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# Badger Region events breaking records

What does February mean to you? Groundhog's Day? Valentine's Day? Presidents Day?

If you're reading this newsletter, let's be honest. February means volleyball.

Don't get us wrong, we love that the resident groundhogs didn't see their shadows. And we look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with the ones we love. But February means volleyball -- and lots of it.

This month, the Badger Region kicks its events into high gear

with the second weekend of Power League Feb. 12-13 at sites throughout the state of Wisconsin.

In addition, Feb. 13 is also the first weekend of competition for the Boys 12-and-under

group in the Badger Boys Series. The following weekend,

teams from around the state will criss-cross the Midwest to attend Presidents Day tournaments.

The weekend after that? Well, that's the prestigious Badger Region Qualifier. This year, we have



over 100 teams competing for the coveted bids to the Girls Junior National Championships. How cool is that?

A few weeks later, the Dale Rohde Memorial returns for the ninth year and features 105 teams competing in boys 12-18s divisions. Prior to 2022, the largest ever Dale Tournament was 77 teams. This is a huge sign of growth of boys volleyball in our Region.

Then March continues with three weekends of Badger Region Championships which features a record 650 teams in competition.

Then let's not forget that after Champs, Badger Region Power League wraps up April 9-10. Then later that month we might find time to celebrate Valentine's Day with our loved ones.

Go Badger Region.

Everything you need to know about

# BADGER REGION HIGH PERFORMANCE

s you have probably seen in our most recent newsletter, website and social media, the 2022 Badger Region High Performance program has announced the start date of its offerings for the season.

The Badger Region High Performance is the only Wisconsin-based program that pulls athletes from every corner of the state to field what amounts to the state's All Star Teams at various age levels.

Not only are the athletes training and competing with the High Performance team elite, so to are the coaches.

"Our High Performance program prides itself on recruiting top talent from throughout the Badger Region and turning that into success at the USA All-Star Championships in July," said program director Brian Sharkey. "Our goal is to make this a one-of-a-kind, collegiate-like



experience that participants will remember for years and years to come."

This year marks the start of a new "two-year cycle," which means there are a few changes in what athletes are eligible for regarding this year's tryouts, training camps and travel teams.

It's OK if you have questions. We've compiled as many FAQs as possible and have them answered for you below.

Have questions? Email Program Director Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 414-313-9055.

### **PHILOSOPHY**

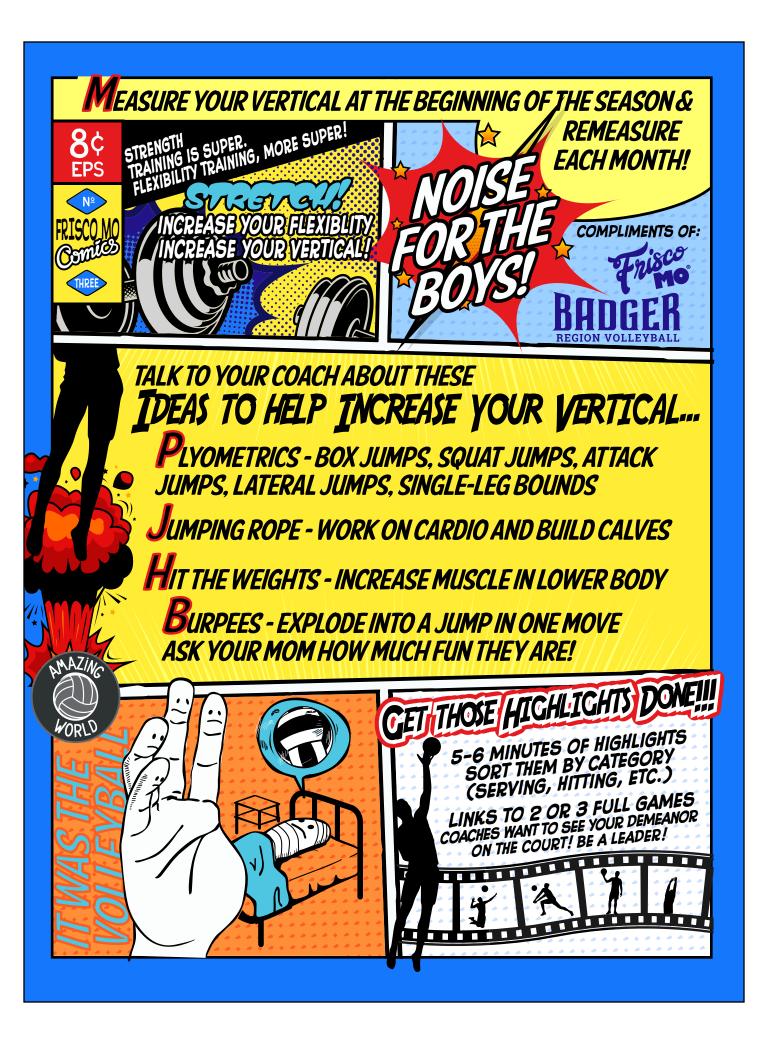
What are the expectations of the travel team at the USA All-Star Championships?

