

Boys clinics planned after college matches

The Badger Region Volleyball Association has partnered with three NCAA institutions to plan a trio of middle school boys volleyball clinics following men's volleyball matches in Wisconsin in 2017. Come and enjoy a great NCAA men's volleyball match followed by a FREE boys volleyball clinic.

The dates are as follows:

- * **Jan. 21** at Carthage College (Kenosha, Wis.).
- * **March 4** at MSOE (Milwaukee, Wis.).
- * **March 25** at Marian University (Fond du Lac, Wis.).

The clinics (led by coaches and athletes from the respective schools) will take place about 20 minutes after the conclusion of the matches taking place that day.

Carthage clinic details

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, the Carthage Red Men will take on New York University at the Tarble Arena, 2001 Alford Park Drive, in Kenosha.

MSOE clinic details

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, MSOE will take on Marian University at the Kern Center, 1245 N. Broadway, in downtown Milwaukee. Street parking available, but be aware of feeding the meter or parking in two-hour zones.

Marian clinic details

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, Marian will host MSOE at the Sadoff Gymnasium, 45 S. National Ave., in Fond du Lac.

THE BADGER BEACON

Rolf reflects on exciting 2016

The Badger Beacon asks 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 Metro Milwaukee Representative Pati Rolf

Hello, my name is Pati Rolf. Thanks to all of you, I have been on the Badger Region board as Metro Milwaukee representative since 2014. I have enjoyed my time on the board and want you to know what a pleasure it has been for me. I appreciate the opportunity to write to all of you and discuss what I have learned and to give you my thoughts.

By the time you read this the Final Four will be over and a winner will have been crowned. On Sunday, Dec. 11, I received a call telling me I was to referee the final four. I will have the opportunity to officiate with other tremendous officials, and I can't tell you enough how lucky and honored I am to work this amazing event with this crew, these teams, and their players. It is just crazy to think about.

I thought being invited to the Olympic Games last January was wild, but this is just as insane. The



The four female officials from the 2016 Rio Olympics are shown.

reason I want to talk about this is it has become such a ride for me. I think it applies so strongly to you, to the young student athletes that may read this, and some of the older folks. People have asked what has led me to these moments. The Olympic Games and the Final Four. At times I want to say I have no idea. At other times I know exactly why. It is the most logical answer and of course the one that makes complete sense.

I have spent my life in sports and most expressly volleyball. I was a player first, just like all of you out there playing right now. Then I became a professional player for

a short time. Then a college coach at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, Marquette University and East Carolina University. I retired after 25 years to focus on my officiating. Why officiating? I have been a referee since I was a juniors player. I enjoyed it and felt it was an important duty. However, it was only when I went full time and became a professional that I really began to excel. I have spent the last two years overseas and in the states working numerous matches, 10 times what I worked prior to 2014.

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Pati Rolf

TIPS & TIDBITS

* Congratulations to the Stanford University women's volleyball team for winning the 2016 NCAA Women's Div. 1 Championship Dec. 17 in Columbus, Ohio. The Cardinal defeated the University of Texas Longhorns 3-1 in the national championship. The University of Minnesota and defending champion University of Nebraska finished third.

* Have a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year! The Badger Region staff look forward to seeing you all in 2017!



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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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First and most importantly, refereeing has changed my life. I have met so many wonderful people from across the world and developed such a diverse network of friends and work mates from all over the globe. I see the world differently now. How connected we are, how we must work together.

Second, I have spent so much time on the road in other countries and cultures. Last summer I was gone for two months, to Peru, then to Japan and my final stop in Puerto Rico. I had my own fan club of young girls in Peru: Every time I walked into the gym they would scream and smile and give me the heart sign, to this day we all still talk on Facebook, they are amazing.

