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I was recently fortunate enough to attend the annual AVCA Convention in conjunction with the NCAA Women's Final Four in Columbus, Ohio.

Every year hundreds of volleyball coaches head to "Convention" as it is widely known amongst the volleyball coaching community. As coaches, it provides us a great opportunity to see friends and colleagues that we rarely get to see, and actually get to spend time with them.

For me personally, this was the first time that I was able to attend Convention, and based upon my experience, I highly recommend it and will definitely be attending again in the future.

This year for the first time the AVCA experimented with a Men's/ Boy's track with seminars geared toward the coaches of those athletes. This opportunity excited me greatly as that is where I have spent the majority of my coaching career. The very first session that I sat in was about scoring points in the Men's game, led by John Kosty of Stanford, John Speraw of UCLA and Team USA, and Pete Hanson of Ohio State University. While it was great to be able to listen to them speak, one of the coolest parts was that I was surrounded by some of the other top coaches from the collegiate ranks who were looking to learn and just as eager as I was.

So not only did I get to pick the brains of those that were presenting, but

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Officials benefit from setting goals

By Jim Momsen

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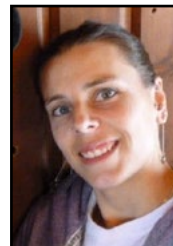
In my last column, I suggested that everyone should be making resolutions and setting officiating goals for the New Year. Also, that you should typically be working on three improvement items to continuously improve.

How do you select what to work on? Sometimes, while officiating, you self-discover an item, rule or technique that you are having trouble mastering. This can be pretty hit-or-miss depending on

the situations that you do, or don't, experience. Lots of times you don't know what you don't know.

In NCAA volleyball, you are always working with a certified partner, and sometimes professional line judges. The post-match debrief is a great way to receive, (and provide) observations and feedback. Unfortunately, your partner is concentrating on what he or she is supposed to be doing and does not observe your total performance

A better way is to be observed, and be given feedback, by a mentor and/or to attend a formal training camp. This outside-looking-in



Alex Grykowsky (upper left), Lexi Sheldon (upper right) and Ron Kolash share their experiences at being a "new" official

approach allows a dedicated, and usually highly experienced, observer to watch the officiating crew's total performance, and confirm proper technique and application as well as suggest some items that you should be improving.

Last year, we had three Badger Regional referees — Lexi Sheldon, Alex Grykowsky, and Ron Kolash — take advantage of USAV's offer to work at the Girl's Junior National Championships in Indianapolis. The Beacon asked them to provide feedback on their experience at GJNC, as well as helpful tips for

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referees who are seeking to advance. Here's what they had to say:

What were the top three things that you learned at GJNC 2016?

- Know the rules. Know the rules. Know the rules... all of them. Spend the time to refresh on the not so common rules.
- Communicate with the coaches. Both by using the language of the rule and with pre-game aspects. Introduce yourself when you are the R2. It builds a good rep.
- Perception is reality — look like you are a professional but don't be uptight. Be relaxed without looking over relaxed or carefree.
- I learned that observations from other, more experienced, referees is very important. If you always watch people at the same level as you, it is harder to pick up on the little things that a more experienced referee just does naturally.
- I also learned that as incredibly willing to help experienced referees are, it is still important to ask for feedback. Ask them to try to focus

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TIPS & TIDBITS

* In more signs that show the sport of boys/men's volleyball is growing, we are proud to announce that Concordia University in Mequon is adding men's volleyball for the 2017-18 school year. It will be led by former Badger Region player, coach and director Curtis Madson from Fort Atkinson, Wis. Madson played at Carthage College in the first year of the school's NCAA team in 2005.

* High school's adding boys volleyball in 2017-18 include: Hartford Union, Sussex Hamilton and Whitefish Bay Dominican.



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Questions about membership?

Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.
Here, Badger Region Staff can assist you with any questions you have about the upcoming season.

Curley looks to grow youth programs

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 from Junior Representative Heather Curley, a director at Revolution VBC.

