



VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

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Parents and athletes talk to potential clubs at a girls club volleyball open house in September of 2019.

The club volleyball open houses held in September and October of each year are some of my favorite events on the Badger Region calendar.

The goal of these events is to educate families and athletes about the many opportunities their Badger Region membership allows them to participate in. Another is to see the excitement these athletes have when they walk in the door and see old friends and meet their potential coaches or club directors for the first time.

On top of that, it's always great to see the camaraderie between coaches and club directors who join us at these gatherings. While they may be bitter rivals on the court or coach at



The boys open house at Pius High School draw hundreds of boys and their families each year.

rival clubs, most are actually good friends when their differences are put aside.

But this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these popular in-person open houses are not taking place. It's just too hard to organize an event with so many people and be able to

keep our social distance.

But, fear not. As a service to ALL our members in every part of the state, we bring to you our first-ever Virtual Open House.

While viewers won't be able to ask questions with us face to face, we encourage you to skim the profiles of the clubs who submitted information and contact them if you need anything else.

Then when we are able to see each other face-to-face in the near future, I expect to see big smiles and energy, just as if we were doing this open house in-person this fall. Enjoy!

~ Brian Sharkey
Badger Region Program Director

In early July of this year, the Badger Region announced it would be canceling its in-person open houses and came up with the idea of a virtual open house that could be shared on the Region's website, newsletter and social media.

Questions that we asked clubs that you will see in this Virtual Open House include:

- * Club name
- * Director name
- * Contact information
- * Location of practice facilities
- * What teams they intend to offer in the 2020-21 season
- * An outline of pricing options

* Website/social media handles

* A link to a video that they created highlighting their club

* What makes your club unique in your market?

* What are you most proud of when telling others about your club?

* What are your club's coaching philosophies or pillars of athlete development?

* Anything else you would like to share about your club?

Not all of the participants answered every question, but you get the idea. Now "turn the page" and enjoy our virtual open house.



Visitors stop by the Badger Region table at boys club volleyball open house at Pius High School in early November of 2019.

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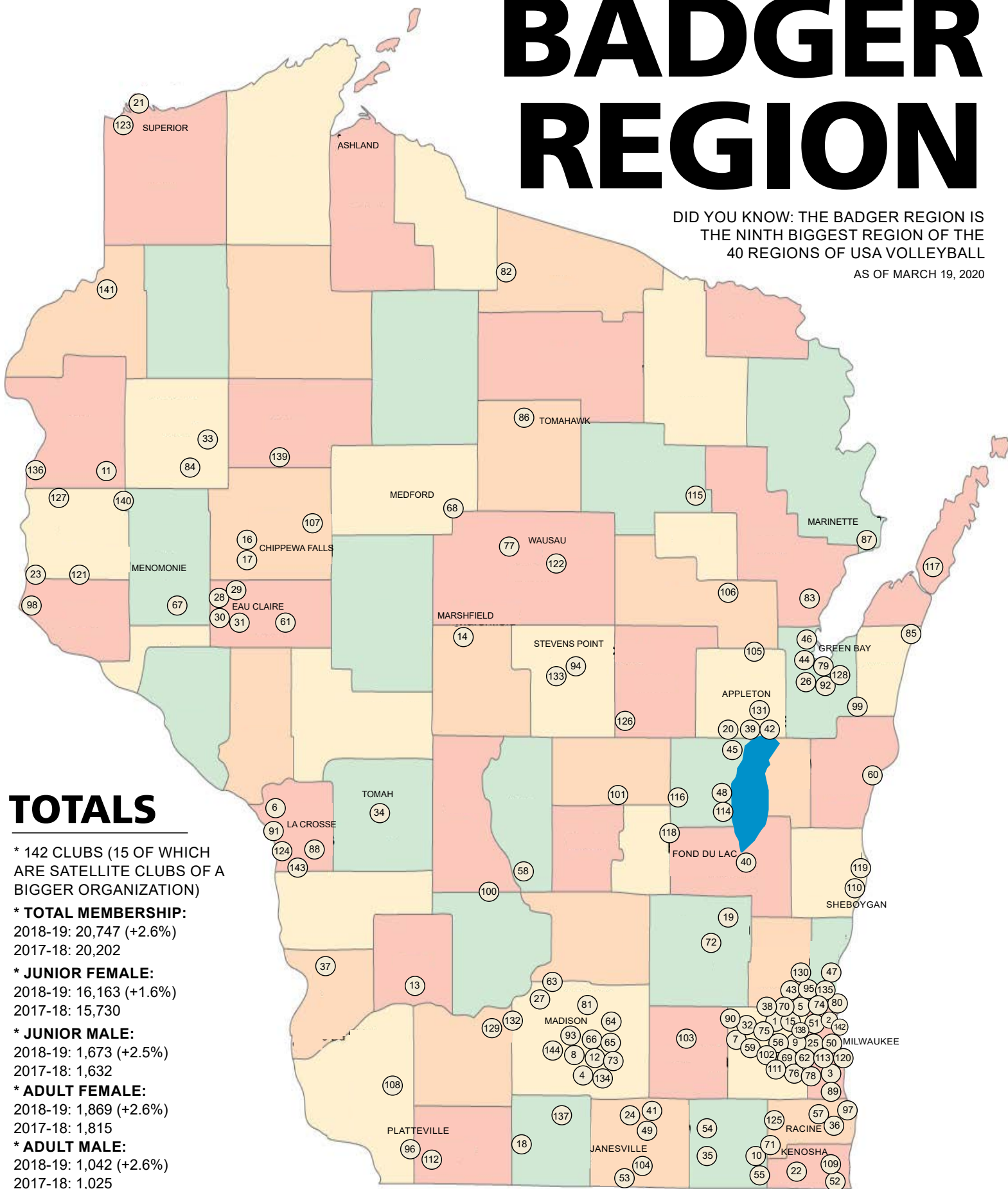
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BADGER REGION

