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Pair of coaching clinics coming to Badger Region

Coaching education — one of the pillars of the Badger Region Volleyball Association — is taking a big step forward with the 2021-22 club volleyball season.

This is in part thanks to two unique coaching clinics that will take place in Wisconsin.

The first will be Dec. 4-5 at Kromrey Middle School in Middleton. The second will be April 23-24 at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

In addition, all clubs are welcome to participate in the Coaches Coaching Coaches (3C) opportunities that are run by the Badger Region.

Dec. 4-5 event

The Badger Region is hosting its own coaching clinic with some elite coaches in Middleton the first weekend in December.

The clinic's points of emphasis will all be based on "Planning your season — structuring your goals and building a season outline for your team."

A cadre of coaches including Eric Hodgson (director of coaching education in the Arizona Region), John Kessel (former director of education for USA

Volleyball), and Marouane Jafir (former University of Pennsylvania coach and club director).

A Badger Region or USA Volleyball membership from any region is required for participation. Registration will open soon.

April 23-24

After a short hiatus, the Badger Region is welcoming back the Art of Coaching Volleyball who will be running a clinic at Marquette University April 23-24. The event is run in partnership with the Badger Region. No membership is

required to attend this event.

This clinic will feature Russ Rose, John Dunning, Terry Liskevych, Ryan Theis, and Marie Zidek with classroom and on-court sessions. The Badger Region will be hosting a Friday night (April 22) clinic specifically for youth coaches (middle school and younger) and a Saturday night social for all coaches!

The Region and AoC partnered for a coaching clinic at Marquette in 2019 that was attended by over 200 coaches.

More details and registration will be coming soon.

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), Mark Hulse (Loyola Chicago) and Matt Pollock (Pepperdine).

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.

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](#).

Have questions? Email Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Websites help players find a club, clubs find players

The first weekend of Badger Region tryouts is under our belts and that means 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 until 15-and-older tryouts take place.

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

Once athletes find a home, please email brian@badgervolleyball.org to be removed from the published lists.

FROM A STAFF MEMBER

Small moments can make a big impact

By Jennifer Armson-Dyer
Badger Region Executive Director

For many, volleyball is a hobby or an extracurricular activity, in whatever role you participate. You go to the practice or event, and then you go home when it's done. For me, it's woven into every aspect of my life, and has been since before I was born. It's embedded in everything I do because of my background, and it's in the fabric of my life because of where I am now. Because of this, when I have idle time like driving or flying, my thoughts begin to wander to questions like: "how can I make a bigger impact?" or "how can I share what I know and what I've learned to help others?" I'm going to attempt to do that now, to show how small moments can have a huge impact.

I grew up in Portage, Wis., just north of Madison, where my mom Joann was the high school coach for 39 years. I didn't know anything other than playing in a gym, riding in a ball cart, shagging during hitting lines, creating forts under the bleachers. My mom (and dad, the concession stand master) were always in the building in some form or fashion, as were various other people when you're in a school setting. When I got old enough, mom would send me on errands, and she would always say "be extra nice to the school secretaries and janitors, they know everyone and have keys to everything."

That lesson has stuck with me throughout my life because it is so unerringly true. They can be the difference between a smooth clinic that coaches remember for the learning moments contained within, or a rough event where we were locked out of rooms and didn't have the necessary equipment to make a positive environment that they would want to come back to. There are certain people that you come across in any profession that just make your life easier, and without a doubt, in volleyball, the secretaries and janitors are two groups of people who make the world go 'round, and the impact they have on anyone in an administrative role certainly shouldn't go unnoticed. If you're an athlete reading this, take



Jennifer Armson-Dyer with International Volleyball Hall of Fame Director George Mulry.

this information and start using it. Thank your school or facility janitor, the administrative assistant who generally just hears from you when you need something. It won't go unnoticed.

Another impactful moment came for me in college. I played volleyball at Northwestern University, and we had a new coach when I came in as a freshman. The transition was rough and we all had to learn how to operate together. After one particularly difficult practice, our coach sat us down for a "talk." These weren't exactly fun conversations, for anyone who has been on the receiving end, but one thing he said still stands out to me today. He pointed at our assistant coach and said "[she] is married. She is taking time away from her new husband to be here with you because she believes in you, and you're wasting her time." I'm not sure I understood that at the level I do now, but it stuck in my brain at the time and has made an impact.

