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Coaches representing 13 collegiate programs and coaches representing four boys clubs in the Badger Region helped lead 156 boys at the Advanced Skills Clinic Nov. 19 at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. The event was co-hosted with Frisco Mo.

Boys showcase a huge hit

Boys from all over the country came together for the first-ever Badger Region/Frisco Mo Boys Advanced Skills Clinic held Nov. 19 at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee.

There, 156 boys from Regions that included Southern California, Northern California, Arizona, North Country, Florida, Keystone, Chesapeake, Great Lakes and Badger participated in this Badger Region/USA Volleyball-sanctioned clinic.

For more photos from the Advanced Skills Clinic, see Page 4

The focus of the clinic was to train the boys 16-18s "The Four Skills Incoming College Freshman Struggle with the Most." Those included reacting to the tempo of the game,

out of system offense, serving/passing, and speeding up your tempo.

The event was led by lead coaches Matt McCarthy (Loyola Chicago), Hudson Bates (Ohio State), Colin McMillan (Penn State) and Matt Pollock (Pepperdine).

The clinic coincided with the Third Coast Invitational Tournament that took place at the Wisconsin Center Nov. 20-22.

A coaches social for all clinicians and visiting coaches followed at Doc's BBQ and was sponsored by the Badger Region and Frisco Mo.



Clinicians for the Boys Advanced Skills Clinic held Nov. 19 included:

* Christian Staple	Benedictine	NCAA Div. 3
* JW Keickhafer	Carthage	NCAA Div. 3
* Justin Kegebein	Concordia Wisconsin	NCAA Div. 3
* Peter Russell	Grand Canyon	NCAA Div. 3
* Brian Rushmer	Lakeland	NCAA Div. 3
* Shawn Patchell	Long Island University	NCAA Div. 1
* Austin Voges	Long Island University	NCAA Div. 1
* Dylan Ross	Loras	NCAA Div. 3
* Matt McCarthy	Loyola Chicago	NCAA Div. 1
* Hudson Bates	Ohio State	NCAA Div. 1
* Colin McMillan	Penn State	NCAA Div. 1
* Matt Pollock	Pepperdine	NCAA Div. 1
* Mike Rumbaugh	St. Francis	NCAA Div. 1
* Scott Gleason	St. Francis	NCAA Div. 1
* BJ Bryant	St. Norbert	NCAA Div. 3

Also in attendance were coaches and recruiters from Eastern Nazarene, Marymount, Springfield, MSOE and Princeton.

In-person coaching clinic this weekend in Middleton

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.



John Kessel



Eric Hodgson

"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

IN THIS ISSUE... 16s & 17s THINKING ABOUT PLAYING IN COLLEGE, NOW'S THE TIME TO GET YOUR HIGHLIGHT FILM TOGETHER!

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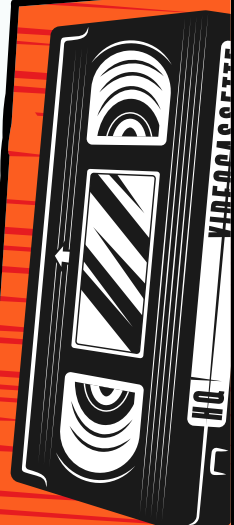
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COACHES WANT TO SEE YOU
WITH YOUR TEAM ON THE COURT**



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- HOW YOU REACT TO ADVERSITY
- HOW YOU INTERACT WITH YOUR TEAM
- YOUR DEMEANOR ON THE COURT



**VIDEO TAPE??
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FOR THE
BOYS!**

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**BADGER
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**RING!
RING!**



HELLO!

HI!

**STAY TUNED FOR
'HOW DO I CONTACT
A COLLEGE COACH?'**

**CLUB DIRECTORS AND COACHES
SUBMIT YOUR WATCHLIST CANDIDATES
TO SHARKEY AT THE REGION OFFICE**

**NEXT ISSUE:
TIPS TO INCREASE
YOUR VERTICAL!**

Congratulations All-State Athletes!

