

HP tryout registration now open

One of the most-anticipated events each year is the Badger Region's High Performance Program.

Region High Performance Programs are the regional branches of USA Volleyball's National High Performance Program. Region HP Programs are operated by the USAV Region that sponsors the program in order to provide junior athletes with high-level training and skill development with some of the top coaches in that region.

This all comes at a FRACTION of the cost compared to other HP programs that are out there.

Many regions (including Badger Region) send teams to USA Volleyball's High Performance Championships, providing more athletes across the country the opportunity to compete in the highest level junior tournament available in the United States.

The HP Championships will take place July 18-22 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

This year's boys team will be coached by LJ Marx (Carthage College). At Marx's disposal will be coaches from MSOE, Marian, Lakeland and Concordia, as well as many high-level club coaches. The girls will be led by Paul Schlomer (Edgewood College) and BJ Bryant (St. Norbert).

Tryouts are March 17 for girls from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. A girls make-up date will be March 24, at which time the boys will have their tryouts as well.

Cost for the tryout will be \$40 for pre-registered (prior to 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 10) and \$70 for walk-up registration.

Online registration is now open at www.badger-volleyball.org.

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Reffing shout-outs

I would like to recognize the Central Wisconsin Volleyball Club 14 Red work crew for their exceptional efforts. This match included a wrong server, three illegal libero replacements, a delay warning, and two delay penalties in the first set alone. The remaining two sets included numerous line-up check requests, which usually revealed another pending wrong server. Throughout, this team maintained their composure, properly reporting the illegal libero replacements prior to the serve, quickly reporting the wrong server at the completion of the rally, and waiting for pending wrong servers to actually commit the fault. Meanwhile, the line judges were attentively and confidently signaling antennae faults and even a "coffin corner" ball. It was truly a pleasure to work with such an exceptional work crew during this eventful match.

Referee Ron Kolash



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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.

Passion drives all in our sport

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 Independent Board Representative Angela Lubach.

So many great things are happening in the Badger Region Volleyball Association, and I'm proud to be the Independent Board Member appointed in 2015.

My interaction with the Badger Region started well over a decade ago when I was contacted by a colleague to work a volleyball tournament as an athletic trainer. I was asked to assist at the Badger Region Championships to evaluate and treat any injuries sustained during the event. I've continued my involvement in that tournament, as well as

