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BRYFVL crowns champs

The Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League crowned close to two dozen champions Sunday at sites throughout southeast Wisconsin.

This year, over 140 teams participated in the high school feeder program that was run by the Badger Region and succeeded thanks to numerous volunteers, middle school programs and the athletes, coaches, site directors and officials who made this all possible.

We look forward to bringing back the league again next year as a way to continue to foster growth in our younger athletes and a way to train new officials to be future ambassadors of our sport.

Let's take a look at some of this year's champs.



8th grade elite division first place: Brookfield East Junior Spartans Blue



8th grade elite division second place: Oconomowoc Jr. Racoons Blue



8th grade select division first place: Meqon Angels



8th grade select division second place: Heritage Christian



8th grade Wisconsin division first place: New Berlin Eisenhower



8th grade Wisconsin division second place: Brookfield East Jr. Spartans White

WIAA State Tournament starts today

Athletes from around the Badger Region will converge on Green Bay starting today for the annual boys and girls high school championships.

While this event is not sponsored by the Badger Region or USA Volleyball, the majority of the athletes competing this weekend at the WIAA Championships have been Badger Region members at one time or another.

So let's take a few minutes to celebrate their success and their commitment to their schools and their communities this year.

Boys Division

Quarterfinals Nov. 4; Semifinals Nov. 5; Finals 5 p.m. Nov. 6

10 a.m.: #2 Marquette vs. #7 Wauwatosa East

10 a.m.: #3 Catholic Memorial vs. #6 Arrowhead Central
4 p.m. #4 Kettle Moraine vs. #5 Westosha

4 p.m. #1 Kaukauna vs. #8 Kenosha Indian Trail

Girls Division 1

Quarterfinals Nov. 4, Semifinals Nov. 5; Finals 7:30 p.m. Nov. 6

1 p.m.: #2 Appleton North vs. #7 Holmen

1 p.m.: #3 Brookfield Central vs. #6 River Falls

7 p.m.: #4 Burlington vs. #5 Kettle Moraine

7 p.m.: #1 Oconomowoc vs. #8 Oak Creek

Girls Division 2

Semifinals - Nov. 5; Finals 2:30 p.m. Nov. 6

2 p.m.: #2 McFarland vs #3 Pewaukee

2 p.m.: #1 Luxemburg-Casco vs #4 Reedsburg

Girls Division 3

Semifinals - Nov. 5; Finals 11:30 a.m. Nov. 6

11:30 a.m.: #2 Howards Grove vs. #3 Oconto

11:30 a.m. #1 Lake Country Lutheran vs. #4 Unity

Girls Division 4

Semifinals - Nov. 5; Finals 9 a.m. Nov. 6

9 a.m. #2 McDonell Catholic vs #3 Wone-woc-Center

9 a.m. #1 Monticello vs #4 Wabeno/Laona



7th grade first place elite division: Arrowhead Jr. Warhawks Blue



7th grade second place elite division: Ocnomowoc Jr. Raccoons Blue



7th grade first place select division: Burlington Jr. Demons



7th grade second place select division: Franklin Jr. Sabres



7th grade first place Wisconsin division: Arrowhead Jr. Warhawks - White



7th grade second place Wisconsin division: Brookfield Jr. Spartans Yellow



6th grade first place elite division: Oconomowoc Jr. Raccoons 6th-Blue



6th grade second place elite division: Arrowhead Jr. Warhawks 6th-Blue



6th grade first place select division: Oconomowoc Jr Raccoon 6th-Red



6th grade second place select division: Oak Creek Junior Knights



6th grade first place Wisconsin division: Brookfield Jr Spartans 6th-Red



6th grade second place Wisconsin division: Menomonee Falls Jr. Phoenix



5th grade first place: Tosa East Jr. Raiders 5th-Red



5th grade second place Badger Division: Pewaukee Jr. Pirates Blue



5th grade first place Wisconsin division: Hamilton Jr. Chargers 5th -Blue



5th-6th grade boys first place: Arrowhead Jr. Warhawks



7th-8th grade boys first place: Marquette Jr. Hilltoppers



5th grade second place Wisconsin division: Muwonago Jr. Indians 5th-Blue



5th-6th grade boys second place: Tosa East Jr. Raiders - Red



7th-8th grade boys second place: New Berlin United



Halloween fun on the final weekend of Youth League

FROM A BOARD MEMBER

Use your time in the gym to ‘be present’

