



# THE BADGER BEACON

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## Marquette to host Badger Region weekend Oct. 21-22

The Marquette Women's Volleyball team, ranked No. 19 in the latest NCAA / AVCA poll, is offering free and/or heavily discounted tickets to all Badger Region members for their home matches this weekend.

The matches are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, against Seton Hall University and 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, against St. John's University.



Matches are played at the Al McGuire Center (770 N. 12th St., Milwaukee) on the campus of Marquette University.

Badger Region members 6th grade and younger with this link may claim up to four complimentary tickets for either match.

[Click here.](#)

Badger Region members 7th grade and older with this [link](#) may purchase tickets at a discounted \$2 rate. Per NCAA compliance rules. [Click here.](#)

Send questions to [athletics@marquette.edu](mailto:athletics@marquette.edu).

## Region hosts Last Chance Tryout & Clinic

Athletes from around southeast Wisconsin joined the Badger Region for a great opportunity at the Last Chance Tryout & Clinic held Oct. 9 at the New Berlin SportsPlex.

There, close to 40 athletes were given the opportunity to learn from Badger Region staff, coaches and officials at a two-hour clinic designed for kids 14-and-younger.

At the same time, 11 clubs were in attendance to make offers to athletes they saw as having the potential to round out their rosters for the upcoming club volleyball



season. Clubs in attendance included 360 Volleyball Academy, Junior Red Knights, Epic Volleyball Club, Club W, Azuri Performance Academy, Motion Volleyball Players, Southwest Milwaukee Vol-

leyball Club, Adversity-Wisconsin Volleyball Club, Oak Creek K-Force and Midwest Penguins.

The Region looks forward to hosting opportunities like this in the future.

## Boys Club Volleyball Open House set for Nov. 1 at Pius High School

Calling all boys volleyball athletes and their families!

Have questions about playing club volleyball in the state of Wisconsin? We've got a great opportunity for you.

The Badger Region will again host its annual Boys Club Volleyball Open House from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Pius XI High School located at

135 N. 76th St. in Milwaukee.

Parents and athletes will have the opportunity to meet club directors and coaches from various boys volleyball programs in the Badger Region.

Visitors are also encouraged to meet Badger Region staff who will be on site to introduce new individuals the perks of membership, dates of upcoming compe-

tion and programs such as High Performance, beach opportunities and much more.

Clubs signed up to be present at the event include Club W, Epic Volleyball Club, Fox Valley Performance, Milwaukee Sting, Milwaukee Volleyball Club, Motion Volleyball Players, Ozaukee Volleyball Club, Revolution Volleyball Academy, Spike Milwaukee, and

Southport Volleyball Club.

At the event, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of Wisconsin-White-water men's club volleyball teams will be competing in an exhibition on the main court.

The event is free to attend for all athletes and families.

Questions? Email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).

# WISCONSIN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# TOP 10

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## About The Poll

All boys volleyball coaches in the state have the ability to vote in the weekly Boys High School Volleyball Top 10 Poll sponsored by the Badger Region Volleyball Association and Frisco Mo Apparel

Coaches must submit their rankings to Cedarburg Boys Volleyball Head Coach Damien Evans (devans@cedarburg.k12.wi.us) via Google Form by 10 p.m. Monday night for consideration in the poll that will be release later in the week.

Results are made available to coaches in weekly emails and are available on the WisSports.net website for review prior to voting.

For the 2022 season, 58 programs in Wisconsin are eligible for post-season competition in the WIAA tournament. An additional six programs offer boys volleyball but are not sanctioned yet as full varsity sport at their school.

Have questions about boys volleyball in the state of Wisconsin? Contact Brian Sharkey (head boys coach at Kenosha Indian Trail High School) at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

- 1) Marquette (32)
- 2) Catholic Memorial
- 3) Wauwatosa East (1)
- 4) Arrowhead
- 5) Germantown
- 6) Middleton
- 7) Sussex Hamilton
- 8) Cedarburg
- 9) Kettle Moraine
- 10) Appleton North

**Others receiving votes:** Waukesha West 11, Mukwonago 4, Franklin 3, New Berlin 3, Madison Memorial 1, Union Grove 1, Waukesha Fusion 1

## Week 8 Poll Oct. 18, 2022

Here we are. Week 8 of the boys high school volleyball season. And once again Marquette comes out on top of this week's Badger Region / Frisco Mo Top 10 poll. Marquette ended up being the No. 1-ranked

team in the state seven of the eight weeks this season. And for the most part, coaches who voted in the Aug. 30 poll

picked the same Top 10 teams in Week 1 as they did in Week 8. The only two teams who did not appear in the Week 1 poll who appeared in the Week 8 poll were Sussex Hamilton and Cedarburg who replaced Franklin and Waukesha West (both of which were honorable mention this week).

