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Teammates, coaches come to player's aid

By Brian Sharkey

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In Wisconsin, the 2017-18 season marked the first year all WIAA high school coaches were required to be CPR/AED and First Aid certified.

I took my training along with a handful of other coaches and educators in the summer, just a few weeks before the start of boys volleyball season.

Throughout the course, the lead trainer and the participants said, "if you ever have to use this training." Well that "if" became a "when" on Thursday, Nov. 30.

The time was 9:30 p.m. and the Southport B18-Blue team was scrimmaging the Southport 17-Blue team at the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha. This was the



From left, Southport B18s player Lucas Eggers, assistant coach Brad Barnes, cardiac survivor Tyler Gawlitta, Southport chaperone Kim Ellingham (parent of a B17s player), Froedert South Hospital representatives Terry Harold and Dave Piccolo pose for a photo at a Jan. 21 ceremony.

last practice and opportunity the boys would have to work together before competing in their first tournament two days later.

Things were looking great for both teams, with improvement happening on both sides of the

net. A few line-up adjustments were made with about 15 minutes to go in practice, and that is when near-tragedy struck.

Tyler Gawlitta, a senior right side hitter from Franklin High School, suddenly collapsed after

switching spots with a teammate. He appeared to raise his hand to give Lucas Eggers, a senior from Kenosha Indian Trail High School, a high five, but fell onto him when his body went limp.

Eggers was able to absorb the majority of Gawlitta's weight and gently laid him on the ground, his eyes rolled in the back of his head and his body struggling for a breath.

Players on the bench made him comfortable with the help of towel behind his head and called over the coaching staff for assistance.

Coaches from the B18-Blue and B17-Blue responded immediately, calling 911, calling parents and alerting building supervisors immediately. Teammates cleared

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TIPS & TIDBITS

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Registration for High Performance now open

Boys and girls interested in the Badger Region High Performance program can start their journey today by signing up for tryouts.

Tryouts will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. This tryout will be for boys and girls. A make-up date for girls only will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the same location.

Cost for tryouts is \$40 if paid in advance by check, \$42 if paid in advance by credit card or \$70 for walk-up registration.

This year, the Badger Region will again field a girls International Youth team (athletes born in 2002 and 2003) and a National Select team (athletes born in 2004 and 2005). Boys who were born in 2001 and 2002 will be eligible for the National Youth team the Region is putting together.

Boys who are born in 2003, 2004 and 2005 may also attend the tryout for an opportunity to be picked to participate in a two-day Badger Region High Performance camp July 14-15 at Carthage College. The Boys Select athletes will not travel to Tulsa, Okla., for the High Performance Championships in late July.

Have questions? Email Program Director Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 262-349-9785



The Badger Region High Performance team is shown while participating in the 2017 HP Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. This year, the international event will be in Tulsa, Okla.

First-year NCAA men's program hosts boys clinic

Concordia University Wisconsin's men's NCAA Div. 3 volleyball team is in its first season. And so were most of the athletes who attended a free middle school boys clinic that took place at the Mequon campus on Saturday, Jan. 20.

That was when 21 athletes ranging in age from 8 to 14 took part in the first of many clinics the Badger Region is offering in partnership with colleges and universities in Wisconsin.

Head men's coach Curtis Madson led the athletes through hitting, serving, setting and passing drills that were tailored to each individual's skill level.

And, at the conclusion, all the athletes said they learned something new from the athletes and staff who served as coaches for the clinic.

The Region's boys middle school clinic



series continues Feb. 10 with a clinic after the 1 p.m. match at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

To register, go to www.badgervolleyball.org.

Other clinics include:

* **March 3:** After the 1 p.m. match at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.

* **March 24:** After the 1 p.m. match at Marian University in Fond du Lac.

All athletes who attend must have a Badger Region/USA Volleyball membership. If participants do not have one, a free one-day membership will be given to them, but additional paperwork will be required. Medical release forms and concussion

forms will also be required.

For questions, email brian@badgervolleyball.org.



PHOTOS FROM RECENT TOURNAMENTS



Milwaukee Sting 18-Gold qualified for the Open Division of USAV Nationals Jan. 28 in Omaha.



Madison Elite 18 Boys took home the championship at the Molten Fest in Waukesha



414 Milwaukee Elite 14s won their age division at the Molten Fest Jan. 28.



Milwaukee Sting 18-Black qualified for the USA Division of USAV Nationals Jan. 28 in Omaha.