The goal of the teams who compete at the international tournament is to medal in their respective divisions while also accomplishing the following throughout the process:

- \* Expose athletes to high-level college (NCAA and NAIA) recruiters who attend the international tournament.
- \* Offer a college-like sports experience where athletes learn what it is like to be treated like an elite-level athlete.
- \* Be a part of independent travel experience led by highly certified Badger Region staff and HP Coaches
- \* Gain exposure to elite level coaching provided by the Midwest's highest-level club and college coaches.
- \* Compete and train alongside other all-star caliber athletes from around the Badger Region.
- \* Play against other all-star teams from around the country and the world

### AGE DEFINITIONS

Every two years, the age definitions for what athletes are eligible for in terms of High Performance are updated by the FIVB – the international governing body of the sport of volleyball. These age definitions govern High Performance programs across all Regions and USA Volleyball because the culminating event that takes place in late July is in fact an international tournament and therefore makes the age definitions consistent throughout the world. Therefore, the Badger Region must abide by these age definitions, which don't allow for age waivers. Every athlete in the Badger Region is eligible for our High Performance program for at least four (or five) years – so make sure to take advantage of this time when it's your turn.



# Region continues to focus on DEI efforts

By Jim Momsen Badger Region President

The Badger Region recently formed a DEI committee to oversee the Region's DEI mission. Check out some of their points of emphasis coming up for this year.

### What is DEI?

Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) is a term used to describe policies and programs that promote the representation and participation of different groups of individuals, including people of different ages, races and ethnicities, abilities and disabilities, genders, religions, cultures and sexual orientations. This also covers people with diverse backgrounds, experiences, skills and expertise.

### What is diversity?

Diversity involves all the ways that people are different, including the different characteristics that make one group or individual different from another. Diversity includes:

- Race and ethnicity
- Sexual orientation
- Socioeconomic status
- Gender identity
- Religion
- Language
- Age
- Marital status
- Veteran status
- Mental ability
- Physical abilityPeople with disabilities

Diversity may also include a range of ideas, perspectives and values.

What is equity?



Equity aims to ensure the fair treatment, access, equality of opportunity and advancement for everyone while also attempting to identify and remove the barriers that have prevented some groups from fully participating. Equity promotes justice, fairness and impartiality within the processes, procedures and distribution of resources by systems or institutions. To tackle equity, people need to understand the root causes of outcome disparities in society.

#### What is inclusion?

Inclusion builds a culture where everyone feels welcome by actively inviting every person or every group to contribute and participate. This inclusive and welcoming environment supports and embraces differences and offers respect to everyone in words and actions. A work environment that's inclusive is supportive, respectful and collaborative and aims to get all employees to participate and contribute. An inclusive work environment endeavors to remove all barriers. discrimination and intolerance.

The Badger Region approved a DEI statement in 2020. In short, what are the Region's goals when it comes to diversity, equity and inclusion?

In a nutshell, DEI supports Badger Region's Mission and Vision.

On a broader perspective,

diversity, equity, and inclusion matter because they help build a fair society that allows all people to get equal opportunities. DEI brings together people, perspectives and ideas to help create stronger bonds among individuals and stronger organizations.

The moral case for DEI is that everyone has something of value to contribute and as such society has a responsibility to address barriers and historical factors that have caused unfair conditions for underrepresented groups. For example, from a moral standpoint, because the mission of nonprofit organizations is to improve society, they should be diverse, inclusive and equitable.

Economically, DEI is the idea that organizations that seek out diverse candidates and/or engage in diversity training are stronger and operate more efficiently. Without diversity, organizations will most likely lack new perspectives and not be as competitive as others that do embrace diversity. Without a culture of equity and inclusion, people who feel underrepresented are likely to quit, taking their talents with them.

## Who is serving on the Badger Region DEI committee?

- Jim Momsen (Co-chair)
- Franklin Marcos (Co-chair)
- Alexis Middleton-Johnson
- Alexis Terry
- Adrian Lynch
- Amy Angelos
- Angela Lubach
- B.J. Bryant
- Breit Nelson

- Dennis Heltemes
- Jake Kujak
- Katy Olson
- Kim Wudi
- Lisa Kain
- Marissa Lambe
- Mark Berman
- Nancy Gille
- Peter Netisingha
- Rob Kleinschmidt

### What are the biggest concerns you are hearing right now as it pertains to athletes in the Badger Region and DEI?

The top concerns that have been identified so far include:

- Transportation to tournaments and practices
  - Cost of participation
- Travel distance to club activities s in underserved areas of the state

### What other action items does the DEI committee look to undertake in 2022?

Other action items that have been identified include:

- Communication
- Messaging/Promotion
- Outreach
- Sponsorships/Funding
- Policies & Procedures
- Education

### If I have ideas for the Badger Region regarding diversity, equity and inclusion, who do I reach out to?

We welcome all input. If you have ideas about DEI, feel free to contact either of the DEI Committee co-chairs. Please include your name and contact information (email address and/or phone number).

# Badger Region Board approves Rath as treasurer

Beau Rath was appointed Treasurer of the Badger Region Volleyball Association Feb. 3, 2022. He has been in and around the sport of volleyball since he was in middle school, being involved in both WIAA- and USAV-sanctioned events since then.

Professionally, he is a Certified Public Accountant, having spent 4.5 years in public accounting performing audits of both large, public, Fortune 500 companies, and later transitioning to performing audits of relatively small privately held companies.

This experience has provided him a wide range of opportunities to not only develop a wholistic business savvy, but also gain a thorough understanding of bookkeeping and internal controls.

Currently, he is a senior internal auditor at US Venture, a privately held distributor of products vehicles consume (oil, tires, lubricants, etc.) located in Kimberly.

In terms of volleyball involvement, he currently serves as the head JV volleyball coach for the Appleton North boys volleyball program.

He is not currently associated with any club.

