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2021: YEAR IN REVIEW

If 2020 was defined by words that included Virus, Social Distance, Remote, Canceled, Postponed, and Virtual, 2021 was a complete rebirth.

Here in the Badger Region, our athletes, coaches, officials and staffs overcame the hurdles the previous year threw at us by being flexible, adjusting, adapting, being creative, and using some time to become more self-aware.

Lots of familiar events and moments dotted the 2021 landscape, but more importantly, their return marked a return to a sense of normalcy that was lost in 2020.

But let's not forget the many new events that shaped the Badger Region in 2021 from the new USA All-Star Championships, a Region-run coaching clinic in Middleton and Strategic Plan and Tryout Surveys that got all of our members engaged in shaping the future of the volleyball in the state of Wisconsin. Many ideas of which will help shape the content of this column at the need of 2022.

With that, let's take a look at the year that was: 2021.

• **Jan. 9-10:** Badger Region Power League kicks off its third year at locations around the state

• **Jan. 19:** The Badger Region/AVCA Coaching Education Tip of the Week and Badger Region/AVCA Recruiting Tips of the Week return for the third straight year.



• **Jan. 27:** Badger Boys Series kicks off for seventh year in a row offering competition for boys ages 13 and under

• **Feb. 20-21:** Second weekend of Badger Region Power League



• **Feb. 22:** Badger Region Board of Director Meeting

• **Feb. 22:** Teague Prichard joins the Badger Region board of directors as the Officials Liaison to USA Volleyball

• **Feb. 28-29:** Badger Region Qualifier at the Milwaukee Sting Center

• **March 6-7:** Dale Rohde Memorial Tournament at UW-Parkside

• **March 13-14:** First weekend of



the Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center

• **March 20-21:** Second weekend of the Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center

• **March 27-28:** Third weekend of the Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center

• **April 12:** Badger Region/AVCA College Coaching Recruiting Webinar

• **April 17-18:** Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League

• **April 23:** Twelve Badger Region teams compete at the Girls 18s Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio

• **April 24:** Carthage College Men's Volleyball wins the NCAA Div. 3 National Championship. The head coach of the team is JW Keickhafer who is a Badger Region member



as he is a coach at Milwaukee Volleyball Club and was a High Performance Camp Coach.

• **April 24-25:** Badger Region High Performance tryouts in New Berlin

• **May 1:** Badger Region High Performance training session for boys at Burlington High School

• **May 6:** After USA Volleyball cancels the 2021 High Performance Championships, the Regions banded together to put in motion an alternate event.

• **May 10:** Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

• **May 12:** Fifteen athletes named Badger Region scholarship recipients. Two additional athletes named FriscoMo scholarship winners for community service

• **May 15:** Badger Region helps host Art of Coaching Talent ID Clinic



• **May 15:** Badger Region High Performance training session for boys at Nicolet High School

• **May 29:** Ten Badger Region Adult Teams compete at Nationals in Louisville, Ken.

• **June 1:** Breit Nelson (Wiscon-

sin Ice) elected to Badger Region Board of Directors as the North-west Rep

• **June 3:** Badger Region announces second annual AVCA/ Badger Region Coach of the Year and Club Director of the Year awards (Quinn Lukens, Meghan Mache, Steve Scheuerell, Pam Schroeder, Sue Baker, Ed Fried, Ken Anderson, Phil Lambe)

• **June 26-July 6:** Forty Badger Region teams compete at the Girls Junior National Championships in Las Vegas, Nev.

• **July 1-8:** Thirty-six Badger Region teams compete at the Boys Junior National Championships in Kansas City, Kan.

• **July 6-8:** Badger Region Girls High Performance Camp at UW-Oshkosh

• **July 15:** Bryant & Stratton College announces addition of men's volleyball at the NJCAA level

• **July 17-18:** Badger Region Boys High Performance Camp at Lakeland University



• **July 21-24:** Badger Region High Performance teams compete at the USA All-Star Championships in Orlando, Fla., taking home the bronze medal in the Boys National Select and Girls National Select divisions

• **July 31:** Badger Region hosts first-ever grass volleyball tournament in Kenosha.

• **Aug. 1-10:** Badger Region

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NEXT ISSUE: HOW TO PREPARE FOR TALKING WITH COACHES!

