

Online ref training for juniors

One way that clubs can meet the requirement to certify all their coaches and athletes in the art of refing is to have them take a series of online courses through Webpoint and USAV Academy.

Clubs also have the option to bring in a Certified Professional Official at a cost or do the training on their own.

Athletes/coaches looking to do the online can follow these steps below:

1. Log into Webpoint
2. Scroll down the left side blue rail and click on the "+" next to "Region Clinics"

3. Scroll down and click on Region Ref/Score Clinics
4. Click on:

* Badger Junior Scorer Training (BG17_101-BG17) – online

* Badger Junior Second Referee Training (BG17_102-BG17) – online

5. Once registered, click on **USAV Academy** and complete training.

If you have issues viewing the videos, make sure "pop-ups" are not blocked on your computer. Also, at any time you need to get back into your video that you had to stop, you can do directly to www.usavolleyballacademy.org, enter your login information and then click on "My Account" to view any videos that were in progress.

The Badger Region does not oversee the content and administration system that goes into USAVAcademy.org (where you take the actual course), so it is often difficult for us to assist users if they hit hurdles.

The best way to do have problems fixed is to fill out a "Help Desk Ticket" by clicking on the "Help" button when you are on the USAVAcademy.org website.

Thanks for understanding. Have a great season.

THE BADGER BEACON



Carthage, Marian, MSOE to host 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.

Register for all at www.badger-volleyball.org.

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. 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.

TIPS & TIDBITS

* How was attendance at the 2016 NCAA Div. 3 Women's Volleyball Championships hosted at UW-Oshkosh?

- Quarterfinal 1: 162 (Nov. 17)
- Quarterfinal 2: 263 (Nov. 17)
- Quarterfinal 3: 332 (Nov. 17)
- Quarterfinal 4: 398 (Nov. 17)
- Semifinal 1: 444 (Nov. 18)
- Semifinal 2: 520 (Nov. 18)
- Finals: 516 (Nov. 19)

All four quarterfinals went to five sets. They started at 12:30 p.m. and got done at 11:55 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17.



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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.

Volleyball isn't just a hobby for some of us

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 Southeast Representative Holly Vogelsang.

My name is Holly Vogelsang and I am in my first term as a Badger Region board member as the Southeast Rep. I graduated from UW-La Crosse in May of 2015 and now live in Pewaukee.

Volleyball has been a source of structure for almost my entire life, as I grew up watching my parents play in various rec volleyball leagues and eventually started playing myself. When I graduated from Pewaukee High School in 2010 I was determined that I was done playing competitive volleyball. Low and behold I decided to try out for the club



Holly Vogelsang

volleyball team at UW-La Crosse, which is an option I never even knew existed until I arrived on campus. I ended up making the team and continued playing until I graduated. Throughout my years at UW-La Crosse I quickly realized how foolish I was to think I would cut all volleyball ties after high school. I became president of the club (essentially the coach and club director) and then discovered that we were part of a conference called the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference (WVC; www.wvcweb.org). While I was still in school, I became the Women's Division Coordinator and am currently on the board of directors as well. The WVC is the collegiate club volleyball conference for the state of Wisconsin (and some surrounding state schools) and provides an

organized and college-like playing experience for those athletes who don't want the commitment of playing college athletics.

In addition to helping out the WVC I am also a coach for Milwaukee Sting and Brookfield Central High School. I will be coaching a boy's club team this year for the first time, and I am very excited to add something new to my volleyball repertoire. Someday, I would also like to add a career path in volleyball to my list of volleyball involvement. Whether playing, coaching, or on a board of directors, volleyball has taught me discipline, time management, and leadership skills, and I am very excited that I have the opportunity to help other people have positive experiences like I did.

I think the Badger Region has done an excellent job of promot-

ing and trying to grow both boys volleyball throughout the state, as well as adult volleyball. However, I do not think we have reached the ceiling for either of these programs, and I can't wait to see how they continue to grow over the coming years.

