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Carthage to host NCAA D3 Men's Championships

The Carthage Athletic Department announced last week that the college has been chosen to host the upcoming 2022 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Final Four and Championship, taking place on April 22-23, 2022.

"We're incredibly excited for this opportunity that our student-athletes, coaches, department, college, and the town of Kenosha can share in celebrating," said Director of Athletics Nate Stewart. "It will take plenty

of work and planning, but we're prepared to host a national championship in Kenosha, and have the top-notch facilities and staff members to do it."

After a change from the originally planned location of Canton, Ohio, the bid for this coming spring's tournament was opened back up nationally, with Carthage earning the chance to host again after doing so in 2018.

"We are honored to host this year's NCAA Championship

matches here at Carthage," said men's head volleyball coach JW Kieckhefer, who is also a Badger Region coach. "It is an exciting opportunity to showcase our sport to the Kenosha community and the greater Southeast-Wisconsin community. It is our hope this event will continue to grow boys volleyball in the state by bringing the greatest teams in the country to Kenosha. I could not be more excited for our city, college and program."

The Firebirds will look to repeat as NCAA National Champions after claiming the crown last spring. Led by all-Americans Zach Bulthuis, Gene McNulty, Matt Slivinski, and Carter Schmidt last year, Carthage ended the season with a 23-0 record, capping it off with a thrilling 3-2 win over Benedictine in the championship match. The reigning USMC/AVCA National Coach of the Year, JW Kieckhefer returns each of last year's four all-Americans as he gears up for his third year at the helm.

Elite skills clinic Nov. 19 for boys 16-18

The Badger Region is excited to announce that we are hosting a Boys Advanced Skills Clinic Launch Party from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 19, at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. In partnership with Frisco Mo, the event is designed for athletes ages 16-18 years old who want to train with elite college coaches and get in front of the many recruiters who will be in attendance that night.

The lead coaches for the event will include Colin McMillan (Penn State University), Hudson Bates (Ohio State University) and Matt Pollock (Pepperdine). Also in attendance will be numerous other college coaches representing all levels of volleyball from all across the country.

Each coach will lead athletes through drills in a specific area of the game that they feel new college athletes need the most work on when they arrive on campus. McMillan will focus on out-of-system work. Bates has a focus on tempo and offense.



Pollock has chosen serving and passing. Athletes will rotate from lead coach to lead coach throughout the night and have the chance to work with all coaches at the event.

To register for the event, athletes should click here: <https://badgervolleyball.org/advanced-skills-clinic/>. All athletes in attendance will receive a Frisco Mo t-shirt. All coaches will receive swag from Badger Region and Frisco Mo.

If you have any questions about the Advanced Skills Clinic coming Nov. 19, the Friday night before the Third Coast Invite here in Milwaukee, please email brian@badgervolleyball.org. Coaches in attendance and club coaches who are in town for the tournament that weekend will be invited to a coaches social that will follow the clinic Friday night that is being hosted by the Badger Region. Coaches looking to register for the mixer can [click here](#).

Websites help players find a club, clubs find players

The first weekend of Badger Region tryouts is under our belts and that means that there are a lot of athletes still looking for a club to join and clubs looking for a few more athletes to round out rosters.

Here are a few links to help all parents/athletes and clubs:

* Players seeking clubs
([Full list and to register, click here](#))

* Clubs seeking players
([Full list and to update a club's needs, click here](#))

Only athletes 14-and-under will be listed on any of the current players seeking club pages.

Any adult players looking for an adult team to compete with, [click here](#).

Once you find a home or fill a roster, please email brian@badgervolleyball.org to be removed from the published lists.

Badger Region announces bid opportunities for USAVs

Girls teams from around the Badger Region are preparing to pack their bags for Indianapolis or Phoenix.

Those are the locations of USA Volleyball's Girls Junior National Championships in the spring and summer of 2022.

But first, teams must earn a bid to their respective events at the Badger Region Qualifier that will take place Feb. 26-27 at the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls.

To participate in the USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships, a team must either register for the Patriot Division (all-comers) or attempt to qualify for one of the four bid-winner divisions: Open, National, USA and American. Teams must attend a national qualifier to earn Open or USA bids, while they may attend a regional qualifier to earn National or American bids. All boys bids are awarded through the national bid tournament process.

For Girls 12-17s, the 2022 Badger Region Qualifier awards one National and two American bids in each age division. The number of bids awarded is determined by USA Volleyball based on number of registered teams and athletes in the Region. Some bids may be awarded through "Trickle Down" or the "Re-allocation Process," and therefore be granted after the completion of the tournament, as late as the first week of May.