Now let me get to the point of this story. I have had some serious losses the last four years. The retirement from coaching, the loss of my oldest sister to suicide and a serious challenge with finding an interesting



Susana Maria Rodriguez Jativa of Spain stands with Badger Region member Pati Rolf before reffing the 2016 Gold Medal Game.

direction. Recently, just a few weeks ago we lost fellow ref Dan Apol, my Olympic Beach colleague to an aneurysm. He was 44. Officiating has been the balm and spending time with the greatest coaches and players in this country and in the world has helped all aspects of my game. However, the level and volume of my work has led me to a new

understanding of the game, as well as of the players and coaches. By keeping my mind open to new ideas and by watching the best in the world, my knowledge has expanded. As I often tell my colleagues, I am able to keep a calm about myself that allows me to stay open to all elements of the game. To keep my vision wide, rather than narrow. To

approach captains, coaches and players with an open mind and peaceful demeanor. To ignore the distractions of the crowd, facility, TVs and cameras. To in a sense be FLAT as one of my dear friends from the international game mentioned.

As I write this, I am heading out for the Final Four; I am going to focus on my colleagues, my friends and most importantly the players and coaches and my crew. I am going to practice just like all of you, for this amazing opportunity. Just like the athletes and coaches, I have been training all year with my fellow officials and it has led us to this moment in time.

I want to thank my fellow officials/teammates who have helped me reach this level of fitness in officiating. Without this group of teammates it really would not have worked. To folks like Julie Voeck and Jim Momsen from the Badger Region and the many others who have always been there, I want to say thank you.

I am the luckiest woman in the world.

Region seeks new officials

The Badger Region is excited to announce that it has received a grant from USA Volleyball to grow and improve the number and caliber of officials in the state of Wisconsin.

To get the ball rolling with the grant money, the Region is putting forth a large amount toward reimbursing first-year officials who go through the necessary steps to become a certified adult referee.

For new officials who can be considered for reimbursement of their first-year dues, the following must be completed and signed off on by the Officials Chair (Jim Momsen), Officials Assignor (Larry Schoenick) and Badger Region Program Director Brian Sharkey. Please alert the above individuals before beginning the ref certification process that you will be a first-year official in the 2016-17 season to get reimbursement.

1. Register with Badger Region/USA Volleyball. Cost is \$50 with an additional \$18 background-screening fee every two seasons.

2. If 18-years old or older, pay the annual \$25 Badger Region Referee fee

online in Webpoint. This fee allows individuals to attend in-person clinics, receive a rulebook and use the online ref-assigning program.

3. Attend a new referee clinic
4. Attend an experience referee clinic.
5. Complete the online courses and exams (Link available at badgervolleyball.org)
6. Pass a formal on-court evaluation. (Email Jim Momsen to set this up)
7. Submit an Independent contractor form and W9 (available on the Badger Region website)
8. If 18-years old or older, Complete the SafeSport certification training. This course is available by going to Webpoint and clicking on USAV Clinics in the left rail.
9. Work four (4) or more Badger Region sanctioned events as assigned by Larry Schoenick.

To receive reimbursement for your membership, background screening and referee fee, go to www.badgervolleyball.org and print the form under "certifying as a referee" and send it to brian@badgervolleyball.org.



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/>

New beach tour on the way

The American Beach Tour (ABT) is a new national-level beach volleyball tour that is set to kick-off in December of 2016 in Florida. The ABT is sanctioned by USA Volleyball (USAV) and produced by the Regional Volleyball Associations (RVAs) in the USA.

The main goal of the ABT is to offer regional and zonal beach events for junior and adult USAV members, culminating with a tour championship event each year. This will be the only USAV sanctioned beach tour to offer both a juniors and adults championship event. Each USAV Region will be responsible to schedule and sanction their respective events in order to create a comprehensive tour schedule for participating athletes.

Some of the highlights of the ABT include, but are not limited to:

*** COST EFFECTIVE:** Both the participating USAV regions and members will incur no extra costs or fees to be a part of the ABT.

*** PROVIDES SAFEGUARDS:** Extensive background screens, SafeSport certification, coaches' education and current USAV insurance for sanctioned events ensure that all members and affiliates are protected.

*** MORE PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES:** Includes a wider variety of athletes to help each region's membership base grow. This includes more junior age divisions, more boys programming and more adult divisions.