We only get so much time. A few hours of practice a day, a certain number of matches a season, a finite number of bus rides or plane trips, hotel stays and team bonding moments. Going further, a limited number of years that we can play, or coach, or be involved because of different aspects of life. Ask yourself, are you living those moments to their fullest? Are you going to practice every day with the mindset of improvement and learning, or are you carrying what happened in school or with a relationship in with you and wasting time? Are you enjoying your team and focusing on the positive, or are you nitpicking the negative? Are you appreciating what people

are giving up so that you can do what you love? If you're a player, have you thanked your adults for the sacrifices they make? If you're an adult, are you taking the time to simply enjoy the process and the joy instead of worrying about playing time, recruiting, stats, scores, etc.?

I'm not sure I could tell you a single match score from my entire 10 year playing career, with the exception of when we beat Penn State in five my senior year (sorry Coach Rose, love you). But I remember the Easter egg hunt in the Indy hotel when I was there for MEQ. I remember my senior year in high school, going to California for our season-ending tournament and Coach Skinner (who is now at Kentucky) having EXTRA fun slamming volleyballs into our platforms during the modified pit drill. I remember the bus ride and the Thanksgiving dinner at Denny's somewhere in Ohio while in college because of travel delays. There's a saying posted in my office that says "we don't remember days, we remember moments." Make sure that you're not wasting time — including your own — and make those memories.

In addition to being the Executive Director and Commissioner of Badger Region, I'm also a volunteer on the Board of Directors for the International Volleyball Hall of Fame. The Hall is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving, honoring and promoting the game of volleyball at every level, at the birthplace of the sport in Holyoke, Mass., and around the world. Last weekend I was fortunate enough to be able to travel to Massachusetts to attend the 2021 induction ceremony, where nine greats of the sport from around the world were honored, and many more were in attendance to witness the prestigious event.

One such great was Karch Kiraly, a previous IVHF inductee, who found himself suddenly available to attend and purchased an overnight, red-eye flight from Southern California to New England. That's the first lesson in this: if something is important to you, you'll find a way to make it happen.

During the ceremony, Karch

was in the audience, listening to all of the moving speeches from the inductees. When Brazilian men's legend Giovane Gavio went up to start his speech, he apologized for going off-script to start, saying to Karch: "When I met you today here, I was so happy. You were always my inspiration. My first competition, my first tournament, with the Brazilian National team was here in the USA in 1989 in Los Angeles, your last game with USA. After that, I don't know how many hours I spent watching your games on my computer. To try to learn, to see how I could do anything like you to improve my game. I am here today, and you have a little part of this." Wow. I still get chills.

When one of the most dominant players in the world shares how one match at the start of his career changed the path of his game and his life, that's a moving moment. That's the definition of impact.

So all of these little stories, what's the significance? Why are they important? Stepping back, they're moments in time that have had a profound impact on the course of a life. Some you may not know at the time, but they will lodge somewhere in your head and come back later. Some will be so profound that they make you take a step back and reevaluate your current course.

Whatever the moment, take it. Absorb it. If the pandemic has taught us anything, it is that we need to appreciate the small and the large, the significant or insignificant. I never thought I would miss sitting in a hotel lobby talking to colleagues, but I realized how much I did when I was at national meetings a few weeks ago.

But also think about what you're putting out into the world. How are you providing impactful moments? This doesn't just have to be for adults. People of all ages have the ability to teach someone else something. Be mindful of those around you, pass along positivity and grace and an infectious attitude, and maybe one day you'll see how that small, maybe even unknown to you, moment has changed the course of someone else's life.



BRYFVL Night at Marquette!



The Marquette women's volleyball team welcomed about 200 athletes from the Badger Region's Youth Fall Volleyball League Oct. 15 in Milwaukee. That night, the Golden Eagles defeated St. John's University, 3-0, capping off a great night of volleyball at the Al McGuire Center.