For Girls 18s, the 2022 Badger Region Qualifier will award one National bid and

2022 Badger Region bid allocations

Age	National Bids	Waiting List	Amer. Bids	Waiting List	Freedom Bids	Location
G11	1	16	NA	NA	NA	Indianapolis
G12	1	17	2	34	NA	Indianapolis
G13	1	11	2	21	NA	Indianapolis
G14	1	10	2	21	1	Indianapolis
G15	1	10	2	21	1	Indianapolis
G16	1	10	2	21	1	Indianapolis
G17	1	10	2	21	1	Indianapolis
G18	1	11	1	1	1	Phoenix

one American bid. The Region is No. 1 on the reallocation waiting list this year.

New this year: All teams are eligible for a bid to the Freedom Division, which will go to the highest finishing team in the G14-18s division that do not receive a National or American bid.

Continuing for 2022: The Badger Region will pre-reserve hotel rooms for the National bid winners of each age division 12-17 in Indianapolis for the Girls Junior National Championships. If a team chooses not to take the rooms reserved by the Region, they will

go to the next team. The hotels go to the team that accepts the National bid.

Continuing in 2022: In accordance with all qualifiers: Teams are responsible for providing an officiating/work crew for matches in which they are not scheduled to play. Those work assignments can be found in the official play schedule. For planning purposes, be prepared to provide the following officials:

- * Certified scorer
- * Scoreboard operator/libero tracker
- * Two line judges
- * A certified adult must serve as the R2.

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GOOD COMPENSATION
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Photos from the Oct. 6 clinic at UW-Oshkosh



*Thank you, UW-Oshkosh, for hosting this great event.
And thank you to all the kids and families who came out.*

Phoenix, Indianapolis, Las Vegas to host national championship events

USA Volleyball has selected Phoenix and the Phoenix Convention Center to host the 2022 USAV Girls 18s National Championship on April 22-24.

The Girls 18s event is in its sixth year as a stand-alone national championship with the inaugural event taking place in Milwaukee. The 2022 edition will include two new qualifying divisions that will increase the team count to more than 350 teams.

The Phoenix Convention Center has previously hosted the USAV Boys Junior National Championship and the USAV Open National Championship.

Qualifying events for the Girls 18s National Championship are expected to begin in January and run through March.

In 2021, 266 teams with approximately 3,300 athletes competed at Girls 18s in Columbus, Ohio.

Badger Region clubs who competed in 2021 included FC Elite, MKE Sting, Motion Volleyball Program, Midwest Penguins, One Wisconsin, Milwaukee Juniors, 414 Milwaukee Elite and Revolution Volleyball Academy.

Indy also hosting

The 42nd annual edition of the GJNC, for players ages 11-17, will be a 12-day event held at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

“USA Volleyball is excited to bring the Girls Junior National Championship back to Indianapolis in 2022,” said USAV Events Director Kristy Cox. “Indy has proven to be a great host and partner for this event.”

The bump to 12 days (currently the event takes 10 days) will allow for more space in the conven-



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tion center as the number of teams competing grows. USAV is expecting more than 1,600 teams in Indy with next year's growth and the introduction of two new divisions.

Indianapolis previously hosted the GJNC in 2016 and 2019.

The GJNC economic impact on the host city can be significant. The 2021 GJNC is held in Las Vegas had more than 1,300 teams registered.

Boys headed to Las Vegas

The Boys Junior National Championships will be held in Las Vegas in late June/early July in 2022.

Dates are June 30-July 7.

When more information is available regarding the BJNCs, the Badger Region will update its website as well as share new on social media.

Nov. 3: Boys open house at Pius XI

One more open house is planned for parents and athletes to meet staff and learn about offerings of Badger Region clubs.

The event is slated to take place 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Pius XI High School.

This event is designed for boys 15-and-older and their families to learn about the many boys club volleyball opportunities in the Badger Region.

The event is free for families to attend. On site, there will be 10 clubs showcasing their offerings for the 2021-22 club volleyball season. In addition, the Badger Region staff will be on site to answer questions about our events, memberships and the upcoming 2021-22 season.

Marquette University and UW-Whitewater men's club volleyball teams will also play on center court during the open house.

The event is paid for thanks to Badger Region Volleyball Association.

For more information, email brian@badgervolleyball.org.




Keep up to date on all things volleyball via the many channels of the Badger Region

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Region staff here to serve its members, clubs

The Badger Region staff wants to welcome you to the start of the 2021-22 season.

Membership purchases for the new year began on Sept. 1 in Sports Engine, which is now in its second year as our primary member management system.

But membership is only one piece of tasks we tackle in the Badger Region office. Take a few minutes to see what our staff coordinates and contact them directly if you have questions.

Jennifer Armson-Dyer Executive Director/ Commissioner

Contact Jen for with questions or information regarding policies, procedures, rules, SafeSport, grievances and all areas of Region management and operations.