Girls Div. 1 First Team

Brianna Cantrell, Sr., Appleton North
Grace Grocholski, Jr., Kettle Moraine
Morgan Kealy, Jr., River Falls
Haley Koch, Sr., Oconomowoc
Madisen Miller, Sr., Appleton North
Madison Quest, Fr., Divine Savior Holy Angels
Mary Satori, Sr., Manitowoc Lincoln
Hadley Strohkirch, Sr., Oconomowoc
Lily Wagner, Jr., Germantown
McKenna Wucherer, Sr., Brookfield Central

Girls Div. 1 Second Team

Lydia Biggin, Sr., Burlington
Anna Bjork, So., Oconomowoc
Morgan Daugherty, Sr., Brookfield Central
Ella Demetrician, So., Appleton North
Kyla Dunaway, Jr., Kimberly
Haley Graetz, Sr., River Falls
Ellie Kline, Sr., Holmen
Kennedy Martin, Jr., Appleton North
Lilly Wagner, So., Oconomowoc
Sylvie Zgonc, Jr., Hamilton

Girls Div. 1 Honorable Mention

Abby Alan, Sr., Burlington
Claire Ammeraal, Sr., Madison La Follette
Tatum Baldwin, Sr., Hamilton
Zoe Behrendt, Jr., Whitefish Bay
Molly Berezowitz, Jr., Burlington
Emily Bruss, So., Pulaski
Ella Buddenhagen, Sr., Kimberly
Maddie Connor, Sr., Germantown
Kyleigh Coghlan, Jr., Kettle Moraine
Riley Dahlquist, Sr., Hamilton
Alana Dvorak, Sr., Oconomowoc
Natalie Erdmann, Sr., Oak Creek
Lauren Foerster, Sr., Westosha Central
Kati Goba, Jr., Wisconsin Lutheran
Emma Grueneberg, Sr., Cedarburg
Riley Hamilton, Sr., Hartford
Katie Heidenrich, Sr., Nicolet
Macy Herman, Jr., Kimberly
Aspen Jankowski, Sr., Cedarburg
Josie Johnson, Sr., Waterford
Cordelia Kearns, Jr., Oconomowoc
Tatum Kebisek, Sr., Brookfield Central
Morgan Klein, Sr., Burlington
Jordan LaScala, Jr., Middleton
Berkley Mischler, Sr., Appleton North
Samantha Perlberg, Jr., Chippewa Falls
Sophie Robinson, So., Chippewa Falls
Abby Savatski, Sr., Mukwonago
Olivia Scallon, Sr., Wauwatosa East
Mara Schmidt, Sr., Holmen
Katie Schultz, Jr., Kimberly
Sydney Selburg, Jr., Westosha Central
Trisha Shankar, Sr., Hamilton
Rebecca Siedenburg, Sr., Kettle Moraine
Andi Spies, So., Fort Atkinson
Paige Steinmetz, So., Chippewa Falls
Madi Tolzman, Sr., Arrowhead
Chloe Werner, Sr., Waterford
Kayla Wigley, Sr., Wisconsin Lutheran
Julia Wojciak, Sr., Divine Savior Holy Angels

Girls Div. 2 First Team

Autumn Flynn, Jr., Luxemburg-Casco
Maddy Fortune, Sr., McFarland
Emma Johnson, Sr., Luxemburg-Casco
Katie Gund, Sr., Pewaukee
Grace Holschuh, Sr., Luxemburg-Casco
Abbi Martin, Sr., Mosinee
Avery Pennekamp, Sr., McFarland
Natalie Ring, Sr., Edgewood
Alia Schlimgen, Sr., Sauk Prairie
Aida Shadewald, Sr., Sauk Prairie

Girls Div. 2 Second Team

Allyson Barth, Sr., Edgewood
Emily Clausen, Jr., Catholic Memorial
Gwen Crull, Jr., McFarland
Maggie Hartwig, Jr., Sauk Prairie
Emily Honzelka, Jr., Kettle Moraine Lutheran
Ashley Hutter, Fr., Pewaukee
Sydney Lewellin, Sr., Lake Mills
Hannah Rounds, Sr., McFarland
Meghan Scholz, Jr., Tomahawk
Macie Wieman, Sr., Reedsburg