During college, he played for the UW – La Crosse men's club team, which won two DII NCVF championships during that time. He also served as the treasurer and president during his time at UW-L. He was also involved in other extracurriculars, including being a member of a fraternity where he was a treasurer, and was instrumental in making difficult decisions that ultimately balanced a budget that was extremely overstretched.

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## What are this year's Badger Region offerings?

- \* Boys National Youth (Athletes born in 2005 and 2006)
- \* Boys National Select (Athletes born in 2007, 2008 and 2009)
- \* Girls International Youth (Athletes born in 2006 and 2007)
- \* Girls National Select (Athletes born in 2008, 2009 and 2010)

These will be the SAME age definitions in 2023. The only exception would be if the Badger Region receives enough interest for a Girls Future Select division, the Region would consider sending a team of female athletes born in 2010 and 2011 to the USA All-Star Championships in 2023.

## Are there other divisions other than those listed above?

Yes, there are. However, due to numbers, space, costs and previous interest in other age levels, the Region elects to only enter teams in the divisions listed above. Other divisions include Women's Junior (2003, 2004, 2005) and Girls Future Select (2010, 2011, and later).

## Why are the age divisions set up like this?

The FIVB sets up the birth-year based age definitions. In the US, age definitions are set up mostly by "grade in school." However, other countries do not have the same school systems as the US, thus making the birth-year based age definitions a more level playing field. In addition, (think Olympics) in many international competitions, a team (or athlete) must qualify for an international championship in the first year of the cycle and then compete for the title in the second year of the cycle.

### If my son or daughter is no longer eligible for any of the Badger Region age divisions, what other options does he or she have?

Some of the highest-level athletes may receive invitation to the USA Volleyball National Team Development Program and participate in such events as NORCECA Championships, FIVB U19 World Championships and other USAV-based programs. Since those programs are only for the most elite of athletes, we suggest looking into elite-level collegiate camps at schools around the country. Competing in beach and grass events will also make the athlete a much better, well-rounded player.



### **TRYOUTS**

Regardless of which program you are eligible for, some sort of tryout is required (whether it be in-person or via a video submission). To register for tryouts, click here.

### When are tryouts for the 2022 High Performance program?

- \* Girls International Youth (Born in 2006-2007): 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee.
- \* Girls National Select (Born 2008-2010): 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee.
- \* Boys National Youth (Born 2005-2006): 9 to noon Saturday, April 30, at the New Berlin SportsPlex
- \* Boys National Select (Born 2007-2009): 9 to noon Saturday, April 30, at the New Berlin SportsPlex

### What are the costs to try out?

- \* In-person tryouts cost \$40
- \* Video-only tryouts cost \$30
- \* In-person tryouts with a video submission costs \$65.

If an athlete cannot attend his

or her in-person tryout date, the video-only tryout is required. Videos are due one week before the athlete's tryout date listed above. Registration for in-person tryout closes the Wednesday before the tryout date listed above.

If an athlete wants to attend the in-person tryout but also submit video for written feedback from the High Performance coaching staff, he or she may do so at an additional cost. If an athlete tries out in person, no video is required, but he or she will not get guaranteed feedback at the event. No refunds are given for tryouts after March 1.

### What should the tryout video consist of?

Tryout videos should be no longer than 5-7 minutes consisting of edits from match film. Skills videos of athletes doing one skill for extended periods of time should be avoided. If you feel it is best to showcase specific skills (athlete setting, or attacking, or serving, or blocking), it is best to bunch those clips together. A URL to the video is all that is needed. Do not attach or send the video as a whole.

# TRAINING DATES

The Boys HP program utilizes the "downtime" in May and April to offer some training for its teams. Girls on the other hand wait until the conclusion of USAV and AAU National Championships to train and select its teams.

#### Boys

Boys will be brought to two different one-day training sessions in May and June. Dates/locations have not been determined for this year. The cost for these two events is \$150 total.

After the two training dates, 10 athletes from each age group (youth and select), plus alternates, will be selected to come to the overnight camp at a college or university in Wisconsin. Cost for the overnight camp is \$250.

### Girls

Girls will be brought to a three-day, two-night overnight night camp at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh July 6-8. Cost for this camp is \$425 and includes lodging and meals.

After the camp, 10 athletes from each group (youth and select), plus alternates, will train at the New Berlin SportsPlex on Sunday, July 17. There is no additional cost for this training date. The team departs for Tulsa, the next day.

### TRAVEL TEAM

Ten athletes from each age group will be selected to represent the Badger Region and the state of Wisconsin at the USA All-Star Championships taking place in Tulsa, Okla., from July 19-23.

## What are the travel arrangements for the athletes who make the team?

Athletes and coaches will depart from Milwaukee's Mitchell Airport on Monday, July 18, and will return Sunday, July 24. Athletes will be transported to and from the airport/hotel/playing facility/meals in Tulsa throughout the week, organized by the Badger Region. Essentially, this trip will be handled like a college

program, where the Badger Region staff and team coaches are responsible for the team for the duration of the event. Parents do not have to come on this trip.

## If an athlete makes the final roster that travels to Tulsa, what additional costs are there?

Final costs are still being worked on as hotel and flight arrangements are still pending. This cost includes plane flights, all ground transportation for the week, hotel (four to a room), a warmup shirt (to keep) as well program costs for jerseys, coaches, etc. The only other costs that athletes incur is the cost of food that they purchase at the grocery stores or at restaurants.

### DIFFERENT RULE SETS

The USA All-Star Championships serves as an opportunity for athletes to play under international rule sets, and allows referees training to become international officials the opportunity to officiate under such rules.