By Scott Blackmon
Badger Region Vice President

Here we are, on the verge of Covid Season 2.0. Hopefully there is no 2.5 or 3.0. The good news is we were able to get through last season in relatively normal fashion and by normal I mean we actually saw an end to the season with a championship event as opposed to 2020. It wasn't always pretty. Sometimes we had parents. Sometimes we had no parents. We had daily forms to submit for health checks. Formats were different, protocols changed and we got through it all. Still, so much is always happening around us and often it feels like so little of it is positive.

When I stop to think about all of the madness we have going on with a pandemic, politics, you name it, I'm always reminded

of one thing. My sport is my get away. I have long told my athletes once you walk into the gym, leave your bad day behind you. Be it school, family, friends, it's your opportunity to reset and enjoy



the company of your teammates and a common goal. We often hear coaches talk about being “Present” and this is exactly that. “Be where your feet are,” is a common phrase. Embrace the moment you are in. Be present.

I have coached in a lot of gyms over the years. Team camps, college camps, USAV camps from one end of the country to the other. I was in a gym once with some younger athletes and there was one partic-

ular kid who was bananas. The kid couldn't keep still. Never stopped talking. It was never bad, it was just non-stop. This was a school situation and I was working with a coach who knew her from school. She said during school hours, the girl never spoke, never stood out. She was completely different. Coming into that gym was her release. It was her time in the day where she was just in the moment and whatever kept her from being who she was during the school day was in her rear-view mirror. It was back then that I realized not just our sport but sports in general are more than competing, ball handling, running, it's also an opportunity for kids to just be kids. It's a time for kids to just be present.

There have been studies done about the importance of being present. It is not just coach-speak or cliché. Being present or “mindful” leads to less stress. Less stress

leads to a more positive learning environment. Now, this isn't to say one should walk in a gym and problems magically evaporate into the ether. Those problems will still be waiting. One still needs to effectively find a way to cope with those issues. Being present however, leads to a clearer mind and a clearer mind leads to better coping mechanisms.

Sports love positive outcomes. The more present our athletes can be, the more positive outcomes we can reap from it. Sometimes we have to look beyond the extrinsic motivators in the gym and focus more on the intrinsic values. Encouraging our athletes to be present is encouraging them to find a healthier mental space which in turn helps them be more successful both on and off the court. That's our ultimate goal in all of this.

Coaches clinic coming to Middleton Dec. 4-5

Registration now open for Region event

The Badger Region is proud to announce that we will be hosting a coaching clinic presented by Sports Imports on Dec. 4-5 in Middleton, Wis. The clinic, to be held at Kromrey Middle School just outside of Madison, is open to coaches and club directors of all levels and from all areas, and will feature grassroots volleyball guru John Kessel as well as well-respected coaches Marouane Jafir, Eric Hodgson, Cathy Noth and more.

“Coaching Education is very important to Badger Region and we are thrilled to put on this clinic,” said Badger Region Executive Director and Commissioner Jennifer Armson-Dyer. “The coaching cadre that we have

included in this are all wonderful mentors with a wealth of knowledge from various parts of the game. We have worked with them before and have had nothing but rave reviews from the participants, and we're excited to have them back for our own clinic.”

The clinic will run from 9am to 6pm on Saturday, Dec. 4, with check-in starting at 8:30am, and on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 9am to 4pm.

Lunch will be provided by the Badger Region for all participants on both days, and the cost to attend is \$100 per person. Clubs or organizations who sign up five coaches will receive the sixth registrant for free! (A \$100 refund will be issued to the club, post-clinic).