*** SYNERGY BETWEEN USAV REGIONS:** The tour allows promoters to customize events to fit the needs of their members, while collaborating with other successful regions. All of the regions get a



voice in how the ABT is operated and managed.

*** ONLINE EVENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:** The ABT allows promoters and members to take full advantage of the convenience of a comprehensive event management system. Features include online registration, online pool/bracket options and work is being done to develop an automatic sync with a tour ranking system.

Steve Bishop, Executive Director and President of the Florida Region of USA Volleyball, is one of the early-adopters of the ABT concept. "The concept of the American Beach Tour is a joint grassroots effort of the Regional Volleyball Associations of USAV and demonstrates what can happen when the regions work together to solve problems and create opportunities for our members," said Bishop. "The ABT will provide a USAV sanctioned championship path for both juniors and adults beginning in 2017 as ABT Qualifiers are produced across the US.

The future of beach volleyball is bright and having more USAV sanctioned beach opportunities only makes sense in the marketplace for our USAV members across the United States. The Florida Region is honored to be selected by the participating regions to host both inaugural ABT Championship events in 2017. Central Florida is a great vacation destination and we look forward to welcoming all of the teams next

summer."

The first junior event of the ABT will take place on December 29th – 31st, 2016 at Hickory Point Beach in Tavares, FL. At the time of this release, 18 USAV Regions have joined the ABT with an estimated number of events at 40 in 2017. You can find the ABT schedule at www.americanbeach-tour.com.

About AmericanBeachTour.com

AmericanBeachTour.com is a USA Volleyball (USAV) sanctioned tour produced by the Regional Volleyball Associations (RVAs) in the USA. Their goal is to offer regional and zonal beach events for junior and adult USAV members, culminating with a tour championship event each year. Additional information on the tour can be found at www.AmericanBeachTour.com.

For additional information, contact:

The American Beach Tour Workgroup, a committee of the ABT Council

* Michelle Goodall, Iowa Region

* Melissa Walker, Northern California

* Chris Hamilton, Florida Region

* Mati Bishop, Puget Sound Region

* Bertil Wamelink, Heart of America Region

ABT stops in the works

Dec 29-31: ESPL Winter Oasis in Florida (Hickory Point Beach — Tavares, FL)

Feb 5: VBVB Winter Open (Vero Beach, FL)

Feb 25-26: Florida USAV Beach Series Kickoff (Hickory Point Beach, FL)

Feb 25-26: Beach Wars in Gulf Shores (Gulf Shores Beach, AL)

Mar 11-12: Dig the Beach Volleyball Series (Ft. Lauderdale Beach, FL)

Apr 15-16: Dig the Beach Volleyball Series (Pompano Beach, FL)

Apr 22-23: VBVB Summer Series Kickoff (Vero Beach, FL)

Apr 23: Elite Beach ABT (Daytona Beach, FL)

May 6: VBVB Summer Series ABT (Vero Beach, Fla)

May 6-7: Gulf Coast Region Beach Fest (Gulf Shores Beach, AL)

May 13-14: SSOVA Beach Tour (Clearwater Beach, FL)

May 13-14: P1 Beach Series (Mansfield, TX)

May 20: Elite Beach ABT (Daytona Beach, FL)

May 20-21: Chesapeake Blue Crab Beach Tour. (Ocean City Beach, MD)

May 20-21: Dig the Beach Volleyball Series (Siesta Key, FL)

May 27-28: P1 Beach Series (Mansfield, TX)

Jun 3: VBVB Summer Series (Vero Beach, FL)

Jun 3-4: Puget Sound Regional Beach HP Qual. (Snohomish, WA)

Jun 3-4: Dig the Beach Volleyball Series (Ft. Myers Beach, FL)

Jun 3-4: SSOVA Beach Tour (Clearwater Beach, FL)

Jun 3-4: P1 Beach Series (Mansfield, TX)

Jun 4: North Coast Open (Montrose Beach — Chicago, IL)

More to come!

