophomore year).



Creating a recruiting video that can be easily viewed by potential college coaches is great for would-be athletes.

8. Late to the recruiting game? Look for colleges that just hired a new coach and contact them for a tryout.

9. Let the Badger Region office know when you verbally commit, we want to celebrate you! Just email just at membership@badgervolleyball.org.

Written with help from several Oregon and Washington college coaches, including Mario Andaya at Central Washington, Melanie Hamblen at Concordia, Angela Spoja at Evergreen, Melanie Miller at South Puget Sound, Steve George at Southwestern Oregon and Nels Norquist at Warner Pacific.

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them to area clubs that are in need of volleyballs. If the balls cannot be used due to tears or holes, we dispose of them in the trash.

3. I would only imagine you guys have a big fan running during practice like we normally do, do you guys take the electricity to run the fans or do you use like solar electricity to run the fans.

Many clubs use ceiling fans and regular fans and those use electricity. There are clubs that also open the doors to their gyms to promote a crosswind breeze from outside to help cool the gym as they play.

4. In your gyms do you guys use a lot of electricity a day?

Usually we don't use a lot of electricity. If we have a two or more court facility and are only using one court, we turn the

lights off on the court that is not in use. When the facility is not in use the lights are always off to conserve energy.

5. Is there anything you can think of on ways your teams are going green?

We promote:

* carpooling to practice and tournaments to cut down on greenhouse gas emissions.

* recycling plastic water bottles or only use reusable water bottles. Have recycling containers at gyms.

* schedule multi-team practices at the same time to reduce the amount of energy we use with turning on lights.

* encourage athletes to have their snacks in reusable containers, not plastic bags.

So what are your ideas to help volleyball facilities go green? Share with brian@badgervolleyball.org.

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- USAV/ Badger Region parent members can line judge during assigned "work" matches (complete training module)

- USAV/ Badger Region parent members can keep Score/Libero Track during assigned "work" matches (complete training modules)

- USAV/ Badger Region parent members may decide to continue to be involved after their players "graduate" and become USAV Certified Officials

- USAV/Badger Region parent would be an additional SafeSport certified adult that would be around for increased child protection and safety awareness

Grant money could be used for:

- Offsetting costs of membership, background checks and marketing materials for this endeavor.

If you or your club are interested in learning more about this awesome opportunity, contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Website has tools for players without clubs

After the tryout process, there will inevitably be a large number of athletes who don't get an offer from a club that they tried out for. That isn't the end of their playing career.

The Badger Region website (www.badgervolleyball.org) has a tool for all athletes to use if they fail to get an offer. Athletes who are still looking for a club after the opening weekend of tryouts (Oct. 1-2) may fill out the electronic form with information such as age, city and contact info for clubs to contact you if they have openings.

And the same goes for clubs who need athletes.

The website allows clubs (after Oct. 1-2) to announce where they are located, what age levels they still have openings in and at what positions.

If that still doesn't work, the website also lists all the developmental programs in the Region, where you don't have to try out to continue to develop your volleyball skills.

Questions? Contact brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Schedule set for USAV Girls Junior Nationals

USA Volleyball has announced the dates and age waves for the 2017 Girls Junior National Championships taking place in Minneapolis in late June/early July.

G11s: June 29-July 1

G12s: June 27-30

G13s: June 28-July 1

G14s: June 25-28

G15s: June 26-June 29

G16s: July 1-July 4

G17s: June 30-July 3

Dates are for all divisions (Open, National, USA, American, and Patriot)

For more information, go to www.usavolleyball.org.



2016

TRAIN UGLY

COACHES CLINIC



On Saturday December 3rd, The Milwaukee Sting Center is very excited to host an AMAZING opportunity for coaches in our state of Wisconsin to help unpack the growth mindset that is in each and every one of us. This clinic is for coaches of all ages, who coach at all levels and is for all sports ... not just volleyball.

Trevor Regan's **Train Ugly Program** is on a mission to challenge and question EVERYTHING that we think we know about sports, education, and development.

