

Tips for tryouts

From a parent to a parent, here are some tips as you and your son or daughter get ready for the next two weekends of tryouts:

* Make copies ahead of time of all forms needed for each specific tryout including concussion, medical release and USAV membership card.

* Keep a bag in your car with extra knee pads, hair ties, extra contacts, band-aids, headbands, socks, etc. just in case.

* Be sure your son/daughter gets enough sleep the night before tryouts. For an adolescent, this means at least 8-10 hours of productive sleep.

* Have your athlete eat a healthy meal the night before and a hearty breakfast the day of tryouts.

* Make sure you know when and where your specific tryout is being held and how to get there.

* Arrive to the tryouts at least 30 minutes early so you can check in and your athlete can relax, warm up, and focus on doing their best.

* Keep snacks and water in your car if you are running from tryout to tryout. Make sure your athlete stays well hydrated and fed throughout the day.

* Stay calm and breathe. Tryouts can be very stressful for your son/daughter so try to use positive phrases and be supportive. Remember, your child is not their performance-love them unconditionally.

* Avoid comparisons and respect developmental differences between your athlete and others. Encourage your daughter to compete against their own potential.

Remember, coaches want to focus on the player, not the parent. Let your athlete speak for themselves and ask their own questions.

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DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

Now I know what you are thinking, I play club volleyball to get a break from school and homework. Yes, while that may be true, we at the Badger Region are encouraging you to put in a little bit of extra credit work. As we embark upon Rounds 2 and 3 of tryouts for the 2016-2017 season, we wanted to reach out to all members with some advice as you begin this enduring process.

We hear from parents, athletes, and families just how much they hate tryouts and the tryout process. Well, as club directors and coaches, we absolutely hate it too. So let's all agree to help make this a little bit better for everyone, and put in some work ahead of time.

You are probably thinking "What does he mean exactly?" Well this is what I mean. If you plan on attending multiple tryouts, make sure that you have a plan in place should you get an offer from multiple clubs ahead of time. Here are some tips to help guide you through the process:

1. Know the club you are trying out for. Where do they practice, when do they practice, how much do they travel,

how much does it cost.

2. What is most important? Decide which factors are the most important to you when choosing your team. Is it the club you play for, who you play with, the coach of the team, where/when they practice.

3. Have your wishlist. If you are trying out for multiple clubs, create your list of clubs in order that you want to play for. This way you can let clubs know right away if you are going to be accepting/declining their offer. They can then immediately go to their list

4. Where do you stand? So you didn't get an offer from your dream club, don't fret. Ask them where you stand on their list, so that you can make an informed decision on any other potential offers, and is it worth waiting?

5. Make your decision. As soon as you have your decision let your club know, and select your club in webpoint.

6. Let the others know. If you are going to be declining an offer, let the club know as soon as possible so they are able to extend offers to others.

Site has tools for players with no club

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 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 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.

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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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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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

- 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.

Nominees sought for USAV awards

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.

Dates set for USAV 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.

Boys open house tonight 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.

The Marquette men's club volleyball team and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater men's club volleyball team will participate in a scrimmage starting at 7:30 and continuing to 9 p.m. at Pius during the event.

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.

Badger Region Boys High Performance

Badger Region Boys High Performance head coach LJ Marx will meet with any high school coach, club coach or club director at 6 p.m. in the school's cafeteria before the open house to talk about the 2017 HP team. Any coach interested in learning more about the boys HP program should attend.

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

NCAA, WIAA seasons coming to an end

By **Jim Momsen**
Badger Referee Chair

The NCAA 2016 season playoffs have begun.

Congratulations to all of the officials and teams participating through the end of the year!

The NCAA Division III tournament begins tomorrow with UW-Whitewater, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Oshkosh, Concordia University-Wisconsin, and St. Norbert College scheduled to participate.

UW-Whitewater is a hosting site for the first three rounds starting today (Nov. 10), and UW-Oshkosh is hosting the NCAA Division III National Championships starting on Nov. 17! Take in a match if you can.

The WIAA Girls' Championships were last weekend and the Boys' play at Wisconsin Lutheran College this weekend....and the

Badger Region 2016-17 Season has Begun!

Tryouts for 14s and under are complete and this coming weekend is the beginning of the tryout period for the older girls' age groups. Boys will have to wait until a week after the WIAA Championships.

Professional ref clinics

Our in-person Referee training clinics start on Sunday, Nov. 13, at Center Court in Waukesha. Other in-person clinics are scheduled at UW-Whitewater, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Eau Claire, UW-Parkside, and Madison College. Check the Badger Region website under Officials | Professional Ref Clinics for dates, times, and direct links to registration on WebPoint.

Remember, in-person clinics

are optional for renewing referees. The same material is covered in one of the online modules in USAV Academy.