Fond du Lac Fusion 15s took second place at a recent event.



Fond du Lac Fusion 16s took first place at a recent event.

Cherish your volleyball family, memories

The Badger Beacon asks each staff and 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, the Beacon gives this space to Metro Milwaukee Rep Pati Rolf.

At this time of year, it is always fun writing for the Badger Beacon, from officiating at the local Badger Region Boys event at Center Court to working a NCAA Division 1 men's match at Lewis University as they take on California Northridge, there are so many things going on.

First, I want to say that the fans and parents have done a great job working on their code of conduct and sportspersonship. At both events, I had only one team's parents behave poorly to the officials and line judges, and when I mentioned that to them, many of them apologized after the match. This is something we can all continue to work on. As both parents and players, encourage each other to only cheer for your teams, because many of the men and women across the net will be teammates in the future on other teams and at their other colleges.

I recently spent the weekend at Judson University officiating a 23-team men's tournament. Those men had so much fun and treated the game the way it was meant to be treated. In the words of the tremendous quarterback Tom Brady, they played with "Joy and Love." The teams played with tremendous sportsmanship and treated their opponents and the officials with respect. This event was a lot of fun to officiate because of this respect for their opponents and the referees.

Secondly, I always talk about how the game is a small world and what amazing connections you can find even after decades. I was officiating an event at the Milwaukee Sting Center and a young woman came out of the stands and said, "Coach, how are you doing?" I could not believe it, Lisa was a former player of mine at University of Minnesota Duluth back in the '90s, her daughter was playing for Sting. In the same event, Sarah, who was coaching for 360 Volleyball Academy club, played ball at Marquette University for their women's club team who won five trillion National



Championships or something like that. She was coached by one of my favorite friends, and I spent some time with her and the team when I was coaching the varsity team at Marquette back in 2002-2008. Meeting old friends happens so often now, I love it.

Thirdly, I find great joy in mentoring the younger generation. The most fun I had was working with the Madison Starlings club in Madison in January. Their coaches were college students who went home during



Pati Rolf

Christmas break so I was asked if I could help fill some practices. My true love is coaching so I jumped at the opportunity. What a fun experience that was, the team was so welcoming and fun to work with. I was with them for four practices which allowed me to use some progression drills and see them develop, my hope is to go watch them play if my schedule allows. Developing volleyball across all socioeconomic groups is so important for the expansion of the game as well as the growth of community in our towns and cities, giving every child the chance to reach their full potential.

So what is happening of interest now? I am taking off to the Dominican Republic on Feb. 22

to attend a FIVB International refresher course. I have not been to the Dominican Republic and am looking forward to seeing everyone. They have a sport center and we will be staying there. This will be a tremendous opportunity to visit with fellow colleagues and see the country, as well as work on our skills as referees.

Fourth, the craziest thing that is happening is my daughter Madison who is 23 is taking off to South Korea, yes Korea. One of my best friends from FIVB officiating and whose picture you often see in international matches and on my facebook feed is from Korea, she is so kind and has offered to be like a big sister to her. This makes my husband and I feel good about her having someone if she needs anything. It is not easy being so far away from her. However, my plan is to go visit soon and see her and my friend. Oddly, I have never been to Korea, and with the Winter Olympics at the end of this month it will be a fun time for her to go. She is spending all her time now getting ready, packing, and figuring out what a teacher needs and what she will need to have organized to be living there for at least a year. I am guessing maybe a few years. I told my husband, who is a farmer at heart, to prepare for her to be gone. We may never get her back. She loves the culture in Korea and we are excited for her to teach the little ones like her brother is doing.