FROM A BOARD MEMBER

A lesson for all coaches: It's volleyball

By Curtis Madson

Badger Region Board Member

As I sat in a hotel lobby in Columbus, Ohio, waiting to head home after yet another great week of the AVCA Convention, I began reflecting on the week that was. That prompted me to grab my iPad and get to work on this article.

The first thing that comes to mind is how many awesome conversations I had all week. I was able to sit down and talk volleyball with people from every corner of our great sport, from national team coaches, division 1, 2, 3, NAIA, club, high school men's and women's coaches. I'm talking about conversations, not just sessions, but real conversations.

My biggest take away, after reflecting on this, is we never talked about men's volleyball or women's volleyball systems, we talked about VOLLEYBALL systems. I think this is where we have our greatest disconnect in our community of coaches, and where we hold ourselves back from our greatest growth, by assigning gender to skills and systems. Please hear me out, as I know I may have just lost a chunk of our readers. I promise it will get better.

I think the first thing we need to do when we think about systems, especially those that are outside of our "gender" or comfort zone, is change the way we approach the question. We need to ask "why," and not immediately look to why not to implement something.

The first session I attended was with USC Women's Head Coach Brad Keller (a former men's coach for many, many years), talking about improving your teams out of system offense. What I loved most about his presentation is he started it out with (my summary of his words), this may not be for some of you, and this might be, but just give it a thought.

Where I was immediately saddened was three minutes into the presentation I heard grumbling behind me of, "Why would we use that? That's a men's idea." I challenge us to get away from that



way of thinking, please don't go to that place. The place where we immediately say "why not", instead look at the skill at its face value and think about why this is being trained and discussed, and can this system FIT me and my athletes.

I'll admit for the longest time I fell into this trap with running the slide. That's a women's set, I don't run that on the men's side, we run a 5-1 it can't work with a back row attacker in right back. I went to the "why not" and lived there for a long time. After time I realized it wasn't the set that didn't belong, it was my lack of willingness to look at the slide.

I ask you all to view yourself as a volleyball coach -- not a women's coach, not a men's coach, but a volleyball coach. Collaborate, ask questions, try something new, FAIL (it's OK, the best learning happens that way). For those of you fortunate enough to have the opposite gender where you coach, talk. REALLY talk, ask questions, look for the "why" and be open.

With a few conversations, some video, and a little creativity, we were able to look at our offense and find a way to not only run the slide, but run it with a back row attack, and create more blocking issues systematically with the team across the net. Admittedly it took me a bit to get to this point, but the biggest thing that helped me was going and having conversations with the women's coaches that I knew to find the "why", and how to utilize

it the best. They became my best resource. From those conversations it opened the door to more questions. We collaborated, in exchange for info on the slide, I talked about the Bic.

Speaking on the Bic, I'm sure all of us in Wisconsin had our eyes glued on the tv, or in the arena on Dec. 18 as the University of Wisconsin brought home its first ever National Championship! One thing that I took away from my time watching both the semifinals and the finals was the amount both Wisconsin and Nebraska utilized the Bic, and the back row. For it being a men's set, it sure seemed to make its way onto the biggest stage at the biggest moments.

Clearly both coaching staffs have looked at the "why" and chose not to define their systems by gender beliefs, but systems that leverage their athletes and create positive opportunities for their team. Again I'm not stating that every system fits every team, and player but I think it's time we work to not short change ourselves by antiquated gender assigning of skills.

It doesn't just have to be about the Bic or the slide. It can be any

WAY more access to film and matches we should take it upon ourselves to push them and ourselves as coaches to the next level. Not limiting their abilities by what gender they play. I have spent most of my career coaching on the men's side, and during my time on the women's side I heard often in recruit meetings that people would often try to talk recruits out of playing for me because I was a men's coach.

My answer to them was I am a volleyball coach, anyone can play my systems, they just might take a little longer to get comfortable with. I left my 4.5 years at my women's program with the most wins in school history, and a very exciting offensive team to watch. I found my team learned to love the offensive differences, and I loved working with athletes so focused on the technical side of the game.

They proved they could be successful utilizing another type of system, and play the game a little differently than others. I now see some of those same players coaching their teams, and it is great to see some of those things making their way onto their courts as well.