Sports Imports representatives will also be on hand to talk about the latest innovations and credit program for equipment for clubs and facilities, and all registrants will receive some Badger Region

swag and a gift for attending. The first 75 registrants will also receive a free Fox 40 Electronic whistle (valued at \$25), courtesy of Sports Imports.

Topics covered in this clinic will be both on-court and classroom-style, with time for one-on-one sessions and discussions with the cadre for more specific questions and situations.

Registration for the clinic can be found here: [Badger Region Coaching Clinic Registration](#)

A hotel block has been secured for Friday and/or Saturday night at Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites 1109 Fourier Dr, Madison, WI 53717 for \$129 a night (includes taxes, fees and free breakfast) and can be booked by calling (608) 826-0500 and ask to reserve hotel room under the Badger Region Volleyball Block.

For more information or questions, please contact Scott Spiess at scott@badgervolleyball.org.

Art of Coaching

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.

[Register for the AoC Clinic by clicking here.](#)

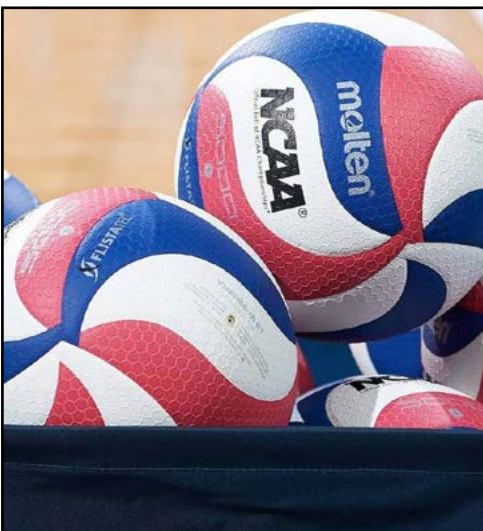
Carthage to host NCAA D3 Men's Championships

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.

Hickory Point chosen named ParaVolley site

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball announced Tuesday that Hickory Point Beach, located in Tavares, FL has been approved to become the first Beach ParaVolley (BPV) Development Center in the world, after a designation by World ParaVolley.

This is an exciting development for the progress of beach ParaVolley which is planning to be included in the LA 2028 Paralympic Games as it will serve as a Center for upcoming competitions, events, clinics, camps and training/education opportunities for athletes, coaches and officials.

"This is the first beach paravolley development centre and will serve as a focus for training and development and events in the future" says Dr. Stephen Giugni OAM, WPV Assistant Sport Director (Beach).

Chair of the WPV Beach Commission, Chris Seilkop said, "I look forward to the many benefits that will flow for the athletes as we work towards ensuring that beach paravolley will be on the sport program for LA2028."

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All-Star Champs heads to Tulsa

USA Volleyball has selected Tulsa, Oklahoma, to host the 2022 USA Volleyball All-Star Championship on July 19-23 at the Cox Business Convention Center.

Approximately 100 all-star teams from USAV regions across the country are expected to converge on Tulsa to vie for championship titles. Regions will select up-and-coming girls and boys athletes from clubs in their areas to represent them on the court in multiple age groups and divisions.

“We are excited to bring the USA Volleyball All-Star Championship to Tulsa,” said Jamie Davis, USA Volleyball President and CEO. “The tournament will offer volleyball athletes from around the country the



opportunity to face high-level competition and will put the spotlight on the top talent from our regions.”

“We’re thrilled that USA Volleyball selected our city to host its flagship domestic event,” said Ray Hoyt, President of Tulsa Regional Tourism. “Knowing this season’s best-of-the-best junior players will be competing on our courts is an honor and continues to elevate Tulsa as a premier sports destination.”

The event is anticipated to bring a total economic impact of \$8,558,529.48 to Tulsa with 9,509 room nights booked.

The USA Volleyball All-Star Championship was formerly known as the USA Volleyball High Performance Championship.

USA Volleyball will live stream all courts from the All-Star Championship as part of its partnership with BallerTV.