## What are some of the key rule differences?

1. The libero CANNOT serve. The libero is designated for the match



- 3. Substitutions are limited (6 unlimited)
- 3. Players not in the match must be in the warm-up box or seated on the bench.
- 4. If the ball hits the ceiling it is out.
  - 5. Only the

head coach can stand.

- 6. We play best 3 out of 5 sets. Usually, two matches per day are played.
- 7. There is a technical timeout when the first team reaches 13 if a timeout isn't called prior to that. Teams must wait outside the court until they are brought back into the court by the R2.
- 8. Simultaneous contact by two players counts as two hits.

### **PREVIOUS SUCCESS**

Badger Region had a great showing at the 2021 All-Star Championships:

- \* Boys National Select (Bronze Medal)
- \* Girls National Select (Bronze Medal)
  - \* Boys National Youth (Fifth Place)
- \* Girls International Youth (Fifth Place)

Badger Region had a great showing at the 2019 High Performance Championships:

- \* Boys National Select (Silver Medal)
- \* Girls National Select (Bronze Medal)
- \* Boys National Youth (Fourth Place)
- \* Girls International Youth (Eighth Place)

How does this impact athletes like those in the Badger Region High Performance program?

Because we only travel 10 players, it is vital that some athletes be accomplished utility players. A middle who can hit on the right side. Outsides and right sides who can hit on both pins. Liberos who can be worked in as a back-up setter if needed. Outside hitters

need to play all six rotations due to the lack of substitutions allowed in international events. All of these are considerations our coaches must look at when building their final rosters. Also, because of the program goals and the limited substitutions, there will not be equal playing time. Playing time will be earned by attitude, skill and what the coaches believe is best for the team at that moment. No parental feedback on playing time will be accepted.

### **COACHING**

The Badger Region requires potential coaching candidates for its High Performance program to apply through an application process before being selected to the HP staff. Many are collegiate coaches, while others are elite-level club coaches, and others have been successful high school coaches in years past. All have successfully passed a USA Volleyball background screen, have a minimum of IMPACT coaching certification and have SafeSport training.

## How can other coaches get involved in the Badger Region's HP program?

Coaches can contact Program Director Brian Sharkey (brian@badgervolleyball.org/414-313-9055). Coaches are needed for all training sessions and camps. Others are also needed for being evaluators and facilitators at High Performance tryouts. All coaches are paid as independent contractors for their time and participation at High Performance events.

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# REFERRES WARNES

### **REWARDS:**

TRAINING OFFERED
GOOD COMPENSATION
FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES



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### FROM A STAFF MEMBER

# WVC creates opportunities for collegiate club athletes, teams

**By Scott Spiess** 

Badger Region Operations Manager WVC Advisory Board Member

The Badger Region is excited to once again support the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference (WVC) as it embarks on the 2022 season for men's and woomen's collegiate club volleyball.

### **History**

The WVC was established in 1992 by Jason Smith, with a focus on creating a quality and competitive experience for its participants through a dual match schedule. The season format or schedule has seen many variations over the years including divisional structures (both geographically and competitively), optional playdates, dual matches, triangular meets, etc. but always culminates with the WVC State Championships (more on that later).

All athletes and coaches in he WVC have a Badger Region/USA Volleyball memberships. And the Badger Region supports the WVC by assigning officials to sanctioned events.

In the beginning the league was formed to create a varsity-like atmosphere for men as there were very limited opportunities for men to play collegiately not only in Wisconsin but also throughout the Midwest. Charter member teams included those from UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Eau Claire and UW-Whitewater all of which still participate in the WVC today.

In 2007 the WVC welcomed its first women's teams, providing additional opportunities for female athletes to compete in intercollegiate volleyball in Wisconsin and beyond. The popularity of the women's division grew quickly with many schools fielding two teams and UW-Eau Claire and UW-La Crosse establishing themselves as the teams to beat on an annual basis.

In addition to the competitive matches taking place right here in Wisconsin, WVC teams regularly participate in the National Colle-



giate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) National Tournament. As of the completion of the 2019 season the WVC teams have generated an amazing 17 National Championships and 19 runner-up trophies. All of the success on the national level has led to the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference being recognized as one of the nation's most respected and decorated conferences.

### Season outlook

For the 2022 season, 19 Men's teams and 23 Women's teams

from all over Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and South Dakota will compete for the conference crown.

Due to continued complications and varying school/ university



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policies related to the pandemic, this season will be played entirely as weekend playdates. A playdate consists of as few as 6 teams and as many as 24 teams competing under the same roof in a single day format. Often these playdates will have some variation of pool play followed by bracket play with results being recorded and accumulated for seeding consideration for the WVC State Championships in April

Because of the variance in playdate location and court availability, teams will play a slightly unbalanced schedule in 2022, but nonetheless are excited to be back on the court (the WVC season was suspended in 2020 and cancelled in 2021 due to the pandemic).

The women kicked things off Feb. 5 at UW-La Crosse with a straight

forward six-team round robin. Perhaps there was some home court advantage as both UW-La Crosse A (9-3) and UW-La Crosse B (8-4) had strong showings, with Winona St A (9-3) also demonstrating they have the talent to be in the mix this season. UW-Oshkosh will be the site for the next playdate with 11 different teams in action joining UW-Stout who also played on Feb. 5.