Through this journey **Train Ugly** has worked with best-selling authors, Olympic coaches, professional athletes, renowned professors, and thousands of coaches, teachers, students, and players from all over the world. **Train Ugly** has also been heavily involved with the coaches and staff of our USA National volleyball teams.

These experiences helped us to discover some incredibly important research in the fields of motor learning, performance science, and psychology that should have totally changed the way we train and develop students, athletes, and people in general – but they have not. It's our mission to change that.

The takeaways from this coaches clinic will hopefully be:

- A better understanding of how learning works - and why we resist a lot of the things that help us grow.
- How to combat the stories, fears, and resistance that surround learning.
- What it means to have a REAL growth mindset.
- How to develop a growth mindset within yourself and others.

TRAIN UGLY CLINIC DATE

WHEN: Saturday, December 3rd

Where: Milwaukee Sting Center / N54 W13904 Northpark Dr. / Menomonee Falls 53051

TIME: 9am - 1:30pm (check-in begins at 8:30am)

COST: \$125 per coach or \$100 per coach if signing up 3 or more.

*Coaches packet included in registration.

Register online or call with questions

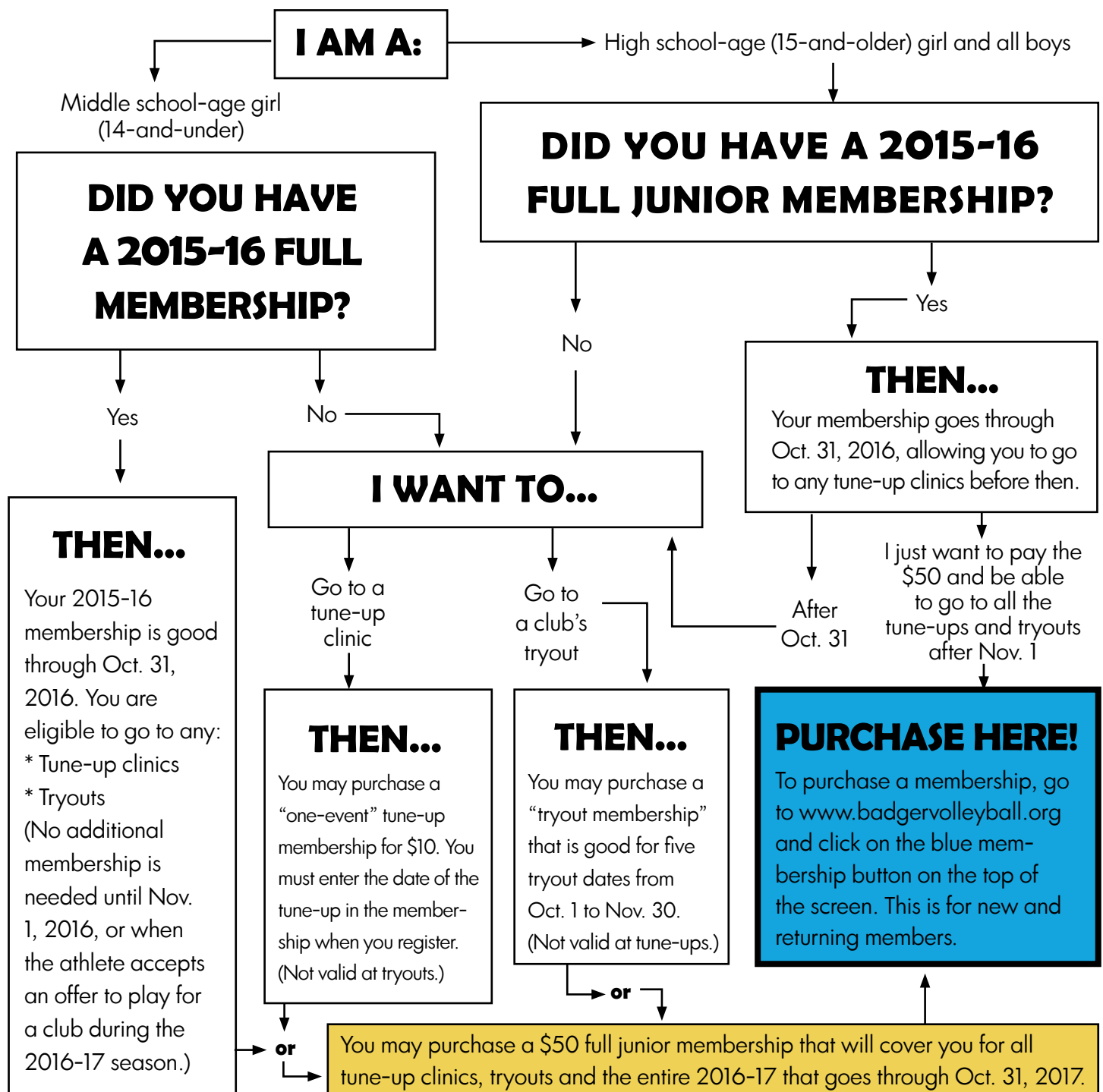
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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS