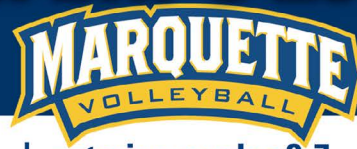
My son Graydon is an English teacher at Ronald Reagan High School here in Milwaukee, and he loves it. I think Madison is following in his footsteps; however she will be working with the little ones. She is now organizing her residency paperwork for tax purposes, working on her bank needs, clothing that a teacher is going to need, etc. I love it. Such important things to learn to do and plan. I do very little for her besides pay some bills and answer questions she may have about forms. It is so important we allow kids to do these things on their own, no matter how stressful. She has had to call the IRS and ask about tax issues, she has had to work with the Korean Embassy in Chicago to figure out what forms she will need. All of this she is more than capable of doing even though I could do it a lot faster and more efficiently, she is doing it so she can gain those skills as well. It will become less stressful in the future and it is fun for me to drive her down to Chicago, hang out as she does her thing, eat at some of the cool restaurants in Chicago like the Moon Palace Restaurant in Chinatown as well as the amazing bakery a few blocks away, Tasty Place Bakery and Café. Seriously next time your child plays in Chicago you have to go.

Finally, a thank you to all of you working on your sportspersonship. It's an important thing to take on, so please commit to it. I personally tell them to knock it off, it's embarrassing, we are at a youth event and there really is no place for it, ever. It's in the code and we know you all can do it. Coaches, players, officials and administrators appreciate the work you put in to yourself and your fellow parents and fans to help with this. When you hear someone next to you that is a part of your team, behaving against the code of your team and the code of the Olympic Spirit tell them they are representing not only themselves but the entire sport of volleyball. It is a tremendous game, we should all work to enjoy every minute of it.

No matter the issues.



MARQUETTE VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMPS 2018



youth day camp	entering grades 3-7	June 25-27
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all skills camp	entering grades 6-10	June 27-29
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positional day camp	entering grades 6-12	July 11-12
serving clinic 1	entering grades 7-8	July 11-12
serving clinic 2	entering grades 4-6	July 10
team camp	entering grades 7-12	July 13-15

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all-skills camp	entering grades 8-12	July 23-24
serving camp	entering grades 6-8	July 23

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Questions? Call 414.288.6094 or email Alexa.Rand@Marquette.edu



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July 5-7

BADGER CAMP

Grades 7-12

July 5-7

BADGER BRING IT CAMP

Grades 7-12

July 9-11

OVERNIGHT TEAM CAMP

High School Teams

July 13-15

ONE-DAY TEAM CAMP

High School Teams

July 15

POSITIONS CAMPS

Grades 6-12

July 16 or 17

SERVING CAMPS

Grades 6-12

July 16 or 17

Register at UWCamps.com/Volleyball

Wisconsin camps are open to any and all entrants.

USAV announces new, unified beach tour

USA Volleyball and its 40 Regional Volleyball Associations will jointly launch the USA National Beach Tour in 2018. The USA National Beach Tour will serve as “The officially sanctioned beach tour of USA Volleyball” and its RVAs.

The USA National Beach Tour combines the USA Junior Beach Tour (run by USA Volleyball) and the American Beach Tour (run by the Regions) into one sanctioned tour with participation opportunities for juniors and adults.

The USA National Beach Tour will be composed of more than 200 events staged across the country and will culminate with the Beach Regional Qualifiers and Beach National Qualifiers, which will offer players the opportunity to earn bids to the USA Beach National Championships.

“I am looking forward to working with the 40 regions of USA Volleyball to roll out the new USA National Beach Tour, and using our resources to enhance the national championship events,” USA Volleyball Manager of Beach Events Mark Paaluh said.

The Junior Beach National Championships (JBNC), which will take place in July, will have three divisions for both genders: National Open (bid), Regional Open (bid) and Patriot (non-bid).



Jr. Red Knights get kick out of sock drive

The Junior Red Knights Volleyball Club, based out of Milwaukee Lutheran High School, held their first-ever sock drive throughout the month of December.

The group collected over 2,000 pairs of socks that were distributed to four different shelters in the Milwaukee area including Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Gesu Church Meal Program, The Guest House and Hope House. Some of the shorter summer socks will be going to children in Haiti through a church mission trip.

According to Kelly Wesolowski, the club's 14-Red coach, “It stemmed from when a coach's husband

came back from handing out breakfast bags at his church. One of the gentlemen getting breakfast asked if they had any socks, which they did not. The coach then approached the club about the idea of doing a sock drive and distributing them to this church's meal program and other homeless shelters for men, women and families.”

The club ended the collection with “Crazy Sock Day” practice for the players and a pizza celebration for all the players. All 16 teams from within the club participated in the event.

Send your positive stories and photos to brian@badervolleyball.org.