Girls Div. 2 Honorable Mention

Kaitlin Borchert, Sr., Lake Mills
Annika Braund, Jr., Sauk Prairie
Lexi Bugajski, Jr., New Berlin Eisenhower
Ella DeNoyer, Sr., Lakeside Lutheran
McKenna Deirmeier, Sr., Elk Mound
Emily Fields, Sr., Platteville
Madison Fischer, Sr., Kettle Moraine Lutheran
Kate Fox-Gunderson, Sr., Edgerton
Alyssa Gaeth, Sr., Kettle Moraine Lutheran
Katie Gostovich, Sr., St. Croix Central
Kindyl Kilar, Jr., Whitewater
Alexis Klemm, Jr., Sauk Prairie
Dani Kopacz, So., Pewaukee
Lily Krahn, Sr., Prairie du Chien
Kate Larson, Sr., St. Croix Central
Grace Martens, Sr., Pius XI
Olivia Paukner, Sr., Sauk Prairie
Hailey Peiterson, Sr., Oconto Falls
Cora Riffle, Sr., Pewaukee
Addison Schmotzer, Sr., Edgewood
Lily Schuetz, Sr., Lakeside Lutheran
Meghan Schultz, Jr., New Berlin West
Claire Selenske, Sr., Mosinee
Belle Shea, So., Xavier
Abbie Stigler, Sr., University School
Mahra Wieman, Sr., Reedsburg
Megan Zielsdorf, Sr., Pewaukee

Girls Div. 3 First-Team

Emma Baierl, Sr., Howards Grove
Lianna Baxter, Sr., Oconto
Emily Brenner, Jr., Stanley-Boyd
Colleen Claude, Sr., Unity
Saige Damrow, Jr., Howards Grove
Hanne Johnson, Sr., Grantsburg
Karissa Kaminski, Sr., Howards Grove
Hannah Kuhlman, Sr., Lake Country Lutheran
Carizma Muth, Jr., Randolph
Adriana Studer, Sr., Lake Country Lutheran
Gianna Vollrath, Sr., Fall Creek

Girls Div. 3 Honorable Mention

Cassandra Alsum, Sr., Randolph
Sidney Bader, Sr., Unity
Kate Bahrke, Jr., Oconto
Kylie Broten, Sr., St. Croix Falls
Jorey Buwalda, Jr., Randolph
Abbie Dix, Jr., Brodhead
Macy Donarski, Jr., Aquinas
Brandi Fuller, Jr., Randolph
Hannah Herrem, Sr., Fall Creek
Ellie Juergensen, Sr., Living Word Lutheran
Alexis Kammerer, Jr., Brodhead
Ava Krueger, So., Marathon
Vanessa Krueger, Sr., Marathon
Brooke McCune, Sr., Osseo-Fairchild
Hannah Moe, Sr., Oconto
Kaitlyn Powers, Sr., St. Mary Catholic
Madison Reed, Jr., Unity
Rachel Rossing, Jr., Lake Country Lutheran
Jaelyn Sivertson, Jr., Iola-Scandinavia
Sydney Smith, Jr., Unity
Hailey Stich, Sr., Cuba City
Morgan Theiler, Sr., Dominican
Ava Washburn, Jr., Webster
Jacy Weisbrod, Sr., Aquinas

Girls Div. 4 First Team

Ellie Gustafson, Jr., Monticello
Marley Hughes, Jr., McDonell Central
Elizabeth Krawze, Sr., Wabeno/Laona
Kylie Reuter, Sr., Potosi
Kara Sowinski, Sr., Three Lakes
Kylie Struble, Sr., Pacelli
Mari Szews, Sr., Three Lakes
Anika Torgerson, Sr., Turtle Lake
Kaitlyn Vander Werff, Jr., Central Wis. Christian
Dorci Walker, Sr., Columbus Catholic