Angela Lubach

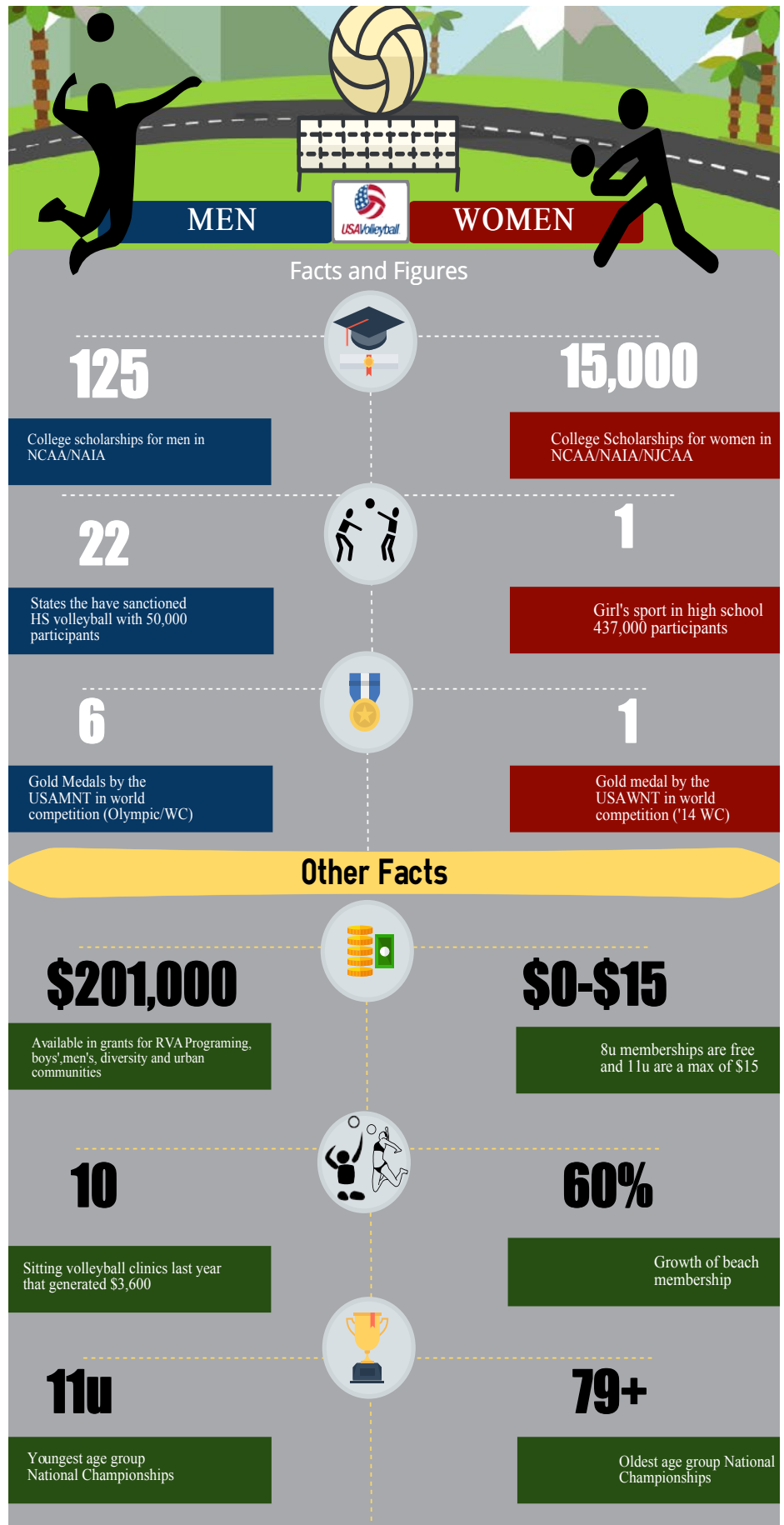
others, for many years and still work Region events as a licensed athletic trainer whenever possible. Never in all of those years did I imagine I'd later be serving on the Board of Directors.

I am now an attorney (in addition to also being an athletic trainer) and utilize my legal expertise to advise the Region's Board of Directors. While working at the events, I noticed the great things that the Region was doing. In addition to hosting the tournaments, there was always a plethora of additional coaching available, camp information to improve volleyball performance, and a fun atmosphere. Whether it was a girls event or a boys event, the kids all had fun.

This is, in large part, due to the dedication of all of the great coaches and programs throughout the Region. Whether it's a team from the northern part of Wisconsin, or down in the southeast part of the state, the enjoyment of the game and learning as a team seems to bring everyone together.

I'm appreciative of the passion that the Board members have, whether they are advocating on behalf of players, coaches, officials and score monitors, tournament development or enhanced educational opportunities, the common thread is that everyone on the Badger Region team is interested in making the best decisions for the membership and growing the game.

I would encourage everyone to reach out to your representatives to take advantage of the opportunities to meet new people and get more involved in volleyball—you can volunteer to assist your local clubs, become an official (and not just from your sideline chair!), participate in a fundraiser that directly impacts the game or simply be a positive voice during games supporting the participants. The possibilities are endless, so get out there!



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.

Mentor program gives coaches more valuable 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 knowl-

edge, 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/>

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.

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. 31, there were 450 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 Qual-

Look for our Badger Region Championships "You Pick the Logo" contest on Page 1 of this week's Badger Beacon.

ifiers, 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.

Important dates to know on the USAV calendar

USAV Girls 18-and-under 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)

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.

* B18s: July 1-July 4

* B17s: July 5-8

* B16s: July 3-6

* B15s: July 4-7

* B14s: July 2-5

* B13s: July 6-8

* B12s: July 1-3

Dates are for all divisions (Open and Club)

USA Volleyball High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

* All ages: July 18-22

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



About Adversity-Wisconsin VBC: As we enter our 16th consecutive year of quality summer series programming, our staff would like to say **Thank You** to the athletes & parents who believe in our training & support our programs! In the last 2 years our club has seen two **TOP 5 FINISHES** at AAU nationals & had 4 out of 5 teams finishing in the **top 25** in 2016. Based on your feedback, all athletes will sign up by grade in 2017. Various assistants, head coaches & returning staff will lead this year's 7 Week programs per below:

Summer Series Days June 12 – July 27 \$375

This 7 week instructional program offers an approach to all skills within a competitive environment.

