



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## WELCOME TO THE REGION REF BULLETIN

Welcome to the 2022 USAV season! As a working official like you, we all welcome some normalcy to this season, with the understanding that flexibility, understanding and collaboration is still very much needed. That requires frequent communication with officials to keep folks informed on the dynamic and changing landscape. 2022 is a new rule book year, modified match procedures and dynamic and changing tournament schedules and assignments. As officials, we want to ensure we are prepared and informed to officiate great matches at any level for the players, and grow the game through great officiating, and support Badger Region events.



Teague Prichard

I will be working closely with Sara Voigt and Brian Sharkey in the Region office to publish our Ref Bulletin every other Monday.

As you know, Sara works hard as the Ref Assigner and assisting officials in many other ways. Brian will continue to push communication through emails, website updates, social media and much more.

Let's all work together to make this a great year!

Yours in officiating, as your Badger Region USAV officials liaison and advancement coordinator.

Teague Prichard

## 2021-22 SEASON BEGINS



The first Badger Region-sanctioned event of the 2021-22 season was a boys event that took place at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie. Cindy Baumeister, left, and Larry Schoenick were two of the officials on site for the tournament.

## REFEREE REMINDERS

**\* Do teams SWITCH sides at Badger region events?** For USAV/Badger Region sanctioned events, teams do not switch sides in a match, unless there is a clear or unfair advantage of being on one side versus another. This is based on individual courts — not the tournament as a whole.

**\* Do teams “shake hands before and after match?”** No. Badger Region is promoting the standard protocol but instead of going all the way to the net, players go to the 10 foot line of each respective side and wave. During the captains meeting “introduce yourself from a distance” is a good approach to say. Only 1 player is required for the Captain meeting but more may attend.

**\* What do I need to know about Zebra Web?** Your Zebra Web account needs some love. Don't log in at the beginning of the year and forget about it. Log in weekly, block (or un-block) your schedule as changes happen. The officials' assigner depends on your information being up to date. And, don't forget, please make sure to accept or decline your assignments within 72 hours of receiving them. Thanks in advance.

# Officials receive pay increase at signature events

The Badger Region Board of Directors approved in September an increase in officials pay at the marquee events hosted by the Badger Region.

Those events include the Badger Region Power League, Badger Region Qualifier, Badger Region Championships and Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Tournament.

The pay increase would help the Region ensure high quality

officials would attend the event and reward officials who serve at the Region's signature tournaments.

The pay increase puts officials at the following rates:

- \* Provisional: \$30/match
- \* Regional: \$32/match
- \* Junior National: \$34/match
- \* National: \$35/match

These event will also serve as a great opportunity for officials to serve a different role such as

scorers, observers and mentors.

Due to the timing and immediate budget impact this change could have on local tournaments, the smaller Badger Region-sanctioned events will not be required at this time to pay the higher rate.

By approving the pay increase, the Badger Region hopes to stay competitive in the officials' market for strong officials who often have options as to where they

can officiate on a given weekend during the club volleyball season.

The goal of the Badger Region is to recruit new officials, train officials, mentor officials and retain officials in the state of Wisconsin and throughout the Badger Region.

If you are looking for an opportunity to advance and benefit from the pay increase, email [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).