Jen also serves on many national committees established in the RVAA and USAV as well as with the International Volleyball Hall of Fame and Sports Engine.

Brian Sharkey Program Director

Contact Brian for information



on programming opportunities, youth clinics, coaching clinics, community service, scholarships, Badger Boys Series, High Performance, ESP, 3C, open houses, outreach, grass volleyball, adult volleyball and any website or communications-related questions.

Brian is also the Badger Region staff member/liaison to the Try-out Committee. He is the USA Volleyball Junior Assembly Elite Development Chair, a member of working Sports Engine committee, a working official and a high school boys coach.

Scott Spiess Operations Manager

Contact Scott for information regarding membership, insurance, IMPACT, coaching education, coach/club director of the year awards, AVCA partnerships, Art of Coaching memberships and all things related to the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference, of which Scott is an advisory member. He is also a board member for a Badger Region volleyball club and High Performance coach.

Kelly Lehman Tournament Director

Contact Kelly for information regarding Badger Region tournaments, how to register for events, how to run a tournament, questions with Advanced Event Systems (AES) and region events. He coordinates the scheduling of the Badger Region Championships, Qualifier, Dale Rohde Memorial, Power League and Youth Fall Volleyball League. Kelly is also Badger Region club director, WIAA official and USA Volleyball official.

Sara Voigt Program Specialist

Contact Sara if you are looking to officiate or are a returning official looking to advance in your rating. Sara is also the contact for coaches, parents and athletes in the Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, WVC officials, and new officials questions, training and support. Contact Sara with questions about hotels and age waivers. She, too, is a club coach and working USAV official.

USAV Adult Nationals heading to Orlando in 2022

USA Volleyball has selected Orlando, Fla., to host the 2022 USA Volleyball Open National Championship, May 27-June 1, 2022.

The event was last held in Orlando in 2016 with a record number of 578 teams in attendance. USA Volleyball also operates the Sunshine Classic Girls Junior National Qualifier annually in Orlando in early spring.

“USA Volleyball is thrilled to be bringing the USA Volleyball Open National Championship back to Orlando in 2022,” said Jamie Davis, USA Volleyball president and CEO. “Visit Orlando, the Greater Orlando Sports Commission, and the Orange County Convention Center always prove to be won-



derful hosts for our athletes, officials, coaches and fans. I am sure that in addition to experiencing the best volleyball has to offer in the United States that our group will thoroughly enjoy their stay in the destination.”

USA Volleyball will hold its annual meetings in Orlando ahead of the event and celebrate annual inductees and award honorees at the USA Volleyball Hall of

Fame presented at the Dorothy C. Boyce Banquet on May 25.

“We look forward to welcoming the 2022 USA Volleyball Open National Championship and corporate annual meetings to Orlando in May of next year,” said Casandra Matej, president and CEO of Visit Orlando. “Orlando has been successfully and safely hosting in-person group events since reopening over a year ago. From professional sports to youth tournaments, sports tourism has been an important force in our destination’s recovery, and we are thrilled that USA Volleyball has selected Orlando for their event next year.”

“We are so pleased to welcome our good friends at USA Volleyball back to Orlando for the 2022 Open

National Championship, banquet and corporate meetings in May of 2022. Our community has a long history of hosting premier volleyball events, and we know that our guests and their families will have a tremendous experience while visiting us in Central Florida,” said Jason Siegel, president and CEO of the Greater Orlando Sports Commission.

The Orange County Convention Center (OCCC) has hosted more than 100 face-to-face events since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic – July 2020. Most recently, sporting events have dominated the center’s spring and summer calendar, welcoming various youth volleyball (including the USA All-Star Championships), basketball and wrestling tournaments.

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TRYOUTS: BEST PRACTICES

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The Badger Region receives numerous calls and emails from athletes, parents and clubs about what can be done to improve the tryout process. While the Region cannot mandate most of what is listed below, the Region's Board of Directors and the Region Staff recommend the following as best practices:

Before tryouts

- 1. Retention Period**
 - a. Communicate with the Badger Region office if your club plans to utilize the Retention Period via the pre-tryout survey that will be sent out.
 - b. Make offers Aug. 1-10, 2021, to athletes who played for your club during the 2020-21 club season. Make sure all paperwork is signed and filed and held by the club director until needed at a later time. (<http://badgervolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Retention-Document-for-Clubs-2019-20.pdf>)
 - c. Publicize on your website, social media, tryout flyers, etc., whether your club made Region Period offers
 - d. Publicize on your website, social media, tryout flyers, etc., if only limited spots are available in your club for the 2020-21 club season



- 2. Communication**
 - a. Communicate with nearby clubs, or clubs who draw from the same pool of athletes, on dates/times to host tryouts. This will prevent athletes and families from having to pick one or the other when it comes to the first tryouts.
 - b. Communicate your 2020-21 tryout times, dates and location to current/former families and the general public. (You can't do this enough.)
 - c. Communicate open houses, tune-up clinics or other pre-season club events to current/former families and the general public.
 - d. Communicate upcoming deadlines (pre-registration deadlines, commitment deadlines, other club-specific deadlines such as when a determination will be made if a team is going to "fold" or when first payments and contracts are due).