All BRYFVL participants received free admission, a mini volleyball or Badger Region stress ball, a chance to high-five athletes on the court at the start of the match, serve during the intermission after Game 2 or get autographs at the meet-and-greet after the match.

Thank you, Marquette, for this great experience! Badger Region staff and family had a great night, too (see below).

BRYFVL continues for two more weekends for the high school feeder programs based teams in southeast Wisconsin.

Good luck with the rest of your seasons!



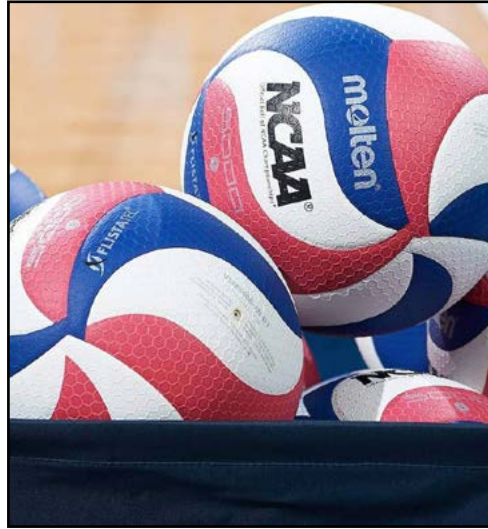
Carthage to host NCAA D3 Men's Championships

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.

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.

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USA Volleyball's Jordan Larson wins top award

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Oct. 13, 2021) – U.S. Women's National Team Captain Jordan Larson was named the Women's Sports Foundation's Sportswoman of the Year for Team Sport on Wednesday during the organization's Annual Salute, part of a national broadcast on Yahoo Sports.

Larson was honored for leading the U.S. Women to their first Olympic gold medal in August at the Summer Games in Tokyo. She was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Best Outside Hitter.

"This award by the Women's Sports Foundation is really something that I am just so grateful for," Larson said on the broadcast.

"I am so blessed to have had the path that I've had that has led me here today. It is something I will never take for granted... It is definitely one of the top accolades that I've achieved."



Earlier in 2021, Larson led the U.S. Women to their third-straight FIVB Volleyball Nations League title. In April, she was the champion of the inaugural season of the Athletes Unlimited professional volleyball league.

"I grew up a small-town girl. I just had big dreams of being on the big stage... I'm just proud to represent Team USA and USA Volleyball at the highest level," Larson said.

Larson acknowledged the volleyball players

and teams who came before her along with her current teammates in her acceptance speech. She also talked about her mother Kae who died of breast cancer in 2009.

"Every time I go out to play, I always think, 'She has the best seat in the house.' I'm just sad she can't see what has transpired in the last year. I know she would be super proud."

Sitting volleyball player Kaleo Maclay, a two-time Paralympic gold medalist, was also part of the broadcast as a recipient of the Child Care Grant, a Power of She Fund grant designed to support female athletes with children. The Power of She Fund was established by Athleta, in partnership with the Women's Sports Foundation.

Recognized as the biggest night in women's sports, the event also honored track Olympian Allyson Felix, tennis player Naomi Osaka and sports executives Kim Ng and Larry Scott.

AVCA Convention heads to Columbus, Ohio, in December

How do the top teams stay on top and continue to win? Hear it straight from the source at the 2021 AVCA Convention taking place in Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 15-18.



The Super Session will celebrate Victory Club Award Winners and include TWO sessions highlighting coaches winning at the highest levels.

The Why We Win Panel will break down what these coaches do in their programs that translates to wins. Panelists include:

- * Keegan Cook, Head Women's Coach at #13 Washington
- * Dani Busboom Kelly, Head

Women's Coach at #3 Louisville

- * Dain Blanton, Head Beach Coach at reigning National Champion USC

- * Dan Friend, Head Men's Coach at 2021 National Semifinalist Lewis

- * Moderated by Marie Zidek, DePaul Women's Head Coach
- Plus, Sue Enquist, 11 time NCAA Softball Champion & Consultant to the Gold Medal winning

USA Women's Volleyball Team will share her experiences and what can make a good team great.

- Register early to:
- * Save up to \$100
 - * Book your spot at the headquarters hotel
 - * Get first dibs on small group sessions
 - * Purchase your match tickets!