Wisconsin Juniors food drive a success

The Winter Classic, hosted by Wisconsin Juniors Volleyball Club at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee, partnered with Feeding America of Eastern Wisconsin to host a Food Drive during the tournament Jan. 13-14.

Teams collected and donated 989 pounds of food that will provide 794 meals for families in eastern Wisconsin. “The generosity from all clubs during the event was simply amazing,” said club representative Amy Vos.

The event itself drew 260 teams to the tournament.

In year one of the food drive, directors say it was a huge success. They also plan to do another food drive at next year's event.



Athletes and club directors from Wisconsin Juniors Volleyball Club load up the collection bins for Feeding America and load them into a truck at the Winter Classic Jan. 13-14 in Milwaukee.

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the area of backpacks, water bottles, warm-up pants and the other typical practice gear.

B17-Blue assistant coach Brad Barnes, who is a pre-medical student, high school coach and phlebotomist at a Kenosha hospital, took the lead analyzing the situation while B18-Blue assistant coach Ashley Hahn dialed 911. Hahn and Barnes, and the 911 operator got the CPR process started with the help of a few teammates, including Eggers, who remained nearby.

B17-Blue head coach Alec Birz escorted all the other athletes not helping with the incident to the lobby of the Boys & Girls Club, where he directed them to have every door open and all items out of the way for when emergency responders arrived.

In the meantime, I had pulled the medical paperwork for Gawlitta from my coaches binder, saw no previous conditions listed, and immediately called the first emergency contact number. Gawlitta's dad Scott picked up on the second ring.

I told Scott as much as I could about the incident and told him that our staff was giving CPR to his son, something no parent wants to hear, but he handled it with a cool and calm demeanor, which made relaying him information much easier as the scene unfolded.

Among the commotion, which felt like hours but was probably only a couple of minutes, Kim Ellingham, the parent of a middle hitter on the B17-Blue team had come into the gym to pick up her son at the conclusion of practice.

It was a god send.

Ellingham is a nurse who works with dozens of patients every day who have heart conditions. She took a glance at Tyler, and positioned herself over him while she looked for a pulse and breathing.

She encouraged Barnes to keep going with the chest compressions, keeping a beat by snapping her fingers to the beat of the song "Stayin' Alive" from the BeeGees — something we had learned in CPR training prior to the high school season.

Tyler was beginning to turn blue around his lips and face. At that point, she knew the AED



The Southport B18-Blue team came together with fellow senior Tyler Gawlitta (with arm sling) for a special ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 21.

would be needed.

Within seconds of her request, the 18-year-old boys who went into the adjacent indoor soccer field to find the device had returned.

If there was one thing I remembered from my CPR/AED training, it was to turn on the AED as soon as it arrives at the scene of the trauma.

Why do I know that? Because in my training with the plastic dummies, I forgot. I did everything else correctly except for that.

Ellingham turned on the device, attached the pads to Tyler, and it said "shock required." Everyone stood clear and the machine administered a shock.

It felt like time stood still. The sight of an 18-year-old receiving an electrical shock was now engrained in everyone's head. It was painful, but at the same time positive as he began to regain his color.

Less than two minutes later, EMTs arrived and got Tyler on a breathing machine and an IV was put in place.

First responders met with me and other coaches to take statements, but all I could think of was what I saw laying on the gurney over the officer's shoulder.

The ordeal felt like it dragged on for hours, but it was probably only a few minutes.

It was the most intense event I had ever knowingly been a part of.

Before the ambulance had left for the hospital, Coach Birz, who was still with the B17s and B18s in the lobby, mentioned that the EMTs said Tyler was sitting up and breathing on his own in the vehicle before it left the parking

lot — a huge relief to us all.

Time then stood still.

Ten athletes, coaches and family gathered in a circle, everyone arm in arm. Tears now starting to swell in all of our eyes. Everyone holding the person next to him or her tight as if they were a close family member.

All of this in silence.

There were no words for what just went on.

As club director and B18-Blue head coach, I felt all eyes were on me. My nerves were struck just as much as the players and coaches. My mind was still racing. I even felt like I could pass out at any second since the adrenaline had just left my body when EMTs said Tyler was going to be OK.

We sat and talked about what this meant to us as players, as a team and as a family.

"Everyone did exactly what they needed to do, and did it amazingly," Hahn said.