My name is Heather Curley, and I am excited to be this year's Junior Rep on the Badger Region Board of Directors. I am also the Club Director and 10s and 11s coach for Revolution Volleyball Academy and Varsity Assistant Coach at Kettle Moraine High School.

These positions allow me to stay involved in the sport I love all year round. In her column this issue, Heather answered a few questions offered up by Badger Region staff.

What do you want the Region to do more of? Less of?

I would like to see more programs for our younger athletes particularly 6-9 year olds. There has been an increase in the last couple

years but I feel there could be more opportunities. Not necessarily tournaments but more camps, clinics and ways to introduce the sport at those age levels.

What programs are important to you?

The new Serve United program is important to me as I coach 10s and 11s and this program is especially helpful with our younger teams. The best take-away from this program is that parents get the opportunity to step in and know what it's like to have to make decisions that our officials and athletes have to quickly make. I see too often parents charging the work crew pointing out missed points and supposed bad calls. I hope this eliminates a lot of these issues.

What are your favorite events, and how do you want to see them grow?

The Badger Region Champion-

ships is my favorite event run by the Badger Region. It's awesome to see the players faces in awe as they first step into the Wisconsin Center. The Badger Region does a great job at promoting this event as it continues to grow. With all the players and families that attend this big event it would be great to see some introduction clinics for the younger siblings of the players or possibly education clinics for the parents on volleyball.

Do you like tournaments or do you like practices?

Definitely practice. You can do more instruction. Tournaments will be more enjoyable and less stressful if you have put in the practice time. Practice is simply the only way to get better.

What influenced you to coach?

While loving the many sports I participated in I was always fascinated in the coaching aspect. To

this day I remember every coach I had whether it was in a good way or bad way. Too often I hear athletes say "I never learned that skill or position." I can relate as I grew early and as a fifth grader stood 5'6. I was the middle on the volleyball team and the center on my basketball team. Coaches did not teach me to pass or dribble a ball.

As eighth grade approached and other athletes started to catch up to my height and grow taller I needed to learn those skills and was behind. I knew when I became a coach I would make sure my athletes were taught all fundamentals. I feel a good coach works with each player to be the best athlete they can possibly be by teaching the right techniques while offering valuable lessons about teamwork, hard work and competition and by educating parents on the sport. Which for volleyball is not the sport most parents are familiar with.



Heather Curley

Region Championships, Qualifier fast approaching

Club directors and coaches have been busy registering for the Badger Region Championships and Qualifiers that will be taking place this winter/spring.

As of 11 a.m. on Jan. 18, there were 440 teams registered across the three weekends of the Badger Region Championships.

Some of the division also were at capacity already.

This year, the Championships are being capped at 16 teams in the Open Divisions and 32 teams in the Club Divisions.

Any teams that did not register in time for these divisions would be moved to the new Badger Division which was designed to accommodate additional teams in this ever-growing tournament.

There is still room in some of the divisions if club directors are still looking to get in the event.

Thanks to the new format and the expansion to three weekends, the Badger Region Championships will take place all

under one roof at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee this year (no off-site locations).

In regards to the Badger Region Qualifiers, all divisions still have availability.

As of Jan. 18, all divisions (except the G12 and G13 division) had enough teams to make them a two-day tournament.

A minimum of 10 teams is required to make it a two-day tournament.

Numbers are being tracked for club directors to see at <http://badgervolleyball.org/events-badger-region-qualifier/>

Not all teams at the Badger Region Qualifier will compete on both days of the tournament. Only teams who finish high in pool play on Day 1 of the Qualifier will move on to Day 2 of the event.

This year's Qualifiers will take place at Center Court in Waukesha and the new Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls.

Questions? Contact 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/>

Serve United program gets parents involved

The groundwork for a new program has been laid to further the Badger Region's mission to have athletes, coaches, parents and officials work together to grow the sport of volleyball and enhance everyone's experience at volleyball events.

The Badger Region staff, its board of directors and its advisory chairpersons see a great deal of benefit in this new program, title Serve United, that encourages parents to assist with "work crew" responsibilities at tournaments and other duties as the club sees needed.