Since this is my first term, I have not heard from many junior teams, however, I have helped mentor many college club teams with any questions they have. I check my email constantly, which makes email the best way to reach me. Although I'm only 25 and new to my Badger Region role, I am not afraid to ask questions and help others solve problems they may be having. I have met most of my closest friends through volleyball, and I am excited knowing I have numerous opportunities to continue meeting great people from this sport.

Region Championships, Qualifier open registration

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

As of 11 a.m. on Jan. 5, there were 389 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 MOST 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 11 a.m. on Jan. 5, 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/>

USA Volleyball names new CEO

By **Bill Kauffman**
USA Volleyball

USA Volleyball has announced the hiring of sports media, marketing and business executive Jamie Davis as the chief executive officer of the sport's national governing body, effective immediately.

Davis becomes the seventh CEO of USA Volleyball, and the first to come from outside the existing USA Volleyball leadership.

"I am pleased to welcome Jamie Davis to lead USA Volleyball into new areas of business that will strengthen our 40 Regional Volleyball Associations, support the competitive excellence of our national teams, and continue to support our development in all areas of beach, indoor and sitting volleyball in the United States," USA Volleyball Board of Directors Chair Lori Okimura said. "We are embarking on a period of unlimited potential for USA Volleyball in reshaping the business of our sport and taking full advantage of the resources that Jamie brings to the table that will help us reach the next level."

"I am thrilled to be joining USA Volleyball and believe the organization is at a very exciting point in its development," Davis said. "I look forward to working with the board, the United States Olympic Committee, the 40 Regional Volleyball Associations, athletes, coaches, officials and sponsors as well as the international volleyball community to grow the participation and popularity of this sport in America."

Davis' vast business and media pedigree includes founding his own company, Jomadrew Sports and Entertainment, LLC, as his latest entrepreneur endeavor after leading Fanatics, Inc., the world's largest online retailer of officially licensed sports merchandise.

Earlier in his career, Davis served as president of television network Versus (now rebranded as NBC Sports Network), along with several roles within News Corporation such as president of China



and managing director of ESPN STAR Sports. His entry into the television world started with CBS Sports as its finance manager before joining the launch team of Fox Sports and serving as its vice president of finance.

"I am excited to share my background in sports media, e-commerce and technology to provide fresh insights into the USA Volleyball organization," Davis said. "I look forward to reaching our constituents through new media channels; developing fresh marketing and brand awareness for the organization, the regions and our athletes; creating new sponsorship opportunities; and growing grassroots participation from the ground up with the goal of expanding USA Volleyball's success in international competition."

Davis, while not coming from the volleyball world, has been involved in sports media and marketing for a quarter century. He has been a key figure in successfully helping various organizations shift their marketing paradigms to how audiences use media.

"Having worked in sports for over 25 years, I have participated in and watched the industry grow and transform dramatically," Davis said. "Today, with the pace of change in digital technology, I believe that we have the ability to revolutionize how USA Volley-

ball interacts with our athletes, regions, sponsors and partners."

Davis stood out among the search process as having the qualities to help USA Volleyball meet and exceed the organization's short- and long-range goals. The Board of Directors engaged an executive search firm to work alongside its CEO Search Committee which included various representatives of each constituent group, sponsors and athletes representing all three disciplines including Misty May-Treanor, a three-time Olympic Games beach volleyball gold medalist, Tayyiba Haneef-Park, a two-time Olympic indoor volleyball silver medalist, and Brent Rasmussen, the Paralympic representative to the Board.

"The priority of the Board was to find a chief executive with prior business experience and a track record of success in key areas that align with our strategic priorities," Okimura said. "As we look ahead to the Tokyo Olympics, it is critical for us to be at the forefront of finding new revenue streams, creating events and programs to sustain our competitive excellence of our national team pipeline in all disciplines."

Davis, 50, comes to USA Volleyball from the sports consulting firm Jomadrew Sports and Entertainment where he is the president and founder. The company provides a full range of ecommerce, marketing, sports, entertainment and

media services including business development, strategic planning, digital and traditional marketing strategy/implementation, sales, leadership training, rights acquisition and relationship management services.