This week starts Regionals for the WIAA High School Boys Volleyball teams. Congratulations to all the conference champions, and good luck to everyone in the post season.



## ABOUT THE BADGER REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION



The Badger Region Volleyball Association promotes initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences. The vision of the Badger Region is to grow the number of players, coaches, officials, spectators and other volleyball enthusiasts; provide the highest quality volleyball experience in education, training, and competition; and to provide advocacy, support, recognition and administration to the volleyball community. Any high school in Wisconsin that adds boys volleyball will receive up to \$1,000 grant from the Badger Region to help offset first-year costs. Visit the Badger Region website at [www.badgervolleyball.org](http://www.badgervolleyball.org). The Badger Region is not affiliated with the WIAA.

# Stevens named Boys Rep; Melton voted Girls Rep

Badger Region club directors elected two new individuals as advisors to the Board of Directors. Voting took place in early October and results were announced Oct. 14. During the vote, Spiketown director Braeden Melton was voted in as Girls Rep. Southport VBC director Mike Stevens was named Boys Rep.

## Braeden Melton

Braeden Melton was elevated to a full-time assistant coach with the UW-Oshkosh women's volleyball program on Jan. 1, 2022.



Melton spent the previous five years as a part-time assistant coach and most recently the director of volleyball operations since head coach

Jon Ellmann took over the program in 2017. Melton continues to serve as the Titans' director of volleyball operations while assisting with recruiting, social media, middle training, opponent scouting and fundraising.

Melton played for the UW-Oshkosh men's club volleyball team and earned his bachelor's degree from UW-Oshkosh in 2017.

Melton, a Beloit Memorial High School graduate, was an assistant girls volleyball coach at Waupun High School during the 2013 and 2014 seasons. He worked with the freshman and junior varsity teams in 2013 and the varsity squad in 2014 when the Warriors compiled a 37-12 record and advanced to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division 2 State Tournament.

After two years at Waupun, Melton joined the Winneconne High School girls volleyball coaching staff for the 2015 and 2016 seasons. His two years as the Wolves' varsity assistant coach featured a conference championship and a berth in the WIAA Division 2 Sectional Final in 2015.

Playing for the UW-Oshkosh men's club volleyball team, Melton

earned National Collegiate Volleyball Federation All-America honors as a middle blocker in both 2015 and 2017. He helped the Titans finish second at the national tournament in 2015 and fifth in both 2016 and 2017.

During the summer of 2019, Melton helped launch Spiketown USA, a volleyball club program with satellite locations throughout Wisconsin. Spiketown USA provides club opportunities for underserved areas of the state as well as programming for multi-sport athletes.

Melton lives in Neenah with his wife, Katelyn, a former UW-Oshkosh volleyball player and two-time NCAA Division III All-American, and their daughter, Roslyn.

## Mike Stevens

Mike Stevens was chosen to be the Boys Rep to the Badger Region Board of Directors by club directors in the fall of 2022.

Prior to that, Mike has been (and still is) the co-director of Southport Volleyball Club, a boys-only club based in Kenosha, Wis. There, he has also been a coach for the past eight seasons coaching all high school-age levels for the organization.



In addition to being a coach

and club director, Stevens has been a volunteer assistant coach at Carthage College for the past three seasons, working with the National Champion NCAA Men's Div. III volleyball team.

Mike was also an assistant coach for the Badger Region Boys National Youth High Performance team that won the Gold Medal at the 2022 USA All-Star Championships in Tulsa, Okla.

Stevens is a graduate of UW-Parkside. He played club volleyball at Indian Trail High School in Kenosha and played for Southport Volleyball Club.



# DATES RELEASED FOR '23 SEASON

The Badger Region has announced a handful of dates for some upcoming events being hosted in Wisconsin.