Eight men's teams made the trek north to Houghton, Mich., and the campus of Michigan Tech University to open their season Feb. 5. UW-Eau Claire was looking for strength in numbers as they have successfully fielded three teams this season! They were joined by Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan, UW-Oshkosh B, and two teams from UW-Whitewater. UW-Eau Claire A, Michigan Tech, UW-Whitewater A, and Northern Michigan advanced to the winner's bracket after strong performances in the morning matches. It was UW-Eau Claire A over UW-Whitewater A in the championship final. In the consolation backet both UW-Eau Claire B & C advanced before agreeing not to play the final match due to deteriorating winter storm conditions and the opportunity to head home safely. Next up for the men is a 12-team playdate at the Greenheck Fieldhouse in Schofield, Wis.

All men's and women's teams will converge on the Milwaukee Sting Center April 8-9 to compete for the 2022 Wisconsin Volleyball Conference State Championships. This culminating event is a celebration for all teams, officials, and WVC advisory members. In addition to the highly competitive tournament play, the WVC will also present its season awards and induct new members into the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference Hall of Fame. The weekend also acts as a springboard for many of the teams who will wrap their season the following weekend at the NCVF National Tournament April 14-16 in Phoenix, Ariz Look for WVC teams to compete near the top of several divisions throughout the tournament!

### **Building leaders**

Participation in the WVC and collegiate club volleyball can be an amazing experience and resume builder. The club teams are all student-run organizations that generally have a President and/ or additional officers that must complete a myriad of tasks before, during, and after the season. These tasks include but are not limited to member registration, scheduling, organizing tryouts, reserving facilities for practice/competition, fundraising, arranging travel, attending university required meetings, planning practice, and making difficult decisions in the best interest of the team.

The WVC, which is run by an advisory committee of former WVC participants, recognizes these challenges as learning opportunities and provides support to the team leaders throughout their time in the conference.

The inaugural WVC Leadership Summit was held in 2019, bringing team leaders together for a weekend of training on various leadership topics. This season the advisory committee has been holding a series of webinars to cover critical items needed to have a successful season. The additional support provided off the court has led to numerous athletes staying involved in the WVC after their playing days are over as mentors to the next group of leaders, on the advisory committee, or drumming up alumni support when called upon. These unique experiences qualify many WVC athletes to potentially become excellent junior club coaches, volleyball officials, tournament site directors and

The WVC lives its mission statement: The Wisconsin Volleyball Conference creates structured, sustainable, and competitive volleyball opportunities for men's and women's collegiate club teams while developing future leaders and lasting relationships. Find some time to show support a collegiate club team in your area by attending a match, following on social media, or becoming a certified official.

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# 2022: Off to Nationals we go

**GIRLS 188** 



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Girls Junior Nationals

April 22-24

Phoenix, Ariz.

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Open National Championships

May 27-June 1

Orlando, Fla.

GIRIS



**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.

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

# **#TeamTuesday features Region teams on social media**

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# Scholarship application open for all seniors

The Badger Region will again be offering graduating seniors the opportunity to apply for scholarships available to both boys and girls.

This year, the Region will select five boys and 10 girls who meet the criteria for \$500 scholarships that will be paid directly to the student's college of choice once they are enrolled.

In addition, two athletes, one boy and one girl will also be considered for the Frisco Mo "Do Good" scholarship, if they meet the additional criteria required for these \$500 scholarships.

### Rewarding service

Lisa Deppe, the founder and owner of Frisco Mo, said her



company is all "about rewarding athletes who do good in their community over the past school year."

To apply for any of the scholarships, athletes should go to <u>click here</u>. There they can be taken to the application which is broken in two parts.

The first is required by all

applicants. The last section is for athletes who want to be considered for the "Frisco Mo Do Good" scholarship, which requires some sort of community service activity be described in the application. The other Badger Region scholarships do not require community service as part of the criteria.

### Criteria

Athletes must meet the following criteria for both scholarships:

- \* Graduating high school senior in the year of application (students who graduate in winter will be eligible alongside students who graduate in the spring or summer)
  - \* No code of conduct violations
- \* Student athlete (or coach or official) is member of the Badger

Region and is in good standing with the Badger Region Volleyball Association and his or her club

- \* Submit a completed application form
- \* Submit an acceptance letter from a college, university or other post-secondary academic institution. (To receive payment, proof of registration and enrollment in a post-secondary school will be required)
- \* Submit a letter of recommendation from club director or 18s club coach

The deadline to apply is April 29, 2022. Winners will be announced in May.

Have questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.

# 2022 Marquette Volleyball Camps

ALL SKILLS July 6-8 - boys/girls \*7th-9th

COLLEGE PREP July 9-10 - girls 10th-12th

ATTACKERS/BLOCKERS July 11 - girls 6th-12th

**DEFENDERS/PASSERS** July 12 - girls 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

YOUTH DAY July 13-15 - girls 3rd-6th

TEAM July 16-17 - girls 9th-12th

SATELLITE AT 1<sup>ST</sup> ALLIANCE July 18 - boys/girls 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

SATELLITE AT 1<sup>ST</sup> ALLIANCE July 18-19 - boys/girls 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

**SATELLITE AT FC ELITE July 21-22 - girls 6th-9th** 

\*Grade entering for 2022-2023 school year

Open to any and all entrants (limited only by total number, age, grade level and/or gender)





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# Weekly AVCA coaching education, recruiting tips make their return



In 2019, the Badger Region began a major partnership with the American Volleyball Coaches Association to bring us Recruiting Tips and Coaching Education Tips each work during the club season.

Those tips have returned again and will be shared weekly on Badger Region social media (Facebook) and on our website. A re-cap of each week's tips will also appear in the Badger Beacon newsletter.

To check out ALL the tips from years past and the current tip of the week, click below.