As part of the Serve United program, parents can register using the discounted Badger Region Serve United membership in Webpoint, get certified as a scorer and also learn about line judging or libero tracking via the free online tutorials available through the USA Volleyball Academy. 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 Serve United 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 after completing the training module.
- USAV/ Badger Region parent members can keep Score/Libero



Track during assigned "work" matches after completing the training modules.

- USAV/ Badger Region parent members may decide to continue to be involved after their players "graduate" and become USAV Certified Officials — maybe once their son or daughter has completed their career on the junior circuit.

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

According to the results of the 2016 State of the Badger Region Survey, parents/coaches/athletes said they would like to see more time in between matches for athletes to recover. While there are time constraints for tournaments and facilities, this program is one great way for parents to get involved to help keep the tournament moving while also providing

additional time for their team's athletes.

It's also a great opportunity for parents to step in and know what it's like to have to make the snap decisions that officials and athletes have to make on the court every play. It's always easier to ref from the sidelines — so why not step onto the court where your decisions can have a real impact.

This program doesn't allow parents to sit on a team's bench unless they are also IMPACT certified. IMPACT is the minimum certification required by USA Volleyball and the Badger Region for all coaches. (For more on IMPACT, see www.badgervolleyball.org.)

The Badger Region will fully reimburse parents who do the following:

- Purchase a USA Volleyball/ Badger Region Serve United membership (\$27) between now and April 1
- Clear their first USA Volleyball background screening (\$18),

good for two seasons

- Certify as a scorer via the USAV Academy online referee training (free)
- Take the online classes for line judging and libero tracking (free)
- Take the SafeSport online awareness class (free)
- Serve their team at matches in the various capacities
- Email Brian Sharkey (brian@badgervolleyball.org) that you are starting your certifications
- Fill out the form that is on our website once you have completed your requirements (a copy of the form is attached to this email)

All participants who complete the tasks listed above will receive a "Badger Region —Serve United" T-shirt to help promote the program and encourage more adults to become active in their club's responsibilities to make tournament experiences better.

While this program hopes to grow the number of active adults and potential future referees, not all parents of every player in the Badger Region can be reimbursed. Therefore, we must limit the number of adults who receive full reimbursements to the first 100 parents who sign up (limit of 10 parents from the same club). Dependent on the success of the program, additional funding may be available.

To sign up, go to the Badger Region website (www.badgervolleyball.org) and click on the "Serve United" program. For parents new to USAV/Badger Region who need to sign up for a membership, go to www.badgervolleyball.org and click on the blue membership button in the upper right corner.

Are your team's jerseys compliant with the rules?



We had two reports of illegal uniforms this past weekend.

In both cases, the uniform was deemed illegal due to the improper placement of the number on the front of the jersey. The number was positioned on the left shoulder area, not "...centered (both horizontal-ly and vertically) on the player's

chest..." as described in rule USAV 4.3.3.1.a.

Please check your clubs' uniforms for proper number placement and contact me immediately if you discover that they are incorrect.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Momsen, Referee Chair (BadgerRefChair@yahoo.com).



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on something specific you are trying to work on. If you don't ask for the feedback or help, you may not automatically receive any. Other referees don't know you yet and don't know if you will just accept feedback if you don't request it.

- I learned that stiff and rigid doesn't always portray professional. It was suggested to me to relax a little more in my stance. I look like I may tip over. Another thing that was mentioned to me, which I didn't realize was a bit over the top until it was mentioned, was my jewelry. I have medium size hoops that I always wear and a silver bracelet. It was suggested that, if I didn't wear these items, I would look more professional. I would still have on some jewelry, but less is more.

- 13 year-old girls can set and attack from the back-row very effectively. (13s Open pool play between two teams that eventually played each other again in the semi-finals)

- Referees from throughout the country vary, sometimes greatly, even among Nationals, on their judgment regarding sanctions. Some are overtly quick to pull a card when questioned about anything. Some never pull a card even after significant verbal warnings (e.g. warning teams about encroaching upon the court multiple times in the same set without issuing a delay sanction). It is important to include this in a pre-match discussion and agree to adapt as teammates.