[Click here to register.](#)



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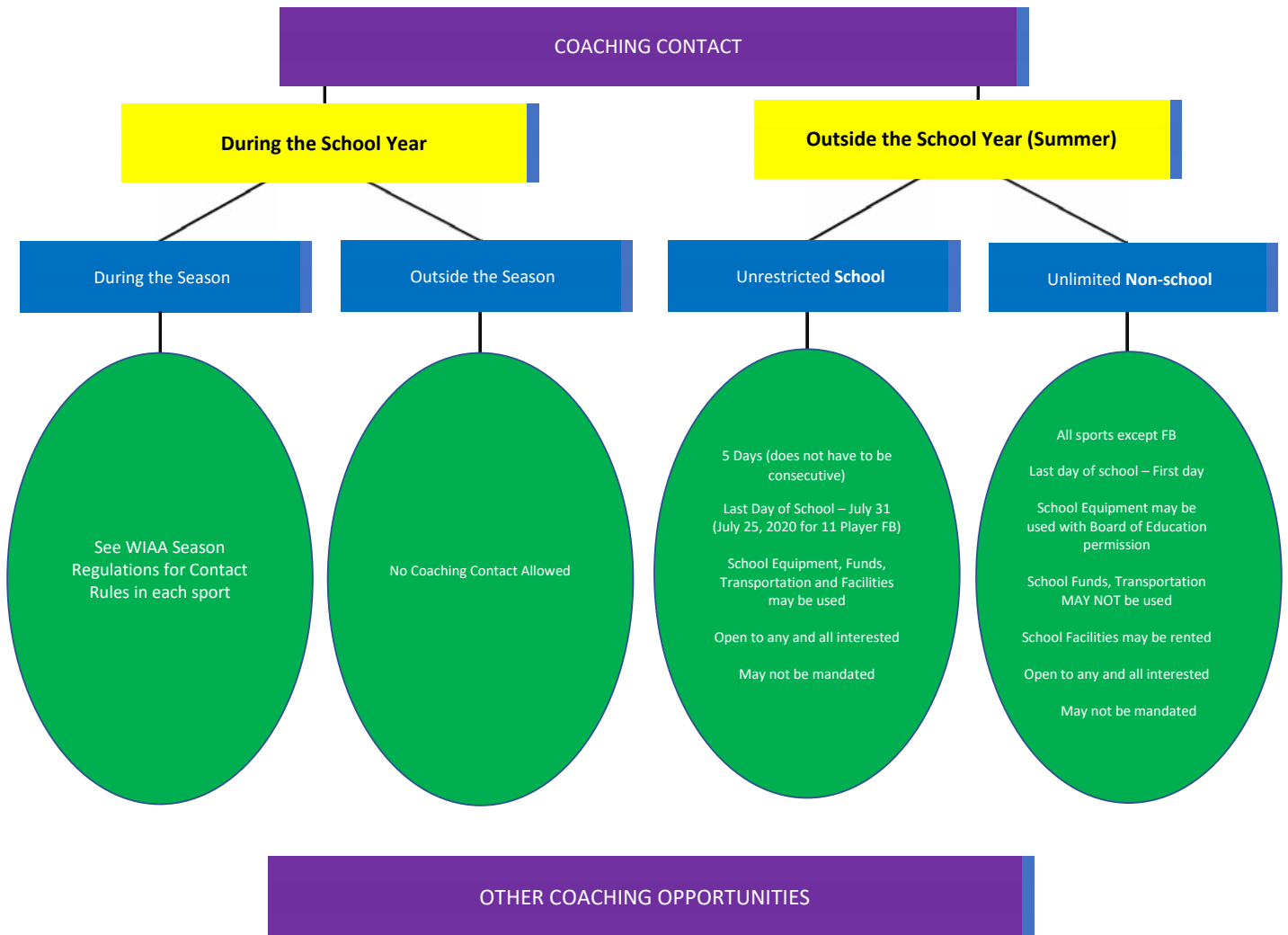
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From the WIAA

As the high school season winds down, we asked the WIAA to share any info they wanted our members and coaches to be aware of as the club season approaches.



