



REGION REF BULLETIN

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Longtime official appointed to board of directors

Longtime official, club director and coach Bonnie Stalker was appointed Southwest Rep in the fall of 2022.

She has been involved in the sport a long time in some form or another. She started with an officiating and coaching class at UW-La Crosse and her love for it grew from there. She coached when she was a teacher at various levels from high school varsity to middle school.



She also says she is passionate about Title IX and advocating for female involvement in sports, as she attended high school when there wasn't any female

competitive sports. Her playing career is limited to 50 years in recreational leagues after high school to a few years ago.

Here's her bio as best she can remember:

- * BS from UW-La Crosse in 1978 in PE and Art with a coaching emphasis;
- * MS from UW-Whitewater in school counseling in 1989;
- * Teacher and School Counselor in Janesville School District for 34 years, retiring in 2012.
- * Coached middle school to varsity high school volleyball (and swim) from 1978 to 2016;
- * Coached various indoor volleyball clinics from 1985 to present;
- * Started with USAV as a coach & co-director for Milton Aces from 2004-2015.
- * Club Director and coach for Crossfire VBC, Milton, WI, 2016 to present.

* Certified USAV IMPACT and CAP I for coaching.

* Officiated WIAA volleyball in the 80s, then again in 2012 to present.

* Officiated club volleyball from 2012-present.

* USAV Provisional Scorekeeper and Provisional Official from 2012 to present.

Scorer and libero tracker at WIAA State Volleyball Tournament, 2022.

She has been married her husband, Keith, for 33 years. She is a diehard Brewers fan, plus Packer, Bucks and UW Badger sports, but especially volleyball fan, of course. She has two grown daughters who played high school and club volleyball. The oldest, Erin, is now a National level USAV scorer and currently coaches with her club, Crossfire VBC.

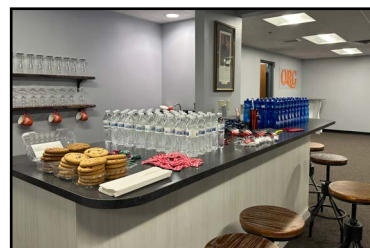
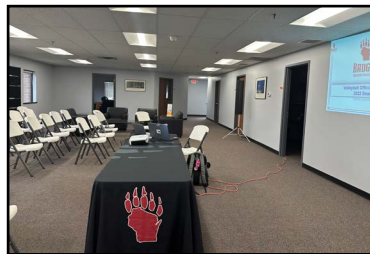
Region hosts first in-person officials meeting in long time

On Sunday, Nov. 13, the Badger Region hosted an in-person officials meeting at the QRG offices in New Berlin.

The meeting had 47 officials in new office space donated by Quality Resource Group, who is a partner and vendor for Badger Region Volleyball. The meeting had quality content, snacks and giveaways with a fun putting golf challenge to win a bluetooth speaker. "I think the

officials really enjoyed attending the in-person meeting," said Ref Assigner Sara Voigt. "Seeing familiar/new faces and getting together and socializing has always been a fun way to kick off the season so I am happy we could bring it back."

Teague Prichard and Brian Sharkey hosted an online meeting attending by 30 official on Nov. 13. A final online meeting is set for Dec. 11 at 1 p.m.



Ref exams now available

The 2023 Critical Rules, Points of Emphasis, Rules Exams and Scorer Exams are now available in the USAV Academy.

If you are already enrolled, these will automatically load into your USAV Academy. If you still need to enroll in your modules those will all automatically load together.

To access USAV Academy:

1. Sign into Sports Engine
 2. Click on your icon or picture in the upper right hand corner
 3. Click on "my sportsengine"
 4. Click on "household" left column
 5. Click on "view profile"
 6. Click on "view details"
 7. Click the USAV Academy blue button in the upper right corner
 8. Modules will be listed in "my training"
- Have questions? Email Sara Voigt at sara@badgervolleyball.org.