In-person clinics are required for new-to- USAV referees and include a Badger Region orientation session at the back end of the clinic for new referees.

Larry Schoenick is busy setting up on-court observation and feedback opportunities throughout the state. We will pass along that information as it becomes available.

Junior work crew training

Clubs are responsible for ensuring that their Coaches and Players are properly trained to perform their responsibilities for scoring, officiating, and line judging.

Clubs can self-train using the

USAV approved materials, or they can contract through Badger Region to schedule a clinician to provide in-person training.

Visit the Badger Region webpage and select Directors and Coaches | Junior Ref/Score Clinics for more details.

More great news!

Last, but not least, USAV has awarded the Badger Region a substantial grant to use toward growing the game! We have some exciting programs being planned. More details to come soon!

Thank you again for all of your efforts to make volleyball better and more enjoyable!

Send your questions for our officials to brian@badgervolleyball.org for publication in a future Badger Beacon.

Boys ready to compete for state championship

By **Ryan Thompson**
Operations Manager

This weekend the boys volleyball world will descend on Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee for the 53rd WIAA Boys Volleyball State Tournament. This year the field features 6 of the Top-10 teams in the latest Coaches Poll and 8 of the Top-12.

Five of the 8 schools this weekend all have experience hoisting that elusive Gold Ball, and each team has made an appearance at the Tournament in either 2014 or 2015.

The field is led by No. 1 seed Marquette University High School which is appearing for the 15th consecutive year and has been ranked #1 most of the season. The Hilltoppers are in search of their 9th State Championship since 2002. Marquette will begin that quest against upstart Kenosha Indian Trail, making back-to-back appearances, under the leadership of Badger Region Program Director Brian Sharkey.

What makes this 2nd consecutive trip even more special, is

that the program has only been in existence for 5 years. The Hawks look to improve upon their quarterfinal showing from 2015 with a lineup full of experience from last season.

Joining those two in the top half of the bracket are the Warhawks of Arrowhead High School and the Wauwatosa East Red Raiders. Arrowhead enters the tournament after two upset victories to win their Sectional, returning to state after last appearing in 2014. They will look to improve their 5-set Quarterfinal loss from 2014.

Tosa East returns to State also for the first time since 2014, fresh off an upset victory over cross-town rival Tosa West. The Red Raiders are looking to reach the Semifinals for the first time since 2010.

On the bottom half of the bracket, we have four additional teams that are no strangers to the Boys State Tournament: New Berlin United, Middleton, Catholic Memorial and Kaukauna. Three out of these four have at least one State Championship trophy.

The Galloping Ghosts of Kaukauna return to the tournament as the defending champions, taking home their 9th Gold Ball last year (the most of any school). They have been ranked in the top three all season and look to contend for the crown again this year. They square off against the co-op team of New Berlin Eisenhower/West (United). This United squad is making its 3rd consecutive appearance after a RunnerUp in 2014 and a Semi-Final loss in 2015.

The last pairing is the Crusaders of Catholic Memorial matched up with the Cardinals of Middleton.

Catholic Memorial is hoping to follow the example of their Girls team that just won their 3rd consecutive State Championship last week in Green Bay. The Crusaders last won the trophy back in 2010.

Middleton appears at State for the 4th consecutive season and 9th overall. They have yet to win a State Title but have recently come as close as the Semis twice in

2007 and 2008.

If you're looking for some great action, do not miss the tournament this weekend. I expect lots of long rallies, great plays, and intense matches. Make sure to get there plenty early to find parking and a place to sit. If I had to pick a winner, I am not sure that I confidently could.

Quarterfinals: Friday, Nov. 11

#1 Marquette vs. Kenosha Indian Trail – 12:30 p.m.

#4 Arrowhead vs. Wauwatosa East – 3 p.m.

#3 Catholic Memorial vs. Middleton – 5:30 p.m.

#2 Kaukauna vs. New Berlin United – 8 p.m.

Semifinals: Saturday, Nov. 12

* Marquette/Indian Trail vs. Arrowhead/Tosa East – 10 a.m.

* Catholic Memorial/Middleton vs. Kaukauna/New Berlin United – 12:30 p.m.

Championship Match: Saturday, Nov. 12 at 6 p.m.

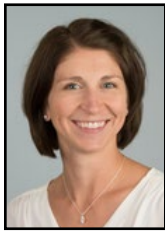
Growing the game in rural areas

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 Northwest Representative Kim Wudi.

My name is Kim Wudi, and I am in my fourth year representing clubs and members in Northwest Wisconsin, where our geography and demographics present both challenges and opportunities. Successfully growing the game of volleyball in rural areas requires that the region and local clubs are intentional in how the issues are addressed.