Sorting through the list of available memberships in the Badger Region can be a bit confusing based on what time of year it is and whether or not an athlete has participated during the previous club volleyball season. To help navigate selecting a junior membership, use our “Choose Your Own Adventure” and we’ll make sure you get the membership you need. If you ever have questions about which membership is right for a junior athlete, coach, club director or adult player, email membership@badgervolleyball.org or call 262-349-9785.



The Badger Region, volleyball and me!

The Badger Beacon is asking each board member to submit an article for publication twice per year to let members know what they envision as best practices for the organization. This week's column is from At-Large rep Kelly Lehman, a director at Wisconsin Juniors Volleyball Club.

My name is Kelly Lehman and I am in my third term as a board member of the Badger Region.

In the mid-1980s, I was a player, picking up the game a little in high school. Although we didn't have a boys team, I loved watching and learning the game. A three-sport athlete in high school, I soon found myself in college playing more and more volleyball. I think at my peak



Kelly Lehman

I was playing in three leagues a week and most weekends in tournaments. I loved the speed and teamwork of the game.

From playing the game, I was led into coaching the game. Starting out as a freshman girls coach in 1989, then moving from high school to club coaching and eventually taking both girls and boys teams to play in the USA, JVA, and AAU national champi-

onships. In 1999, the game took another turn for me, I became a father and after a few years my little girl started to want to pepper and practice serving. I have followed her and my son to courts all across the nation to watch them play this great game and see volleyball from the bleached side of the court.

In 2003, I became a full time club director, and yet again I learned more and more about the game, the people, and the teamwork. Not only the teamwork amongst six players as you learn as a player and as a coach, but teamwork of an entire club and volleyball community. And somewhere along the line I took up refereeing which for any of you that haven't officiated, if you want a real challenge in volleyball — take a try behind the whistle, and see how it's not as easy as we all thought it was as a player, parent, and/or coach.

After 12 years as a player, 26 years as a coach, eight years as a volleyball parent, 17 years as an

official, and 13 years as a club director here is a summary of what I have learned:

1) Volleyball is an AMAZING sport. It's not just about the elite players/teams/clubs, but it's amazing for everyone.

From the smallest of volleyball teams, to the 60+ year old teams; from the U-10's playing 4's in mini-tournaments to the 18 Open division at nationals; from the outdoor sand and grass courts to the hardwood or sport court gyms; from the USA Olympic teams to the adults playing at summer parties. All of it is just unforgettable, priceless, entertainment and pure fun for all.

2) Volleyball can be enjoyed from many viewing angles. It's entertaining to watch on TV. It's great to see it live in-person from the sidelines or bleachers as a parent or just as a general fan of the game or the team. It's exciting to be in the referee stand and watching from a purely technical standpoint, watching the crispness of the contacts and

body control to keep the ball and themselves in bounds and out of the net.

And although I don't play much anymore, I still remember the great adrenaline and excitement of putting everything into a day of play to try to come out on top.