Girls Div. 4 Honorable Mention

Destiny Baughman, Sr., McDonell Central
Mykaylia Bauer, Sr., Potosi
Morgan Borchardt, Jr., Niagara
Reagan Borchardt, Jr., Edgar
Valarie Cerveny, Sr., Gresham Community
Lauryn Deetz, Sr., McDonell Central
Kinsey Droessler, Sr., Southwestern
Kelsey Ewert, Sr., Hustisford
Jenna Gianoli, Sr., De Soto
Marah Gruen, So., Royall
Laney Halbach, Sr., Hilbert
Michelyn Hansen, Fr., Hillsboro
Kelsey Justman, So., Wonewoc-Center
Rachel Miller, Sr., Highland
Kaitlyn Ortmann, Sr., McDonell Central
Annie Oster, Sr., EC Immanuel Lutheran
Braelyn Pionke, Jr., Tri-County
Meghan Propson, Sr., Hilbert
Alisa Ramaker, Sr., Southwestern
Bailey Rikkola, Jr., Sevastopol
Liz Rosen, Sr., Clear Lake
Maddie Rosen, Sr., Clear Lake
Claire Schierenbeck, Sr., EC Immanuel Lutheran
Ada Smies, Jr., Central Wis. Christian
Courtney Sommer, So., Columbus Catholic
Gracie Tallier, Jr., Gilman
Mackenzie Tarman, So., Turtle Lake
Madiyln Volkman, Sr., Sevastopol
Makayla Vos, Sr., Catholic Central

Boys First Team

Ryan Bartz*	Muskego	OH
Ben Kayser	Marquette	OH
Bradley Bell	Westosha	MH
	Central	
Cole Sweitzer	Middleton	OH
Keagan Kearby	Westosha	S
	Central	
Nathan Flayter	Marquette	S/Opp
Xavier Steuber	Kaukauna	MH

* Player of the Year

Boys Second Team

Aidan Van Epem	Kaukauna	OPP
Cal Krohn	Waukesha	OPP
	West	
Dan Tompkins	Westosha	OH
	Central	
Mason Connor	Germantown	L
Max Tome	Wauwatosa East	S
Vinny Coello	Catholic	OH
	Memorial	

Boys High Honorable Mention

Christian Gulak	Kettle	OH
	Moraine	
Hayden Karpinski	Kimberly	OH
Nathan Geiger	Muskego	S
Owen Otto	Hartford	OH
Sam Polentini	Arrowhead	MH
Ty Martin	Brookfield	OH
	Central	

Boys Honorable Mention

Aidan O'Hagan	Appleton East	MH
Alex Kimbel	Madison	S
	Memorial	
Anthony Schroeder	Madison	OH
	LaFollette	
Barry Applewhite	Dominican	MH
Bennett Adams	Arrowhead	OH
Brett Sprangers	Kaukauna	OH
Cam Schmidt	Germantown	OPP
Carter Bauman	Neeah	OPP
Colton Tubbs	Middleton	L
David Vande Hey	Kaukauna	S
Drew Pytlinks	Arrowhead	MH
Ethan Hallick	Madison	S
	Edgewood	
Hunter Brandenburg	Germantown	OH
Jack Rose	Westosha	OH
	Central	
Jackson Phillips	Burlington	L
Josh Krueger	Kenosha	OH
	Tremper	
Kaden Kornaus	Appleton North	OH
Keaton Gaffney	Kaukauna	MH
Liam Richards	Appleton West	OH
Matt Saugstad	Whitnal	S
Maximus Nelson	Appleton North	MH
Michael Whitney	Pius	S/OH
Nathan Higgins	Waukesha West	S
Nathan Hill	Kenosha	OPP
	Indian Trail	
Roman Rothermel	Catholic	MH
	Memorial	
Ryan Stecker	Cedarburg	L
Ryder Hill Zastrow	Wauwatosa East	OPP
Zander Feudner	Kenosha	S
	Indian Trail	



Hudson Bates
(Ohio State)



Christian Staple
(Benedictine)



Lead instructors for the Badger Region/Frisco Mo clinic on Nov. 19 included (from left) Hudson Bates (Ohio State), Matt McCarthy (Loyola Chicago), Colin McMillan (Penn State) and Matt Pollock (Pepperdine).