My parting thought is I ask you all to view yourself as a volleyball coach, not a women's coach, not a men's coach, but a volleyball coach. Collaborate, ask questions, try something new, FAIL (it's OK, the best learning happens that way). For those of you fortunate enough to have the opposite gender where you coach, talk. REALLY talk, ask questions, look for the "why" and be open.

I have had some great conversations during my time at Concordia University Wisconsin with our former women's coach, and I look forward to those same talks with our new women's coach when the time comes.

And remember it's VOLLEYBALL.

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and all topics; triple blocking, float serving, jump serving, the hybrid, offside defender under, offside defender wide, 5-1's, 6-2's, the list can go on. I think that if you open your mind to all possibilities and find what fits you, and your athletes, without creating mental barriers you could unlock even greater potential to your team.

I think more than ever as ALL athletes in our game are getting bigger, faster, stronger, and have

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offers “Retention Period” for clubs and athletes who played during the 2019-20 season

• **Aug. 11:** Badger Region Junior Club Director meeting (held virtually, of course)

• **Aug. 12:** Badger Region announces Meritorious Serve Award Winners (Jennifer Armson-Dyer, Scott Spiess, Julie Gahl, Nicole Holland, Hailey Litzau and Peggy Pechulis)

• **August 2021:** The U.S. Women’s National Indoor Team, the beach team of Alix Klineman and April Ross, and the Women’s Sitting Indoor Team all win gold at the Tokyo Olympics. Pati Rolf, a longtime Badger Region official, board member and coach also officiated at the Tokyo Games.



• **Sept. 1:** Badger Region/USA Volleyball begin their 2021-22 membership season – the second using Sports Engine

• **Sept. 8:** The Badger Region opens the try-out survey for club directors, athletes and parents to offer feedback on the timing of tryouts. The survey showed members were not in favor of moving tryouts to summer and no action at this time is being taken.



• **Sept. 11-12:** The Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League returns at the Milwaukee Sting Center and the New Berlin Sportsplex

• **Sept. 12:** Badger Region hosts a youth open house at the Milwaukee Sting Center

• **Sept. 19:** Badger Region Board of Director meeting that got in motion the Strategic Planning initiative that the Region is going

through.

• **Sept. 23:** The second-annual virtual open house is published in place of having in-person open house events

• **Sept. 26:** A pair of open houses for boys and girls are held by the Badger Region at the Milwaukee Sting Center and the New Berlin Sports Plex

• **Oct. 1:** Damien Evans (Ozaukee Volleyball Club) chosen as Boys Rep to the Badger Region Board of Directors

• **Oct. 2:** Tryouts begin for athletes 14-and-under

• **Oct. 6:** Badger Region and UW-Oshkosh partner for a youth clinic in Oshkosh prior to the Titans’ match that evening.

• **Oct. 15:** Marquette University women’s volleyball hosts BRYFVL night before and after its match against St. John’s University

• **Oct. 30-31:** Conclusion of the 2020 BRYFVL season

• **Nov. 3:** Badger Region hosts its annual boys open house at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee featuring a scrimmage between UW-White-water and Marquette men’s volleyball teams.

• **Nov. 6:** UW-Parkside women’s volleyball hosts a youth volleyball clinic with the Badger Region

• **Nov. 8:** Badger Region Board of Directors meeting that included the formation of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee



• **Nov. 13:** Tryouts begin for athletes 15-and-older

• **Nov. 18:** Frisco Mo’s “Noise for the Boys” debuts in the Badger Beacon.



• **Nov. 19:** Badger Region hosts the Advanced Skills Clinic with Frisco Mo at the Wisconsin Center featuring athletes from all over the country and coaches from Penn State, Loyola-Chicago, Pepperdine and Ohio State

• **Nov. 20:** The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Women’s Volleyball team wins the NCAA Div. 3 National Championship. The head coach of the team is Badger Region Board Member Kim Wudi, who serves as the secretary on the Executive Committee.



• **Dec. 4-5:** Badger Region

Coaching Clinic sponsored by Sports Imports held in Middleton featuring John Kessel, Eric Hodgson, Marouane Jafir and Cathy Noth

• **Dec. 7:** Badger Region brings back its Coaches Coaching Coaches clinics with its first in over two years at River City Volleyball Club

• **Dec. 12:** First Badger Region tournaments of the 2021-22 season begin

• **Dec. 17:** JW Kieckhafer, the head men’s volleyball coach at Carthage College and club coach at Milwaukee Volleyball Club, is honored with the AVCA Div. 3 Coach of the Year award.