What were the top three items for you to work on?

- Present your call - hold your signal longer for everyone to see.
- Work on your footwork and transitions for R2. It makes the rest come much easier.
- Don't forget to anticipate the game. Recognize when it would be a good time for a timeout. Be ready for the coach to call it.
- As R2, I want to stand square to the court until I transition where I will slightly move my inside leg back to angle my body enough to see. I also need to find the perfect position away but close to the standard so that I can

see all of the necessary lines.

- Something else I want to work on is confidence. I found the more matches I did without problems the more confidence I had. I want to start each match with confidence. I am proud to say that a coach believed I did such a good job, the coach talked to the head table about it.

- One more ongoing focus I have is scanning the line judges after each point not just the ones I needed help with.

- R2 - Facilitate the flow of the referee crew, teams, and game, enabling each to enter and maintain their peak zone.

- R2 - Find a sweet spot between appearing militaristic and appearing relaxed with transitions and techniques.

- R2 - Improve both actual and perceived assistance with potential back row attacks/blocks.

What are the top three things for Regional Candidates to know?

- Work every match you can. The more work the better chance you have to improve.

- Pick specific things or a thing to work on. Set realistic, attainable goals. It may only be one thing, but choosing one will help you stay on track. Too many different things at the same time may be much too hard to keep track of, let alone work on.

- Remember that officiating is like playing on a team. The R1, R2, Line judges, and Score table. Utilize everyone. It will make the game flow smoother and working together makes everyone's job easier.

- Ask for feedback, and DON'T BE AFRAID! Just go for it. Becoming a Badger Regional Referee has opened a lot of new experiences for me that I would never have if I didn't try for my Regional Rating. I can't wait to see how my season goes this year to see if I can/should try for my Junior National this season.

- I look forward to going back to nationals next year. It was such a great experience that it inspires me to increase my level as a Scorekeeper, referee both college and USA, and line judge.

- Everyone makes mistakes. Don't dwell on them as negatives. See each one as a positive opportunity for growth.

- Every person on the court has a role to play. Perform your role to the best of your abilities, and allow the crew members, coaches, players, and fans to perform their roles to the best of their abilities.

- Strive to be the referee that colleagues want as a partner.

- Remind yourself why you are a referee prior to stepping on the court before each match.

What was your top "Ahh-haa!" moment?

- My most recent Ahh-haa moment came at the PAVO camp. I was R1 for the Ohio State vs. Purdue match. The first set ended with a reaching over fault against Ohio State. The Ohio State Coach was vehement, confronting the R2. We addressed the Coach for a few seconds, then I whistled the end of set. After the match, we were debriefing with our observer. The Ohio State Coach interrupted the debrief and said something similar to: "I want to apologize for my outburst. Nice job. Always remember, it's ONLY a volleyball game". I believe that was his way of reminding us that we're all in this together, for the good of the game.

- My biggest Ahh-haa moment was the first time I walked into the room with all of the courts and teams and seeing how big it really was. Everyone tells you how it will be and what to expect, but you never really "get it" until you are there! I can't say enough positive things about this experience!

- Biggest Ahh-haa moment was realizing that I truly have the skill and training to be at the level required for GJNC. It really made me value my mentors and supporters in the Badger Region.

In closing...

Thank you to Lexi, Alex, and Ron for sharing their thoughts. In our next column, we'll hear from our two newest Junior National Referees — Jim Arts and Teague Prichard.

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!

Let's make it a great 2017!

Reffing shout-outs

I'd like to issue gold stars to the entire **Racine Juniors 14-1** girls team for their efforts as a work crew. They impressed me with their teamwork and attention throughout the match. They really stepped up when the unexpected happened: Team S served, a long rally followed, and Team S won the point. Forgetting that they had just served that rally, Team S rotated positions, and a wrong server served. The score table and R2 alertly caught the fault and quickly jumped into our pre-match procedures. It was a pleasure to work with such a good crew.

Referee Ron Kolash

I wanted to do a shout out to **Capital 11 Adidas**. I had the honor of working with them twice today. The girls did a great job wanting to learn more. They took correction super well and they were so on top of things while reffing. But they also took their time to make sure that they were doing things correctly. They also asked questions and were a pleasure to have on my court.