Matt Pollock
(Pepperdine)

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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](#)

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.](#)

FROM A BOARD MEMBER

Hello from the other side - a director's side

By Breit Nelson
Badger Region Board Member

I was driving down the highway on my way home after a long day of tryouts and I couldn't help but be filled with gratitude. The nerves, the tension, the anticipation (in forms of both excitement and anxiety), and the time spent staring at the computer screen, marketing, making calls, and countless hours talking with parents and players were all showing to be worth it. Then the song "Hello" by Adele came on the radio and, of course like anyone would, I belted the lyrics in a celebration of the completion of tryouts.

It made me think about how I'd heard parents refer to the weekend of tryouts as one of the most stressful weekends of the year as they try to plan a way to hit multiple tryouts so their son or daughter has options to find the best possible fit for the upcoming club season. The players are dealing with nerves while trying to get adequate sleep, hydration, and nutrition. Players try to get in the best mindset possible while parents find the right balance



between supportive but not increasing pressure.

Then tryouts arrive, and the players give it their all while parents wait for hours dealing with the lack of control they have over what is happening in the gym at that time.

Tryouts can be stressful for players and parents, and I'd like to let you in on a little secret... the "Other Side" is feeling it, too! This is where I thought of writing this piece as a "Hello from the other side." As club directors and coaches, we can't begin to express how humbled we are that you trust us with your child during

this time.

We totally understand that everyone wants the coveted "1's offer", but that isn't always the best fit, whether it's because of skill, position, or experience.

There are usually three reactions we typically get when offers are made. Those getting the 1's offers are excited, then there are those that didn't make the 1's team who are either disappointed they didn't make the team or just overjoyed that they made ANY team! So, as directors, we try to manage ALL of the emotions accordingly.

As parents and players come and go during the day of tryouts, the directors and coaches are there all day for multiple long tryout sessions, trying to remember tryout numbers, positions, ages, etc.

Whoever provides a meal during that day is a godsend, even though it's highly unlikely we get much more than a handful at a time, and sitting down to eat is almost unheard of. The process of tryouts is not only physically exhausting but mentally and emotionally exhausting for all parties.

Players and parents leave the gym to talk over their options,

and as for the directors... this was just another step in the process.

Now we wait "patiently" for the call, email, or text with the acceptance of an offer. If an offer is declined, we have another offer to make. The back and forth can go on for a long time as teams are completed.

At the end of it all, we (directors) are humbled, thankful, and honored that you chose our club into which we've put so much time, effort, blood, sweat, and tears. We struggle with the idea that we can't always provide a place for everyone to play and that we may not always be the best fit; but no matter what, we wish the very best to all the volleyball families out there!

Don't forget that the season is long, and we need to trust the process because there will be successes and failures and that is where the learning happens. These lessons will stick with you beyond volleyball if you embrace them.

A huge thank you to all the athletes, coaches, directors, families, and parents for all that you do for the love of volleyball!

Off to Nationals we go

GIRLS 18S



USAVolleyball

Girls Junior Nationals

April 22-24

Phoenix, Ariz.

ADULTS



USAVolleyball

Open National Championships

May 27-June 1

Orlando, Fla.

GIRLS



USAVolleyball

Girls Junior Nationals

June 23-July 4

Indianapolis, Ind.

BOYS



USAVolleyball

Boys Junior Nationals

June 30-July 7

Las Vegas, Nev.



USA All-Star Championships

July 19-23

Tulsa, Okla.

NCAA unveils Division 1 women's volleyball bracket

The NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball committee announced the 64-team field that will compete in the 2021 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship on Sunday. Thirty-two conferences were awarded an automatic qualification, while the remaining 32 positions were filled with at-large selections to complete the bracket.

Louisville earned the top seed and will compete in the NCAA postseason after recording an undefeated regular season for the first time in program history and finishing with an overall record

of 28-0.