<p>ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be held in or out of the season Not counted in practice days Can include film session/ opponent scouting 	<p>OPEN GYM/WEIGHT TRAINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date, time, gym may be arranged by Head Coach May not be mandated No instruction allowed by any member of coaching staff Coach may play, compete, train with team as long as no instruction is provided 	<p>PROVIDING OUT-OF SEASON WORKOUTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Example workouts can be provided May not be in calendar form – or a daily workout plan No instruction allowed by any member of coaching staff May not be mandated 	<p>TEAM BUILDING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be held in or out of the season Not counted in practice days May not include any sport -specific material
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Question: Can our freshman volleyball coach be the club coach for our current 8th graders (next year’s 9th graders)?

Answer: No. Your Varsity or JV coaches would be able to coach them, but not your Freshman coach (see below).

Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes they will be coaching the following school season during restricted times (except their own children). There is no distinction between varsity and J.V. coaches, i.e., J.V. coaches cannot coach varsity athletes during restricted times, and vice- versa, nor any distinction between paid and nonpaid (volunteer) coaches. An exception is that varsity and J.V. coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until these 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year.

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.

Phoenix, Indy, Las Vegas, Orlando to host national championships

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.

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.

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-

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 head 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.

Orlando to host adults

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 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.

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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.

e. DO NOT MAKE OFFERS OR PROMISE PLAYERS

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.