• **Dec. 18:** The University of Wisconsin Badgers Women’s Volleyball team wins the NCAA Div. 1 National Championship in Columbus, Ohio.

• **Dec. 21:** The first issue of the Badger Region Ref Bulletin is published as another communication tool for officials, tournament directors and others involved in the tournament-sanctioning process.



2022: Off to Nationals we go

GIRLS 18S



USA Volleyball

Girls Junior Nationals

April 22-24

Phoenix, Ariz.

ADULTS



USA Volleyball

Open National Championships

May 27-June 1

Orlando, Fla.

GIRLS



USA Volleyball

Girls Junior Nationals

June 23-July 4

Indianapolis, Ind.

BOYS



USA Volleyball

Boys Junior Nationals

June 30-July 7

Las Vegas, Nev.



USA All-Star Championships

July 19-23

Tulsa, Okla.

2023: Boys Junior Nationals will be June 29-July 6 in Salt Lake City, Utah

Badgers win NCAA Div. 1 Championship

From NCAA.com

The University of Wisconsin Badgers just won their first national championship in program history. Dana Rettke ended her unbelievable career on top, hoisting the trophy over her head, as not only the best player in the nation but on the best team in the nation.

The Badgers pulled off the win in a five-set thriller over Nebraska. They executed their game plan at such a high level against a tough, hot, Nebraska team that just wouldn't go away.

As a team, the Badgers posted 24 blocks, the most in a national championship game ever. Rettke notched 11 kills and had 13 blocks to her name. She had some big help, though, as the freshman Anna Smrek led offensively with 14 kills on .429 hitting, Jade Demps had a magnificent game with 12 kills on .396 hitting and Grace Loberg finished off her career with 10 kills. Sydney Hilley dished out 51 assists and ended the match with a perfect set, all net, to her roommate Rettke.

This offense was able to get it done against an incredible Nebraska defense that posted 91



digs. It was so hard to put the ball away, but they got it done with great blocking and an amazing all-around effort. Lauren Barnes, again, put on a show in the back-court with 31 digs.

The Badgers came out to a 7-0 start in the fifth. Absolutely everything went Wisconsin's way, but Nebraska re-grouped in a timeout with the mindset of "it's not over until its over." They chipped away at the deficit and got within three at 10-7, then 12-9, but Rettke and Demps gave the Badgers match point. Nebraska

fought off two match points, and you could hear Madi Kubik encouraging her teammates "we can do this." Kubik then sent one out of bounds and Wisconsin rushed the court to celebrate its first-ever national title when John Cook flashed the challenge card for a touch. The call was overturned and Nebraska had a glimmer of hope, but Rettke, the National Player of the Year, finished it off.

The most fitting end to her unbelievable career. She came back for her fifth year, and she finished on top.

Ratings soar for season finale

From journalstar.com

Nebraska and Wisconsin put on a classic in the national volleyball championship match in Columbus, Ohio.

Turns out, a lot of people were glued to it.

The Dec. 18 NCAA Division I final on ESPN2 between the Huskers and Badgers drew 1.19 million viewers, making it the most-watched national volleyball championship match in at least a decade. The number likely would have been higher if not for a contract dispute between Disney and YouTube TV, which left YouTube TV subscribers without ESPN channels over the weekend.

Viewership was up nearly 70% from the "2020" national championship played between Texas and Kentucky last spring, which had 696,000 sets of TV eyes on it.

Wisconsin outlasted Nebraska in five sets to earn its first title.

More people tuned in to Nebraska-Wisconsin volleyball than they did the LA Bowl (1.01 million viewers), which began at 8:30 p.m. — impressive considering the popularity of college bowl games on TV.

This is not the first time Nebraska and Wisconsin left an impression on the TV or on your favorite viewing device. The teams' Nov. 26 meeting in Madison gave BTN its most-watched volleyball match in programming history (375,000 viewers).

Badger Region-based coaches win national awards

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) announced that Carthage College Head Coach JW Kieckhefer has been selected the 2021 United States Marine Corps/AVCA Division III Men's National Coach of the Year.

