



REGION REF BULLETIN

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Voeck to replace Pufahl in NCAA rules position

Julie Voeck, a collegiate volleyball official for over two decades, was named the NCAA secretary-rules editor for women's volleyball last month.

Voeck will begin her new role Sept. 1, 2023. Over the next year, she will shadow Marquette University's Anne Pufahl, the current NCAA secretary-rules editor for the sport whose term will end after 12 years of service.

During her time on the court, Voeck has officiated during the NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship from 2004-21. In addition, she officiated the NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championship finals in 2011, 2012, 2021 and 2022, and the NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship title match in 2014, 2018 and 2022.

The 2022-23 year will be her last calling matches on the court.

"This was a difficult decision, because I love officiating," said Voeck, who has served as president of the Professional Association of Volleyball Officials since 2012. "I wasn't looking to retire, but when this opportunity came up, it means I'm leaving as an active official sooner than I was prepared for."

In recent years, Voeck has regularly attended NCAA Women's Volleyball Rules Committee meetings to give committee members the perspective of an on-court official while they deliberate potential rules changes for the sport.

One of the changes Voeck is an advocate of is the challenge review system, which has been a permanent fixture in NCAA women's volleyball since 2016.

"This is an exciting time in the sport," said Voeck, whose experience includes officiating internationally in the World University Games, Pan American Cup, and North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation events. "My experience as an official, my interest in seeing the sport evolve and working with the challenge review system firsthand puts me in position to work with everyone involved in the game."

Voeck, who is a senior director for government affairs for a company focused on renewable energy policy in the Midwest, is also looking forward to broadening her conversation with those in the women's volleyball community.

Since she is an active official, her only dialogue with coaches relates to the match she is calling at the time. As secretary-rules editor, she will be able to have more in-depth discussions with them.

"I'm looking forward to getting perspective from coaches on how they would like to see the game shaped," said Voeck, who served on the National Association of Sports Officials board of directors from 2015-19. "I want to know what coaches want to see and what can we do in terms of training and the rules to improve the game. I am interested in that input."

Donations sought for ref-starter kits

The Badger Region wants to thank the experienced officials who have donated to the ref-starter kits being put together for new officials in Wisconsin.

Your generosity is appreciated.

That being said, the Region is continuing to collect gently used officiating items that can be used to build starter kits for new officials just starting off.

Some of the suggested things we are collecting include:

- * Line judge flags
- * Referee carrying bags
- * Yellow/Red cards
- * Officials polos (maybe you have certain colors you don't like to wear

or sizes that you never fit into in your closet)

- * Writing utensils and erasers
- * Correction tape
- * Coolers/lunch boxes
- * Ball pumps
- * Electronic whistles
- * Net-height chains

All new officials will receive a flipping coin, cooler and some other Badger Region swag. We just want to make it as easy on possible for new referees to get started.

If you want to donate to our ref-starter kits, you can drop off materials to the Badger Region Office (2831 N. Grandview Blvd., Suite 105, in Pewaukee).

Badger Region opens its events to officials

The roll out of the Badger Region-hosted events has begun for referees.

This year, the Badger Region will be giving officials the ability to sign up to officiate Badger Region-hosted events through AES. Zebraweb will still be used to solidify commitment. That being said, we are beginning to open the opportunity to officiate at the Badger Region Championships this week.

If you already expressed your interest in officiating Champs through our officials survey, you will automatically be added to the event in Zebraweb.

We have all three weekends open in AES, so take some time to sign up. We are in need of many officials for Champs in order to make it a success. Opening our events in AES will make them available to a larger pool of potential officials.

This year, we will continue to offer per diem and Badger Region swag for attending the event.

Hotel rooms for those who need it and qualify for them will also be supplied.

If you need assistance or have questions, please reach out to Sara Voigt at sara@badgervolleyball.org.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 1: Start of the 2022-23 Badger Region / USA Volleyball membership season. Get your memberships today!

Sept. 11: Online junior club director meeting at 11 a.m.

Sept. 11: Start of the Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League in New Berlin

Sept. 13: Open house for junior clubs at Marquette University prior to the Marquette/UW-Green Bay women's NCAA game at 7 p.m.

Sept. 15: Online junior club director meeting at 7 p.m.

Sept. 18: Badger Region Board of Director meeting at noon at the Badger Region office in Pewaukee.

Sept. 22: Madison area club open house at Madison East High School from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 1: Tryouts in the Badger Region for athletes (boys and girls) who are 14-and-under

Nov. 3-5: WIAA State Volleyball Tournament at the

Resch Center in Green Bay

Nov. 12: Badger Region tryouts for athletes (boys and girls) who are 15-and-older

Jan. 7-8: Badger Region Power League Weekend No. 1

Feb. 11-12: Badger Region Power League Weekend No. 2

Feb. 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier (sites TBA)

March 11-12: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

March 17-18: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

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March 25-26: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

April 1-2: Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League



WHY BADGER REGION?