Among his duties, Davis taught entrepreneurship at Syracuse University where he provides training for United States armed service members in support of their transition from active duty to small business ownership and civilian life.

Prior to dedicating his full attention to Jomadrew, Davis served as president of Fanatics, Inc., the online retailer of officially licensed sports merchandise providing ecommerce, merchandising, manufacturing, marketing and fulfillment services for professional sports league and teams, collegiate athletic programs and conferences, and other major sports properties.

Davis joined Fanatics from Versus, now the NBC Sports Network, where as president he oversaw the network's day-to-day programming, production, digital media, marketing, finance and sales operations, while also directing and executing an overall strategic growth plan and vision for the network.

Prior to Versus, Davis served as managing director of ESPN STAR Sports (ESS), a joint venture between News Corporation and The Walt Disney Company. ESS was Asia's leading sports broadcaster with 15 television networks across 24 countries, including China, India, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Korea and the Philippines. Under his leadership, Davis redefined the vision for the company, transforming it from a television broadcaster to a digital multimedia content provider, and oversaw unprecedented financial growth.

Davis is a 1988 graduate of Colgate University with a bachelor of arts degree. He received his masters of business administration from New York University's Stern School of Business in 1990.



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 took place last month at Hickory Point Beach in Tavares, FL. The Badger Region tour stop, known as the Cheese Curd Classic will take place at Center Court in Waukesha June 10-11, 2017.

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 Wamelin, Heart of America Region

ABT stops in the works

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, FL)

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.)

More to come!

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

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.



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

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.

IMPACT: Motor learning principals and principles

By BJ LeRoy

Badger Region Board Member

Last week, we lost a principal in volleyball, Dr. Carl McGown. You can read about his life, influence and a good deal of volleyball history here; <http://volleyballmag.com/mcgown-dies/>. Among the many he greatly influenced; Doug Beal, USAV CEO (retired), Karch Kiraly, and Hugh McCutcheon. It's only fitting that we think about one of his many legacies, the study of motor learning.

Above all, Dr. McGown taught through principles. Many principles we teach in IMPACT are because of McGown's influence:

* Specificity – we must train the skill as it will be used in the game.

* Transfer – transfer only occurs when we perform the tasks as they happen in the match.

* Whole skills – progressions of any kind should be limited, and as close to the real skill as possible.

* State dependent learning – We must learn in the same situations we will face in the match.

* Random practice – a variety of skills, just like in the game, should be used.

* Appropriate regulatory stim-

uli – the equipment, the timing, and the things to watch have to be specific to match conditions, if you want to learn the skill.

By working through principles, rather than simply stealing someone else's drills, you will tailor your practices to what your team needs. Adjust those “stolen” drills to fit your team, and the things you need to learn.

A few more principles to consider:

* Distributed practice – vary the emphasis and the skills being worked on, rather than doing 100 in a row.

* Fatigue – players learn better when fresh. Remember, we get a little break between each and every play.

* Feedback – coach on the averages, use keys, and if at all possible, catch them doing it right.

Many volleyball coaches have asked, how do we deal with a loss so large in our sport as Dr. McGown, member of seven Olympic teams? He challenged us to observe and learn, not to guess.

Carl was famous for saying, “Do your own study,” when people asked him if his ideas would work. That's as good as any way to honor all he taught us.

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, 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)

USAV Boys Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

* All ages: July 1-July 8

Registration opens Jan. 7, 2017.

USA Volleyball High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

* All ages: July 18-22

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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.

More online:

www.badgervolleyball.org

Twitter: @BadgerRegionVB

Facebook:

Badger RegionVolleyball

Pinterest: BadgerRegionVol

Instagram: BadgerVB

Badger Region Volleyball Association

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. 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.



River City and Oconomowoc 12s had a scrimmage during winter break and sent in this great picture. 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:

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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.