In addition, UW-Eau Claire's Jodi Risen was named the AVCA Division III Women's National Assistant Coach of the Year.

JW Kieckhefer fast facts:

- In his second season leading Carthage
- Finished the season with a 19-0 overall record and a 12-0 record in the CCIW
- Started the season at No. 9 in the NVA/AVCA Coaches Poll, and climbed to No. 1 on April 13
- CCIW Conference Tournament Champions
- Picked up his first CCIW Coach of the Year award



- Highest winning percentage (1.000) in all of Men's DIII this season
- Hold wins over then-No. 11 North Central, then-No. 13 North Central, and then-No. 7 Benedictine
- An accomplished club coach at Milwaukee Volleyball Club.
- A Badger Region High Performance training camp coach

Jodi Risen fast facts:

- In her 13th season as an assistant volleyball coach for the Blugolds
- Helped UW-Eau Claire go 32-3 this season and win the NCAA Div. III National Championship
- Team also won 30-plus games and made the NCAA quarterfinals in 2018
- Helped lead the school to NCAA Tourney bids in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015, and 2018



Locations announced for Power League

Hotels now available for all dates, sites

Over 150 teams from 27 clubs will participate in the fourth year of the Badger Region Power League for the 2022 season.



The league was formed as a way for Badger Region clubs to save money on travel, reduce nights required in hotels out of

state, offer a kick-back to host clubs/facilities and find reasonable competition close to home.

The Badger Region will again use Room Roster for setting up a Hotel Reservation system for all sites for the Power League. This is not a stay-to-play event.

Age Division	Jan. 8-9	Feb. 12-13	April 9-10
14 Elite	Champion Center	OAW	UW-Parkside/RecPlex
14 Select	Champion Center	OAW	UW-Parkside/RecPlex
14 Regional	Center Court	Champion Center	OAW
16 Elite	UW-Parkside	RecPlex	Champion Center
16 Select	UW-Parkside	RecPlex	Champion Center
16 Regional	Champion Center	RecPlex	UW-Parkside/RecPlex
18 Elite	Center Court	Champion Center	UW-Parkside/RecPlex
18 Regional	Center Court	Champion Center	Champion Center

Hotel information

* January 8/9 – Champions Center – 14-Elite/Select, 16 Regional – [Click here](#)
 January 8/9 – U.W. Parkside – 16-Elite/Select – [Click here](#)
 January 8/9 – Center Court – 18-Elite, 18-Regional, 14-Regional – [Click here](#)
 February 12/13 – Champions Center – 14-Regional, 18-Elite, 18-Regional – [Click here](#)

February 12/13 – Rec Plex – 16-Elite, 16-Select, 16-Regional – [Click here](#)
 February 12/13 – OAW – 14-Elite, 14-Select – [Click here](#)
 April 9/10 – Champions Center – 16-Elite, 16-Select, 18-Regional – [Click here](#)
 April 9/10 – U.W. Parkside and/or Rec Plex – 14-Elite, 14-Select, 16-Regional, 18-Elite – [Click here](#)
 April 9/10 – OAW – 14-Regional – [Click here](#)

COACHING EDUCATION

3C clinics available for clubs

The Coaches Coaching Coaches program designed by the Badger Region has returned for the 2021-22 season. The program, also known as 3C, welcomes clubs to invite experienced and respected lead coaches chosen by the Badger Region to come to a practice and mentor a handful of lead coaches at a club.

They in turn would then take the information they learned at the clinic and pass it on to other coaches in the program.

The first 3C clinic wrapped up last week at River City Volleyball Club and the feedback has been great since.

If your club is still interested in having one or two of our 3C lead coaches come out to your practice and help work with your coaches, please fill out the form ASAP.

<https://badgervolleyball.org/coaches-coaching-coaches/3c-clinic-request-form/>. Register soon as we will not be able to accommodate all requests.

A few notes:

1. The design of this opportunity is to have future mentor coaches from a club work with the 3C lead coaches from the Region while one or two teams practice like they normally would (this would not require your players/coaches to come in on another night). It is not designed to be for a club's whole roster of coaches. The Region hopes to work with 3-4 future mentor coaches from a club, plus the 3-4 coaches who are running the practices that night to be the ones we are truly working with.