SESSION	LOCATION	INDOOR	GRADE/AGE	DAYS	TIME
1	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 2-5	Monday & Wednesday	7:30 – 9:30am
2	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 2-5	Monday & Wednesday	7:30 – 9:30am
3	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 5-8	Monday & Wednesday	10:00 – Noon
4	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 5-8	Monday & Wednesday	1:00 – 3:00pm
5	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	7:30 – 9:30am
6	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 – Noon
7	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 – 3:00pm
8	ATC	Indoor - Court	Privates w/Pauers	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 – 3:00pm

No training on July 3rd or 4th in Honor of our Nation's Independence.

Summer Series Nights June 26 – August 10 \$375

This 7 week instructional program offers an approach to all skills within a competitive environment.

SESSION	LOCATION	GENDER	AGE	DAYS	TIME
9	ATC	Boys	Grades 6-12	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 – 9:00pm (2 courts)
10	ATC	Girls	Grades 5-8	Monday & Wednesday	7:00 – 9:00pm (2 courts)

No training on July 3rd or 4th in Honor of our Nation's Independence.

Position Specific Fridays June 30 – August 11 \$225

This 7 week session is for serious athlete's that want to focus on their position of choice & strength.

SESSION	LOCATION	INDOOR/OUTDOOR	GRADE	POSITION	TIME
11	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 9-12	Defense & Setting	7:30 – 9:30am
12	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 9-12	Attacker	10:00 – Noon
13	JSP	Outdoor - Sand	Grades 8-10	Defense & Setting	7:30 – 9:30am
14	JSP	Outdoor - Sand	Grades 8-10	Attacking	10:00 – Noon

Fees are Non-Refundable: Spots filled by grade on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. Visit: AdversityWisconsin.org email coachpauers@gmail.com for all required forms.

Locations:

Adversity Training Center
N113 W18750 Carnegie
Drive Germantown, WI 53022

Jackson Sand Program
960 Pioneer Road
Jackson, WI 53037

Forms and information:



@AdversityWi



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Pair of officials earn Junior National rankings

Happy February! I sure hope the groundhog doesn't see his shadow today!

In a prior View from the Ref Stand column, we heard about the experiences and impressions of three Regional Referees who attended the 2016 USAV Girls Junior National Championships (GJNC) in Columbus, Ohio.

In this issue, we'll hear from two other referees — Jim Arts from Oconomowoc and Teague Pritchard from Middleton — who left for the 2016 GJNC as Badger Region Regional Referees, took part in an Advanced Referee Camp, participated in their rating session, and returned to the Badger Region as USAV Junior National Referees.

We asked them a few questions, and here's what they told us:

How did you feel about the assistance with your preparation for advancement within Badger Region?

JA: The Badger Region officiating staff did an excellent job preparing me for GJNC the past couple of years.

Once I submitted my intentions, I was assigned matches that would push/challenge me to be ready to be rated. The observation/feedback sessions were very helpful in fine tuning my skills, I highly recommend these to ANY official who wants to improve their skills.

TP: Badger Region provided excellent guidance, growth and mentoring, starting several years ago, and increasing attention to detail as the years progressed. There were many National and Junior National officials within the Badger Region that provided on court evaluations and feedback, but I really enjoyed and found it extremely valuable to have a primary mentor source. Someone that is open to any question, at any time, approachable, honest, will tell you what you need to work on in a positive way and not to mention goes of the way to provide opportunities (lunch, on court evals, match opportunities, etc.). At times, each official that provided feed-



Teague Pritchard at work in Wisconsin Dells.

back was slightly different and at times conflicted and having a sole source of "correctness" with the latest techniques was helpful. A mentor (and guide) that cares and communicates in this manner is one of the most important aspects to preparation.



Jim Arts

What about your ability to work matches in the Badger Region at the appropriate level?