"If this was going to happen, it happened at the right place, at the right time, with the right people in place," Ellingham added. "It couldn't have happened at a better time if it's going to ever happen at all."

When everyone got home that night, nobody slept. Some coaches called in sick to work. Kids stayed home from school. I went in to the office late after not falling asleep until 5 a.m.

The next day, I got an email from Tyler's mom Heather.

Through tests, they now know Tyler suffers from an undiagnosed condition known as hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. The

condition is common and can affect people of any age and is a common cause of sudden cardiac arrest in young people, including athletes.

According to the American Heart Association, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy occurs if heart muscle cells enlarge and cause the walls of the ventricles to thicken. The ventricle size often remains normal, but the thickening may block blood flow out of the ventricle.

In a follow-up phone call, she said most people who have this condition don't know they have it because they don't survive their first cardiac incident.

Tyler received an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) and stayed in the hospital until Wednesday, Dec. 6, and a ceremony honoring the Southport Volleyball Club took place on Sunday, Jan. 21.

It's an amazing story for many people: The amazing response. A team coming together. The fragility of life.

But it's another story about the importance of learning CPR, First Aid and AED application. Without it, this story could surely have a different ending.

While Tyler will no longer be able to play competitive sports, he is a walking advertisement for first responder training.

On a personal note, thank you to all of the athletes, coaches, parents, emergency responders and others who jumped into action. It's an amazing story that none of us will ever forget.



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About Adversity-Wisconsin VBC: As we enter our 17th 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 3 years our club has seen three **TOP 5 FINISHES** at AAU nationals & had 3 out of 4 teams finishing in the top 25 in 2017. Athlete's sign up based on the grade they are entering in fall. Various assistants, head coaches & returning staff will lead our 7 Week programs per below:

Summer Series Days June 11 – July 26 \$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 2-3	Monday & Wednesday	7:30 – 9:30am
2	ATC	Indoor - Court	Grades 4-5	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 25 – August 09 \$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 29 – August 10 \$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 9-11	Defense & Setting	7:30 – 9:30am
14	JSP	Outdoor - Sand	Grades 9-11	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.

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Jackson Sand Program
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"Developing Athletes with Character"

Catching up on everything from January

By Jim Momsen
Badger Region Ref Chair

Deciding Set Scoring Technique Change

This is a re-emphasis of the USAV Scoring Techniques Change for the Deciding Set Scoresheet as documented in the USAV Academy Scoring modules.

As has been done in the past, the score for the team on the left side of the scoresheet is documented in the Score at Change circle on the right side of the scoresheet.

New this season, the last point slashed in the points column for the team on the far left side of the court must also be slashed in the points column on the far right side of the scoresheet at the time of the team's switch.

For images of fully executed court switch procedures for either team scoring the point that initiates the court switch, login to Webpoint/USAV Academy/US18_107 Scoring – Deciding Set; view slide 1.6 and slide 1.7. Highlighted examples are also shown at right.

Local Rule Clarifications – Step-in/Short Serve

Badger Region recently implemented a modification to Rule USAV 12.4.3. The modification allows servers for the 12s and under age groups at local Badger Region Tournaments to step into the court to serve, up to 2-meters from the end line. The intent is to

Scoring – Deciding Set

Court Switch - Team on Left Scores 8th Point

• Team on left serves and wins point

Scoring – Deciding Set

• Team on left serves; team on right wins point



FROM THE REF STAND

allow younger/weaker servers an opportunity to successfully serve the ball over the net and allow more rallies.

This rule modification will not be in place for Qualifiers, so the coaches should still encourage their players to work on serving from behind the end line.

Q: Do the line judges then move from one line to the other then move back to the end line?

A: That is up to the First Referee. It's similar to the Line Judge taking the alternate position when the server is close to the corner. If the short server is getting close to the Step-in line, the First Referee may ask the Line Judge to Move in to watch the short-serve line.

Q: If the server is on the court, do they have to be in proper alignment at time of serve or do the other players need to be in front of the step in line?

A: No. The server can be anywhere behind the short-serve line.

Spectator Issues

Every year we have spectators who believe that, because they have paid their admission fee to a tournament, they have the right to intervene in the match by, among other things, being scorer monitors (through yelling, “The Score’s Wrong!”), letting it be known that they know the rules better than the officials, and sometimes taking matters into their own hands by approaching the officials and scorers ON THE COURT to express their displeasure! C’mon Man!