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Thank you for your sportsmanship

Sportsmanship isn't a suggestion for the way every player, coach and fan should act on and off the court. It is the expectation.

To reward those exceeding expectations, the Badger Region wants to recognize you

The 2016-17 marks the second year of the "Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive." program that encourages volleyball enthusiasts, specifically fans in the stands.

Last season, tournament directors throughout the Region distributed close to 500 wristbands at events and tournaments, and we're looking to hand out hundreds more.

Then, at the Badger Region Championships in March and April, anyone who was awarded a wristband throughout the year, will be eligible to win Badger Region gear such as T-shirts, water bottles, mini volleyballs and other cool swag.



So, what do you have to do to get a wristband? Support your team! Be positive! Show character that would make your mother proud!

Get a little crazy. Go the extra mile. Recognize the good in your team and others. Get excited when even your opponent makes an amazing save or play.

Don't cheer against another team. Don't taunt or heckle officials, coaches or players. Don't give your club or team a black eye

with any "in your face" cheers.

Tournaments directors, Badger Region staff, referees and board members are watching.

If you get one of our colorful "ESP" wristbands, come to the Championship Desk at the Badger Region Championships March 18-19, March 25-26 or April 1-2 to be entered in a raffle for the prizes. Anyone with a wristband gets one entry into the raffle. At certain points throughout the day, names will be drawn

for the prizes. The only rule: You must have your wristband on at the time of the raffle to receive your gift.

If you are a tournament director running a Badger Region/USA Volleyball-sanctioned event in 2017 and would like to request a package of wristbands for distribution at your event, contact Program Director Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Good luck this season.

USAV unveils new app

Being a member of USA Volleyball has a lot of great perks, and here is another that just came out:

USA Volleyball has released an app that can only be accessed by current USAV members.



There is exclusive content that can only be seen by members, such as the Evolution Drills Videos, as well as all the other information that is pulled from the USA Volleyball website.

There is content from the United State Olympic Committee and U.S. Paralympics as well as special sections for USAV Beach and Sitting programs.

The app will continually be updated with new, exclusive content as well.

To access the app:

1. Go to <http://mobilecoach.teamusa.org/USOC/register.jsf>
2. Click Register in the top right corner
3. Select USA Volleyball from dropdown
4. Enter information
5. Click Register at the bottom of the list (a popup in top right corner will confirm registration is complete)
6. Click sign in on top right and then login with credentials the user just made.

Nominees sought for annual 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



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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, contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call the Region office at 262-349-9785.

Looking back, ahead from the ref stand

By Jim Momsen
Badger Ref Chair

As one season ends...

Congratulations are in order, again!

Our own Pati Rolf was selected as the First Referee for the NCAA Women's Division I Volleyball National Championship match in Columbus, Ohio! First the Olympic Women's Gold Medal match, now the NCAA Finals. We are soooo proud and honored to have you on our officiating team! You are truly an inspiration to us all.

Another begins!

USAV Academy rocks!

With more and more clubs performing self-training of their coaches and players, we've had very few issues with USAV Academy this season. As of last week, there had only been 15 trouble reports for the entire country!

Last call for new referees

We have schedule one last in-person Professional Referee Clinic for the morning of Sunday, January 8, 2017. It will

FROM THE REF STAND

be at Center Court in Waukesha. Registration is through WebPoint at https://webpoint.usavolleyball.org/wp15/Events2/Registrations/Register.wp?rgs_EventID=10845

Speaking of in-person clinics...

Badger Region is again hosting back-to-back USAV Advancement and USAV National Clinics on the evening of Saturday, January 7, 2017 at the Country Inn and Suites by Carlson, 1250 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield. The Advancement Clinic is scheduled for 5:00pm and the National Clinic is scheduled for 7:30pm.

For these clinics, you will need to register through VolleyballRef-Training.com (https://volleyball-reftraining.com/events_ref_clinics.php) for the appropriate clinic. Follow the easy directions on that site, remembering these few

things.