BADGER REGION WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK

TRYOUTS

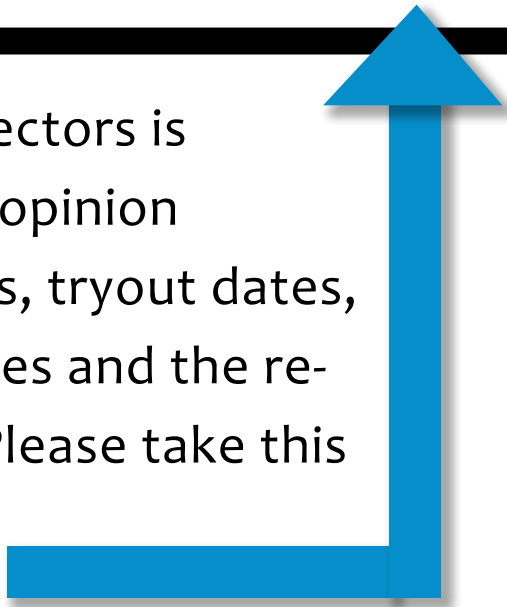


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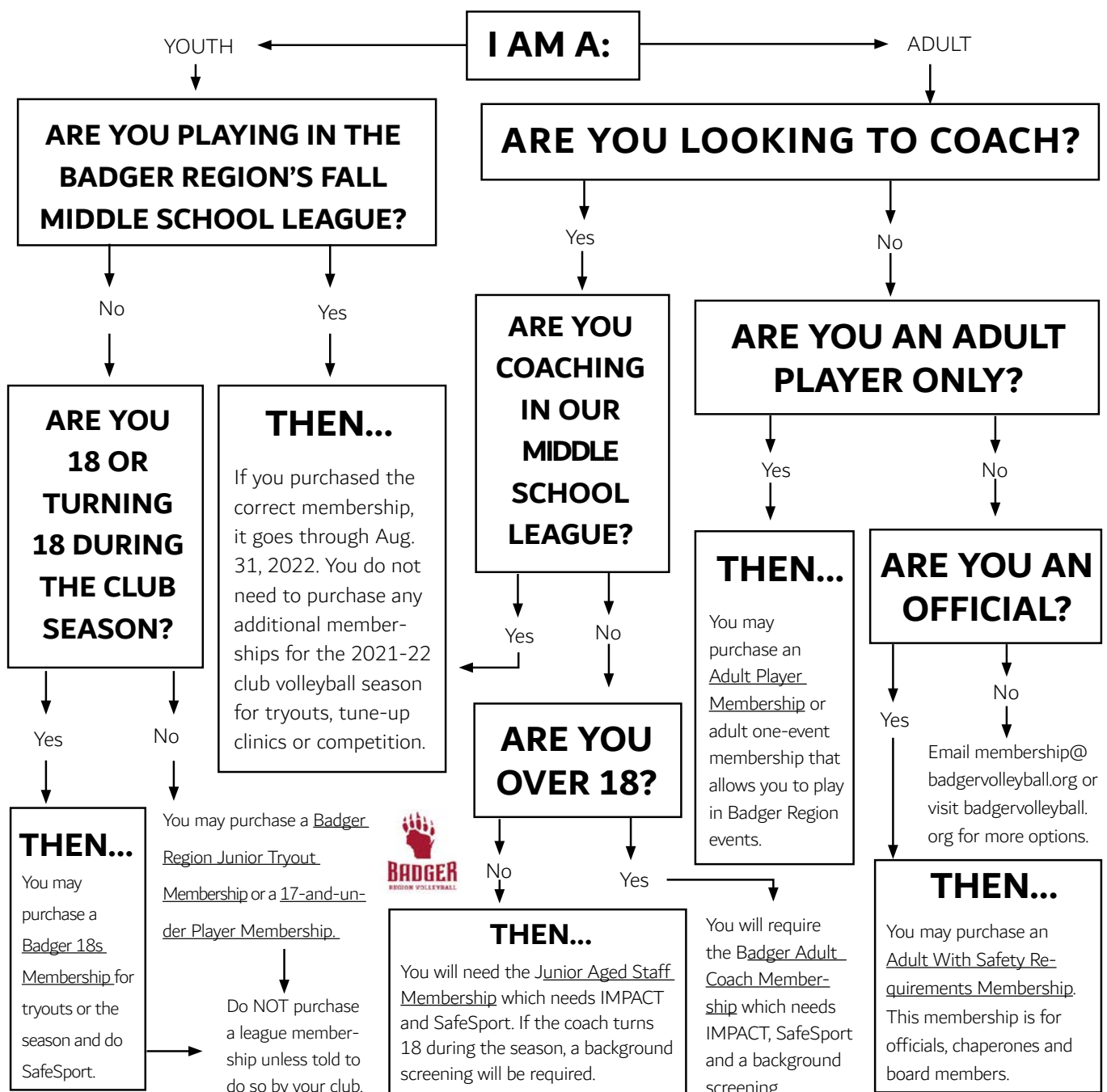
Our board of directors is looking for your opinion on tryout policies, tryout dates, commitment dates and the retention period. Please take this two-minute survey to help make the Badger Region better for all of its members and families. Questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.



<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.





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	
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13 LIBERTY 24	17 OPEN 36	
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13 PATRIOT 48	17 USA 36	
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14 PATRIOT 48	18 USA 48	
15 OPEN 36	18 LIBERTY 32	
15 NATIONAL 🐾 48	18 AMERICAN 🐾 64	
15 USA 36	18 FREEDOM 🐾 48	
15 LIBERTY 24	18 PATRIOT 64	
15 AMERICAN 🐾 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 ***
are new to volleyball

*** This is a learning
environment

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)

SESSION	DAY/DATE	TIME
#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

SESSION	DAY/DATE	TIME
#11	Thu Nov 04	5:30-7:00pm
#12	Thu Nov 04	7:30-9:00pm
#13	Sat Nov 06	9:00-10:30am
#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	Wed Nov 10	Athlete Info Mtg
#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