**River City Club Director
Kristin Kaczmarek**

I'd like to give a shout-out to the **Lake Geneva VBC G15s**. I was observing referees at the UW-Whitewater tournament on Sunday, and sat down near the score table where the Lake Geneva team was working. The coaches were at the score table as well, working with their players. They reviewed/reminded the workers what needed to be done and gave positive encouragement as the match progressed. Jill sounded like a clinician! She used the proper verbiage and explained not only what needed to be done, but included WHY it needed to be done! Plus, everyone was having a good time!! AWESOME job everyone!

**Badger Region Official
Chair Jim Momsen**



Officials now eligible for Provisional Plus rating

Another referee certification level? What's up with that?

As announced on Tuesday morning via ZebraMemo, Badger Region is happy to formally announce the Badger Region Provisional Plus Official certification.

So, what is it?

The Provisional Plus Official certification is an extension of the Provisional Referee certification.

Why is Badger Region implementing it?

The Provisional Plus Official certification is intended to recognize a Provisional Referee's commitment to volleyball officiating, demonstration of advanced and additional skills, and supporting the Badger Region.

Why are we implementing it now?

The Provisional Plus Official certification program is being implemented at this time in order to provide a full season for those pursuing the certification to qualify.

What are the qualifications?

There are four items that need to be satisfied in order to qualify for the Provisional Plus Official certification:

1. Has been assigned to, by the Badger Region Officials' Assigner, and completed, four Badger Region tournaments.

2. Has achieved a Badger Region Scorer Certification of Provisional or greater.

3. Has passed an observation/feedback session by a certified Badger Region trainer this season.

4. Has "Given a Day of Service" to the Badger Region. Examples:

- Offer four hours as a volunteer at the "Dale Rohde Memorial tournament"

- Assist with the new parent certification program

- Mentor two in-training officials

- Work at a Special Olympics Volleyball event

- Other service will be considered on an individual basis with approval of the Region Referee Chair

How do I apply?

Apply via an online application on the Badger Region webpage (location TBD)

Will I need to recertify for the Provisional Plus Official certification?

Yes. The requirements need to be completed annually in order to maintain the Provisional Plus Official certification

How will I be recognized as a Badger Region Provisional Plus Official?

The Provisional Plus Official will:

- Receive a gold-colored pin to be worn on the Provisional Referee patch

- Be posted on the Badger Region website

- Be published in the Badger Region Beacon

- Be noted by the Badger Region Officials' Assigner

- Other benefits are being discussed

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Momsen, Referee Chair (BadgerRefChair@yahoo.com), or Larry Schoenick, Officials Assigner (BadgerOfficialsAssigner@gmail.com).

IMPACT: Learn how to spy on your opponent

By BJ LeRoy

Badger Region Board Member

Have you seen coaches drape blankets over the net to work on "reaction time"? Maybe a coach stands on a box and rockets balls at the players, for the same reason. Consider that human reaction time is about two-tenths of a second. That isn't much room for a major improvement. So how to top players seem to "react" so much faster?

They aren't. They're reacting sooner.

After understanding reaction time, some coaches then want to believe in "natural instincts". Likely also false. Our top players are expert readers; they look through the net and watch the opponent for clues about what they will do with the ball. Simply stated, if you are waiting to react to the ball, you have likely already lost the point.

Some coaches believe that "reading" is the most important skill in volleyball. Many hours are dedicated to studying what clues the setters, hitters and servers give away, telling us where they will send the ball. We come up with phrases like "ball setter ball hitter" for our blockers, so they learn the correct places to look for clues.

Most young players simply hit straight along their approach line. Armed with those ideas, it gets easier to "react" to your opponent.

According to Peter Vint's study for the USOC, it takes approximately 0.25 to 0.54 seconds for a ball to go from the hitter's hand to the digger on a hard driven ball. Not very long. Yet the hitter takes nearly two seconds to run, jump and swing, which is nearly everything we need to see to know where the hitter intends to hit. Two seconds is a long time to adjust to

the opponent's attack.