Texas is the second seed, followed by No. 3 Pittsburgh and No. 4 Wisconsin. The top 16 teams are seeded nationally and placed within four regions. Per the established bracketing principles, the top 16 seeds were provided the opportunity to host. Additionally, team pairings were determined by geographic proximity, with the exception that teams from the same conference were not paired during the first- and second rounds.

The Big Ten led all conferences with eight teams selected from

the league to compete in the championship tournament. The Big-12 was second with seven programs advancing to the post season, followed by the ACC, The Pac-12, and Southeastern Conference who finished with six advancing programs.

First- and second-round matches will be played December 2-4 at 16 campus sites. Teams winning both matches will continue to regional play December 9 and 11. Regionals for the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship will be held at four non-predetermined

campus sites, which will be announced on December 5. At each site, four teams will compete in single-elimination regional semifinal competition.

The regional winners will advance to the national semifinals and championship final hosted by Ohio State University in conjunction with the Columbus Sports Commission December 16-18 at Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. The national semifinal matches will broadcast on ESPN, and the championship match will broadcast on ESPN2.



Wisconsin athletes head to beach championships

Quite a few Wisconsin athletes traveled to Florida for the AVP East Coast Championship the day after Thanksgiving.

The event took place at Sheraton Sand Key in Clearwater Beach, Fla., Nov. 26-28.

Taking third place in the Boys 18U division were the duo of Own Otto (MKE Sting 17 Adidas) and Max Dugan (MKE Sting 17 Lightning) — pictured above.

[For full results of the event, click here.](#)



Results from Wisconsin Ice athletes who attended the AVP East Coast Championships:

- *Sidney Geiss/Ryden Lehrke -3rd Place-Silver Bracket-16s
- *Addyson Nowak/Kaitlyn Hartnady-9th Place -Silver Bracket-14s
- *Ava Krueger/Paige Guld -17th Place-Silver Bracket-16s
- *Vanessa Krueger/Mara Schmidt -3rd Place-Bronze Bracket-18s
- *Ella Harmon/Lyndsie Truitt -5th Place-Bronze Bracket-16s
- *Addison Vaughn/Emma Lehen-5th Place-Bronze Bracket-14s
- *Lenna Mayer/Addison Peskie-9th Place-Bronze Bracket-14s



From left to right: Sidney Geiss, Ryden Lehrke, Mara Schmidt, Vanessa Krueger



Addyson Nowak and Kaitlynn Hartnady

UW-Eau Claire wins D3 Women's Volleyball title

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire volleyball team competed in the program's first ever NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship as they faced the sixth seeded, Calvin University Knights.

After a 2018 semifinals loss to the Knights, the Blugolds got their sweet revenge with a 3-0 sweep over Calvin for the program's first ever NCAA Division

III National Title.

Arianna Barrett, Kendra Baierl, and Charlie Nelson were named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament team. Barrett was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

With the National Title win, UW-Eau Claire finishes the season with a record of 34-3 and a 15-game win streak that will last for months and months to come.

Risen named Assistant Coach of the Year

The American Volleyball Coaches Association has announced Jodi Risen of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire volleyball team has been named AVCA Division III Assistant Coach of the Year.

Risen, a former Blugold volleyball athlete herself, is in her 13th

year with the UWEC coaching staff and has helped Eau Claire reach over 300 wins while on staff.

As a player, she led the team to a share of the WIAC Conference title in 2006 and to the Sweet Sixteen round of the NCAA tournament in 2005 and 2006.

Risen is the first WIAC Assistant Coach to receive the award since the award started in 2009.

Carthage to host D3 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.

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.



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YouTube: /Badger RegionVolleyball



USAVolleyball.

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>
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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	
14 LIBERTY 24	17 PATRIOT 48	
14 AMERICAN 🐾 64	18 OPEN 48	
14 FREEDOM 🐾 48	18 NATIONAL 🐾 48	
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.