Websites help players find a club, vice versa

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.

AVCA Convention goes 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.](#)



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

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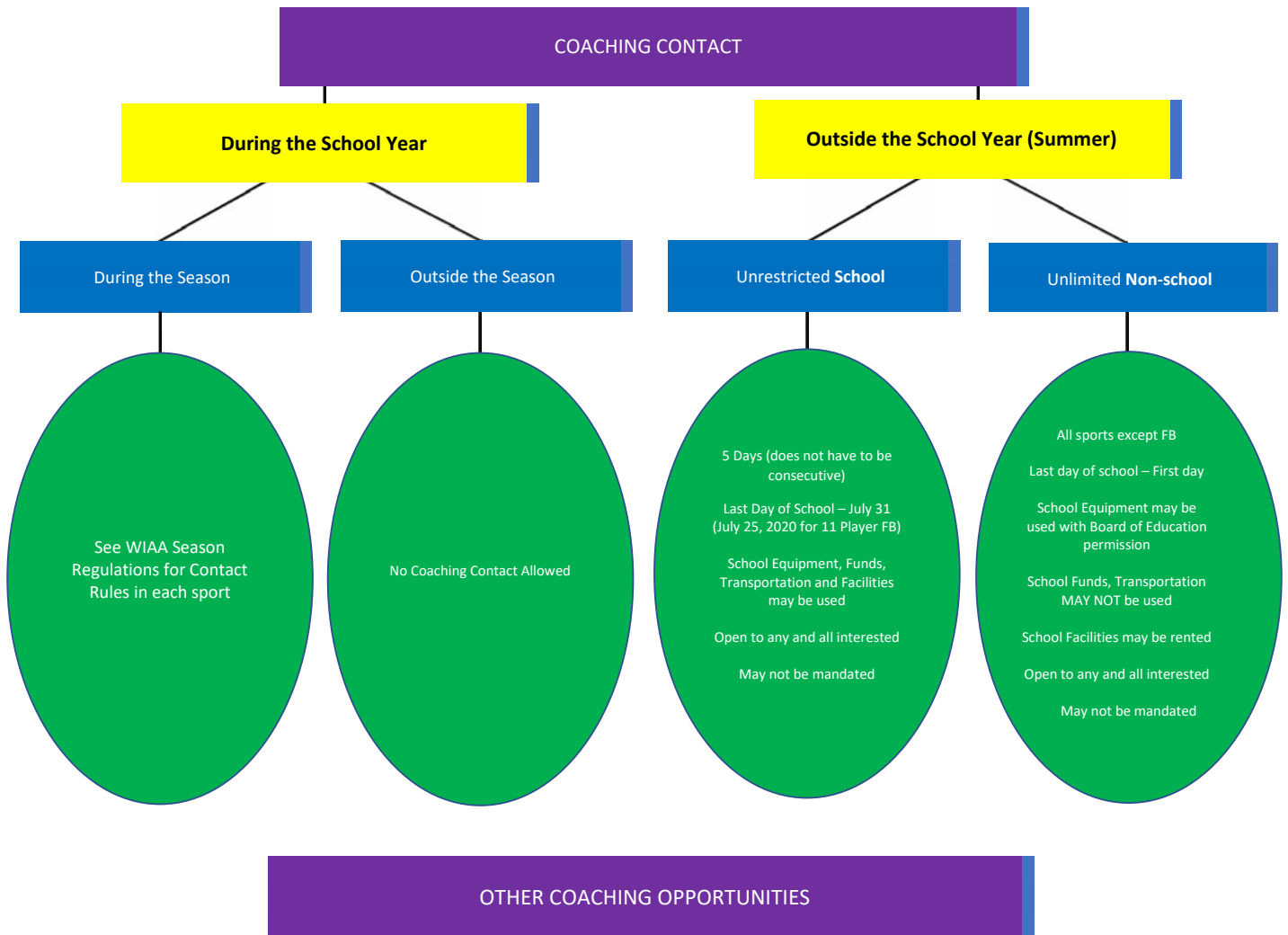
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From the WIAA