Officials can set up direct deposit for Region-hosted events

Did you know that if you work the Badger Region's marquee events that you can be paid with direct deposit through our accounting company?

Yes. You can.

Independent contractors who work the Badger Region Championships, Qualifier, Power League and Dale Rohde Memorial can set up a profile and account and get

paid via direct deposit.

To set up an account through Bill.com, [click here](#).

The system will ask you some questions so follow the prompts. You will also be asked to confirm your email address (and phone number if desired).

Once confirmed it will prompt you for more information. At the end you will be

asked for your bank routing information for online bill pay

The monies worked while officiating, scoring or serving as a lead official, score monitor, etc., can then be deposited electronically. A paper check would not be sent.

Through this system, deposits are made roughly three days after they are processed and approved.



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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).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 11: 1 p.m. virtual meeting for all officials who did not attend one of the two previous meetings ([register here](#))

Dec. 16: Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center

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

Jan. 20: Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center

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

Feb. 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier

March 11-12: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

March 17-18: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

March 25-26: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

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

Sanction reporting form online

Officials should use the Badger Region Card Reporting Form on the Badger Region website when issuing sanctions at Badger Region-sanctioned events.



The goal of this form is to help Badger Region staff, officials and board members in tracking "repeat offenders" when it comes to behavior or antics on the court. This also will go a long way into educating athletes, coaches and entire clubs who may need some reminders.

Officials should not use this form to report warnings or delay penalties, only sanctions that would be of concern to others on or off the court.

To report a violation, [click here](#).

Modules for JN/National officials

In addition to the USAV National Office required Academy modules for National officials, Badger Region has identified several optional modules. These modules have been loaded as a package in the USAV Academy. If you are an aspiring Regional or National official, the USAV Academy modules are an excellent self-paced, top-notch training tool which most National officials review frequently.

* 2022/2023 suggested modules: 307, 311, 326, 401.

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Advancement request form now available

Looking for an opportunity to advance from Provisional to Regional certification this year?

[Here is a link to the Officials Regional Advancement Request form.](#) The form will be available until Dec. 31.

Advancement will take place at the Badger Region Championships in March of 2023.

Have questions? Email Sara Voigt at sara@badgervolleyball.org.

Rulebooks ordered

The Badger Region has ordered a handful of abridged rulebooks from a third-party printer. These will hopefully be ready in a few weeks for our officials.

In the meantime, the USA Volleyball Abridged Indoor Rulebook is posted online to be downloaded.

For a link to the USA Volleyball Rulebooks and Interpretations, [click here](#).

There, you will find a link to the Indoor Rulebooks (full version and the abridged versions), Uniform approval, Beach Rulebooks and the World ParaVolleyball Rulebooks.

These rulebooks can be downloaded onto your computer or mobile device.

This year's rulebook will expire at the end of the 2022-23 season.

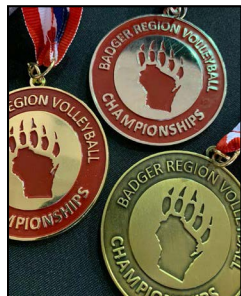
WHY BADGER REGION?

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

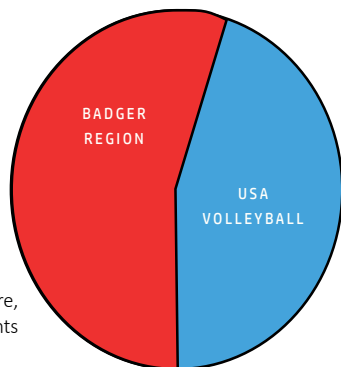
* Training opportunities exist in the classroom, scrimmages, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series etc.
 * Mentoring and advancement opportunities throughout the year
 * Dedicated full-time staff dedicated to assigning, training, recruiting and working with officials in the Badger 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: \$31/match
 * Regional: \$323/match
 * Junior National: \$36/match
 * National: \$36/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.