DID YOU KNOW: THE BADGER REGION IS
THE NINTH BIGGEST REGION OF THE
40 REGIONS OF USA VOLLEYBALL
AS OF MARCH 19, 2020



TOTALS

* 142 CLUBS (15 OF WHICH
ARE SATELLITE CLUBS OF A
BIGGER ORGANIZATION)

*** TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:**

2018-19: 20,747 (+2.6%)

2017-18: 20,202

*** JUNIOR FEMALE:**

2018-19: 16,163 (+1.6%)

2017-18: 15,730

*** JUNIOR MALE:**

2018-19: 1,673 (+2.5%)

2017-18: 1,632

*** ADULT FEMALE:**

2018-19: 1,869 (+2.6%)

2017-18: 1,815

*** ADULT MALE:**

2018-19: 1,042 (+2.6%)

2017-18: 1,025

FOR LINKS TO ALL CLUBS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG

1	262 Attack	Menomonee Falls	69	Midwest Penguins Volleyball	Waukesha
2	360 Volleyball Academy	Glendale	70	Milwaukee Sting VBC	Menomonee Falls
3	414 Milwaukee Elite	Milwaukee	71	* Sting United Burlington	Burlington
4	Acers VBC	Oregon	72	* Sting United Dodge	Horicon
5	Adversity-Wisconsin VBC	Germantown	73	* Sting United Madison	Madison
6	Aquinas VBC (Formerly Ona VBC)	Onalaska	74	Milwaukee VBC	Milwaukee
7	Arrowhead Volleyball Club	Hartland	75	Motion Volleyball Program	Waukesha
142	Azuri Performance Volleyball Academy	Milwaukee	76	Muskego Stars	Muskego
8	Balance Volleyball Club	Fitchburg	77	MVP Club	Marathon
9	Block Party	Wauwatosa	78	Next Level Volleyball Club	Franklin
140	Blue Wave	Clear Lake	79	Northeast Wisconsin Impact VBC	Green Bay
10	Burlington Elite Volleyball	Burlington	80	North Shore Knights	Whitefish Bay
11	BW Heat	Baldwin	81	North Star Volleyball Club	DeForest
12	Capital Volleyball Academy	Madison	82	Northwoods Extreme	Mercer
13	Center Stars	Richland Center	83	Northern Lightning	Oconto Falls
14	Central Wisconsin VBC	Marshfield	84	Northern Pride	Cumberland
15	Chargers Volleyball Club	Menomonee Falls	85	Northshore Crush	Algoma
16	Chippewa Valley Velocity	Chippewa Falls	86	NW Stars Volleyball Club, Inc	Tomahawk
17	Chippewa Valley Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls	87	Northwoods Volleyball Club	Marinette
18	Club A-Town	Argyle	88	Norse Force (Westby VBC)	Westby
19	Club Breakout	Waupun	136	O-Town	Osceola
20	Club Fox Valley	Appleton	89	Oak Creek K-Force	Oak Creek
21	Club Superior VB	Superior	90	Oconomowoc Volleyball Club	Oconomowoc
22	Club W	Salem	91	Onalaska VBC	Onalaska
143	Coulee Region Power	La Crosse	92	One Wisconsin - Bay	Ashwaubenon
141	Crex Meadows	Grantsburg	93	One Wisconsin - Dane	Madison
23	Croix Attack VBC	Hudson	94	One Wisconsin - Point	Stevens Point
24	Crossfire VBC (formerly Milton Aces)	Milton	95	Ozaukee Boys Volleyball Club	Cedarburg
25	DASH Sports LLC	Milwaukee	96	Platteville Fusion	Platteville
26	DePere Diggers	DePere	97	Racine Blaze	Racine
27	Eagles VBC	Prairie du Sac	98	Rage Volleyball	River Falls
28	Eau Claire Air Volleyball Club	Eau Claire	99	Rebels Club Volleyball	Denmark
29	Eau Claire Patriots	Eau Claire	100	Reedsburg Attack	Reedsburg
30	Eau Claire Slam	Eau Claire	101	Reign VBC	Wautoma
31	Eau Claire Storm	Eau Claire	102	Revolution Volleyball Academy	Waukesha
32	Eclipse Volleyball Club	Hartford	103	River City Volleyball Club	Watertown
33	Elevate North	Rice Lake	104	Rock VBC	Janesville
34	Elevate VBC	Tomah	105	Seymour Lightning Strikes	Seymour
35	Elkhorn Volleyball Club	Elkhorn	106	Shawano Storm	Shawano
36	Epic Volleyball Club	Racine	107	Small Town Storm	Cornell
37	Express Volleyball Club	Gays Mills	108	Southern Heat	Livingston
38	Falls Focus	Menomonee Falls	109	Southport Volleyball Club	Kenosha
39	FC Elite	Appleton	110	South Shore Slam	Sheboygan
40	Fond du Lac Fusion	Fond du Lac	111	Southwest Milwaukee VBC	Waukesha
41	Fort Volleyball Club	Fort Atkinson	112	Southwest Spikers	Darlington
42	Fox Valley Performance	Appleton	113	Spike Milwaukee	Wauwatosa
43	G-Force VBC	Germantown	114	Spiketown USA	Oshkosh
44	Green Bay Select	Green Bay	115	* Antigo: 54409	Antigo
45	Heat Volleyball Club Fox Valley	Appleton	116	* Berlin: 54923	Berlin
46	Howard Suamico Inferno VBC	Howard Suamico	117	* Door County: 54235	Door County
47	I AM Volleyball Club	Grafton	118	* Montello: 53943	Montello
48	Impact Volleyball Club (Northern)	Oshkosh	119	* Sheboygan: 53073	Sheboygan
138	Inspire GVBC	Greendale	120	SportingMKE	Greenfield
49	J County Flair	Jefferson	121	St. Croix Select	Roberts
50	Jr. Red Knight VBC	Wauwatosa	122	Team United VBC	Mosinee
51	Junior Vikings Volleyball Club	Milwaukee	123	Twin Ports Volleyball	Superior
52	Juniors Volleyball Clubs	Pleasant Prairie	124	V-Hawk Xtreme	La Crosse
53	* Beloit	Beloit	125	Waterford Wave	Waterford
54	* East Troy	East Troy	126	Waupaca Fire VBC	Waupaca
55	* Lakes	Lake Geneva	127	Western Wisconsin Smash	New Richmond
56	* Milwaukee	New Berlin	128	West Side Slam	DePere
57	* Racine	Racine	129	Western Elite VBC	Spring Green
58	Just A Game VBC	Wisconsin Dells	130	Wild VBC	West Bend
59	Lake Country Boys' Volleyball	Wales	137	Wildcat VBC	Belleville
60	Lakeshore Storm VBC	Manitowoc	131	Wisconsin Blaze	Appleton
61	Lazer VBC	Fall Creek	132	Wisconsin Heights Volleyball Club	Mazomanie
62	Legacy Volleyball Club	Greenfield	133	Wisconsin Ice VBC	Stevens Point
139	Legacy Elite VBC	Ladysmith	134	Wisconsin Performance	Madison
63	Lodi Volleyball Club	Lodi	135	Wisconsin Premier VBC	Mequon
64	Madison Elite	Madison			
144	Madison Inferno	Madison			
65	Madison Mavericks	Madison			
66	Madison Starlings	Madison			
67	Matrix VBC	Monominee			
68	Medford Storm	Medford			