Here’s what happened: A couple of weeks ago, one of our referees stated that, while working a Girl’s 13s match, he was twice approached by fans while he was on the referee stand with complaints that the score was wrong. The coach for the work crew was keeping score. The referee stated that the score was correct. This was not the major issue.

Later during the match, one of the team’s spectators proceeded to the score table and yelled at the work crew coach that the score

was wrong. One of the tournament committee was near the court and escorted the fan back to the spectator area.

This spectator behavior is TOTALLY against the USAV Parent-Spectator Code of Conduct and is unacceptable. The spectator could have, and in my opinion should have, been removed from the venue. In addition, it delayed the match and the referee could have sanctioned the team with a delay sanction and/or unsporting conduct because of an unruly fan in the scoring area.

All communication with the Officials and Scorers should go through the Head Coach and Captain. If you think something is not right, tell your child’s Coach and let them deal with it.

Let’s all be positive and set a great example for our childrens.

Achievement

The following officials have achieved/renewed as Provisional Plus Referees this season:

Gary Kamin, Dan Tomczyk, Randy Watts. Congratulations!

Men’s National Team coming to northern Illinois

Iran, Poland and Serbia will join the U.S. Men’s National Team for three days of FIVB Volleyball Nations League matches on June 15-17, 2018 at the Sears Centre Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

The FIVB announced the Volleyball Nations League on Oct. 12. The two tournaments (one for men and one for women) replace the FIVB World League (for men) and the FIVB Grand Prix (for women).

In both tournaments, 12 core teams and

four challenger teams will play a round-robin format, with each country hosting a weekend of matches. The men’s final round is scheduled for July 4-8.

The U.S. Men, ranked No. 2 in the world, will have a challenging weekend in Hoffman Estates, facing No. 3 Poland, No. 8 Iran and No. 11 Serbia. Each team will play the other three once during the weekend.

Tickets went on sale Dec. 4 at searscentre.com.

Friday – Day 1 (1 ticket for both matches)

5:30 p.m.: Poland v. Iran

7:30 p.m.: USA v. Serbia

Saturday – Day 2 (1 ticket per match)

2 p.m.: Serbia v. Iran

7:30 p.m.: USA v. Poland (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Sunday – Day 3 (1 ticket per match)

Noon: Poland v. Serbia

5:30 p.m.: USA v. Iran

Price level: \$55 / \$48 / \$33 per ticket

All Session - \$275 / \$215 / \$150 (5 tickets)

Serve United parent program back for year two

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, titled 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, libero tracking and second referee via the free online tutorials available through the USA Volleyball Academy. While there are no



certifications for second referees, line judging and libero tracking, the rostered adult can perform that duty for a team when it is needed at a 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, score/libero

track or serve as a second referee during assigned "work" matches after completing the training module.

- * 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.)

Defensive Specialist/Libero Clinic

Entering grades 8-12 | July 7

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Middle School Skills Camp

Entering grades 6-8 | July 8-10

COMMUTER OR OVERNIGHT

Setter-Hitter Clinic

Entering grades 7-10 | July 11

COMMUTER

Youth Skills Clinic

Entering grades 1-3 | July 12-13

Entering grades 4-6 | July 12-13

COMMUTER

High School Skills Camp

Entering grades 9-12 | July 15-17

COMMUTER OR OVERNIGHT

College Prospect Camp

Entering grades 10-12 | July 17-18

OVERNIGHT

Advanced Setter-Hitter Clinic

Entering grades 10-12 | July 20

COMMUTER

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Sportsmanship program is back

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 2017-18 marks the third 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 17-18, March 24-25 or April 7-8 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 2018 and would like to request a package of wristbands for distribution at your event, contact Program Director Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Start doing it the right way, ASAP

By BJ Le Roy
Northeast Rep, IMPACT instructor

Well-experienced coaches often say, "I wish I'd have done that better when I started. How did we win doing that?"

Many joke by saying that they should go back and apologize to their first few years worth of players. We all probably have those moments. I sure do. Dozens of them.

For younger coaches, learn those lessons as early as possible. We tend to "coach how we were coached." If you randomly had a great coach, and you copy him/her, your kids may benefit. If your coach wasn't so great (even if you didn't know it) then the kids you coach will suffer if you simply copy that coach's methods.