In our gym, we call it "spying" on the other team. It seems like a big secret to look through the net, and watch what they are doing. Certainly, it's how the game is intended to be played. William G. Morgan's fifth of seven "helps" in playing the game, written with the original rules in 1897 says: "Watch the play constantly, especially the opponents."

To sharpen your player's reaction time and instincts, teach them to spy on the other team.

You are the Magic: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/2017/January/04/You-Are-The-Magic>



Important tournament dates to know on the USAV calendar

USAV Girls 18U National Championships in Dallas, Texas

* G18s: April 21-23

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

USAV Open and PVL Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.

* May 26-31

(Dates vary by age/division) Registration opens on Jan. 17, 2017, for all divisions.

USAV Girls Junior National Championships in Minneapolis.

* 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)

USAV Boys Junior National Championships in Columbus.

* All ages: July 1-July 8

Registration opens Jan. 7, 2017.

USA Volleyball High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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 its respective events in order to create a comprehensive tour schedule for participating athletes.

Additional information on the tour can be found at www.AmericanBeachTour.com.

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)

Jun 10-11: Badger Region Tour Stop -- The Cheese Curd Classic (Center Court, Waukesha, Wis.)

Jun 10-11: Dig the Beach Volleyball Series (Delray Beach, FL)

Jun 10-11: Elite Beach ABT (Daytona

Beach, FL)

Jun 14-15: East Coast All-Star Championships (Tavares, FL)

Jun 17: GEVA ABT Open (Coney Island Boardwalk — Brooklyn, NY)

Jun 17: SSOVA Beach Tour (Clearwater Beach, FL)

Jun 17-18: Iowa Open (The Sands Volleyball Club — Des Moines, IA)

Jun 17-18: P1 Beach Series (Mansfield, TX)

Jun 17-18: Kansas City Open (Volleyball Beach Kansas City, MO)

Jun 24-25: Dig the Beach Volleyball Series (Tavares, FL)

Jul 8: Elite Beach ABT (Daytona Beach, FL)

Jul 8-9: Ocean Shores Beach Blast Super Qual. (Ocean Shores, WA)

Jul 8-9: Dig the Beach Volleyball Series (Siesta Key, FL)

Jul 15-16: SSOVA Beach Tour (Clearwater Beach, FL)

Jul 15-16: VBVB Summer Series (Vero Beach, FL)

July 16: Windy City Open (Montrose Beach Chicago, IL)

Jul 22-23: Dig the Beach Volleyball Series (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)

Jul (Exact Date TBA): ABT Junior Championships (Hickory Point Beach Tavares, FL)

Register now for boys clinics

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.).

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. The clinic will begin about 20 minutes after the conclusion of this match.

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. The clinic will begin about 20 minutes after the conclusion of this match.

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 clinic will begin about 20 minutes after the conclusion of this match.

Have questions? Contact Badger Region program director at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 414-313-9055.

Show sportsmanship, win a prize

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.

MARQUETTE VOLLEYBALL

Summer camps 2017



YOUTH DAY CAMP
Grades Entering 3-6
• June 26- June 28

VOLLEY SCHOOL CAMP
Grades Entering K-3
• June 26- June 27

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Grades Entering 4-8
• June 26- June 27

ALL SKILLS CAMP
Grades Entering 6-10
• June 28- June 30

COLLEGE-PREP CAMP
Grades Entering 8-12
• July 9-July 11

POSITIONAL DAY CAMP
Grades Entering 8-12
• July 12-July 13

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Varsity and JV Teams
• July 14-July 16

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Pointers ID Clinic	May 12
Hitter-Setter-Libero Camp	July 9-11
Night School Volleyball Academy	July 11-13
Pointers Coaching Clinic	July 14
Pointers Team Camp	July 14-16
Summer Pointer Pups	July 17-18
Defense/First Contact Camp	July 19
Pointers Elite/Prospect Camp	July 28-30



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All Skills Volleyball Camps

Girls Grades 5th-12th

July 9 - 12, July 12 - 15, July 16 - 19

Position Volleyball Camp

Girls Grades 8th-12th
July 19 - 22

Junior All Skills Volleyball Camp

Girls Grades 3rd-6th
July 19-22

Boys All Skills Volleyball Camp

Boys Grades 5th-12th
July 6-8

Sand Volleyball Camp

Girls Grades 7th-12th
June 3

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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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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. The Badger Region Adult Championships will be on April 1.