A RUNDOWN OF BENEFITS FOR BADGER REGION PARTICIPANTS

ATHLETE PERKS

* Ability to participate in the Badger Region Championships, Badger Region Qualifier, Badger Region Power League, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series, Dale Rohde Memorial Tournament

* Ability to participate in youth clinics, beach events, grass tournaments, etc.



* Participate in USA Volleyball's National Qualifiers, Bid Tournaments and National Championships
 * Represent Badger Region through the National Team Development Program
 * Represent Badger Region at the USA All-Star Championships
 * Eligible for Badger Region / Frisco Mo Scholarships

* Communication via the Badger Beacon newsletter
 * Free NTDP Academy access for athlete training
 * Free memberships for athletes 8-and-under
 * Player/club matching assistance at the start of the season
 * Directory of summer volleyball camp opportunities
 * Badger Region / AVCA Recruiting Tips of the Week, webinars
 * Chance to be on the Badger Region / Frisco Mo Watchlists



CLUB PERKS

- * Policies and procedures for all clubs to be consistent
- * Guidelines and handbooks for running tournaments
- * Mentoring, training for club directors
- * 24/7 service and help before, during and after your season
- * Templates for club, parent handbooks and tryouts/club acceptance forms
- * Personalized feedback to uniform and jersey questions
- * Partnerships with sponsors such as Molten, Sports Imports, Art of Coaching, AVCA and others
- * Advocacy at the National level

ATHLETE-SAFETY PROTOCOLS

SAFESPORT TRAINING

The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Volleyball. Badger Region and USA Volleyball have a **ZERO TOLERANCE** for abuse and misconduct. This includes not only on-court safety, but also off-court safety in any part of USA Volleyball's programs.



USA Volleyball is committed to creating safe and fun environments for youth. This includes, but is not limited to, providing training, educational materials and resources for our regions, clubs, coaches and parents. [\(Click for details\)](#)

BACKGROUND SCREENINGS

All adult staff members require a full background screening that includes the following:

- * Social Security Number validation;
- * Name and address history records;
- * Two independent Multi-Jurisdictional Criminal Database searches covering 50 states plus DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico;
- * Federal District Courts search for each name used and district where the individual currently lives or has lived during the past seven years, going back the length of time records are available and reportable;
- * County Criminal Records for each name used and county where the individual currently lives or has lived during the past seven years, going back the length of time records are available and reportable for each county searched;
- * National Sex Offender Registry database search of all available states, plus DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico;
- * Multiple National Watch Lists;
- * SafeSport Disciplinary Records;
- * Comprehensive International Records search for U.S. citizens who have lived outside of the United States for six consecutive months in any one country, during the past seven years;
- * Motor Vehicle Records of at least a 3-year history in the state of licensure; (if driving is required for position).

COACH PERKS

- * IMPACT certification
- * Coaches Coaching Coaches opportunities
- * High Performance coaching opportunities
- * Coaching vacancies list
- * Art of Coaching Volleyball membership (limited number available)
- * Badger Region / AVCA Coaching Tips of the Week
- * Eligible for Badger Region / AVCA awards

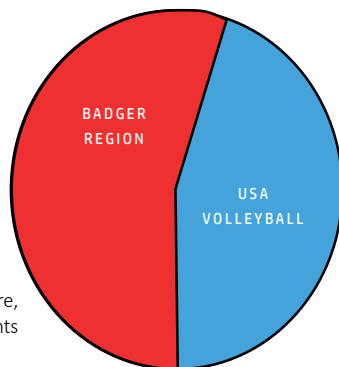
REFEREE PERKS

- * Training opportunities exist in the classroom, scrimmages, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series etc.
- * Mentoring and advancement opportunities throughout the year
- * Dedicated full-time staff dedicated to assigning, training, recruiting and working with officials in the Badger Region office
- * Communication via the Badger Region Ref Bulletin
- * Once certified, officials can earn \$30 (or more per match)
- * At Badger Region hosted events, rates are as follows:
 - * Provisional: \$30/match
 - * Regional: \$32/match
 - * Junior National: \$34/match
 - * National: \$35/match



MEMBERSHIP COSTS BREAKDOWN

\$30 of the full \$55 membership stays in the Badger Region to pay for coaching education, officials education, youth clinics, grants, scholarships, equipment, programs, services (Sports Engine, rostering, eligibility), tournaments, clinics, High Performance, region infrastructure, staff and supplies for Region events and much more.



\$25 of the full \$55 membership goes to the USA Volleyball National office to pay for sport accident and liability insurance, training materials created for the purpose of national coaching/officiating, national database and membership services (Sports Engine) and National Office staff and office needs.