Why am I a Badger Region Board Member and lifelong volleyball enthusiast? I love to provide the volleyball opportunity for people. The opportunity that I was lucky to find and explore in the last 25+ years. The opportunity to learn the game as a player, and feel the intensity of playing the game, the opportunity to take that passion from the court to the sideline as a coach trying to take players to a higher level, the opportunity for parents to feel the pride that only a parent can feel as their children find success in a sport they love to play, and the opportunity as an administrator to bring all of it to a large number of people by providing venues, events, tryouts, and practices so that they all can know the absolute awesomeness of volleyball.

Changes coming to Region qualifiers, championships

The Badger Region Qualifier and the Badger Region Championships are going to be undergoing some formatting changes to accomplish multiple things in the coming year:

- * Keep all teams under one roof at the Badger Region Championships
- * Prevent teams from play six or more matches in row.
- * Prevent refs from officiating more than eight matches in a day.
- * Allow for teams to play more than one opponent at the Badger Region Qualifier
- * Prevent tournaments from going late into the evening on Sunday nights.

To do that, a tournament committee comprised of Terry Paulson (chairman), Brian Sharkey, Kelly Lehman, Scott Blackmon, Larry Schoenick, Paul Schlomer, Ryan Thompson, Ted Schulte and Sara



Voigt put together the following:

Badger Region Qualifier

Date No. 1: Feb 25/26: G18s, G17 (at the Milwaukee Sting Center)

Date No. 2: March 11/12: G16s, G15s, G14s, G13s, G12 (at the Milwaukee Sting Center and Center Court)

Tournament entry date: Jan. 4.

Tournament close date: Feb. 3

(G17/18s) or Feb. 18 (G12-G16).

Maximum number of teams per division: 20

Format: One-day tournament for divisions with 2-9 teams. Two-day tournament for divisions with 10-20 teams.

Badger Region Championships

Date No. 1: March 18/19 — All Boys, G14 Club, G14 Open, G16 Club, G16 Open. This weekend is also March Madness (NCAA Men's Basketball in Milwaukee and the big St. Patrick's Day Parade.)

Date No. 2: March 25/26 — G11s, G13 Club, G13 Open, G15 Club, G15 Open

Date No. 3: April 1/2 — G12 Club, G12 Open, G17 Club, G17 Open, G18 Club, G18 Open

Tournament entry date: Jan. 4.

Tournament close date: Feb. 18

Maximum number of teams per division: 16 in Open, 32 in Club, unlimited in Badger divisions. The Badger Division is new this year and is reserved for third-tier teams and teams who register late for the club division. The Badger Region Championships is not being capped. All teams entered will get in. To guarantee yourself in the division your team belongs, club directors must register as soon as possible and get their checks in as soon as possible, too.

Format: Teams are guaranteed three matches on the first day of competition. Some teams will only get two matches guaranteed on day two, but others (depending on the number of teams in their divisions) will get three matches on day two.

Fans: Wear your sportsmanship with pride

“I love to watch you play.”
They’re the six most important words you can tell your son or daughter about the sports they play. It sends the whole message: Enthusiastic, Supportive, Positive.

And to help spread these good words, the Badger Region Volleyball Association has come up with a way of rewarding fans who elicit the true meaning of having sportsmanship in the stands.

You may see wristbands around our region with the ESP program’s message (Enthusiastic, Supportive, Positive). We have one for you, if you can live by these three words as you cheer for teams, coaches and officials in our region.

As a matter of fact, we have two of them for you; one for your wrist, and one to give away when you



catch a different team’s fan using ESP. In fact give them both away, we will get you another one. Or two.

How does this work?

A handful of tournament directors from the Badger Region have requested a specific number of wristbands the Region has on hand to give out (it’s a finite number here, people, not enough for every parent or fan).

They will hand out the wristbands at their tournaments to the parents and fans they see modeling

themselves in an “Enthusiastic, Supportive and Positive” manner.