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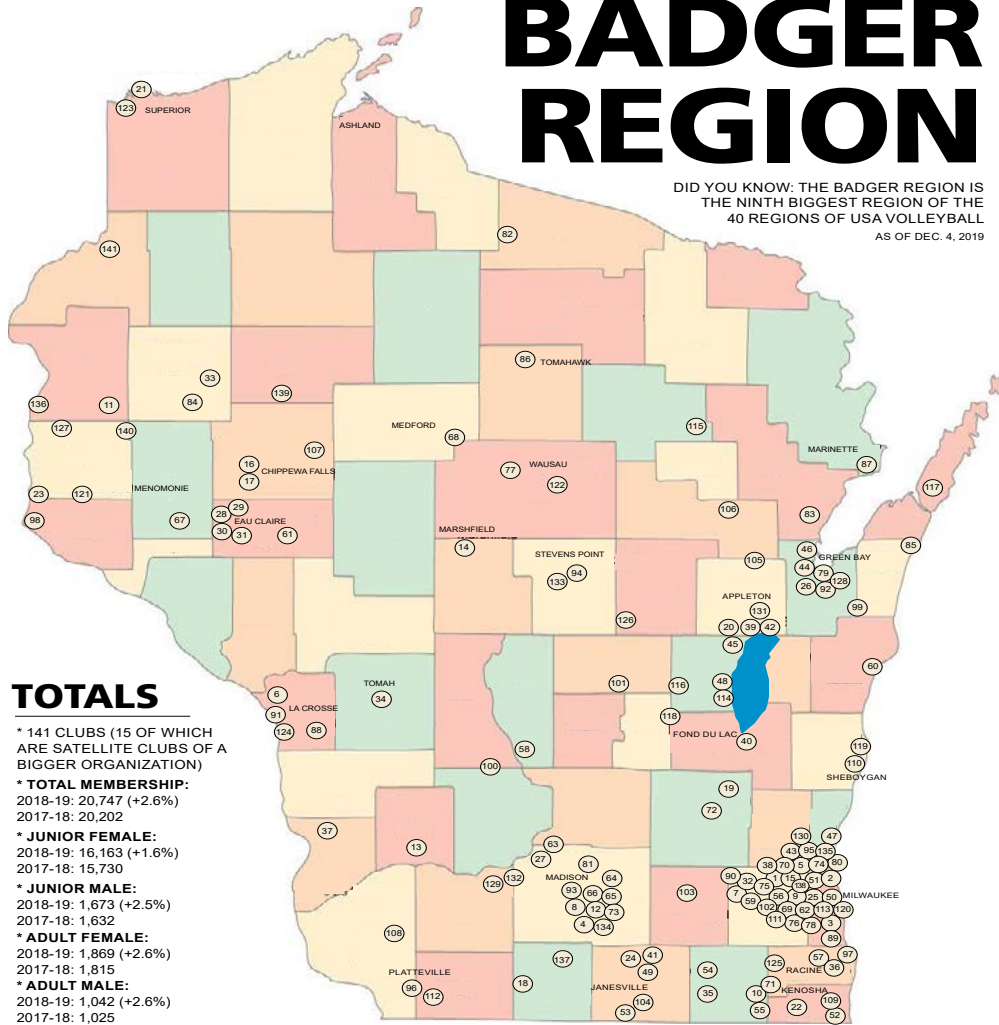
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DID YOU KNOW: THE BADGER REGION IS THE NINTH BIGGEST REGION OF THE 40 REGIONS OF USA VOLLEYBALL AS OF DEC. 4, 2019



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?

Then you need to make your purchases on the popular online shopping website via the Badger Region Charity Link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1802573>

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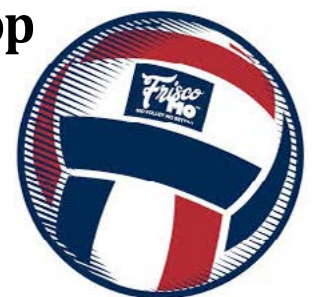
Badger Region, Frisco Mo partner for unique Wisconsin-themed volleyball shop

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.

More online:
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

July 19-23: USA All-Star Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma



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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Elected in 2019
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TBA
(Treasurer)
Elected in TBA
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(Secretary)
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(Junior Rep)
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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
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Operations Manager: Scott Spiess
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