As of Sept. 1, 2020: 144 clubs (15 of which are satellites)
Direct links available at 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

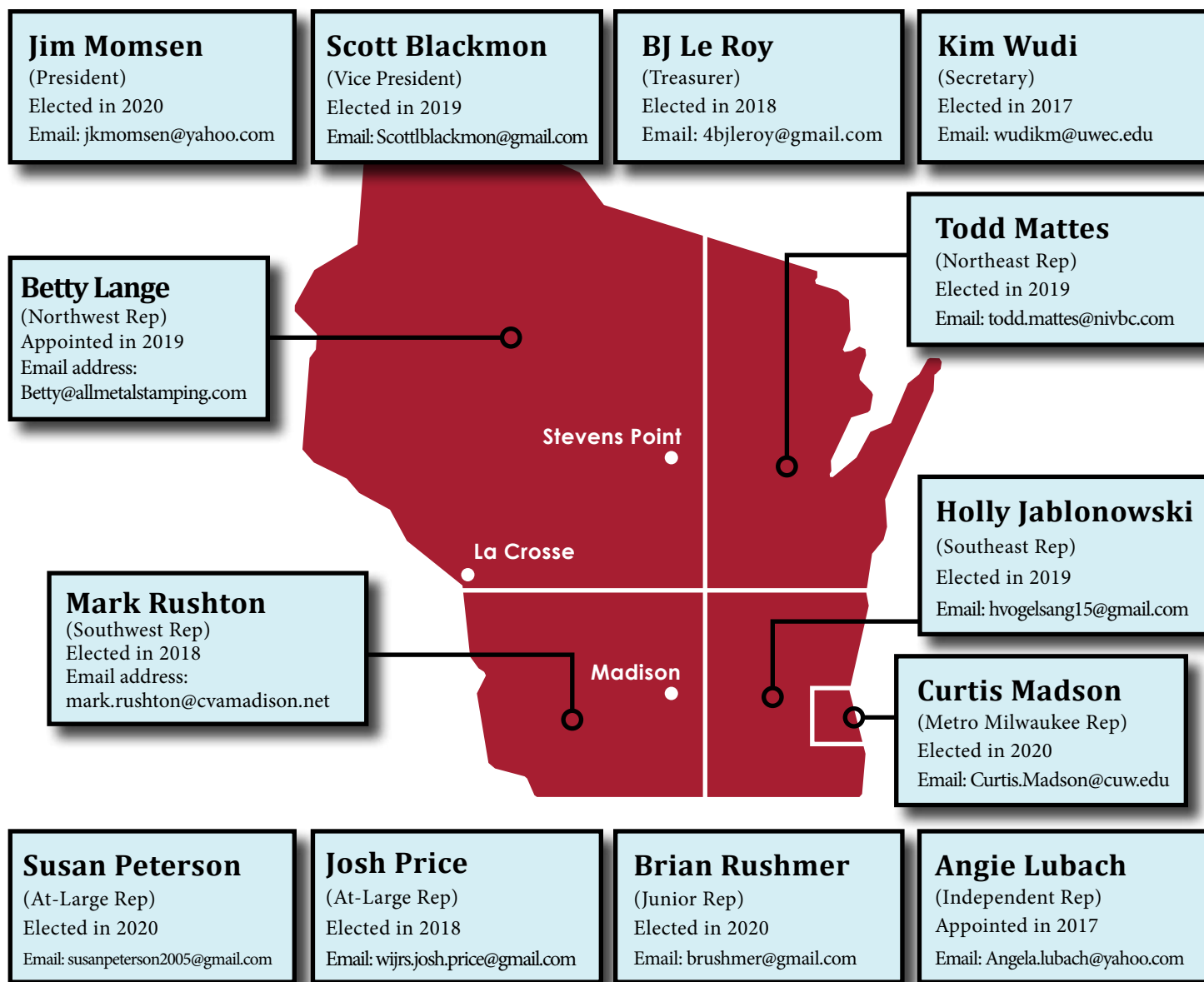
representative if they think policies or financial decision in the Region need to be changed.

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.



Individual chairs and advisors who offer input to the Board of Directors but don't have authority to vote at meetings:

Financial Chair: Anne Slattery
Junior Girls Chair: Heather Curley
Junior Boys Chair: Jeff Liker
Referee Chair: Jim Arts
Score Chair: Lexi Sheldon
Adult Chair: TJ Abshire
Past President: Julie Voeck

Grassroots Chair: Lexi Middleton
Development Chair: TBD
Education Chair: BJ Le Roy
Beach Chair: Bill Petersen
Officials Rating/Training: Julie Voeck

REGION STAFF
Executive Director/Commissioner: Jennifer Armson-Dyer
Program Director: Brian Sharkey
Operations Manager: Scott Spiess
Tournament Director: Kelly Lehman
Program Specialist: Sara Voigt

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under ³	14 & Under ⁴	13 & Under ⁵	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Aug	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sept	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Oct	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Nov	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Dec	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Jan	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Feb	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Mar	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Apr	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
May	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
June	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
¹ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2001 and a high school student in the twelfth (12 th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year.												
² Female Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2002, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for 11 th grade girls previously required to participate in girls' 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)												
³ Male Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8 th) grade during the current academic year are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division . This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.												
⁴ Male Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7 th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys' 13's age group.												
⁵ Male Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6 th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys' 12's age group.												