They will receive two wristbands, one for themselves and one for some that parent or fan deems worthy of ESP wristband.

People who show up to the Badger Region Championships wearing the ESP wristband will receive a special gift for being a positive role model for the young athletes in the gym.

Just don’t make us have to take the wristband away from you. That

would be embarrassing.

These wristbands are for fans, not players. Let’s take our cheering and our region up a few notches:

- * Get a little crazy.
- * Go the extra mile.
- * Support your team with positive cheering.
- * Recognize the good in your teams and others.
- * Get way off the chain and clap when the other team makes a great play.
- * We need good opponents to get better. Be that good opponent.

Put away the in-your-face cheers, actions and yelling, and hold others to the same standard.

Club directors can contact Brian Sharkey (brian@badgervolleyball.org) to request a few of the remaining wristbands for the 2015-16 season.

Refreshers from IMPACT: Ways to be more consistent

By **BJ LeRoy**
Badger Region Board Member

We can likely agree that coaches and athletes need to build trust in each other. Consistency builds trust, maybe more than any other coaching trait.

There are infinite ways to be consistent.

- Be on time.
- Have a plan.
- Reward good effort.
- Be positive.
- Be respectful.
- Set a good example.

The hardest place to be consistent is often from practice to the match. Practices often lack the pressure and emotion of a match. As coaches, we lack control over a match that we are used to in practice. Does this makes it hard to maintain the poise we need to be consistent?

Maybe we can give a little more energy and importance to practice, and tone down the emotional outbursts during matches, to bring those two levels of coaching into line with each other. Are you a distraction during matches because your behavior changed?

Or are you a source of information and confidence as you are during practice?

As USA Volleyball’s John Kessel mentions in his recent blog (linked), John

Wooden was consistent in the way he dealt with ALL people.

He didn’t necessarily treat them equally; he was always fair.

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/2016/October/20/Be-Consistent>

Contact IMPACT instructor BJ LeRoy via email at 4bjleroy@gmail.com.



Program gives coaches more tools

“The best way to learn is through a good mentor.”

Over the next few years, the Badger Region will help deliver information to coaching mentors throughout the region, to help the next generation of coaches get better, faster. We want to help place our experienced coaches in a position to share their knowledge, see new coaches in action, and guide coaches toward proven methods.

The region has five FREE mentor-training clinics to give away. At each two-hour clinic, all club coaches participate, while three coaches are trained to be mentors by an Advisor Coach. We have done a good portion of the work for the new mentors.

Mentor information comes from the latest High Performance clinics, and other USA Volleyball Education resources that are hard to attend in person.

Contact BJ LeRoy (4bjleroy@gmail.com) or the Badger Region Office for more information. For the full 3C website being started by the Region, go to: <http://badgervolleyball.org/coaches-coaching-coaches/>

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The Badger Region Volleyball Association promotes initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences!

If you (or you or your organization) would like to advertise in a future Badger Beacon, contact Brian Sharkey at the phone number or email address above.