1. Current National and Junior National Referees MUST use your USAV code to register or you will be charged a second time for the clinic upon registration. You can just click on the appropriate line on the page if you do not remember your USAV code.

2. Current National scorers who are NOT national-level referees, and retired national-level referees MUST use your USAV code to register or you will be charged full price for the clinic.

3. All others will pay only \$25 to attend either the National or Advancement clinic OR both if you so choose. You need to only pay the \$25 once!!

Our clinician this year is Paul Albright. Paul has served as the USA Volleyball (USVA) national rules interpreter; is a USAV and PAVO national referee, and an FIVB (Federation International Volleyball) international referee. He officiates numerous NCAA Division I conferences and has officiated the NCAA Division I women's national championship; and served on the USAV and

PAVO national rating teams. It's a great opportunity for everyone seeking to improve their skills. Attend both clinics, if you can.

And finally...

As the holidays are upon us and, 2016 comes to a close, people typically make resolutions for the New Year. I suggest that you set officiating goals for this coming season. Select three items/techniques to work on from the very start of the season that will improve your officiating. As you master one these items, select another so that you are always working on three improvement items. Your officiating will continuously improve and advancement will happen.

Lastly, my sincerest hope is that everyone has a happy and safe holiday season, and a successful and prosperous 2017. As always, I appreciate and thank you for your efforts to make the sport of volleyball better and more enjoyable for all players, coaches, parents, spectators, and your fellow officials!

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.



Grant to aid clubs, parents and 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 programing 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.

Refreshers from IMPACT: Practice more efficiently

By BJ LeRoy

Badger Region Board Member

The IMPACT manual asks us to eliminate "dead" time in practice. Often we have less net time than we want. What do you do to make the best use of your court time?

With 12 players in a two-hour practice, that is 1440 minutes; the same number of minutes in an entire day. By that same idea, a 5-minute coaching speech costs you an hour's worth of practice time.

Consider a few of these ideas to create more contacts, more teachable moments, and more one-on-one instruction.

* Arrange to meet in the hall 15 minutes before practice starts.

* Hold a classroom session when the courts are busy, to avoid long speeches during practice.

* Run a ribbon perpendicular to your court, and play mini-games or tournaments of 1v1 or 2v2 as a warmup.

* Split the court in half the long way (skinny court) with an antenna, or a pool noodle.

* Use waves, rotating games, or winners stay on, so that lines are short and there is always a team ready to come on and serve.

* Allow players to get a

drink at any time, rather than a scheduled drink break. This eliminates lines, and players hustle back rather than gabbing on the sidelines.

* Talk with players one-on-one, while everyone else is playing. It's rare that everyone needs the feedback that one player receives.

* Coaches collect balls while the players play.

One of the best time-saving games is speedball. In the basic game, four teams of two players are on a court (or a skinny court.) Two teams play against each other, starting with a serve. The loser rotates off, to the end of the line on their side. The waiting

team comes on, and serves to the previous winners (who just scored a point.) It's a constant rotation, playing

over the net with a ton of contacts. Eight or even 12 players (in groups of three) can play on one skinny court, for the times that you have to share a big court with another team. There are dozens of variations of this game for full or half court, with any number of players. Be creative for the number of players you have.

Contact IMPACT instructor BJ LeRoy via email at 4bjle-roy@gmail.com.



Important tournament dates

USAV Girls 18-and-under Championships in Dallas

* G18s: April 21-23

Dates are for all divisions

USAV Open and PVL Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.

* May 26-31

(Dates vary by age/division)

Registration opens on Jan. 17, 2017, for all division.

USAV Girls Junior National Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.

* 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)

Registration for the Patriot Division opens on 12:01 a.m. EST on Jan. 4, 2017.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 8: Professional In-Person Score Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fond du Lac High School (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

Jan. 14: IMPACT-Plus coaches clinic at UW-Superior.