Work with multisport athletes

As has been the trend across the country, the Northwoods has seen growth in all organized sports, including club volleyball, Great Northwest leagues for basketball and volleyball, traveling softball teams, and many more. In small and mid-sized communities, multi-sport athletes are the norm and quite frankly, they are required to keep sports from being eliminated in schools due to low participation numbers. Volleyball clubs in our area must be willing to work around conflicts with other activities, and can do so by asking parents and players



Kim Wudi

to list conflicts and then scheduling practices and tournaments around troublesome dates.

Multi-sport athletes will benefit from club directors who have proactive, open communication with coaches and league administration of other sports or activities. Coaches/clubs do not "own" the athletes or their time, and if we want multi-sport athletes to continue to participate successfully in two or three activities simultaneously, we need to cooperate rather than compete with others in our communities. Finally, parents must teach their child to communicate with coaches regarding any conflicts that do arise, and ultimately, will need to help their multi-sport athlete prioritize between activities if no compromise can be reached.

Ensuring quality coaching

As a college coach, I get numerous emails and calls from varsity coaches, athletic directors and club directors looking for help in identifying coaches to fill out their respective coaching staffs. The fact of the matter is, there are not enough qualified coaches to meet the needs of the youth players in our area of the state. Don't get me wrong, there are some extremely

talented and knowledgeable coaches in northwest Wisconsin. There are also wonderful moms and dads who coach their child's team so that they have an opportunity to play. But as a volleyball community, we need to do better to grow and train our coaching cadre.

One of the most important tenets of the IMPACT course for new USAV coaches is that we cannot continue to coach the way we were coached. The sport has changed – for the better, and while fundamentals are still critical, the game has become both faster and more technical. Add to that all of the factors of team dynamics, motivation, parent/coach communication, etc., and it's no wonder that many people run the other way when asked to coach! Our region has a responsibility to provide opportunities for coaches to learn how to "coach better," through local clinics, online training, and the new coach mentorship program. Clubs and coaches have a responsibility to take advantage of those resources!

Keeping costs in check

Club sports cost money. And as expenses such as facility rental, tournament entries, coach stipends and travel costs rise, those costs

are inevitably and understandably passed on to club families. My fear is that if we are not careful, we risk pricing athletes out of opportunities to participate and subsequently creating an exclusive culture where only those with sufficient resources can participate. While this is a concern across all sports and across the entire region, I am especially concerned for rural families.

I sincerely believe most clubs do their best to keep costs reasonable, to offer fundraisers and to seek out sponsorship opportunities that either bring in additional revenue or lower operating costs.

What are some other simple ways that clubs and families can keep costs down? Carpool to practices and tournaments. Reuse jerseys from year to year. Pack lunches for tournaments. Alternate playdates with neighboring clubs in place of a tournament or two. Tournament directors can start tournaments at 9 am instead of 8 am, potentially allowing families to eliminate a hotel expense. Flexible payment plans also go a long way toward helping families budget for the expenses of club season.

Have ideas about how to grow volleyball in rural Wisconsin? Let's chat!

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: Let’s make more mistakes

By BJ LeRoy

Badger Region Board Member

It may seem counterintuitive to our regular jobs, but in motor learning, mistakes are critical. In volleyball if you’re a good defender inside a small circle, we want you to expand that circle and learn how to play outside your comfort zone. If you choose to improve by playing at the “edge of your ability” where learning happens, mistakes are inevitable.

From that viewpoint, reaching to make the next mistake should be rewarded, so that it can be conquered, so that you can find the next mistake to conquer.

John Kessel talks further about making mistakes, and



how mistakes can lead to trust on your team. (<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/2016/November/01/IWantYouToMakeMistakes>)

To expand on John’s comment, “being demanding.” We can do this as coaches, by checking back with our athletes, rather than yelling or punishing them. “Are you watching the hitter for



clues? What did you see her do? What other choices did you have? Was there a better solution?” These are all demanding questions, that won’t embarrass an athlete. They’ll let him show off what he knows.

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Ashwaubenton.

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 the Milwaukee Sting Center 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.



The Wisconsin Youth Volleyball League concluded recently at Center Court in Waukesha.