JA: The level of play was very similar to higher matches that I have done here at the local level, there was some very good VB play and some poor VB play. Not too much out of the normal realm of matches. My suggestion for the camp is to have more observed matches... 2 matches/day is just not enough. Yes it was important to observe other matches, but I wish we would have had more opportunities to implement the suggestions we were given before the rating process started.

TP: Assignments for high pressure matches, including level of play and finals, builds confidence and a different experience than a pool play match. Coaches expect more, provide more feedback, pace of game, etc. These types of matches also provide you a personal reflection of whether you enjoy these types of matches and self-reflection on whether you are "ripe" for advance-

ment as enjoying and handling these matches. I appreciated the opportunity to work with national officials during matches of this type that provided direct feedback. Jim and Julie provided additional opportunities within and outside of Badger Region that were equally, if not more valuable (NCAA scrimmages, WVC matches, etc.). Officiating these opportunities with high-level official partners is a very important aspect from an experience and feedback perspective. I also worked a number of qualifiers and the head official also asked if there were any candidates. If yes, they were assigned with an "evaluator" and higher level matches for experience and they provided observations from afar.

Did you have opportunities to ask questions about the process and what to expect at GJNC?

TP: Yes, without a doubt. Everyone was open, friendly, professional, and approachable. I felt I could ask most any Badger Region official questions. Jim and Julie were my go-to for all questions on USAV process, expectations, etc. Jim made many open offers for mentoring and council. At least for Jim Arts and I, I felt Jim and Julie split time, focusing on us each individually but still a large team. I felt we all had each other's best interests in mind and success was a team effort.

What about your experience with the Ratings/Feedback at GJNC?

JA: Attending the premier referee camp was one of the smartest

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things I have done recently. The opportunity to showcase our skills in front of members of the USA Rating team before the actual ratings began, gave me an inside track of what specifically was being looked for and the techniques that were being implemented. The one-on-one observation meetings gave me the chance to ask questions that were specifically detailed for me. It was an actual critique of my skills/performance in rating detail form, It was exactly what I was looking for.

I had the pleasure of attending the Camp, and going through the rating session with fellow Badger official Teague Pritchard. I feel this gave us a great "sounding board" for each other's questions and techniques. We have attending a previous GJNC together and knew what to expect going in. It was just another thing that we didn't have to worry about, we traveled and stayed together for both the camp and rating process. Everything went smooth (except for the snoring!).

Did your opportunity to attend a GJNC National Championship as a Regional help this regard?

TP: Yes, one time. 2014 Extremely valuable experience. Provides a "view" of the experience you may be looking for, the level of expectations and level of play. During the tourney the feedback from national officials after each match was excellent and continue with me today. Officiating nationals without the feedback of national officials would not be nearly as valuable (e.g. just another match) This could be considered a "must" before seeking advancement to the Jr. National level.

JA: I had the opportunity to work the past (2) GJNC tournaments and feel that my experiences there provided me with a certain comfort level. I knew what to expect and could "worry"

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only about what I needed to do. I highly recommend that anyone considering advancement to Jr. National seriously consider working the GJNC the year before they get rated. The experience is well worth the time.

Was there a benefit in attending an Advanced Camp before the Ratings?

JA: Extremely high. The camp focused on the details, the protocol. The on-court evaluations identified a number of elements to work on that will be scored during ratings. It set the level of expectation in terms of details, what they look for and the level of importance. I wish we had the opportunity to officiate a few matches during the camp to apply the learned techniques in between sessions.

TP: The camp provided the latest techniques and points of emphasis. Attending the camp "should be required" in Badger Region for all candidates to help ensure success.

Was there a benefit of attending the rating session with another Badger Region Candidate?

TP: Extremely high, before, during and after. One of the most important factors. A Wisconsin partner provides an opportunity to share stories, feedback received differently, ask each other for



'I feel very fortunate to have the Badger Region's leadership and support and commitment

-- Jim Arts and Teague Pritchard
(Referees)

feedback and clarification. It also helps during preparation including double-checking registration deadlines, applications, travel logistics, etc.

Pairing candidates with similar styles, demeanor, attitude, and "fit" is extremely important. I was very fortunate to be paired with a top-notch candidate. It could be challenging with officials from other regions with different goals, styles, etc.

Was the level of play in your ratings matches what you expected? At a lower level? At a high level?

TP: Yes, generally. It was actually a little higher than what I was expecting.