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Badger Region Volleyball

Pinterest: BadgerRegionVol

Instagram: BadgerVB

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 30: IMPACT-Plus coaches clinic at the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls.
Nov. 6: IMPACT-Plus coaches clinic at Center Court in Waukesha.
Nov. 10: Badger Region boys-only club volleyball open house at Pius XI High School, 135 N. 76th St., Milwaukee.
Nov. 12: First day clubs can hold tryouts for Girls 15-and-over in the Badger Region. Returners commitment date:
Nov. 15: Newcomers commitment date: Nov. 17.
Nov. 18: First day clubs can hold tryouts for Boys 14-and-under in the Badger Region.
Nov. 19: First day clubs can hold tryouts for Boys 15-and-over in the Badger Region. Returners commitment date:
Nov. 22: Newcomers commitment date: Nov. 23.
Nov. 20: IMPACT-Plus coaches clinic at Edgewood College in Madison
Nov. 25: First day club directors can enter their teams into one-day Badger Region tournaments.
Dec. 3: IMPACT-Plus coaches clinic at the Sports Advantage Center in Ashwaubenon.
Dec. 4: IMPACT-Plus coaches clinic at UW-Eau Claire.
Dec. 10: IMPACT-Plus coaches clinic at Center Court in Waukesha.
Jan. 14: IMPACT-Plus coaches clinic at UW-Superior.
Feb 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier (Girls 17 and Girls 18) at Milwaukee Sting Center
March 11-12: Badger Region Qualifier (Girls 12-16) at Milwaukee Sting Center and Waukesha Center Court.
March 18-19: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 1 (All Boys, G14s, G16s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee
March 25-26: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 2 (G11s, G13s, G15s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee
April 1-2: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 3 (G12s, G17s, G18s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee
April 9: Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament at Kettle Moraine High School and Waukesha Center Court.
April 13-15: NCVF (College Club) Championships in Kansas City, Mo.
April 21-23: USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for the 18-and-under division in Dallas, Texas.
May 26-31: USA Volleyball Adult Open National Championships and PVL Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.
June 24-July 24: USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for all ages (except 18s) in Minneapolis, Minn.
July 1-July 8: USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio.



Boys open house Nov. 10 at Pius High School

The third annual boys volleyball open house will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Pius XI High School, 135 N. 76th St. in Milwaukee.

Badger Region clubs that offer a boys volleyball program will set up tables at the high school and have staff present to hand out flyers and answer questions about their respective programs.

This is a great opportunity to see exactly what the various clubs in the Region have to offer for boys volleyball.

Staff from the Badger Region Volleyball Association will also be on hand to answer questions about membership and registration for the 2016-

17 club volleyball season.

During the event last year, the Marquette men's club volleyball team took on the UW-Whitewater men's club volleyball team in a scrimmage for families to see the high level of volleyball offered at the collegiate club level. Teams are being pursued current to see if they are able to do this again.

If you are a club looking to reserve a table at the event, contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 414-313-9055.

Special thanks to Badger Region Boys Advisory Chair Jake Nowak for helping to make this event happen.

*Have a great story idea or person you want featured in the Badger Beacon?
Email Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.*

One big volleyball family

Playing for your local volleyball club makes you a part of a MUCH, MUCH bigger network of volleyball players, coaches, directors, officials and more. Take a look of how we're all connected:

USA Volleyball



USA Volleyball (USAV) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States and is recognized as such by the Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The vision of USA Volleyball is to be acknowledged as the world leader in volleyball. USA Volleyball uses its 40 regions (like the Badger Region) to help implement its vision to players, coaches, sitting athletes, officials and other administrators of the sport.

USA Volleyball operates girls, boys, adult, High Performance and beach nationals to accommodate athletes of all ages and ability levels. It is also the source of numerous education resources such as IMPACT, CAP, SafeSport and officials training that is filtered down to the various member regions.

USAV is a separate organization from both the Junior Volleyball Association (JVA) and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). However, many (not all) of the athletes/coaches in JVA and AAU are also members of USAV.

USA Volleyball also oversees the teams that compete at the Olympics (men's, women's, sitting, beach).

Badger Region Volleyball Association

Badger Region Volleyball Association is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to providing a high-quality volleyball experience to its members. As seen in last week's Badger Beacon newsletter, the Badger Region is made up of a Board of Directors elected by its members, five staff members and numerous advisory board members. The Board votes on and enforces the policies enacted by USA Volleyball and those unique to the Badger Region.

The Badger Region staff works to develop programming to enhance the experience of the junior clubs, adult clubs, officials, tournament directors and other members that the Region serves. The Badger Region staff works as a liaison between the various members and USA Volleyball, helping with registration (via Webpoint) and education (for coaches, players and officials). It also looks for opportunities to assist in the growth of the sport, especially among under-served groups.

The Badger Region also operates its own High Performance team (that competes against National High Performance teams) and its own Premier Volleyball League (PVL) team that competes at the Adult Championships.