### **Coaching Education Tips**

**Feb. 10:** Use a "chaos" drill for a fast-paced, timed wash drill (<u>click here</u>)

**Feb. 3 Tip:** Putting in an attack from different depths of the court (<u>click here</u>)

Jan. 27 Tip: Teach kids the right way to throw a ball and set them up for future success with Indiana University women's coach Krista Vansant. (Click here)

**Jan. 20 Tip:** Weighing the importance of serving tough vs. the chance of making a service error with Stanford University women's coach Kevin Hambly. (Click here)

>>> For the AVCA/Badger Region Coaching Education Tip of the Week page on the Badger Region website, click here.

### **Recruiting Tips**

**Feb. 10:** I committed to a team and the coach left. Now what (<u>click here</u>)

**Feb. 3:** What you need to know about need-based financial aid (<u>click here</u>)

Jan. 27 Tip: This week's tip looks at College women's volleyball numbers and various sectors that make up the sport (NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA and more). Click here.

**Jan. 20 Tip:** An introduction to the Recruiting Tip of the Week and this year's expectations. (Click here)

>>> For the AVCA/Badger Region Recruiting Tip of the Week page on the Badger Region website, click here.

Have questions? Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.

# Recognize those who go above and beyond

They always say you catch more bees with honey than vinegar.

So let's take that and apply it to folks in the Badger Region and offer them a little positive recognition.

See an athlete who went above

and beyond for his or her team? Heard about an official who did extra for a fellow ref or work team? See a parent



demonstrate great sportsmanship? Who did you catch in the act of doing good?

Share their info (and yours) and both individuals will be entered in our prize giveaways.

This program is an off-shoot of our Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive. (ESP) program that the Region has had in operation for many years -- just now in a digital format.

To nominated someone for a "Caught Doing Good" honor, fill out this form on the Badger Region website.

Have questions? Email member-ship@badgervolleyball.org.



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

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# Looking at Weekend No. 2 of Power League

# Hotels 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

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

Hotel Reservation system for all sites for the Power League. This is not a stay-to-play event.

### **Hotel information**

February 12/13 - Champions

Center – 14-Regional, 18-Elite, 18-Regional – <u>Click here</u> February 12/13 – Rec Plex – 16-Elite, 16-Select, 16-Regional – <u>Click here</u>

February 12/13 – OAW –



14-Elite, 14-Select — <u>Click here</u> April 9/10 – Champions Center – 16-Elite, 16-Select, 18-Regional – <u>Click here</u>

April 9/10 – U.W. Parkside and/or Rec Plex – 14-Elite, 14-Select, 16-Regional, 18-Elite – <u>Click</u> here

April 9/10 – OAW – 14-Regional – <u>Click here</u>

# Cook named president of AVCA

The American Volleyball Coaches Association is announced that R. Keegan Cook is the new president of its Board of Directors. Cook takes over for Sharon Clark, who served in the role from 2020–21.

"It is an exciting time for volleyball, and I am ready to be part of building the future of the sport and the AVCA," said Cook, who just completed his seventh season as the University of Washington head women's volleyball coach. "There is a lot happening right now, especially with the collegiate game, and we have a lot of opportunities to help increase participation at all levels."

Since Cook became the Washington coach in 2015, the Huskies have gone 178-45 and won or shared four Pac-12 titles. His teams have advanced to the NCAA Championship every year, made four Elite Eight appearances, and earned a trip to the national semifinals in the 2021 spring season.

Despite the challenges of COVID and a lost season in 2020, AVCA membership has rebounded, which points to how much value coaches find in the association. A comparison of the last three Januarys shows that there were



7,742 members in 2020, 6,779 in 2021, and 7,940 this year.

Cook and the Board of Directors have set forth a vision for the next decade that includes some aggressive goals, all wrapped around creating more opportunities for players and coaches.

On the AVCA Board's list is:

- \* The Division I Women's Volleyball Championship becoming the first commercially viable women's sport
- \* The Division I-II Men's Volleyball bracket expanding to 12 teams, based on the continued increase in the number of participating schools
- \* Developing sustainable professional volleyball leagues in the United States
- \* Helping individual participation at the high school level reach 500,000 for girls and 100,000 for boys
- \* Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball growing to 300 teams & 4,500 participants
- \* Collegiate Men's Beach Volleyball becoming an official NCAA Championship sport

# **Art of Coaching clinic comes to MKE in April**

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 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 Uni-

versity 1978-2021), John Dunning (Stanford University 2001-2016), Terry Liskevych (USA Women's National Team), Debbie Brown (Notre Dame

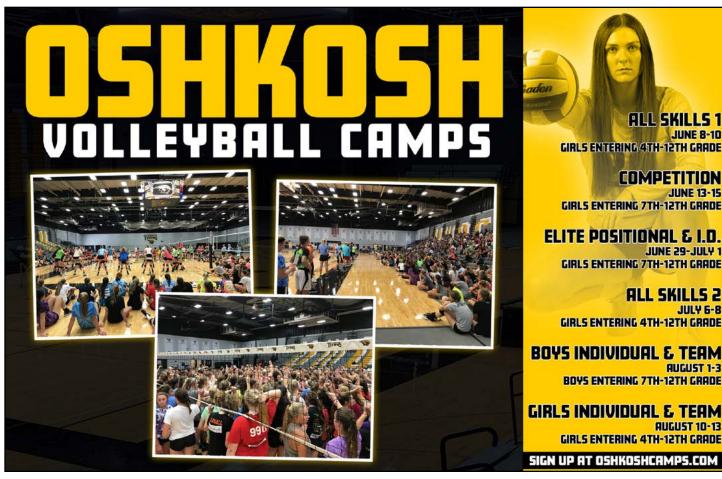


1990-2014) Ryan Theis (Marquette), and Marie Zidek (DePaul University), Deborah Newkirk (Coach Em Up Kids), Collen Bayer (Friday only/Milwaukee Sting) and Eric Sullivan (Friday only/MUHS 2007-2020) with classroom and on-court sessions. The Badger Region will be hosting a Friday night (April 22) clinic 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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## Divisions, dates set for Adult Nationals

Adult teams looking to attend the USA Volleyball Open National Championships this spring in Orlando, Fla., now have a better understanding of the dates of their respective competitions.