Are your player's talents masking your coaching ability? What if your players are good enough that they are covering up for your shortcomings? These are the ones that still bug me, years later.

For those reasons, newer and older coaches, have a purpose and sound reasoning for every-

thing you do. Make sure your methods are sound. Reflect on what you're doing, and answer these questions;

- * Is this really helping us get better?
- * How do I know?
- * Is this drill teaching what we need to learn?
- * Are the players going to see this in the game?
- * Are our players learning to make good decisions?
- * Are we coaching to win, or coaching to learn?

You may have seen the popular series of articles titled "A Letter to My Younger Self." They are revealing articles by popular sports figures that reflect on previous good and bad decisions, regrets and good choices. John Kessel wrote his own volleyball version on this theme, linked below, where he talks about great steps and mis-steps that shaped how he got to today.

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Volleyball/Features/2016/December/05/A-Letter-to-My-Younger-Self>



Feb. 5 date set for next Badger Region board meeting

The Badger Region Board of Directors will have its quarterly board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at the office in Pewaukee.

If you have a topic you would like to see discussed by the board and the advisory committee, email your representative. Don't know who your rep is? Click on "About" and "Board" at www.badgervolleyball.org.

Agenda items for the upcoming meeting include evaluation of the current tryout process, organization of the Region's strategic planning session set for May 5-6 and a review of the Region's finances.

Have questions? Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.

Carthage to host NCAA men's championships

Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., will host the 2018 Men's NCAA Div. 3 Men's Volleyball Championships at Table Arena.

The event will be April 27-28 (Friday and Saturday) and will feature the final four teams.

The Carthage men's volleyball team is currently ranked No. 3 in NCAA Div. 3 according to the latest coaches poll, too.

For more information, visit athletics.carthage.edu.

Region offers Provisional Plus referee certification

By Jim Momsen
Badger Region Ref Chair

What is a Badger Region Provisional Plus Referee?

A couple years ago, Badger Region created the Provisional Plus Referee certification. This certification was created as a stepping-stone to USA Volleyball Regional Referee certification.

It allowed a USAV Provisional Referee to demonstrate advanced skills and indicate his or her desire to advance to USAV Regional Referee status in the future.

What is required to become certified as a Badger region Provisional Plus Referee?

First, you must become certified as a USAV Provisional Referee.

Typically, and depending on prior experience, a new or In-Training Referee will be able to achieve Provisional Referee status in about one year.

The additional, and annual, requirements to achieve/maintain Provisional Plus certification are:

* Passed an observation/feedback session by a Certified Badger region trainer.

* Become either Provisional or Regional Scorer Certified – this requires an on-court demonstration and practical application of

Scorer skills.

* Worked at least 4 assigned tournament dates in the current season – the 2017-2018 season just started.

* “Give a day” of service to the Region – examples include:

* Volunteering at Special Olympics

* Volunteering as a Scorer Monitor at a Badger region Event

* Etc.

The application for Provisional Plus certification can be found on the BadgerVolleyball.org website under FORMS > Referee Forms > Provisional Plus Application

I would not expect to see applications being submitted until late January at the earliest as we have not yet had any assignable events this season, and you must also certify/re-certify as a Provisional/Regional Scorer.

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

Have a question about reffing? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org and we will contact Jim Momsen to get your question answered.

New program gives coaches additional mentoring, training

“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.

In 2015, I AM Volleyball Club was the first club to take part as a guinea pig in the 3C program. According to Master Coach BJ LeRoy, who is helping write the manual for the 3C program, “The I AM folks were excellent. They wanted all the tips and critiques they could get and were happy to have us there. We all learned some new things last night.”

Mentor information comes from the latest High Performance clinics, and other USA Volleyball Education resources that are hard to attend in person. Please consider claiming a clinic just as the season starts to get underway.

Contact BJ LeRoy (Abjleroy@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/>

Uniform requirements changing in near future

Available now on VolleyballRefTraining.com is a new multi-media module on uniform requirements for USAV events.

The presentation, built through collaboration with the USAV Officials Commission and regional leadership, provides the most current information and examples of pitfalls to avoid.

To view the material (less than 10 minutes long), go to https://volleyballreftraining.com/rules_interpretations_indoor.php.

In addition, USA Volleyball has included an accompanying PDF download that can be provided to vendors/designers.