USAV adjusts age-definition calendar for 2020-21

The USA Volleyball board of directors voted July 1, 2020, to adjust the USAV junior age definitions; effective for the 2020-21 season. This change is in accordance with motions for change passed by both the Regional Volleyball Association Assembly as well as the USA Volleyball Junior Assembly.

The junior age definition for each age group was adjusted to a start date of July 1st (the date had previously been September 1st).

Please see the updated Junior Player Age Definitions Sheet for the 2020-21 Season at left here.

Have questions? Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.



Questions you should ask your club and yourself

You've figured out what age division you need to play in. You've identified a few clubs in your area. Now for the hard part: picking just ONE club to play for during the upcoming season.

This is a big decision. Club volleyball requires an investment of both time and money. It is a good idea to find out as much as you can about your different options before making any decisions. Remember to avoid assumptions as you start this process. Don't assume a big club is better than a small club. Don't assume a volunteer coach is better than a paid coach. Don't assume the right fit for your friend is the right fit for you. Talk to several different clubs as you start to gather information.

QUESTIONS TO ASK THE CLUB

- What is the club philosophy? To win? To improve? To have fun?
- How do you select your players?
- What age groups do you offer? How many teams do you have at each age level?
- What level do the teams compete at? Open, Club, Regional?
- Do you follow Badger Region Best Practices for tryouts?
- Who are the coaches at my age level? How many coaches?
- What is their background in coaching?
- How is playing time allocated? Can athletes "play up?"
- Are there opportunities for private training?
- What are your club dues? Is there a payment schedule?
- What is covered/not covered in that fee?
- Are there any other financial obligations? How is travel handled? Is there fund-raising opportunities? Do players keep uniforms?
- Will you allow the athlete to play the position he or she wants, or is that strictly a decision of the coaching staff?
- Where, when and how often do you practice?
- Are practices mandatory? What if my child misses a practice? Misses a tournament?
- Are players allowed to play other sports during the club season?
- Does the club offer any sort of strength, speed or conditioning programs? And are those sessions mandatory? Do they cost extra?
- How long is your season? Do you offer any beach opportunities?
- How far will the team be traveling?
- Is the club a non-profit organization? Is there a board of directors?