The event will take place May 27 through June 1 at the Orange County Convention Center.

Dates for the various age divisions and levels of play have been announced (above).

Online registration is due by 6 p.m. Friday, April 22. All online roster edits must be completed by Friday, April 29. Entry fees must be received by Friday, May 6.

Have questions? Email opens@usav.org.

# Rulebooks for officials, coaches delayed

By now, in a "normal year," the Badger Region staff would have most likely distributed rulebooks to its coaches and officials.

However, hard copies of the rulebook will not be available until spring according to USA Volleyball.

Frustrating? Yes. End of the world? No.

The good thing about the 2021-23 DCR is that there are only a handful of rule changes,

modifications and clarifications.



USA Volleyball has shared those items in a document that can be seen by clicking here.

If you print out this document and fold it inside your

2019-21 DCR, that should get you through the winter and

early spring part of your officiating schedule.

To access a digital version of the 2021-23 DCR, click here.

One of the biggest points of emphasis this year is allowing uniform bottoms of different style and cut to be worn by members of the same team as long as they are the same color (excluding the libero).

For a full explanation of this rule and other jersey interpretation rules, <u>click here</u>.

## Outstanding junior work crews recognized by officials

### From Official Gary Kamin:

I recently officiated a gold championship match with Impact 16 Blue. The young ladies did a phenomenal job. The R2 officiated like a certified official. She mirrored my calls and made the proper net calls with authority. There was excellent communication with the table so that coaches were informed of time outs and substitutions as necessary. In the second set there was a down ball on which I was completely blocked. The R2 stepped out and pointed at the floor so that I could make the correct call. The line judges were attentive and confident in their calls. The match may have been the most fun club match I have ever officiated. This was a

tight 3-set match that went to 16-14 in the third set. The coaches didn't question a single call the entire match. Well done Impact 16 Blue!

### From Official Brian Sharkey:

The Madison Elite Boys 14 team were up bright and early for a 7:30 a.m. match at the RecPlex in Pleasant Prairie on Jan. 30. But they knocked it all out of the park. The scoresheet was immaculate and the line judges and other parts of the crew did fantastic. Kudos to Madison Elite for a great job!

Any officials who have a great workout crew that deserve a shoutout should email Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

# University Athlete a benefit to all players

For any Badger Region athletes participating in our marquee Badger Region-hosted events (Champs/Qualifier/Power League) as well as other out-of-state qualifiers, we want to encourage you (or your sons & daughters) to fill out a FREE University Athlete profile to help your son or daughter get recruited.

University Athlete is a great way to allow college coaches access to your information free of charge. How does it work? College coaches can download rosters from AES (the software that runs most tournaments) and put it on their devices where they can then add notes, ratings and see your schedule. The college coach is the one who pays for the service -- not the athlete or the tournament host.

University Athlete is the industry standard. And it doesn't help the athlete if he or she doesn't have a profile in the system.

Curtis Madson, a collegiate coach and Badger Region Board Member agrees.

"As an athlete this is the easiest and one of the most beneficial things you can do. Everyone talks about and are worried about what events they attend so that they can be noticed, but as a college coach there is nothing more frustrating than noticing you as an athlete and not having any information to contact you with," Madson said. "This is a free service to you as the athlete, that almost ALL college coaches at these events use. If you want to put yourself out there, and give yourself the best opportunity to be recruited, PLEASE fill out the profile and provide an email at a minimum."

For more information, go to: https://universityathlete.com/ and fill out the free athlete profile.



# **GIRLS JUNIOR** NATIONAL **USAVolleyball.** CHAMPIONSHIPS

# USAV RESTRUCTURES GJNCS FOR 2022

NEW DIVISIONS ADDED TO CURRENT HIERARCHY: QUALIFICATION EXPLAINED

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QUALIFY THROUGH **BOTH REGIONS AND** NATIONAL QUALIFIERS QUALIFY THROUGH NATIONAL QUALIFIERS ONLY QUALIFY THROUGH REGION ONLY NON-QUALIFYING DIVISION

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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**Returning in 2021:** We are building all 7-week summer programs around AAU Nationals & WIAA Tryouts. This will allow those who play club a chance to train after nationals are over. Developing skills and confidence leading up to to high school tryouts on August 16<sup>th</sup> is our top priority. Contact us to be guided into our top programs!

### **Summer Series Days June 27 – August 11 \$375**

Our 7 Week program offers an approach to <u>all skills</u> within a competitive environment.