## Badger Boys Series (U12 and U13 competition)

- \* Friday, Dec. 16, at the Milwaukee Sting Center
- \* Friday, Jan. 20, at the Milwaukee Sting Center

## Badger Region Power League

- \* Jan. 7-8 (Elite, Select and Regional Divisions)
- \* Feb. 11-12 (Elite, Select and Regional Divisions)
- \* April 1-2 (Select and Regional Divisions)



## Badger Region Qualifier:

- \* Feb. 25-26 (sites TBA)

## Badger Region Championships:

- \* March 11-12 (Girls 16s, Girls 17s, Girls 18s)
- \* March 18-19 (Girls 11s, Girls 12s, Girls 13s, Girls 14s)
- \* March 25-26 (Girls 15s, All boys)



## Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament

- \* March 11 or March 12

More information will be posted soon on these events as they become available.

# AVCA give recognition to national award winners



## Four Badger Region members among those honored by coaching association

LEXINGTON, KY – The American Volleyball Coaches Association is proud to announce the Club Awards for the 2022 season. The AVCA Club Awards program is in its seventh year and recognizes deserving coaches and club directors in the youth/club volleyball community.

The AVCA honors a Club Director of the Year and a Beach Club Director of the Year. Additionally, a Club Coach of the Year in each of the seven girls age divisions (12s-18s), a Beach Club Coach of the Year, and a Boys Club Coach of the Year are named. Club Coach and Club Director of the Year honorees will be recognized at the Jostens Coaches Honors luncheon at the 2022 AVCA Convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

The AVCA is also announcing the third class of Innovation Award and Net Works Award honorees. These awards were introduced in 2020 to honor club coaches who went above and beyond to support their teams, club, and community during challenging times. The AVCA is proud to again recognize coaches and members of the club volleyball community who find creative ways to serve with dedication and enthusiasm.

Club Director of the Year	Scott Mebruer	High Performance St. Louis
Beach Club Director of the Year	Jay Ellmyer	SandStorm Beach Volleyball
18s Club Coach of the Year	Melissa Masterson	Adversity VBC
17s Club Coach of the Year	Danielle Mikos	1st Alliance Volleyball Club
16s Club Coach of the Year	Paige Gantar	Elite Volleyball Academy
15s Club Coach of the Year	Amy Burk	Houston Skyline Volleyball
14s Club Coach of the Year	John Shondell	Boiler Juniors
13s Club Coach of the Year	Tyler Strom	Legacy Volleyball Club
<b>12s Club Coach of the Year</b>	<b>Christina Schreiber*</b>	<b>Madtown Juniors</b>
Boys Club Coach of the Year	Roger Peluso	352 Elite, Winter Park VBC
Beach Club Coach of the Year	Angela "Benny" White	Silver Beach Volleyball Club
<b>Innovation Award</b>	<b>Bob Hamm*</b>	<b>Madison Elite VBC</b>
Innovation Award	Jenny Kilkelly*	Minnesota Boys Volleyball
Innovation Award	Vicky Page*	Legacy VB Club
Innovation Award	John Titus*	Garden Empire Region
<b>Net Works Award</b>	<b>Amy Angelos*</b>	<b>Madtown Juniors</b>
Net Works Award	Scott Bishop*	Florida Region
Net Works Award	Steph Chapek*	Eden Prairie Boys VB
Net Works Award	Nancy Cothron*	Florida Region
Net Works Award	Jim Fales*	Florida Region
<b>Net Works Award</b>	<b>Kevin Fischer*</b>	<b>Spiketown 55409</b>
Net Works Award	MaryJo Kolze	VA Fusion Volleyball Club
Net Works Award	Erin Lester*	Princeton Volleyball Club
Net Works Award	Joya Teter*	Florida Region

## Notes for club directors, potential coaches and officials

### From the Badger Region Office

If an athlete turns 18 at any time prior to August 31, 2023 they must obtain the [22-23 Badger Junior Player - SafeSport Required membership](#); they must complete SafeSport in order to become "eligible" on a roster.