Once you have gathered this information for several clubs, take a minute to think about what you hope to get out of the experience.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF AND/OR YOUR CHILD

- What does my child want to get out of the club experience?
- Does my child want to play in high school? At what level in college?
- Does my child just want to enjoy the game and play with friends?
- What is my child's priority for allocating free time: job, activities with friends, other club sports, etc.?
- Can my child keep up with school work?
- Can we afford the program we choose?
- How important is it that we, as parents, travel with our child? Can we save money if our child travels with the team?

Sit down as a family and figure out which clubs match your player's goals, commitment level, financial situation, etc. Once you have picked several top choices, register with Badger Region/USAV and select the Fall Membership option. This enables you to participate in region programming (such as tryouts). Please note you will ALSO need to register for the tryout through each individual club as they are a separate organization.

Attend tryouts for several of your top choices if possible. One club may decide to offer you a roster spot while a different club may not. Trying out for several clubs gives you options and a "safety net" in case your top club does not offer you a spot.

TYPICAL BUDGET FOR PARENTS

- * Annual Club Fee (ask what sort of payment plans are offered)
- * Uniforms (sometimes included in annual fee)
- * Badger Region/USA Volleyball membership fee (\$50)
- * Travel: Lodging, hotels, airline tickets, food, etc.
- * Spirit wear: Non-required items such as hoodies, long-sleeve t-shirts, sweats, hats, etc.
- * Team-related gatherings: Food, t-shirts, hair ties, other keepsakes
- * Hidden costs associated with practice: Gasoline, tolls, car maintenance, shoes, sandals, spectator entry fees

COMMON CLUB VOLLEYBALL MYTHS

Myth 1 - It's about the club, not the coaches. The reputation of the club your son or daughter plays for is important, but it does not guarantee the coach your athlete will play for is skilled and/or right for you. Understand the philosophies, reputation, style and character of the coach your athlete will be playing for. Interview the coach if necessary. Speak with other players and parents who played for the coach in the past. Also ask yourself; is this person someone you want your son or daughter to spend time with? Is this a person of integrity and character?

Myth 2 - The more expensive the club fees the better the club/coaching and the more you get. After all, isn't the saying, "...you get what you pay for..." true? Not always. Some clubs charge more because they must cover their overhead (salaries for full time employees), turn a profit and/or pay more for gym rental. Other clubs charge more because they were formed by a sports complex as a way of filling gym time.

Myth 3 - Playing club for your high school coach ensures playing time on the high school team. Fact; the best players will play regardless of the club they play for. Sometimes playing club for your high school coach can be a negative. HS coaches sometimes "pigeon hole" or "slot" players into certain positions based on their biases or a need they are trying to fill for the high school team and not necessarily the best position for your child. It is sometimes a good idea to get a fresh look from a different coach.

Myth 4 - Playing in tournaments across the country provides more exposure to college coaches. While it is true many college coaches attend national tournaments, a LARGE majority of the players from this area who go on to play volleyball, play within a three hour driving radius of their homes. So how does playing in a tournament in on the East or West Coast provide exposure to college coaches locally? Plus, colleges have lots of new rules during the pandemic where they CAN'T travel. So play for enjoyment, not for scholarship.



2020-21 MEMBERSHIP + REFUNDS

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JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS

FULL JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (\$50) Sept. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021

For boys and girls junior players. This is a full-year membership that is required for regional and national competition. Membership benefits also include USAV secondary insurance coverage, training resources and access to Regional and National High Performance programs.

2020 FALL MEMBERSHIP (\$15) Sept. 1, 2020-Dec. 1, 2020

This is a limited membership that is good from the time of purchase through Nov. 30. This is an ideal option for those who have never played club volleyball before or are unsure if they will participate for the entire season. This membership should be used for tryouts or for any players training in fall due to not having a high school team. Players **MUST** upgrade to participate in practices and tournaments with a club team once they receive an offer from a club. The cost to upgrade to a full junior membership is \$35.

UPGRADE MEMBERSHIP (\$35) Oct. 2020-Aug. 31, 2021

Available to players who have already purchased a one-event or tryout membership and will participate for the entire club season in regional or national competition.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP (\$15) Sept. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021

For boys and girls players ages 9-11 for recreational play only. Includes USAV insurance. If a player will participate on a junior roster, there is an upgrade available to a full junior membership for \$35.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP (FREE) Sept. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021

For boys and girls players up to age 8 for recreational play only. If a player will participate on a junior roster, there is an upgrade available to a full junior membership for \$50.

*** NOTE:** The Badger Region is requiring all members to pay any applicable credit card fees associated with the purchase of their Badger Region/USA Volleyball memberships. This is for both Junior and Adult memberships.