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> <p>May be held in or out of the season Not counted in practice days Can include film session/ opponent scouting</p>	<p>OPEN GYM/WEIGHT TRAINING</p> <p>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>	<p>PROVIDING OUT-OF SEASON WORKOUTS</p> <p>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>	<p>TEAM BUILDING</p> <p>May be held in or out of the season Not counted in practice days May not include any sport -specific material</p>
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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 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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TRYOUTS



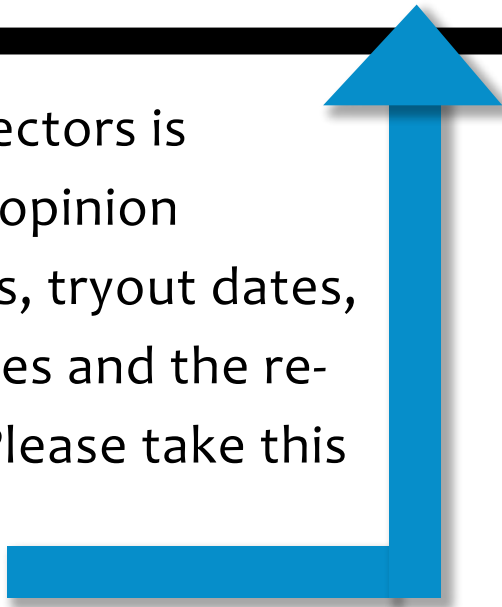
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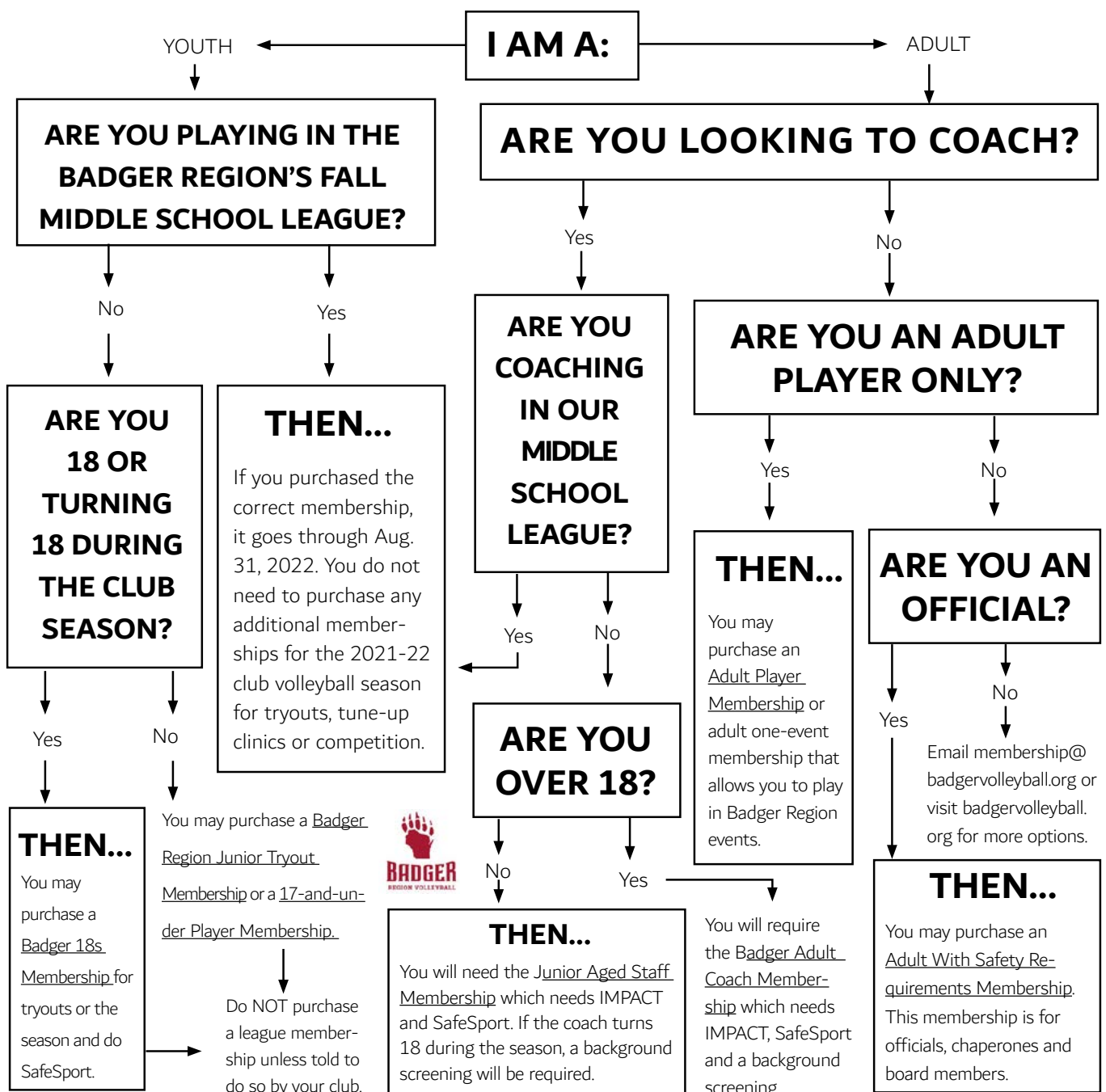
Our board of directors is looking for your opinion on tryout policies, tryout dates, commitment dates and the retention period. Please take this two-minute survey to help make the Badger Region better for all of its members and families. Questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.