For someone who is coaching, that is 17 when they will begin coaching, but will turn 18 during the season:

\* Start by obtaining the 22-23 Badger Junior Aged Staff - SafeSport & IMPACT Required membership, within the parent Sports Engine account

\* Upon turning 18, the coach must create their OWN Sports Engine account using a different email than is used on the Parent account. Once created, contact us at mem-

bership@badgervolleyball.org to notify us which email was used for the new account.

\* Badger Region will work with Sports Engine to move the coach profile/membership form the parent account to their own account and add the appropriate membership.

\* Finally, the coach must submit a background screen to become eligible again.

\* In order to be listed as a Head Coach on a roster, you must be 18 years of age or older.

Anyone 18 at the time they begin coaching should have their own Sports Engine account and obtain the [22-23 Badger Adult Coach of Juniors membership](#).

### 'My Teams'

Several members are reaching out to us asking why they can't see their club/team in

the My Teams dropdown in Sports Engine or on the app. This feature is reserved for SE premium clubs and those that use Sports Engine for their website. All clubs receive free access to the basic functions to the Sports Engine member management system and club HQ.

### 'Member cards'

Steps to print or see a membership card:

1. Login at MySportsEngine.com.
2. In the left-hand navigation, click Household.
3. Select the desired profile within the Household tab.
4. Under the valid membership card, click View Details.
5. Next to the membership, click the Save Membership Card > Print Card.

# USAV launches Coach Academy

USA Volleyball has announced the launch of the USA Volleyball Coach Academy, an online, interactive learning platform for volleyball coaches.

The launch of the new platform comes on the first day of the 2022-2023 membership season and offers clubs and coaches new tools as they prepare for the season.

USA Volleyball Coach Academy was developed to give coaches the skills, knowledge and resources to be successful on and off the court. Each month, high-quality content will be added from top volleyball coaches, experts and educators including the coaches of the U.S. National Teams.

The curriculum for Coach Academy is based on USA Volleyball Education's newly established USA Volleyball Development Model. It includes five pillars that provide the basis for a holistic approach to coaching volleyball. The five pillars are Craft, Mind, Body, Heart and Team, shaping coursework that includes topics such as nutrition, recovery, team culture and mental health along with more traditional skill and strategy-oriented topics.

"As we worked to create a common language for athletes and coaches, we created the USA Volleyball Development Model to cover the five pillars," USA Volleyball NTDP (National Team Development Program) Director Erin Virtue said. "Not only is this holistic approach important for our developing athletes, but it is also

critical for those who support our athletes."

"We are excited to launch the new USA Volleyball Coach Academy," Director of Education Services Dave McCann said. "It has been great working with our regions, clubs, coaches and USA Volleyball staff to develop one of the most innovative and engaging coach education programs in the country."

Coursework is available for all levels of experience, so novice coaches can build a solid foundation and experienced coaches can access world-class strategies and tactics. The Gold level allows coaches to access live virtual sessions. These sessions let coaches connect, ask questions and dig into advanced topics with top volleyball experts. The first two live sessions will be completely free.

Monthly and annual subscription plans are available to fit every budget, starting as low as \$5 per month. As a benefit of USA Volleyball membership, all member coaches get free, unlimited access to Bronze, a 50-percent discount on access to Silver, and a 33-percent discount on Gold subscriptions.

Coaches must be active members of USA Volleyball for 2022-2023 to take advantage of discounts. Contact your Region today to become a member and get access to USA Volleyball Coach Academy.

More information is available at [go.usav.org/coachacademy](https://go.usav.org/coachacademy).



**USA Volleyball**

## Memberships now available for 2022-23 club season

Looking ahead to the upcoming club season? If so, memberships are now available for the 2022-23 season via Sports Engine.

Allowing members to sign up for 2022-23 memberships now allows coaches, officials and staff plenty of time to complete IMPACT training, SafeSport training and get a background screening processed as soon as the season starts.

Youth athletes will find the full membership as well as one-event and tryout memberships are now available for the upcoming season.

For a link to all junior memberships, [click here](#).

For a link to all adult memberships, [click here](#).

Have questions? Email [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org) BEFORE buying a membership.