ADULT MEMBERSHIPS

FULL ADULT MEMBERSHIP (\$50) Sept. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021

This is a full-year membership for all officials, players and those associated with a junior club (directors, coaches, tournament directors, board members). An additional background screening fee will be required if you will have contact with juniors and do not have an updated screen in the system (screen is good for two seasons). Membership benefits also include USAV insurance coverage and access to all Regional and National tournaments and events.

COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP (\$27) Sept. 1, 2020-Nov. 30, 2020

Full-year membership for college-age members **ONLY** who will be playing, officiating or coaching. Proof of enrollment in college can be requested at any time or membership will be suspended. Those members associated with juniors (coaches or officials) must also complete a background screen if there is not a current screen in the system.

ONE-EVENT MEMBERSHIP (\$10) (One event, one date only)

For all adults 18 and over for **PLAYING** in one event. This membership is not valid for anything regarding junior volleyball (i.e. coaching or officiating). This is a membership option that is limited to one event only (i.e. a two-day tournament) and includes USAV insurance coverage. Players who will participate in more than one event must purchase multiple one-event memberships if they choose not to become a full member. Not valid for USAV Adult Open National Championships.

UPGRADE MEMBERSHIP (\$40) (Oct. 2020-Aug. 31, 2021)

Available to players who have already purchased a one-event membership and will participate for the rest of the season, including USAV Adult Nationals.

CHAPERONE MEMBERSHIP (\$27) (Sept. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021)

For team chaperones and Serve United participants only, not for coaching or any other role. Minimum age is 25 and member benefits include all of those listed under a full adult membership. A background screen must also be completed for an added fee.

REFUNDS

As a rule, the Badger Region will not refund membership purchases. It is highly advised to purchase a tryout/fall membership and upgrade upon receiving an invitation from a club to join their organization. Special cases of hardship and/or injury prior to using a full membership will be examined on a case-by-case basis. Any request for a refund must be received within 45 days of purchase, even in cases of duplicate purchases by mistake. If a refund is approved, credit card and administrative fees will be applied.

Any refund of a membership that has been used for a clinic, tryout, league, practice, tournament or High Performance tryout will not be refunded in full (and none of the USA Volleyball portion) as that must remain in place for future instances of insurance and membership claims. The region will handle any refund requests to USAV, if applicable.

FEE DISTRIBUTION

\$30 of the \$50 full membership stays with the Badger Region to help pay for coaching education, officials training, supplies, and clinics. Region management/administration (staff, office, supplies, meetings) and promotion and advancement of the sport in the state of Wisconsin is also part of the initiatives paid for through the full membership.

\$20 of the \$50 full membership goes to the USA Volleyball national office to help pay for sport accident insurance and liability insurance, coaching and officials education, training and development of support materials provided to the Region as well as sport development and promotion, the member management system and national office management. A credit card fee will also be added to each membership for an additional cost.



2020-21 MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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Below you will find a comprehensive list of benefits for individuals and clubs that affiliate with the Badger Region of USA Volleyball.

AFFILIATION

Affiliation with USA Volleyball, the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball as designated by the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC) and the Federation of International Volleyball (FIVB)

ATHLETE SAFEGUARDS

- o Mandatory background screens annually for all adults affiliated with youth and junior athletes
- o USOC SafeSport program to increase awareness and educate all parties involved with USA Volleyball in child protection policies and abuse prevention

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- o Free entry level coaching education through the Increased Mastery and Professional Application of Coaching Theory (IMPACT) program
- o Access to advanced coaching clinics and training annually
- o Free official's training (in-person and on-demand) for both juniors and adults

CLUB SUPPORT

- o Professional club support by an experienced full-time staff
- o Free searchable club directory listing on the region website
- o Event sanctioning for approved tournaments in the state of Wisconsin
- o Free certificates of insurance for member clubs
- o Bi-monthly newsletter highlighting the top volleyball news in the state of Wisconsin

GRASS ROOTS & ELITE PROGRAMS

- o Coaching assistance by experienced elite coaches
- o Program support for grassroots level programs
- o Access to high performance all-star teams for athletes and coaches
- o Opportunity to compete in the National Qualifiers, USAV Junior National Championships and Junior Beach Tour Championships annually.
- o Opportunities to compete in Power League, Region Qualifier, Fall Middle School Leagues and other in-state tournaments

RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

- o Regional awards program that honors coaches and club directors with winners receiving national nominations annually.
- o A robust scholarship program for high school seniors annually.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

- o Five full-time staff members ready to help athletes, parents, coaches, officials and club directors all year long
- o Access to the USA Volleyball member management system

E.S.P. SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM

You may see wristbands around our region with the ESP (Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive) message. We have one for you, if you can live by these three words as you cheer for teams, coaches and officials in our region. These wristbands are for fans, not players who show what it means to be a great spectator and even better model for sportsmanship in the stands. Recipients of these wristbands receive prizes at the Badger Region Championship.

SERVE UNITED PARENT PROGRAM

As part of the Serve United program, parents register using a discounted membership. Then they get certified as a scorer and also learn about line judging, libero tracking and being a second referee via the free online tutorials available through the USA Volleyball Academy. These adults can then 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.