SPOTS IN YOUR PROGRAM BEFORE THE TRYOUT PERIOD BEGINS.

- 3. Other**
 - a. Examine the Badger Region's "delinquent payment" list maintained at the Region office.
 - b. Be realistic. Seriously look at how many teams you can field (based on number of coaches available, gym time available, athletes in your area, other clubs in your area).
 - c. As you consider the number of teams you can field, have a tentative plan for how many teams you expect to offer at each age division as well as your club philosophy on moving players to older age divisions if a player's skill level warrants or if needed to fill teams. Consider the trickle-down effect of moving players to older age groups and your club's subsequent ability to field teams at younger age levels.
 - d. The Region recommends a pre-registration process to make sure all payment, paperwork, payments and membership card numbers are filed before arriving on site.
 - e. Review all other Badger Region policies, procedures and dates as it pertains to tryouts.

During tryouts

- 1. Paperwork**
 - a. Make sure all players have a membership, medical release form and concussion form
 - b. Ask all athletes if they have accepted a Retention Offer to another club. If they have and show a club listed in their membership account, you might want to ask that athlete to kindly not participate in the tryout.
 - c. Do birth date checks on all athletes. Make sure that each athlete is trying out for the proper age level. Remember: Not all age waivers are granted. And under certain circumstances (teams who participate in Qualifiers/Nationals/Out-of-Region events), no age waivers are allowed.
 - d. Collect other payment and club-specific paperwork. State if tryout fees can be refunded.



- 2. While on the court**
 - a. Coaches and directors should go into tryouts with an open mind.

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- b. Give each athlete who walks through the door a fair shot. And put them in positions that will give them the best chance to succeed (i.e. Put the 4-foot-6 athlete in more passing drills than blocking drills).
 - c. Come with a plan. Hitting lines or kings/queens of the court for two hours is not a good plan.
 - d. Have a group of coaches running the drills/tryout plan and a different group of coaches evaluating. The two groups should chat on a regular basis throughout the tryout.
 - e. Be discrete when talking with other evaluators and/or coaches about the athletes, and/or have a place where you can discuss that is not within earshot of participants.
 - f. Take lots of notes. Rate them according to a scale that all directors and coaches in your club can use and understand. Athletes (and parents) want feedback as to why they didn't make a team.
- 3. Making offers and beyond**
 - a. Communicate with all athletes whether they are getting an offer, if they are in line to get an offer, or if they are not getting an offer.
 - b. Remind athletes about the Badger Region Commitment Deadline (7 p.m. Monday after the start of the tryout period)
 - c. Explain your club's trickle-down process
 - d. Remind athletes how to make a commitment to a club in the member management system that will be discussed more at a later time.
 - e. Remind all athletes that if they pick a different club, it is OK. Tell them to let your club know right away so athletes in line for an offer will be able to get a spot sooner rather than later.



After tryouts

- 1. Filling teams**
 - a. Have a deadline of when your club will determine if a team will fold or come to fruition
 - b. Have a plan in place if you get lots of athletes at one gender/age level and not a lot at another.
 - c. Utilize the Badger Region website page dedicated to players looks for teams.
 - d. Advertise on the Badger Region site if you have a team looking for players
 - e. Contact nearby clubs to see if they have similar situation, and work together to combine those two small groups of athletes into one team at one of the clubs.
 - f. Announce on your website/social media when a team is filled and that no more offers will be going out for that specific team
 - g. Alert athletes on the "waiting list" for that team that no more offers will be made

- 2. Finalizing your roster**
 - a. Make sure your "committed" athletes have selected your club in the member management system. It is not official until this is done.
 - b. Make sure (again) that they meet the age requirements for this age group.
 - c. Make sure all paperwork is in for this athlete



- 3. Looking ahead**
 - a. Take notes on what worked and what did not.
 - b. Offer refunds where applicable in a timely manner.
 - c. Update online listing where applicable.
 - d. Shred any paperwork from athletes not needed for the upcoming season

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Tryout details released for 2021-22 season

Region shares 'Best Practices,' 'Retention Period' details with club directors, families

As we are now officially in summer, we wanted to share some updated information in regards to tryouts for the 2021-22 club season. We will highlight a few changes (from USAV), identify first allowable dates for retention offers and tryouts, and share some "best practices" for you to consider when planning.