Jan. 28-29: Professional In-Person Score Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Center Court Sports Complex in Waukesha (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

Feb. 11: Professional In-Person Score Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

Feb 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier (Girls 17 and Girls 18) at Milwaukee Sting Center in conjunction with a Professional In-Person Score Clinic (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

March 5: Professional In-Person Score Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

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 in conjunction with a Professional In-Person Score Clinic (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

March 25-26: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 2 (G11s, G13s, G15s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee in conjunction with a Professional In-Person Score Clinic (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

April 1-2: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 3 (G12s, G17s, G18s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee

April 7-8: Wisconsin Volleyball Conference (college club) Championships at the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

April 9: Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament at Kettle Moraine High School and the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls.

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.

July 18-23: USA Volleyball High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



The Milwaukee Sting Boys 15-Gold team won the Dec. 18 boys tournament at the Schaumburg (Ill.) Sports Complex. Send your photos for publication to brian@badgervolleyball.org.



*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:

Julie Voeck
(Commissioner/President)
Elected in 2016
Email: jvoeck@attglobal.net

Jim Momsen
(Associate Commissioner/VP)
Elected in 2015
Email: jkmomsen@yahoo.com

Anne Slattery
(Treasurer)
Elected in 2014
Email: arslatts@gmail.com

BJ Bryant
(Secretary)
Elected in 2013
Email: wivbacademy@gmail.com

Kim Wudi
(Northwest Rep)
Elected in 2016
Email: wudikm@uwec.edu

BJ LeRoy
(Northwest Rep)
Elected in 2016
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Paul Schlomer
(Southwest Rep)
Elected in 2016
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Holly Vogelsang
(Southeast Rep)
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Pati Rolf
(Metro Milwaukee Rep)
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Scott Blackmon
(At-Large Rep)
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Kelly Lehman
(At-Large Rep)
Elected in 2015
Email: kellylehman@wi.rr.com

Heather Curley
(Junior Rep)
Elected in 2016
Email: revolutionwi@yahoo.com

Angie Lubach
(Independent Rep)
Appointed in 2015
Email: Angela.lubach@yahoo.com

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

A tangled ~~net~~^{web} of software and sites

It's not easy keeping track of the variety of websites, software, programs and databases the volleyball world uses to track registrations and certifications for all of its teams, members, officials, players and coaches.

Without the assistance of these multiple electronic tools, managing the pieces of the

volleyball world would be a logistical nightmare and require more paper and filing than we care to even think about.