YOUTH PLAYER CLINICS

Each year, the Badger Region runs approximately four girls youth clinics in the fall and four boys youth clinics in the winter/spring. These are for middle school-age athletes and are free for all members. On top of that, the Region runs three free beach clinics each summer. In addition, the Region operates the Badger Boys Series (BBS), a local developmental league for middle school boys.

FIND A PLAYER/FIND A TEAM

Each fall, the Badger Region works to find homes for all members looking for a club to play for. And we help clubs find athletes to fill holes on their rosters. This service is free for all members and all member clubs.





BECOMING A VOLLEYBALL REF

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Want to give back to the sport of volleyball? Want to meet a ton of great athletes, coaches and fellow officials? How about making a great salary on a schedule that suits you?

5 REASONS TO BE A REF

THE PAY

First-year officials make \$27 for a best-out-of-three match, which most tournaments use in pool play and playoffs. After your first year, you can earn \$30 per match (or more). Most matches take about one hour to complete, so you are making about \$30 per hour. At a majority of events, officials work eight matches a day. In the Badger Region, first-year officials have the costs associated with becoming an official (membership, background screening and \$25 admin fee) reimbursed if they officiate at a minimum of four tournaments.

THE SCHEDULING

Want to work every weekend throughout the club season? There are opportunities to do so. Referees (both scorers and referees) are needed at juniors tournaments through the state of Wisconsin every week. And if you are available, you can make yourself available in the scheduling program. Only available to work half the day? You can set that up, too. It's that easy. After all, you are an independent contractor. You determine your schedule.

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THE PEOPLE

Getting to know the athletes, coaches and officials who make up the Badger Region make the officiating experience even more valuable. The volleyball community has some amazing people in it. In the Badger Region, there are people (coaches and officials) who played in the Olympics. There are officials who have traveled internationally to ref volleyball matches around the world. There are athletes who have stories that you would not even imagine. Getting to know the people is something you will enjoy more than you will know.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK

Whether you're a sports parent or a current or former athlete, you probably have memories about the club volleyball scene that you loved and will cherish for years to come. Now, imagine that you can help another parent or player enjoy similar memories that you have had the opportunity to create on the court or in the stands. As an official, you will help continue to grow the game and give back to the sport that gave you so much! Consider it an awesome way to challenge yourself!



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All Badger Region referees undergo a standardized training program consisting of two stages: Knowledge transfer (classroom, plus E-learning) and practical application (on-court evaluation).

After completing their initial training stages, including registering or renewing your USAV membership and having a current background screen, a referee is eligible to accept paid match assignments, but may continue their training by working through four certification levels: Provisional, Regional, Junior National and National.

Each referee-certification level builds upon the previous level and pushes the referee to increase their skills. Completing a certification level allows a referee to officiate increasingly difficult matches.

All Badger Region officials must be 16-years-of-age or older, members of USA Volleyball through the Region and, if officiating juniors, successfully pass a background screen administered during the registration process. Failure to do so will prohibit you working junior tournaments. All Badger Region officials must also agree to abide by the Badger Region Code of Conduct for Officials.

Key dates on the 2020-21 Badger Region calendar

Sept. 7: Tryouts/season begin for all WIAA high school athletes (boys and girls)

Oct. 3: Tryouts allowed for all boys and girls 14-and-under in the Badger Region.

Nov. 5-7: WIAA State Volleyball Championships (boys and girls) in Green Bay.

Nov. 14: Tryouts allowed for all boys and girls 15-and-older in the Badger Region.

Jan. 9-10: First weekend of Badger Region Power League

Feb. 20-21: Second weekend of Badger Region Power League

March 13-14: First weekend of Badger Region Championships. Ages are set to include Girls 11, Girls 12s, Girls 13s and Girls 15s. Age levels are subject to change.

March 27-28: Second weekend of Badger Region Championships. Ages are set to include all boys divisions, Girls 16s, Girls 17 and Girls 18s. Age levels are subject to change.

April 10-11: Third weekend of Badger Region Championships for Girls 14s, and Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament. Age levels are subject to change.

April 17-18: Third weekend of Badger Region Power League

All dates are subject to change based on the latest COVID-19 updates and any CDC or government regulations that have been adjusted.

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CENTRAL WISCONSIN VBC

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Cities in which the club practices:

Marshfield

What teams do you intend to offer in 2020-21:

G13, G14, G15, G16, G17, G18


Club website:

<https://www.central-wvbc.com/>


Club Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CentralWIVolleyballClub/>

FROM THE CLUB DIRECTORS



What makes your club unique in your market?

Our program is dedicated to the growth, development and education of its players and their families. Our vision of “complete player” development charges us with the task of preparing players for the physical, mental and emotional demands that high-level competition places upon athletes.

Our club typically runs a shorter season (December - mid-March) so athletes may also participate in their high school spring sports of track and softball.

What are your club's pillars of athlete development or coaching philosophies?