<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.





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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	17 OPEN 36	
13 AMERICAN 🐾 64	17 NATIONAL 🐾 48	
13 PATRIOT 48	17 USA 36	
14 OPEN 36	17 LIBERTY 24	
14 NATIONAL 🐾 48	17 AMERICAN 🐾 64	
14 USA 36	17 FREEDOM 🐾 48	
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14 PATRIOT 48	18 USA 48	
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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
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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.



A.I.M. — Athlete Information Meeting

Please join us for a free evening

- Preregister for try-outs
- Meet the 2021-2022 coaches
- Get questions answered
- Get your try-out shirts
- Find out about additional opportunities to improve your skillset
- Tour the facility



On Aiming.....Our fear as a coach is not that we aim too high as a team and we miss, but rather we aim to lower standards and make it.

Ages 14 and Under

WHO: 14 and Under Parents and Athletes

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 29th, 2021 7:00PM

WHERE: ATC, N113W18750 Carnegie Drive,
Germantown, WI

Ages 15 and Up

WHO: 15 and Up Parents and Athletes

WHEN: November 10th, 2021 7:00PM

WHERE: ATC, N113W18750 Carnegie Drive,
Germantown, WI



Age Definitions: <https://bit.ly/2XV2YgL>

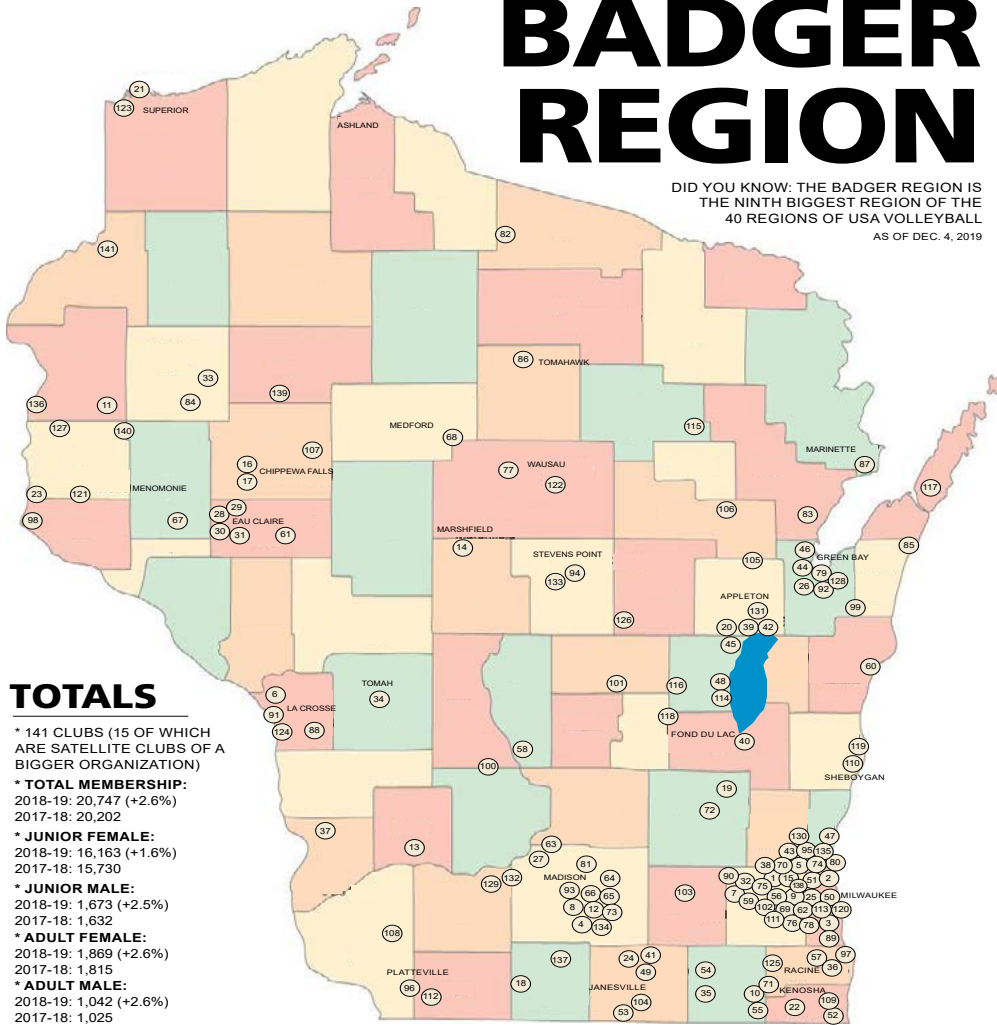
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BADGER REGION

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

Buy through Amazon Smile and support Badger Region

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

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When you purchase through the link listed above, a percent of your purchase comes back to the Badger Region Volleyball Association each month.