*** Retention Offers** — The Badger Region once again offered a retention period of 10 days from Aug. 1 - Aug. 10. The use of retention offers was optional and at the discretion of each individual club. If issuing retention offers, the use of the retention period agreement form is required.

*** 2021-22 Tryout/Commitment Dates:**
— **14-and-under boys and girls (born July 1, 2007, and after)**

* First available date clubs can hold try-

outs: Oct. 2, 2021

* A player (regardless of whether they played for a club in the 2020-21 season) will not be required to commit to a club until 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4.

* All offers made after 7:01 p.m. Oct. 4 are at the discretion of the club

— **15-and-older boys and girls (born June 30, 2007 and before)**

* First available date for tryouts: Nov. 13, 2021

* A player (regardless of whether they played for a club in the 2020-21 season) will not be required to commit to a club until 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15.

* All offers made after 7:01 p.m. Nov. 15 are at the discretion of the club

*** Best Practices for Tryouts** - The Badger Region has compiled a list of Best Practices to be utilized before, during, and after tryouts. These will also be shared on our website, in our newsletter, and on social media.

We have asked club directors, coaches,

athletes and families to familiarize themselves with these Best Practices. The Best Practices were created by the Region's tryout committee consisting of region coaches, club directors, board members, and region staff.

Clubs will invite athletes to join their clubs via Sports Engine, just like they did for the 2020 season.

Parents and athletes should make sure that they have given their potential clubs the accurate email address and athlete information that corresponds to what is registered in Sports Engine.

All policies, dates, and supporting information will be posted to our website. The Badger Region recognizes that with the time missed this season and the unknown of what fall will bring, there may be some concerns and challenges related to tryouts.

Have questions? Email membership@badgervolleyball.org or call 262-349-9785.

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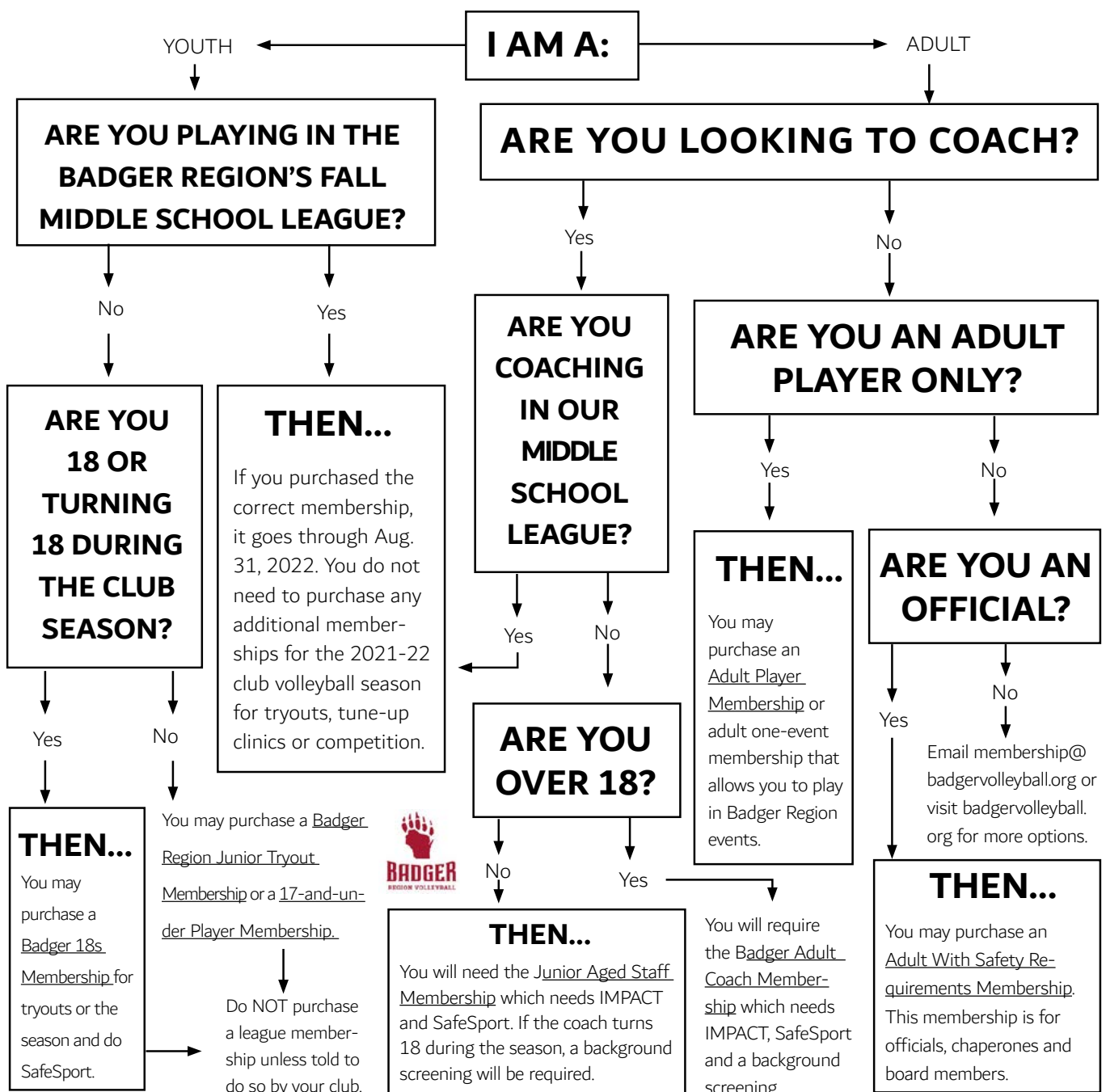
Our board of directors is looking for your opinion on tryout policies, tryout dates, commitment dates and the retention period. Please take this two-minute survey to help make the Badger Region better for all of its members and families. Questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.