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 Center Court in Waukesha 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 10-11: Badger Cheese Curd Classic of the American Beach Tour in Waukesha. See details on Page 4.

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 WVA Trailblazers 12s show off their hardware at an event recently. Email photos 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:

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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.

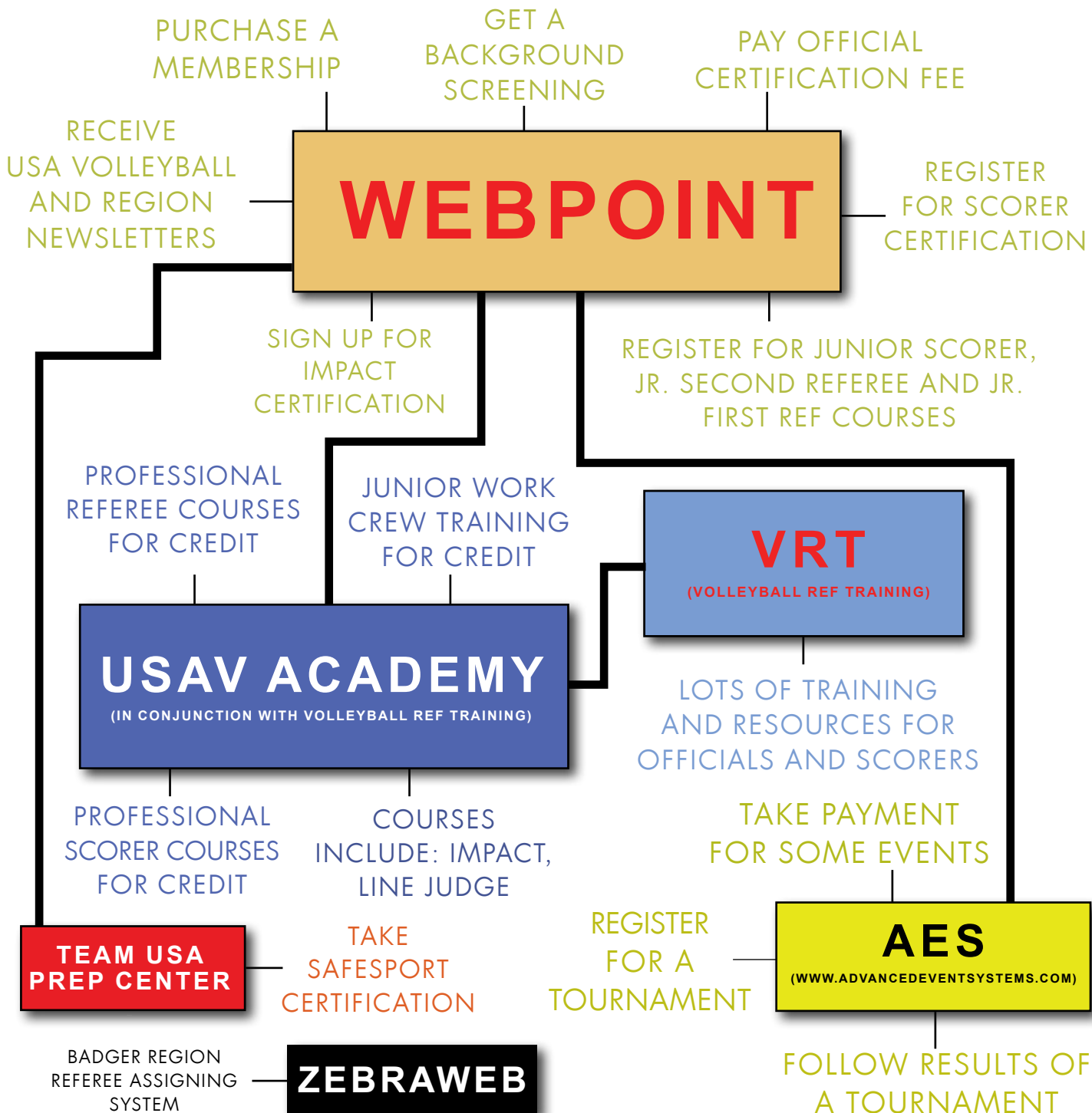
It's amazing how we got along before computers, cellphones and databases. Let alone, Instagram.