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

**Facebook:** /BadgerRegionVolleyball

**Website:** [www.badgervolleyball.org](http://www.badgervolleyball.org)

**Twitter:** @BadgerRegionVB

**Pinterest:** /BadgerRegionVol

**Instagram:** @BadgerRegionVB

**YouTube:** /Badger RegionVolleyball

Peter Murphy (Netherlands) - Samuele Papi (Italy) - Pieter Joon (Netherlands)  
Fernanda Venturini (Brazil) - Bernardinho (Brazil) - Kerri Walsh Jennings (USA)

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## The Badger Region Volleyball Association salutes the International Volleyball Hall of Fame Class of 2022



# BADGER

REGION VOLLEYBALL

Thank you all for your amazing  
contributions to the sport  
of volleyball. Congratulations  
from Wisconsin. Cheers!

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# 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

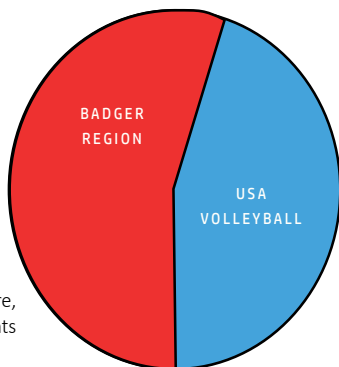


### MEMBERSHIP COSTS BREAKDOWN

\$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.



# USA Volleyball age-definition chart

	18 & Under <sup>1</sup>	18 & Under <sup>2</sup>	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under <sup>3</sup>	14 & Under <sup>4</sup>	13 & Under <sup>5</sup>	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Aug	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Sept	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Oct	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Nov	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Dec	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Jan	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Feb	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Mar	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Apr	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
May	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
June	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015

<sup>1</sup> Players who were born on or after July 1, 2003 and a high school student in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

<sup>2</sup> **Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & under. (This age waiver is based on resourcing concerns for 11<sup>th</sup> grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GIN.)

<sup>3</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (or players who were born on or after July 1, 2007 [15 years or younger] who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade during the current academic year are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8".

<sup>4</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 11's age group.

<sup>5</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.



# BADGER REGION

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# Tips for athletes and families for tryouts

Use this checklist to make sure you have all your ducks in a row as it pertains to things such as memberships, tryouts and more.

## Memberships

The first step to tryouts is making sure you have a current Badger Region membership. Only a tryout membership or full membership are accepted for tryouts. Tryout memberships can be upgraded to the full membership after an athlete receives an offer from a club. For a link to junior membership options, [click here](#). As a heads up, parents must create a free profile and then purchase the junior membership in their athlete's name.

## Age definitions

If you have any questions about what age your son or daughter should be trying out for, use the



USAV Age Definition calendar. [Click here](#).

## Refunds

The Badger Region does not offer refunds on memberships. Please make sure to purchase the correct membership for yourself,

your son or your daughter before clicking "buy." Information on a member's profile cannot be transferred to another member if a wrong purchase is made. That includes situations where mom buys a membership for herself, but meant to buy it for her son or daughter.

## Membership Cards

Users will receive an email confirmation when they purchase a Badger Region/USA Volleyball membership. On that email is a copy of your member card that you can print. It also includes a QR code that takes you to your profile in Sports Engine. You can also add your member card to your Apple Wallet. For details on how to access your member card, [click here](#). For details on finding your member ID number, [click here](#).

## Post-tryouts

Clubs will send electronic offers to athletes via Sports Engine in the form of a "club assignment request." Please make sure to share the correct email address tied to the profile of the athlete so the club knows where to send the offer. Also, keep an eye out for such emails in your spam/junk email folders.

## Players seeking clubs

If you do not receive an offer from a club, you can submit your name to our list that helps pair clubs and athletes. For a link, [click here](#). The Badger Region also manages a page for clubs seeking athletes. [Click here](#).

Have questions on anything tryout related? Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.