<https://badgervolleyball.org/tryout-survey/>

MEMBERSHIPS, ANYONE?

Sorting through the list of available memberships in the Badger Region can be a bit confusing based on what time of year it is and whether or not an athlete has participated during the previous club volleyball season. To help navigate selecting a junior membership, use our “Choose Your Own Adventure” below and we’ll make sure you get the membership you need. If you ever have questions about which membership is right for a junior athlete, coach, club director or adult player, email membership@badgervolleyball.org or call 262-349-9785.





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GIRLS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

USAV RESTRUCTURES GJNCS FOR 2022

NEW DIVISIONS ADDED TO CURRENT HIERARCHY; QUALIFICATION EXPLAINED

11 NATIONAL 🐾 48	16 OPEN 36	<p>QUALIFY THROUGH BOTH REGIONS AND NATIONAL QUALIFIERS</p> <p>QUALIFY THROUGH NATIONAL QUALIFIERS ONLY</p> <p>QUALIFY THROUGH REGION ONLY</p> <p>NON-QUALIFYING DIVISION</p>
12 NATIONAL 🐾 48	16 NATIONAL 🐾 48	
12 USA 24	16 USA 36	
12 AMERICAN 🐾 64	16 LIBERTY 24	
13 OPEN 24	16 AMERICAN 🐾 64	
13 NATIONAL 🐾 48	16 FREEDOM 🐾 48	
13 USA 36	16 PATRIOT 48	
13 LIBERTY 24		
13 AMERICAN 🐾 64	17 OPEN 36	
13 PATRIOT 48	17 NATIONAL 🐾 48	
	17 USA 36	
14 OPEN 36	17 LIBERTY 24	
14 NATIONAL 🐾 48	17 AMERICAN 🐾 64	
14 USA 36	17 FREEDOM 🐾 48	
14 LIBERTY 24	17 PATRIOT 48	
14 AMERICAN 🐾 64		
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14 PATRIOT 48	18 NATIONAL 🐾 48	
15 OPEN 36	18 USA 48	
15 NATIONAL 🐾 48	18 LIBERTY 32	
15 USA 36	18 AMERICAN 🐾 64	
15 LIBERTY 24	18 FREEDOM 🐾 48	
15 AMERICAN 🐾 64	18 PATRIOT 64	
15 FREEDOM 🐾 48		
15 PATRIOT 48		

For 2022, USA Volleyball has added the USA division to the 12s division as well as the Liberty division to ages 13-18 and the Freedom division to 14-18s.

The Liberty division will be a Qualifier-only division with 2 bids each if the threshold minimum numbers are met. The Freedom division – will be a Region-only division with 1-2 bids awarded depending on Region size (same as National division)

Maximum field size is listed to the right of each division.



USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION For use during the 2021-2022 Season

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Aug	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Sept	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Oct	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Nov	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Dec	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Jan	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Feb	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Mar	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Apr	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
May	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
June	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014

¹ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2003 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2002 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year.

² **Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2003, (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 11th 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, 2007 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) 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, 2007 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) 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, 2008 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.