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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:

Julie Voeck
(Commissioner/President)
Elected in 2016
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Jim Momsen
(Associate Commissioner/VP)
Elected in 2015
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Anne Slattery
(Treasurer)
Elected in 2014
Email: arslatts@gmail.com

BJ Bryant
(Secretary)
Elected in 2013
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Kim Wudi
(Northwest Rep)
Elected in 2016
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(Northwest Rep)
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Paul Schlomer
(Southwest Rep)
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Holly Vogelsang
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Pati Rolf
(Metro Milwaukee Rep)
Elected in 2014
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Kelly Lehman
(At-Large Rep)
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Heather Curley
(Junior Rep)
Elected in 2016
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Angie Lubach
(Independent Rep)
Appointed in 2015
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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:

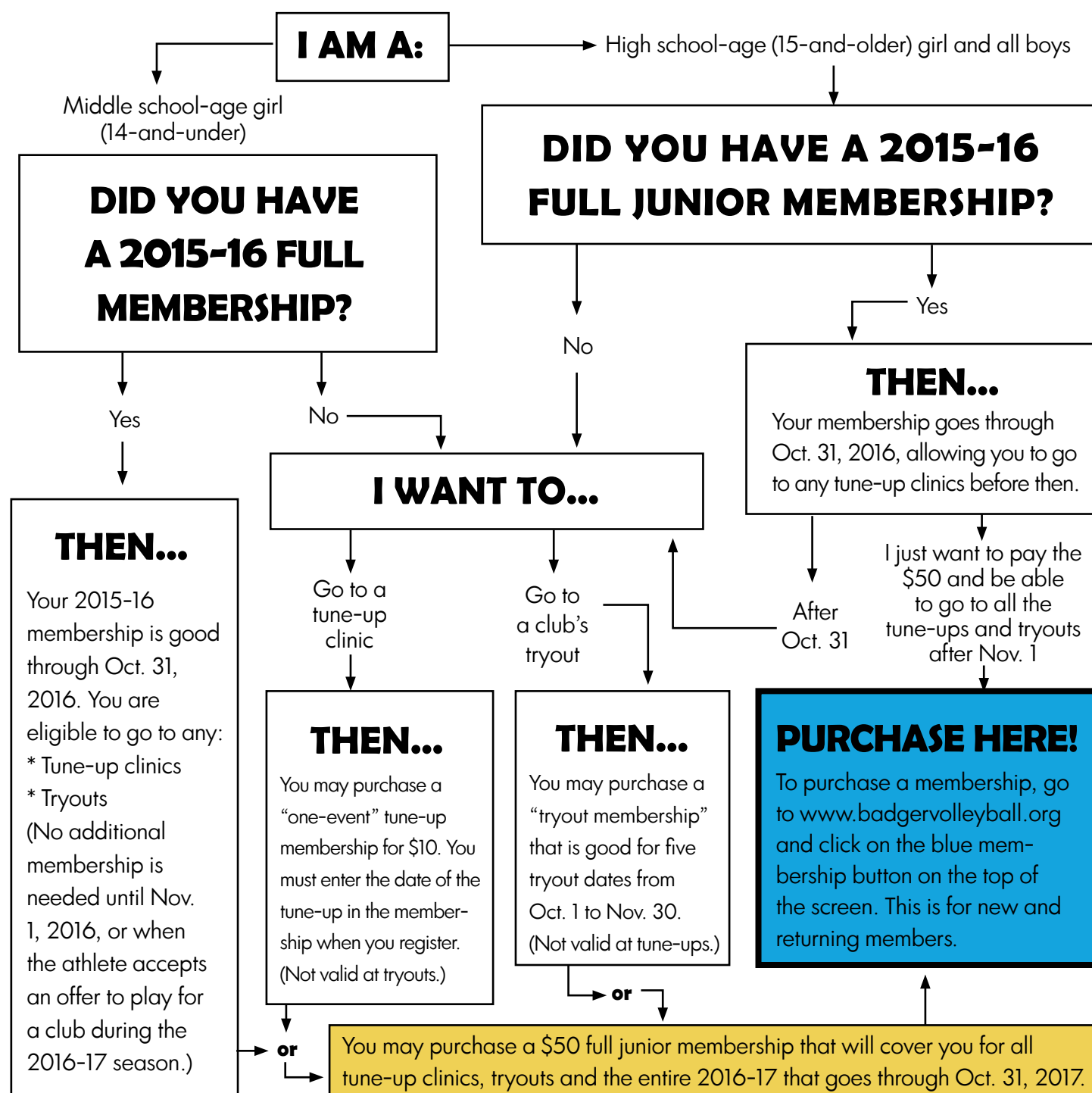
Financial Chair: Anne Slattery
Junior Girls Chair: Ruth Leitzke
Junior Boys Chair: Jake Nowak
Referee Chair: Jim Momsen
Score Chair: Nancy Paulson
Adult Chair: BJ LeRoy

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
Director of Operations: Jennifer Armson-Dyer
Program Director: Brian Sharkey
Operations Manager: Ryan Thompson
Tournament Director: Terry Paulson
Program Specialist: Sara Voigt

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.



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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.

GROUP TICKETS PAYMENT INFORMATION

GROUP NAME: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

GAME DATE: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: CHECK* MASTERCARD VISA AMERICAN EXPRESS

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NAME ON CARD: _____ EXPIRATION DATE: _____

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