2. The Region's coaches will not be running the practice. They will ask for a practice plan of the teams practicing in advance and we will critique. They will modify it, ask questions, and help reinforce a philosophy or change the drill to meet your goals. The Region will not come with a plan of its own to come out and run drills for a program.

3. The goal is to focus on big-picture related items and the process over the outcome.

Questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Art of Coaching clinic comes to Milwaukee in April 2022

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.



Ryan Theis

This year's clinicians have a wide range of coaching styles and personalities, so attendees have the opportunity

to learn from an assortment of exceptional coaches with different points of view.

This clinic will feature Russ Rose (Penn State University 1978-2021), John Dunning (Stanford University 2001-2016), Terry Liskevych (USA Women's National Team), Debbie Brown (Notre Dame 1990-2014) Ryan Theis



(Marquette), and Marie Zidek (DePaul University), Deborah Newkirk (Coach Em Up Kids), Collen Bayer (Friday only/Milwaukee Sting) and Eric Sullivan (Friday only/MUHS 2007-2020) 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 Badger Region coaches.

Virtual learning opportunities for the event are also available.

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.](#)

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GIRLS ENTERING 4TH-12TH GRADE

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Officials get 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.

This article was previously published in the Badger Ref Bulletin on Dec. 21.

Kiraly, Speraw to lead national teams through 2024

USA Volleyball has announced that it has re-signed indoor U.S. National Team head coaches Karch Kiraly and John Speraw to contracts through 2024.

Kiraly became the Women's National Team head coach in September 2012 after serving as its assistant coach from 2009-12.

In the previous five years, Kiraly led the U.S. Women win their first ever Olympic gold medal in Tokyo. The U.S. Women are also the three-time defending champions of the FIVB Volleyball Nations League (VNL), and they took silver at the 2019 FIVB World Cup. They are ranked No. 1 in the world.

During his first Olympic quad



with the team, Kiraly helped the U.S. Women to the 2014 FIVB World Championship title and the 2016 Olympic bronze medal.

Kiraly said that 13 minutes after winning the gold medal in Tokyo, he was already thinking about what the team might look like in Paris.

"Making history in Tokyo was immensely rewarding," Kiraly said. "It gets me hungry for

more, as it does for everyone in our program. I love this job, because I get the daily privilege of working with people I love; people of high character who are committed to learning and to pursuing epic team performance. I am honored and thrilled to get to do it for another three years."

Speraw became the Men's National Team head coach early in 2013 after serving as an assistant since 2007.

Since 2015, the U.S. Men have won bronze at the Rio Olympic Games and bronze and silver respectively at the 2018 and 2019 VNL tournaments. They took bronze at the 2018 FIVB World Championship and the 2019

World Cup.

Prior to the Rio Olympic Games, Speraw led the U.S. Men to victories at the 2014 FIVB World League and the 2015 World Cup.

"It is a tremendous honor to represent Team USA," Speraw said. "I love working with these athletes. It's a unique environment. On Team USA, you can develop really good relationships with guys because they can be in the gym a long time."

"Finally, we didn't do very well in Tokyo, so I want to make it right. I want to get back out there and give it another shot."

The Olympic Games in Paris are scheduled for July 26-Aug. 11, 2024





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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	
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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FEBRUARY 6-13-27

MARCH 6-13-20-27

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5:00-6:30PM GRADES 9-10-11-12