Pre-Registration & Payment Required via Sports Engine

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

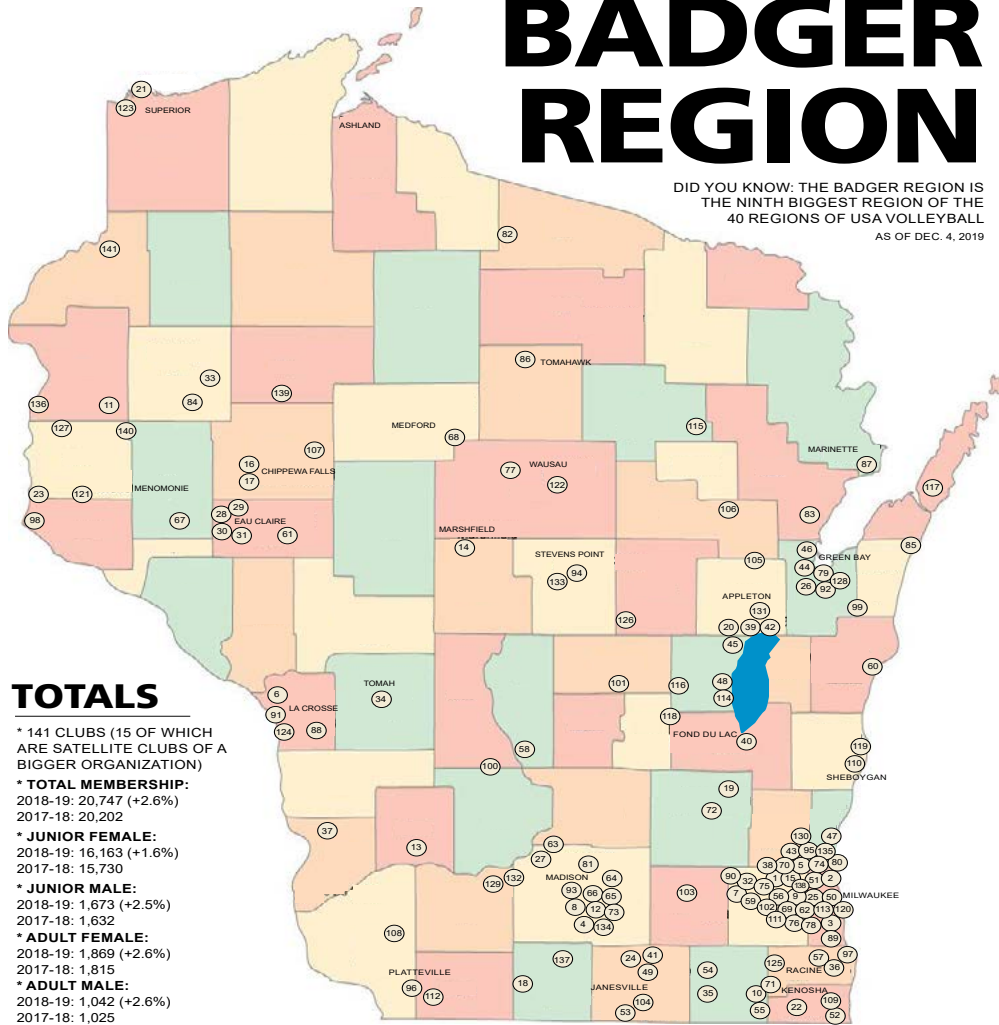
Required to Complete Registration

- 1.) Adversity Liability & Medical Release
- 2.) Concussion Agreement
- 3.) **Non-Refundable Tune Up fee** (cost per session listed above)

Note: This is not a badger region / USAV sanctioned event, this you do not need a badger region membership to participate

BADGER REGION

DID YOU KNOW: THE BADGER REGION IS THE NINTH BIGGEST REGION OF THE 40 REGIONS OF USA VOLLEYBALL AS OF DEC. 4, 2019



TOTALS

- * 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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Do you shop on Amazon? Do you want to support the growth of volleyball in the state of Wisconsin?

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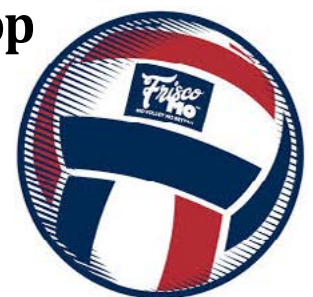
Badger Region, Frisco Mo partner for unique Wisconsin-themed volleyball shop

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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The Badger Region Volleyball Association promotes initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences!

If you (or you or your organization) would like to advertise in a future Badger Beacon, contact Brian Sharkey at the phone number or email address above.

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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, Pleasant Prairie RecPlex 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.

Dec. 4-5: Badger Region-hosted coaches clinic in Middleton, Wis.

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 22-23: NCAA Men's Div. 3 National Volleyball Championship at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis.

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

April 23-24: Art of Coaching Volleyball clinic at Marquette University

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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TBA
(Treasurer)
Elected in TBA
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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.



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VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

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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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