



REGION REF BULLETIN

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REFEREE REMINDERS

*** Do teams SWITCH sides at Badger region events?** In line with USAV rule 18.1, USAV Badger Region sanctioned events, the default protocol is for each team to remain on their respective side of the court throughout the match, including the deciding set, unless the event organizer determines there is a clear disadvantage on only one side of the court. This applies to each court individually, not “all” courts at a tournament. If there is no mention by tourney directors, officials should decide not to switch sides.

*** Do teams “shake hands” before and after match?** Badger Region is promoting the standard before and after match protocol but instead of going all the way to the net, players go to the 3 meter line (10 foot line) of each respective side and wave. Players may need a reminder early in the season and this promotes representative sports-



manship while being safe. During the captains meeting, in lieu of shaking hands, “introduce yourself from a distance” is a good approach to use. Only 1 player is required for the Captains meeting but more may attend.

*** Who is working the lines and table this year?** Junior players will serve as work crews this year. Be flexible if needed.

*** Do officials need masks or e-whistles?** E-whistles are likely not required, but can be used. If they are used, they are more difficult to hear, so be prepared to whistle twice to



stop play. Masks requirements are determined by the hosting facility, tournament director and/ or local government ordinances. Always be prepared to wear a mask if required. At any time, you can wear a mask independent of any policy. Whistles under masks are common and generally accepted.

10 pieces of information for National-level refs

Information for National level Officials is rapidly changing but a few updates may be timely with the understanding that things may change and continued communication is expected guidance and products are finalized.

As National Officials, we are held to a high standard with a commitment to growth by continuous learning and completing National office requirements. We also complete any needed Badger Region requirements or recommendations. We also serve as ambassadors to the Region and the game, and many other officials look to us for guidance and professionalism. So deservingly some updates.

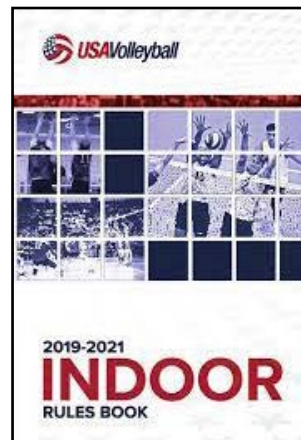
1. National officials dues will be available (and due) in mid/late January, through Sports Engine. USA Volleyball will send email when it opens and due dates.

2. 2021-23 is a new rule book year. The PDF version is available on the USAV website. You can download and use as you see fit.

3. A rule change summary is posted on the Badger Region website “officials resources” under the [Refing Resource section](#)

4. Rule book printing options and delivery methods are developing so hang tight. In the interim you can use your “old rule book” with the 2021-23 [modification cheat sheet](#) printed and placed in your book.

5. USAV Case Book and other rule interps are still



a great resource on USAV web site for officials

6. The “Critical Rules and Interpretations” - Course 051- is available in the USAV Academy. This is new updated content for the 2022 season and required by USAV for Nationals. It may look like you have already taken the course (green filled circle) but when you open it, it will be new content.

7. Badger Region does not require any USAV academy modules for National Officials. Use your professional judgment to review the range of training modules to increase your knowledge base, focusing on the more advanced modules. The last couple of years USAV has added some great advanced courses.

8. The National officials clinic will be online this year. There will be four sessions, one each month, starting in January. Dates are not yet set and the sessions will be recorded. USAV will send notification on dates and the

registration process.

9. The national officials exam will be available mid January. It will be the same format as past years. You must answer each question correctly to move on to the next question. It is a learning tool and everyone will get 100%.

10. Scorer “re-certification” within Badger Region (Provisional and Regional) including required USAV academy modules and exam are available on USAV academy. The “on-court” scoring requirement is in development and potentially completed in one of two forms: A) traditional on court during a match or B) Online recorded match. Stay tuned.

As National officials in the Badger Region we continue to set a high level of knowledge sharing and leadership. Your continued efforts and collaboration within the Region to grow ourselves, other officials and the sport, is to be commended in continued unique times. The “Badger Way” of understanding and willingness for flexibility in a year with many moving and changing parts is a great new motto.

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