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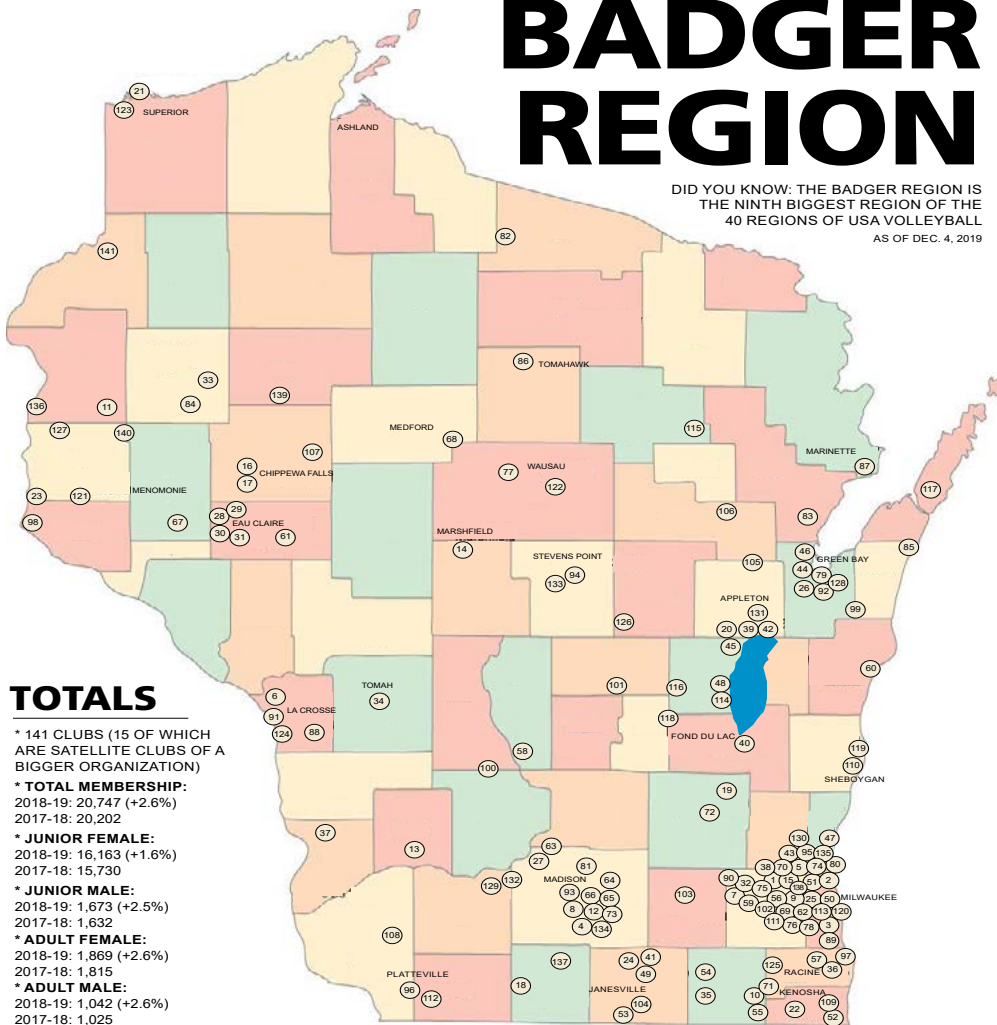
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BADGER REGION

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?

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>

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



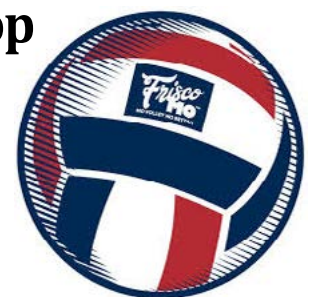
Badger Region, Frisco Mo partner for unique Wisconsin-themed volleyball shop

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.

More online:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



The Ozaukee Boys Volleyball 17s won a tournament hosted Dec. 19 at the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha hosted by Epic Volleyball Club. Send your team photos to brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Jan. 8-9: First weekend of the Badger Region Power League

Feb. 12-13: Second weekend of the Badger Region Power League

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

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

April 2-3: Badger Region Championships for Girls 15s and All Boys Divisions at the Wisconsin Center

April 9-10: Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League

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
(President)
Elected in 2020
Email: jkmomsen@yahoo.com

Scott Blackmon
(Vice President)
Elected in 2019
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TBA
(Treasurer)
Elected in TBA
Email: TBA

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(Secretary)
Elected in 2021
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Elected in 2021
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Brian Rushmer
(Junior Rep)
Elected in 2020
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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
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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.



Give the Gift of Volleyball!

Orange Minions Instructional Program for Boys & Girls Grades 1-4

Athletes will use the quadrant training method (which allow kids to train at their level)



JAN 16, 23, 30

PICTURE DAY JAN 23

FEB 6, 13, 27

NO SESSION FEB 20 PRESIDENTS' DAY

MAR 6, 13, 20, 27

1:00 - 2:30 PM

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Grades 1-2 Court 1

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