I was also surprised how little time was spent on critiquing the "judgment areas" of ball handling, catch and throws, etc. Best guess is they expect you to know that before advancing to this level.

Was the experience worth it?

Yes by all means. The entire process is a commitment but, by

all means, a noticeably different level of expectation, professionalism, and attention to detail. It also makes you want to learn more, and work on the latest techniques and the art of the game.

JA: All in all, the experience was definitely worth it. A good level of stress, but it was good stress, it pushed our capabilities to a new level and I think we are better officials for it. Now it is our responsibility to pass on our new skills/experience to other officials in Badger Region. It's a team effort!

How could we do a better job in preparing referees for advancement?

JA: An item that I feel we should be informed/trained more is protocol. We rarely use rosters in tournaments that we work here locally and training is needed for a lot of officials in this area. Adherence to protocol is a must at GJNC and we need to be comfortable with the standard operating procedures. It saves time and people watch this, especially when getting rated.

What we normally do at local tournaments is not sometimes accepted at Nationals.

Another opportunity for improvement would be to work with the Badger Region Assigner well in advance of the rating year to schedule targeted tournneys and secure dates (progression reffing) well in advance. Also, to be assigned with a national observer or work directly with another Jr. National candidate.

Any other comments you would care to share?

TP: I feel very fortunate to have gone through the process and very fortunate to have the Badger Region leadership's support and commitment. I also feel a higher obligation to strive to be the best I can on and off the court as representing the Badger Region and a reflection of the individuals helping along the way. It goes without saying a huge thank you to Jim, Julie, and Jim Arts.

If you have questions, or subject matter that you would like discussed in this column, please send your items to Badger Beacon Editor Brian Sharkey - Brian@BadgerVolleyball.org.

From Julie and I, a big thank you to Jim Arts and Teague Pritchard for sharing their thoughts about their advancement journey within the Badger Region, and beyond!

Officials now eligible for Provisional Plus rating

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

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 sat-

isfied 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

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 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).



Wisconsin Juniors Volleyball

Want to improve your volleyball skills?

Join us on the beach or indoors at camps.

Beach Program

Our beach program is designed to teach and train the skills required to be successful at the game of sand doubles. Both beginner and advanced training available based on the age and experience. Our coaches will keep the focus on training with high repetition, fun and challenging drills with game like situations to develop the all around player.

Program open to all players from any club —girls ages 11 up to 18, looking to learn or improve their knowledge and skills in the game of sand doubles. Sand is a great way to improve ball control and court awareness and will significantly translate to success in the indoor game.

Some volleyball experience is recommended but not required.

For more information, visit our website or contact Evan Berg at 262-496-9100 (Cell) or email: wjrs.evan.berg@gmail.com

Summer Camp Sessions and Dates

WiJrs VolleyKidz and All-Skills Camp
June 15th, 16th, 18th, 19th

WiJrs VolleyKidz and All-Skills Camp
June 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th

WiJrs Youth and Elite Skills Series
July 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th

Charlie Berg Skills Series
July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th

Setters Academy
July 13th, 14th, 15th

Charlie Berg Youth and Elite Skills Series
July 20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th

WiJrs Skills Series
July 27th, 28th, 30th, 31st

WiJrs Beach Camp
Aug 3rd, 5th, 7th

WiJrs High School Prep Camp
Aug 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th

WiJrs Middle School Skills Series
Aug 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st

Registration & info online at
www.wisconsinjuniors.com

Visit our website to register or more information
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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 two NCAA institutions to plan a pair 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 remaining dates are as follows:

* March 4 at MSOE (Milwaukee, Wis.).

* March 25 at Marian University (Fond du Lac, Wis).

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. The clinic will be led by MSOE head coach Shane Reid, who is also assisting with the Badger Region Boys High Performance team this year.

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. The clinic will be led by Marian coach Tyler Frings, a graduate of Carthage College and longtime Badger Region member.

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



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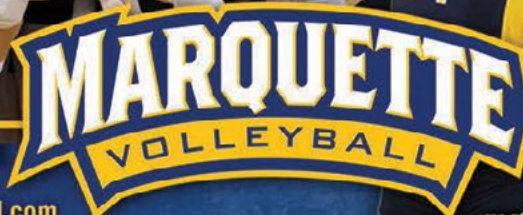
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 2.