FINISHED

Coaches are
parents and volunteers

*** The officials are
new or in training

Many of the athletes ***
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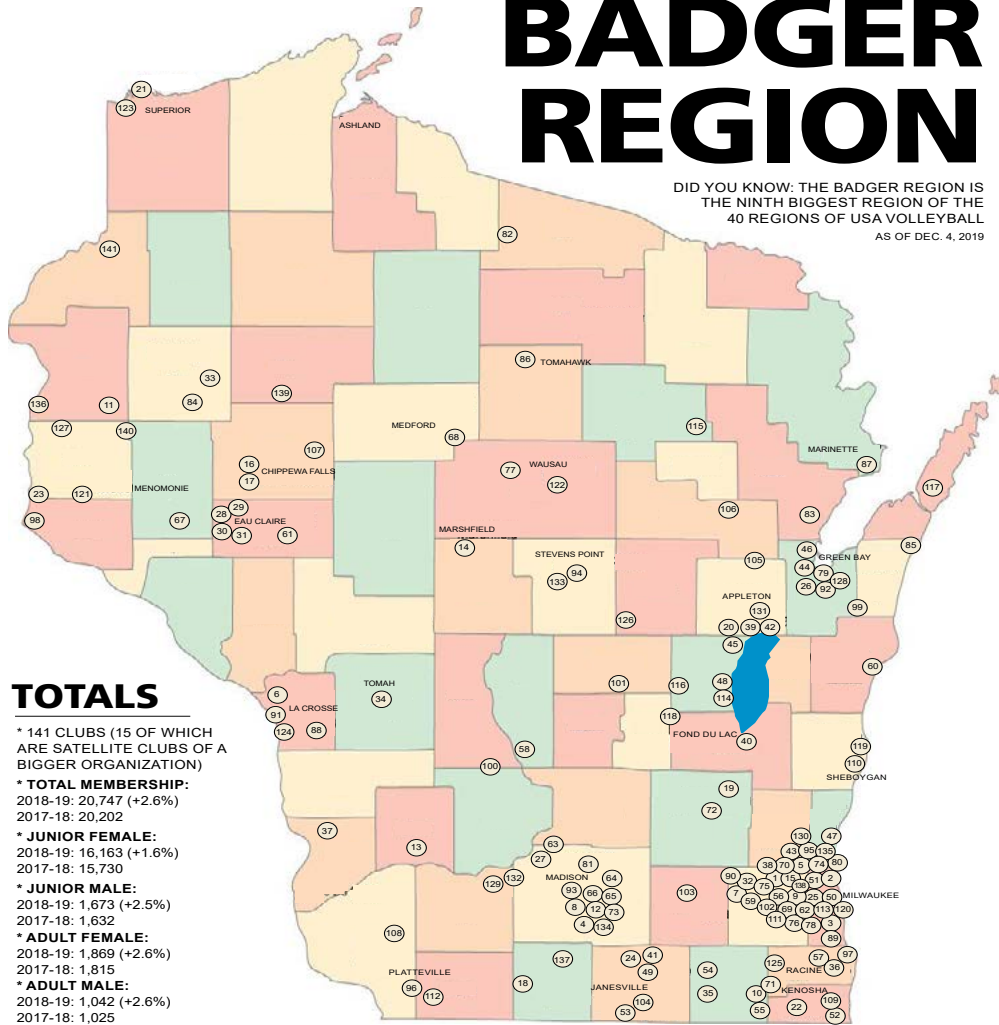
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- * 141 CLUBS (15 OF WHICH ARE SATELLITE CLUBS OF A BIGGER ORGANIZATION)
- * **TOTAL MEMBERSHIP:**
2018-19: 20,747 (+2.6%)
2017-18: 20,202
- * **JUNIOR FEMALE:**
2018-19: 16,163 (+1.6%)
2017-18: 15,730
- * **JUNIOR MALE:**
2018-19: 1,673 (+2.5%)
2017-18: 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

Get your jersey questions answered

The Badger Region Volleyball Association wants to make sure your team's jerseys are compliant with all rule sets and changes that have gone into effect starting in the 2020-21 season regarding uniforms.

To do so, the Region's Ref Chair is encouraging club directors or coaches to upload images to this link (below) if there is any concern that numbers are not contrasting enough with the dominant color of the jersey or if a jersey is not contrasting for libero purposes.

UPLOAD HERE: <http://badger-volleyball.org/jerseys/>

Reminder: All numbers must clearly contrast with the color of the jersey, regardless of the color of the outline of the number.

Have questions? Email badgerref-chair@yahoo.com.

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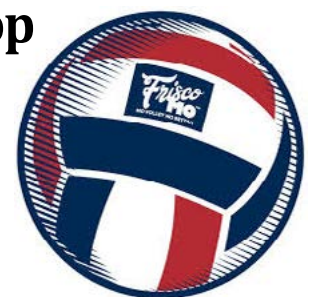
Badger Region, Frisco Mo partner for unique Wisconsin-themed volleyball shop

How do I get fun, Badger Region apparel all year round? Now you can thanks to a recent partnership between the Badger Region and Frisco Mo.

The online-only shop offers everything from pillows and posters to stickers and mugs to the more traditional hoodies and t-shirts.

A permanent link to the store now sits on www.badgervolleyball.org.

A portion of the proceeds benefits future Badger Region programming in the state of Wisconsin. For a link to the shop, click here.