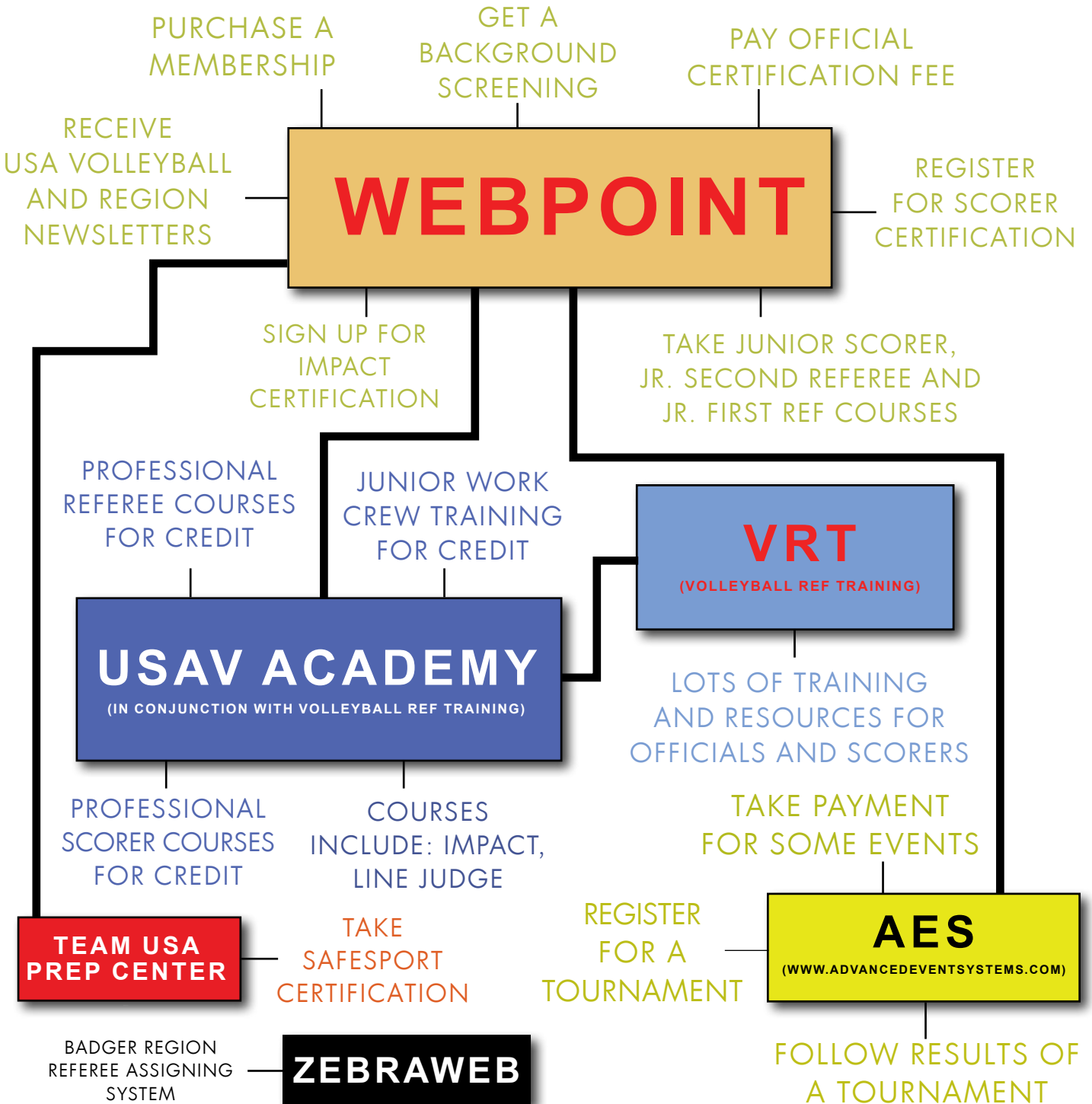
It's amazing how we got along before computers, cellphones and databases. Let alone, Instagram.

So, here's a quick look at some of the big

digital apps we use to help manage all of this information that is vital to the well being of the Badger Region and USA Volleyball.

Want links to any of these resources?

You can find everything you need at www.badgervolleyball.org and it's all sorted for you in our tabs there.



Adversity-Wisconsin VBC Orange Minions

Instructional Program for Boys & Girls **Grades 3-6**



2:00-3:30 Grades 3rd & 4th

4:00-5:30 Grades 5th & 6th

12 Sunday's over the course of 3 months (Grades & Times Top Right):

Jan 08-15-22-29

Feb 5-12-26 (no session Feb 19th = President's Day)

Mar 5-12-19-26

April 2 (April 16th is Easter this year, so no conflicts)

*** **Picture Day** will be held February 26th! Pictures posted to our Facebook & websites pages (see above for addresses)

***All sessions held at our "**NEW**" training facility (**ATC**) 113 W18750 Carnegie Drive Germantown WI 53022

***Athletes split into 2-3-4-5 groups weekly using the quadrant training method (which allow kids to train at their level)

To Register/Reserve your Spot Today:

Complete the concussion & medical release form (located on our website listed above)

Obtain a junior youth badger region membership card (required to participate) (only \$15.00)

Email athlete's name & current grade to coachpauers@gmail.com (include youth or adult t-shirt size)

Submit all 3 forms, fees & **\$300.00** to: **Adversity-Wisconsin VBC** 1422 Trillium Court West Bend WI 53095

Space is limited (2 courts, 3 training areas & 4 IMPACT certified coaches)

Thanks for sharing with area athletes, coaches, family & friends – 1st Come 1st serve!

Directed by Dave Pauers & coached by various Adversity-Wisconsin VBC Coaches & Trainers