It is our commitment to the sport and those who love and support it that fuels our efforts. We understand that for most, volleyball is not the only important thing in life, but for our athletes and their families it is a very important part of their lives at this time. The path to personal and team achievement is difficult and unpredictable. Our staff recognizes this and pledges to proactively assist the players and their families with the struggles they may encounter along the way. The goals and objectives of the player must be synthesized with that of the team and the program as a whole. This requires compromise and understanding on behalf of all parties involved.

What are you most proud of when telling others about your club?

Central Wisconsin Volleyball Club was founded in 1993, with one team. CWVC has now grown with players in ages from 13-18 and 10-11 teams. We have longevity in our coaching staff. The volleyball knowledge and passion our coaches bring to the sport fuels our athletes.

Anything else you would like to add about your club?:

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NORTHERN WISCONSIN STARS

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What teams do you intend to offer in 2020-21: G12, G13, G14, G15, G16, G17

Cities in which the club practices:
Tomahawk, Minocqua



Club website: www.nwstarsvolleyball.com/



Club Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/NWVBC-Stars>



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@nwstars_volleyball_wi

What are your club's pillars of athlete development coaching philosophies?

AGE-SPECIFIC PHILOSOPHIES & FOCUS: We recognize and reward effort, attitude and commitment in addition to athletic skill. We have developed our expectations and playing philosophies accordingly, as follows:

UNDER 11S & 12S: The primary emphasis is on fundamental skill development, with particular attention paid to passing, setting and serving. Players are taught how to communicate with teammates, rules of the game and proper body language, mental focus, and self-discipline necessary to improve in any sport. Playing time will be primarily distributed based on commitment and attitude. The primary goal for this age group is to develop a love for the game and a commitment to continue to play and develop their skills.

UNDER 13S & 14S: At this age, we know players are often exploring different sports, but we plan on them developing a passion for volleyball. Winning or losing is not the only focus, but becoming a competitive player is definitely encouraged. Playing time will start to become influenced by the players' skill level, but will still be primarily determined by the effort, commitment, and desire to improve for individual players. This is a critical age to develop solid fundamental skills as after this age group, it becomes increasingly difficult to fix poor habits. As a result, our emphasis is to ingrain proper mechanics and develop competence in passing, serving, setting, and attacking. Blocking and digging will be taught and basic quick attacks will also be introduced. Physical conditioning will begin to have an impact on the execution of volleyball skills. Teams will be taught offensive and defensive systems and players will begin to find their specific positions. They should demonstrate good communication skills on the court, and understand the emphasis of volleyball as a team sport.

UNDER 15S & 16S: At this age, we expect players to be fully committed to volleyball excellence. Winning will become more important, as it is a qualitative demonstration that they are acquiring and applying individual skills and learning to play as a team. Playing time, especially on the top teams, will be weighted on a player's ability to contribute. But as long as a player remains committed, keeps a positive attitude, and works hard, playing time will be earned. Players need to work hard at the skills they have learned at a younger age and build upon them. From a skill development standpoint, the focus is the ability to make individual adjustments on both offense and defense. Mental toughness and strategy become increasingly important, and these concepts are introduced to players in this age group.

UNDER 17S: Winning will become even more important and further emphasized, as it demonstrates that players are applying individual skills and teams are playing cohesively. Playing time will be heavily dependent on a player's ability to contribute. Basic skills should be mastered and should only need minor refinements. The major emphasis is on enhancement of the finer points of the game both offensively and defensively, particularly within a system of team offense and team defense. Mental toughness, strategy, and the cohesiveness of teams dictate match results more and more often, so development and focus will be given to these facets of the sport



What are you most proud of when telling others about your club?

Our club has been around since 2005, we have been giving players in Northern Wisconsin an opportunity to play volleyball for a long time. Throughout that time, we have had players play for us that have played for NCAA D1 schools outside of WI and we have had several players play for WIAC colleges across the state. Some of these players have even come back to coach for the club. We have been growing our program, and have been able to offer more teams at each age level in the last few years.

Overall, we are able to provide this opportunity for players in the Northwoods, as there are not many clubs available in the area, unless you want to drive a distance. Having past players reach their goals to play in college, it shows present and future players that goals can be reached as long as you put the time, commitment and good attitude in to achieve those goals.

What makes your club unique in your market?

Location Location Location — Based in Tomahawk, WI we are one of five clubs within 50 miles of each other and one of 16 clubs within 75 miles of each other.

As there are options for clubs in Northern Wisconsin, location can play a big role in making a decision to travel. We are fortunate we are located in a central location for quite a few towns to bring players together to play volleyball.

We also are open to having satellite teams, which could be based in other towns. The last two years we have run satellite teams in Minocqua, WI.

Payment/pricing information

Black & Blue Programs:

* Cost/Team Ages: \$500-\$700 for 15-18 (6-8 tournaments)

* Cost/Team Ages: \$300-\$500 for 13-14 (4-5 tournaments)

Shooting Stars Programs:

* Cost/Team Ages: \$200-\$300 for 11-12 (1-2 tournaments)

*Note these are projected fees; there

is a potential the fees could change as final planning for the season occurs

Features:

* Season from November thru March/April; (potentially October start for 14 and under ages)

* 2 practices a week (i.e. two practices or a practice and a tournament)

* Scrimmage play begins in December

* Tournament play begins in January

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