SESSION	LOCATION	GENDER	GRADE IN FALL	DAYS	TIME
1	ATC	COED	Grades 2-3	Monday & Wednesday	7:30 – 9:30am
2	ATC	COED	Grades 4-5	Monday & Wednesday	7:30-9:30am
3	ATC	COED	Grades 6-8	Monday & Wednesday	10:00 – 12:00pm
4	ATC	COED	Grades 6-8	Monday & Wednesday	1:00 - 3:00pm
5	ATC	GIRLS	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	7:30 – 9:30am
6	ATC	GIRLS	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	10:00 – 12:00pm
7	ATC	GIRLS	Grades 9-12	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00 - 3:00pm
8	ATC	GIRLS	Privates w/ Pauers	Tuesday & Thursday	5:00 - 6:30pm

### Summer Series Nights June 27 - August 11 \$375

Our 7 Week program offers an approach to all skills within a competitive environment.

SESSION	LOCATION	GENDER	GRADE IN FALL	DAYS	TIME
9	ATC	COED	Grades 5-8	Monday & Wednesday	7:00 – 9:00pm
10	ATC	GIRLS	Grades 8-11	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 – 9:00pm

### Position Specific Fridays July 01 – August 12 \$225

Cross Training for the serious athlete that wants to focus on their position of choice & strength.

SESSION	LOCATION	GENDER	GRADE IN FALL	POSITION SPECIFIC	TIME
11	ATC	GIRLS	Grades 8-11	Defense & Setting	7:30 – 9:30am
12	ATC	GIRLS	Grades 8-11	Attacking & Blocking	10:00 – 12:00pm

### Locations:

Adversity Training Center N113 W18750 Carnegie Drive Germantown, WI 53022

### **Adversity Grass Program**

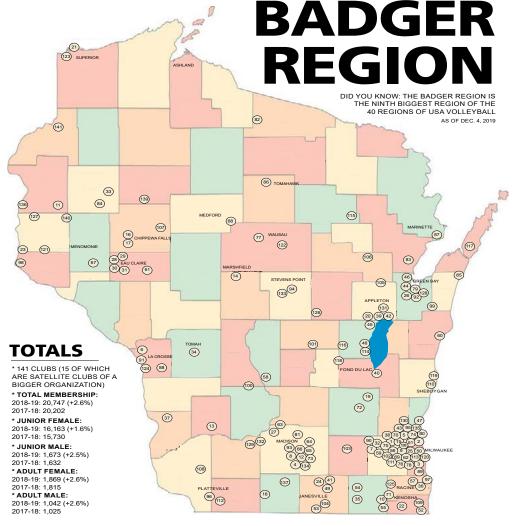
Contact us to bring our program to an outdoor court near you

### **Adversity Summer Privates**

Contact us & have our positional private trainers contact you.

Fees are Non-Refundable: Spots filled by grade on a 1st come; 1st serve basis. Visit: AdversityWisconsin.org email adversitywisconsin@gmail.com for all required forms.





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.

<u>UPLOAD HERE: http://badger-volleyball.org/jerseys/</u>

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: <a href="https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1802573">https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1802573</a>

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: www.badgervolleyball.org Twitter: @BadgerRegionVB

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### **Badger Region Volleyball Association**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Milwaukee Sting 11 Gold shows off some hardware after a recent tournament.

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

Feb. 13: Badger Boys Series at the Adversity-Wisconsin Center for Boys 12U

**Feb. 23:** AVCA College Coaches Recruiting Panel at 6 p.m. (Click here)

Feb. 26-27: Badger Region Girls Qualifier at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

Feb. 27: Badger Boys Series at the the OAW center in New Berlin for Boys 12U and 13U.

Feb. 28: Badger Region Board of Directors Meeting at the Pewaukee Office

March 18: Badger Region High Performance tryouts for the Girls International Youth Team at the Wisconsin 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 23: Badger Region / BRYFVL Night at the Concordia Univeristy Wisconsin men's volleyball match vs. Lakeland Univeristy

March 25: BRYFVL Night at the MSOE men's volleyball match

March 25: Badger Region High Performance tryouts for the Girls National Select Team.

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 23-24: Art of Coaching Volleyball clinic at Marquette University

April 30: Badger Region High Performance tryouts for all boys teams at the New Berlin SportsPlex.

April 22-24: USA Volleyball Girls 18s Junior National Championships in Phoenix.

# 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

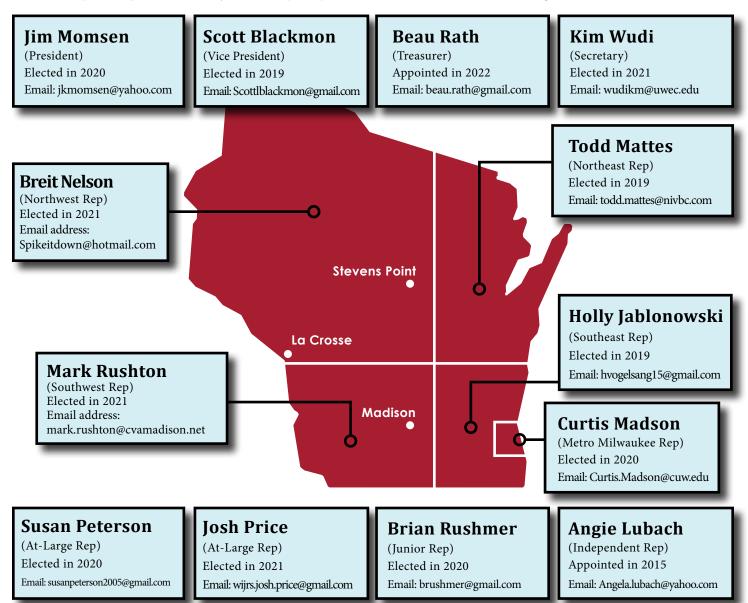
think policies or financial decision in the Region need to be changed.

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:



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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