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.



Fox West Warriors 13U show off their medals at a recent tournament. Email your photos to brian@badgervolleyball.org.



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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.

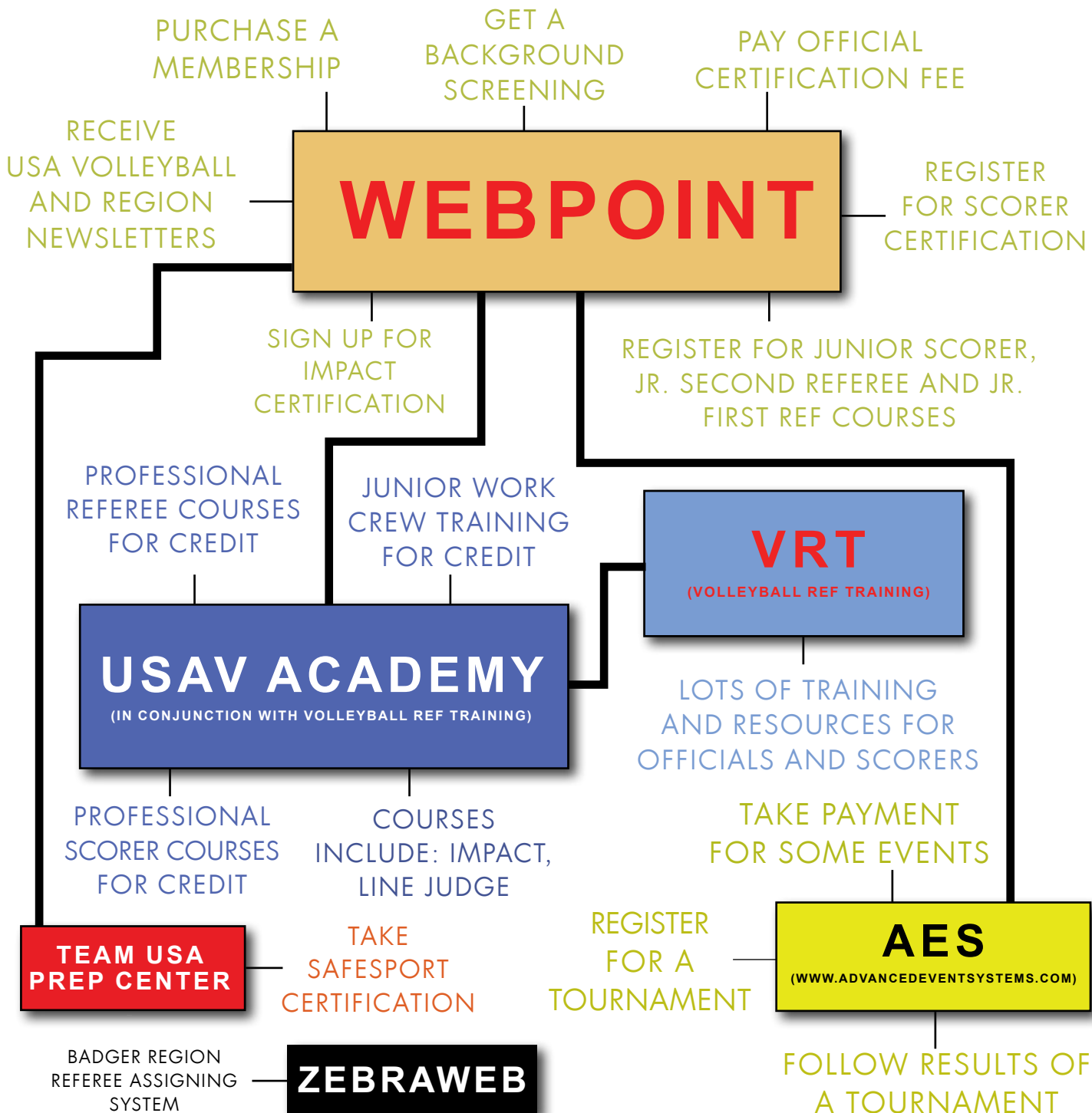
It's amazing how we got along before computers, cellphones and databases. Let alone, Instagram.

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?

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