## 10 musts at every tryout

1. Show up early. Give yourself plenty of time to go through the check-in lines, get your tryout t-shirt and warmup on your own.
2. Show a lot of hustle. If that means shagging a volleyball or bringing it in for a team huddle, never be least.
3. Keep your eyes open and your ears tuned in to anyone giving instruction. Evaluators want to see you engaged and absorbing instructions that are being given by the coaching staff.
4. Be coachable. If a coach asks you try something, gift it your all. Don't give him or her an excuse as to why you can't do it or say, "That's not what I was told before."
5. Be vocal. Coaches want to hear you call the ball, identify hitters and do all the little things while also being a great teammate.
6. Cheer for your teammates more than you celebrate your own success. Showing that you care for the team's success more than your own will really catch the coaches' eye.
7. Shake it off. If you let a bad serve, set, pass or swing remain with you, coaches will notice. Just get ready to move on to the next play.
8. Ask questions. If you don't understand a drill or want to clarify what you heard, do it. Don't be afraid to speak up.
9. Be a leader. Have an open court? Get a game going without being told to do so. Nobody stepping in to be a middle? Just go for it even if you're nervous.
10. Believe in yourself. Be your own advocate and do what is best for you.

Good luck in tryouts!

## What NOT to do at tryouts

1. Don't give your setter a hard time. Got blocked? Hit out? Shake it off and move on without placing blame.
2. Don't bring your cell phone into the gym. Coaches don't want to see you texting when you should be concentrating on volleyball.
3. Don't form cliques. Be sure to rotate who your partner is for drills and invite new people into your group.
4. Don't ever quit on a ball, even if you know it's unlikely that you'll get to it. Even in pepper! Coaches want players who give their all on every ball.
5. Don't talk when the coach is talking. It's disrespectful and sends a bad message to the coach.
6. Don't do anything halfway. Lazy footwork on free balls, not covering the hitter, walking to shag balls, etc. Give your all whenever you're in the gym.
7. Don't pay attention to your parents on the sidelines. No conversations or gestures. Coaches want to focus on the player, not the parent.
8. Don't carry a mistake with you into the next play. A coach can tell by your body language if you're not over being blocked on the previous point.
9. Don't be resistant to stepping into another position, even if it's not the one you're trying out for. Coaches want players who can adjust and are willing to be versatile.
10. Don't give off a negative vibe. Look like you're having fun playing the game. Smile, be upbeat, support your teammates, and enjoy yourself. Coaches like players who bring positive energy to the court.

Bonus: Don't show up for a tryout wearing a t-shirt from different club.

Source: Art of Coaching Volleyball

# 2023: Nationals here we go!

GIRLS 18S



**USAVolleyball**

**Girls Junior Nationals**

April 28-30  
Columbus, Ohio

2024: Baltimore, Maryland

ADULTS



**USAVolleyball**

**Open National Championships**

May 26-31  
Dallas, Texas

2024: Columbus, Ohio

GIRLS



**USAVolleyball**

**Girls Junior Nationals**

G11-13s: June 14-17  
Minneapolis, Mn.  
G14-17s: June 28-July 6  
Chicago, Ill.

2024: 11-13s: Dallas  
2024: 14s-17s: TBA

BOYS



**USAVolleyball**

**Boys Junior Nationals**

June 29-July 6  
Salt Lake City, Utah

2024: Dallas, Texas  
2025: Minneapolis



**USA All-Star Championships**

July 19-23  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

2024: TBA

Dates and locations for a majority of the 2023 and 2024 Boys Bid Tournaments and Girls National Qualifiers can also be found on the events page at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).