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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

Oct. 30-31: Championship weekend for the Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League at the Milwaukee Sting Center and New Berlin SportsPlex

Nov. 3: Badger Region Boys Volleyball Open house from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Pius XI High School in Wauwatosa.

Nov. 8: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting. 6 p.m. at the office in Pewaukee.

Nov. 13: Tryouts may begin for all Badger Region athletes 15-and-older.

Nov. 19: Badger Region/Frisco Mo Advanced Skills Clinic and coaches mixer at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. The event is for boys 16-18.

Jan. 8-9: First weekend of the Badger Region Power League (Sites TBA)

Feb. 12-13: Second weekend of the Badger Region Power League (Sites TBA)

Feb. 26-27: Badger Region Girls Qualifier at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

March 19-20: Badger Region Championships for Girls 16s, Girls 17s, Girls 18s at the Wisconsin Center (ages subject to change)

March 19 or 20: Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament at the Wisconsin Center

March 26-27: Badger Region Championships for Girls 11s, Girls 12s, Girls 13s and Girls 14s at the Wisconsin Center (ages subject to change)

April 2-3: Badger Region Championships for Girls 15s, All Boys and All Adult Divisions at the Wisconsin Center. (ages subject to change)

April 9-10: Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League (Sites TBA)

April 22-24: USA Volleyball Girls 18s Junior National Championships in Phoenix.

May 27-June 1: USA Volleyball Adult Open Nationals in Orlando, Fla.

June 23-July 4: USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships in Indianapolis

June 30-July 7: USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships in Las Vegas



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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Angie Lubach
(Independent Rep)
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REGION STAFF

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Elections for the Badger Region Board of Directors occur. Nominations take place in April and the election is for adult members May 1-10.

Adversity-Wisconsin VBC Tune-ups Grades 9-12

Not to be confused with the open gym-like sessions some clubs offer, **Adversity-Wisconsin VBC** tune-ups are well organized 1.5 hour sessions of competitive and skill-based court time, to help kids prepare for club tryouts and the upcoming season.

Tune-ups listed below are for kids entering Grades 9-12 (ages 14-18).

All sessions held at Adversity Training Center (ATC) in Germantown - N113 W18750 Carnegie Drive 53022

Sessions coached by various Adversity-Wisconsin VBC staff members (assistants added for larger groups)

COST: 1 Session \$25 / 2 Sessions \$40 / 3 Sessions \$45 = **BEST VALUE!** (3 or more sessions \$15 each)

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
#1	Sat Oct 23	11:00-12:30pm
#2	Sat Oct 23	1:00-2:30pm
#3	Tue Oct 26	5:30-7:00pm
#4	Tue Oct 26	7:30-9:00pm
#5	Fri Oct 29	5:30-7:00pm
#6	Fri Oct 29	7:30-9:00pm
#7	Sat Oct 30	11:00-12:30pm
#8	Sat Oct 30	1:00-2:30pm
#9	Tue Nov 02	5:30-7:00pm
#10	Tue Nov 02	7:30-9:00pm
***	Privates	Call 262-707-1003

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
#11	Thu Nov 04	5:30-7:00pm
#12	Thu Nov 04	7:30-9:00pm
#13	Sat Nov 06	9:00-11:30am
#14	Sat Nov 06	11:00-12:30pm
#15	Sat Nov 06	1:00-2:30pm
#16	Tue Nov 09	5:30-7:00pm
#17	Tue Nov 09	7:30-9:00pm
#18	11/10 "AIM"	Athlete Info Mtng.
#19	Thu Nov 11	5:30-7:00pm
#20	Thu Nov 11	7:30-9:00pm
***	Small Groups	Call 262-707-1003

These sessions are not to be confused with Club Try-Outs and no promise of a club "offer" is made or implied!

Contact Dave Pauers with any Questions: adversitywisconsin@gmail.com or 262-707-1003

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Pre-Registration & Payment Required via Sports Engine

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- 1.) **Adversity Liability & Medical Release**
- 2.) Concussion Agreement
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Parents and athletes talk to potential clubs at a girls club volleyball open house in September of 2021.

The club volleyball open houses held in September through November 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



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

bitter rivals on the court or coach at rival clubs, most are actually good friends when their differences are put aside.

Last year, these in-person events were canceled. But they are back in full force for the 2021-22 season.

Some have already taken place, but

two more are set for Sept. 26 in the Milwaukee and another is set for Nov. 3 for high-school age boys.

But we didn't want to leave out any clubs or families that didn't feel comfortable attending in person or who weren't able to make it due to conflicts on their person calendars.

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.

It's the best of both worlds: In person open houses and a virtual open house.

~ Brian Sharkey

Badger Region Program Director

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 2021-22 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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