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.



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you are also able to connect and engage with others that are there listening alongside of you.

The two most interesting sessions that I sat in both happened to be led by coaches from Ohio State.

The first was led by Pete Hanson from Ohio State, the 2016 NCAA Men's Division I National Champions. The session was called The Risk/Reward Psychology of Serving in the Men's Game. In looking at their season and success last year, he points to their aggression from the service line. He said they NEVER mention missed serves in their gym. When their kids don't have the pressure of worrying about missing, it opens up their minds to focus on their serve.

Of course they do a lot of serving practice as well (which is underrated by most teams). One of the things they looked at with their servers was what happens when you serve it in. If you make every serve, but the other team scores every time, then does it matter that you made your serve?

My point is this: Perhaps think twice with your kids/athletes when talking about serving, and think twice before you say "we have to make our serves" or "just serve it in".

PERHAPS THINK TWICE WITH YOUR KIDS/ATHLETES WHEN TALKING ABOUT SERVING, AND THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU SAY "WE HAVE TO MAKE OUR SERVES" OR "JUST SERVE IT IN."

The other session that I enjoyed, was actually my favorite of the weekend, had nothing to do with volleyball skill or technique at all believe it or not. It was led by Geoff Carlston, the Head Women's Volleyball Coach at Ohio State University. This particular session was called Culture Drills: A New Lens to Transform How Your Team Sees the Game.

This was an on-court presentation and had a group of 12 strangers that were playing volleyball, a regular 6v6 wash drill. The main focus was not the actual volleyball that was being played, but the interaction between all of the players on the court. At first when Geoff told them to be engaging, make eye contact, make body contact with

each other, it was often forced and uncomfortable (sound familiar with many of your teams?).

However as the session went on, and the demonstrators started to focus on those things, communication improved and the awkwardness went away. He said that they do this in their gym every day, and you score points based upon positive interactions instead of actually winning rallies.

One of the biggest points that he made was to not only be look to your teammates for support, but also to make yourself available to your teammates on the court. Often times when our teammates make mistakes, they tend to shy away from the rest of their team, that's when you need to bring them in.

His last reference that stuck with me was this: Don't be an Eeyore! For those that don't follow, Eeyore is that sad, dopey donkey from "Winnie the Pooh." We've all seen that kid on the court after they make a mistake, don't let it happen. He said they don't like Eeyores in their gym, they like Poohs and Tiggers. Use this reference with your kids, it's fun, it's like, and it's something that is totally relatable.

All in all, I learned a ton throughout the weekend, got to connect with a lot of great people, and I will definitely be going to Kansas City next year!



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Middle School Skills Camp

grades 6-8 | July 9-11

COMMUTER OR OVERNIGHT

Youth Skills Clinic

grades 1-3 | July 12-13

grades 4-6 | July 12-13

COMMUTER

Setter-Hitter Clinic

grades 7-10 | July 14

COMMUTER

Defensive Specialist/ Libero Clinic

grades 9-12 | July 15

COMMUTER

High School Skills Camp

grades 9-12 | July 16-19

COMMUTER OR OVERNIGHT

Advanced Setter-Hitter Clinic

grades 10-12 | July 21

COMMUTER

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July 21-23

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June 23 : Men's and Women's **Doubles** (A, BB, B Divisions*)

June 24 : Men's and Women's **Triples** (AA, A, BB, B Divisions*)

June 25 : Boys and Girls **Quads** (U12, U14, U16 Divisions*)

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