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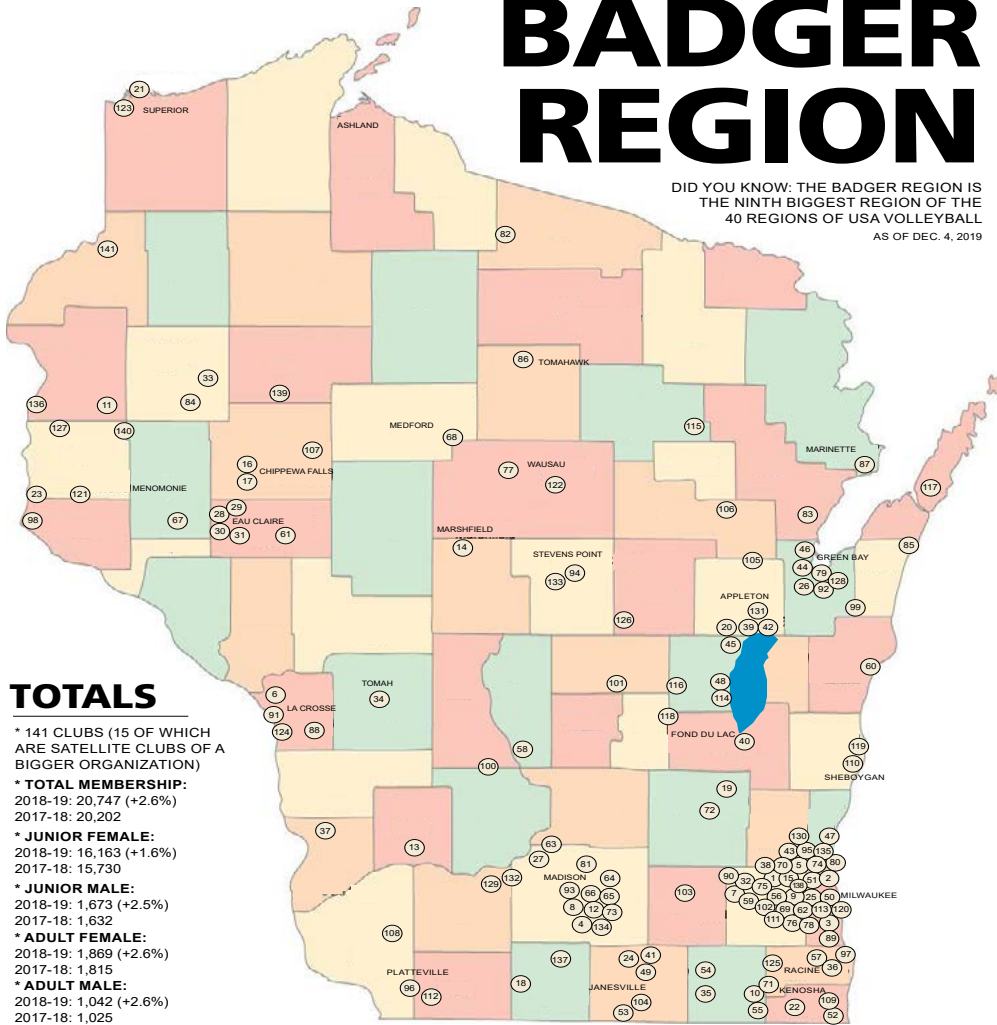


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# BADGER REGION

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](http://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](mailto: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.



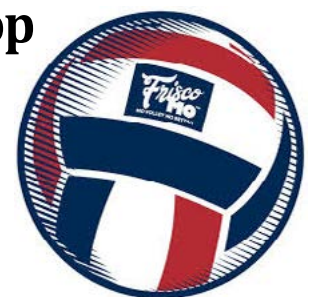
## Badger Region, Frisco Mo partner for unique Wisconsin-themed volleyball shop

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](http://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.



# 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  
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**Scott Blackmon**  
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Elected in 2019  
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**Angie Lubach**  
(Independent Rep)  
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Individual chairs and advisors who offer input to the Board of Directors but don't have authority to vote at meetings:

Grassroots Chair: Alexis Middleton  
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 Junior Girls Chair: Braeden Melton  
 Junior Boys Chair: Mike Stevens  
 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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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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## Badger Region Volleyball Association

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Nov. 3-5:** WIAA State Volleyball Tournament at the Resch Center in Green Bay

**Nov. 1:** Boys 15-and-older club volleyball open house at Pius XI High School

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

**Dec. 14-17:** AVCA Convention in conjunction with the NCAA women's Final Four in Omaha, Neb.

**March 11-12:** Badger Region Championships Weekend No. 1 at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee

**March 18-19:** Badger Region Championships Weekend No. 2 at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee

**March 25-26:** Badger Region Championships Weekend No. 3 at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee

**April 28-30:** Girls 18-and-under Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by USA Volleyball at the Greater Columbus Convention Center

**May 26-31:** Adult Open National Championships in Dallas, Texas, hosted by USA Volleyball at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center

**June 14-17:** Girls 11-13s Junior National Championships hosted by USA Volleyball in Minneapolis, Minn., at the Minneapolis Convention Center

**June 28-July 6:** Girls 14-17s Junior National Championships hosted by USA Volleyball in Chicago, Ill., at McCormick Place

**June 29-July 6:** Boys Junior National Championships hosted by USA Volleyball in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the Calvin L. Rampton Salt Palace

**July 20-23:** USA All-Star Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



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