We strongly advise all teams and clubs that are looking to purchase uniforms for the 2017-18 season to consult this resource before finalizing designs. A wise investment of 10 minutes.

Some of the big changes that are coming down the pipeline include:

* Effective in the 2018-19 season, the entire number, even if outlined, must contrast with the jersey. That means if you have a black jersey, you cannot put a blue number on the jersey outlined with a white border. The jersey number and the number itself must be clearly contrasting.

* The placement of the number must be centered on the chest (between neck to sternum) on the front of the jersey. On the back of the jersey, the number must be centered on the back. This becomes problematic if the athlete's last name or team name are placed above the number, pushing the digit too low.

* Color combinations that need to be avoided for libero contrast purposes:

1. Black/navy
2. Red/maroon/burgundy
3. Black/dark green
4. White/yellow
5. Navy/maroon
6. Black/dark blue/dark gray
7. Medium/dark gray
8. Red/orange

If you ever have questions if your jerseys meet the USAV requirements, take a photo of both jerseys in the same photo and make it a black/white (grayscale/monochrome) image and try see if they are easily differentiated.

You can also email any photos to brian@badgervolleyball.org and they will be passed on to the Badger Region Ref Chair for determination for in-Region use.

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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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Badger Region Volleyball Association

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Eau Claire Slam

- Feb. 4:** Professional In-Person Score Clinic at UW-Whitewater from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Feb. 5:** Badger Region Board Meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Badger Region Office in Pewaukee.
- Feb. 10:** Professional In-Person Score Clinic River Falls High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Feb. 10:** Free boys middle school volleyball clinic after the 1 p.m. MSOE match in Milwaukee
- Feb. 24-25:** Badger Region Qualifier for G17s and G18s (Site: Milwaukee Sting Center) – An in-person scorer clinic will also take place each day.
- March 3:** Free boys middle school volleyball clinic after the 1 p.m. match at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.
- March 10-11:** Badger Region Qualifier for G12-G16 (Site: Milwaukee Sting Center) – An in-person scorer clinic will also take place each day
- March 17-18:** First weekend of Badger Region Championships (G12, G13, G16, B12, B13, B14, B17, B18) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. An in-person scorer clinic will also take place each day of the first weekend.
- March 24:** Free boys middle school volleyball clinic after the 1 p.m. match at Marian University in Fond du Lac.
- March 24-25:** Second weekend of Badger Region Championships (G11, G14, G15, B15, B16) at the Wisconsin Center
- April 7-8:** Third weekend of Badger Region Championships (G17 and G18) at the Wisconsin Center
- April 7:** Adult Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center
- April 7-8:** Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament at the Wisconsin Center
- April 12-15:** NCVF (college club) National Championships in St. Louis, Mo.
- April 27-29:** NCAA Div. III Men's Volleyball National Championships at Carthage College (Kenosha, Wis.)
- April 27-29:** Girls 18-and-under National Championships in Anaheim, Calif.
- May 25-30:** Adult Open National Championships in Dallas, Texas
- June 25-July 4:** Girls Junior National Championships for athletes 17-and-under in Detroit, Mich.
- July 2-9:** Boys Junior National Championships in Phoenix, Ariz.
- July 14-15:** Badger Region Boys High Performance overnight training camp.
- July 24-28:** USA Volleyball's High Performance Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

*Have a great story idea or person you want featured in the Badger Beacon?
Email Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.*

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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Attacking 9am-4pm

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Youth Camp

July 9-11 9am-12:00pm

Boys and Girls K through 3rd Grade

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Day Camp

July 9-11 9am-4pm

Boys and Girls 4th through 10th Grade

@UWM Klotsche Center \$230

College I.D. Camp

August 2nd 9am-4pm

Girls 9th through 12th Grade

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All Ages Welcome

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Position Camps

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Pointers Team Camp | **July 13-15**

Pointers Position Clinic | **July 18**

Madhatter Tournament | **April 21**

Setter-Hitter-Libero Camp | **July 8-10**

Pointers Coaching Clinic | **July 13**

Boys and Girls Pointer Pups | **July 16-17**

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Boys All Skills Volleyball Camp

Girls Grades 8th-12th

July 18 - 20

Boys Grades 5th-12th

July 6 - 8

Summer Team Tournaments

Girls Grades 5th-12th

July 11, July 12, July 21



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