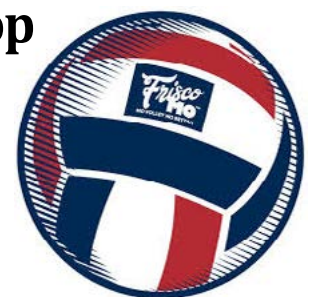
Badger Region, Frisco Mo partner for unique Wisconsin-themed volleyball shop

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

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. sponsored by Sports Imports.

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:

Jim Momsen
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Elected in 2020
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Scott Blackmon
(Vice President)
Elected in 2019
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TBA
(Treasurer)
Elected in TBA
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Kim Wudi
(Secretary)
Elected in 2021
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(Southwest Rep)
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Holly Jablonowski
(Southeast Rep)
Elected in 2019
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Curtis Madson
(Metro Milwaukee Rep)
Elected in 2020
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Susan Peterson
(At-Large Rep)
Elected in 2020
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Josh Price
(At-Large Rep)
Elected in 2021
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Brian Rushmer
(Junior Rep)
Elected in 2020
Email: brushmer@gmail.com

Angie Lubach
(Independent Rep)
Appointed in 2015
Email: Angela.lubach@yahoo.com

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

Financial Chair: Anne Slattery
Grassroots Chair: Lexi Middleton
Officials Rating/Training: Teague Prichard
Junior Girls Chair: Heather Curley
Junior Boys Chair: Damien Evans
Adult Chair: TJ Abshire
Past President: Julie Voeck

REGION STAFF

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

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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