Junior/Adult Clubs

In the 2015-16 season, there were over 150 junior clubs registered in the state of Wisconsin (with about 20 of them being satellites of another club already established somewhere in the Badger Region) and about 20 adult volleyball clubs.

Each club is its own entity or business — many of which are non-profit organizations or other recognized IRS group. Philosophies on coaching, playing time, tournaments attended and costs to participate in a club are set at the club level.

The various clubs throughout the state are required to have IMPACT certified coaches with current background screenings, SafeSport trained coaches and have all athletes prepared to score-keep, linejudge and officiate matches if needed.

Directors work with tournament directors to relay schedules and other tournament information (i.e. costs, parking, concessions, etc.)

Costs for jerseys, tryouts, travel and such are often determined by a club's board of directors, president or other administrators set up by the organization. Clubs must file the correct paperwork with Badger Region to be a region-recognized group.

With an athlete or coaching membership in Badger Region, you get full access to all the great resources mentioned on this page.

Officials

Every official at a Badger Region-sanctioned tournament must be a member of USA Volleyball and have a current background screening.

Officials work closely with tournament directors and coaches to ensure that events run smoothly in accordance with the rules published in the Domestic Competition Regulations, the rulebook established by USA Volleyball.

Officials are assigned by the Region's Officials Assignor (Larry Schoenick) and work with the Officials Chair (Jim Momsen) and Officials Rating/Training Chair (Julie Voeck) to get the proper training to ref the tournaments in the Badger Region.

There are multiple levels of officials within each Region, ranging from Provisional all the way up to International.

Tournament Directors

Tournament directors organize, market and facilitate events throughout the state. To be a recognized Badger Region-sanctioned event, the director must ensure the tournament operates according to Badger Region tournament guidelines (see our website). Tournament directors must be members of the Region and have background screenings to perform their duties.

Tournament directors report to the Badger Region Tournament Director (Terry Paulson) with results, problems and highlights from their respective competitions.

How is the Badger Region Board structured?

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is governed by a Board of Directors that must be elected by members on a regular basis. Area reps serve three-year terms, while members of the executive board serve four-year terms.

Members, whether they are players, coaches, parents, directors, athletic trainers or officials, are encouraged to communicate with their respective representative if they

think policies or financial decision in the Region need to be changed.

Some policies enforced by Badger Region come from USA Volleyball, our sport's national governing body, so those can't be changed. But many others can.

The Board is advised by a 11 chairpersons (or experts) in various parts of the game, and five staff members (some of which have multiple responsibilities).

The state is divided into five parts geographically for representation. Plus, there are two at-large board members who you can approach if you don't feel comfortable with your current rep. And there is a rep dedicated just to issues that surround our Junior volleyball clubs and athletes.

You'll be hearing from each Board member twice a year in the form of a column in the Badger Beacon. Now, let's meet them:

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Elected in 2016
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Individual chairs and advisors who offer input to the Board of Directors but don't have authority to vote at meetings:

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Junior Boys Chair: Jake Nowak
Referee Chair: Jim Momsen
Score Chair: Nancy Paulson
Adult Chair: BJ LeRoy

Boys HP Chair: Brian Sharkey
Girls HP Chair: Paul Schlomer
Beach Chair: Bill Petersen
Officials Assigner: Larry Schoenick
Officials Rating/Training: Julie Voeck

REGION STAFF
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Operations Manager: Ryan Thompson
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GROUP TICKETS GUIDE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12:30, 3, 5:30, AND 8 P.M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

5 AND 7:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7 P.M.

- \$3 TICKETS FOR ALL SINGLE DAY TICKETS.
- MINIMUM OF 10 PEOPLE REQUIRED FOR GROUPS.
- GROUP TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY NOVEMBER 9, 2016.
- TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE TICKET OFFICE IN KOLF SPORTS CENTER.
- RECEIVE GROUP RECOGNITION DURING THE MATCHES.
- RECEIVE FREE POPCORN FOR EACH PERSON IN GROUP.
- FIRST 400 PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE MOLTEN MINI VOLLEYBALLS.
- NO REFUNDS.

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