



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## Compensation increased for Badger Region-hosted events

The Region understands that you have a choice of where to officiate and we wanted to increase pay and benefits to show our appreciation. While we acknowledge these rates are likely not as high as some for-profit events are paying, we are indeed a nonprofit organization and the funds that we collect from our events goes back into programming, training and providing opportunities across the state of Wisconsin.

We appreciate you officiating

with us in the Badger Region!

In the coming months, the staff will be talking with tournament directors and collecting data to examine the proposal of raising ref pay across the board for Badger Region-approved events. These are the ones that are run by clubs and universities that, while the Region does not pay for the officials, we assign officials and provide assistance to the tournament directors, and therefore raising the pay

affects more than just the Region budget. These events are often supported by the smaller clubs in the Region, and we appreciate your hard work at these events. While they may not be in large convention centers or have a lot of courts, they are just as important to serve all different parts of our membership throughout the state.

### Our event rates

At the last Badger Region Board meeting in early Novem-

ber, board members voted in favor of raising the ref pay at Region-hosted events (Badger Region Championships / Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Event, Badger Region Qualifier, Badger Region Power League) to the following pay scale:

- \* Provisional- \$31
- \* Regional- \$33
- \* JN/National- \$36

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

## Assigning has begun for events; reminder to update Zebraweb

Assigning is underway for Badger Region events including the Badger Region Power League, Championships and the Badger Region Qualifier.

If you are interested in working any of these events, please unblock your calendar for the desired dates, and reach out to Sara ([sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org)) with preferences or any type of limitations on match count, waves, etc.

Officials, if you accept an assignment from another assigning system, that will not reflect in your Zebraweb account. Please block your dates in Zebraweb so you are not double-booking your officiating dates.

All zebraweb memos that are sent are automatically saved and can be accessed on your main welcome page in your Zebraweb account. It's a great way to look back if you need to revisit past content or links.

Zebraweb alerts can be sent to your phone. You can set this up on the main profile page on your Zebraweb account.

NOTE: When you are given an assignment don't forget to click on the notes link (if applicable) to see any special details or information about the tournament before you accept. Assigners use the notes to enter important information regarding the tournament.



Members of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh women's volleyball team underwent officials training last week.

## UW-O teams up for ref training

Picking up from where we left off before COVID, the Badger Region Staff traveled to UW-Oshkosh last week to do some "new official" training for the NCAA women's team in order to allow them to officiate their hosted club tournaments.

"The training was done quite a bit at different colleges before COVID so we are happy to start bringing it back," said Badger Region ref assigner Sara Voigt.

Not only does this allow college teams to use their hosted junior club tournaments as fundraisers, some of the athletes may choose to officiate outside of their own tournaments, which helps with the

state-wide officials shortage.

"Bringing this face-to-face training back to the college athletes is truly needed because it allows a lot of back and forth dialogue between the athletes and the trainers," Voigt said. "It also helps build the new officials confidence when they get on the stand because of the situational training that is done during the in-person training"

Staff is planning to work with athletes from UW-Parkside and UW-Whitewater to assist them the same way. Crossing our fingers and hoping some of the athletes will continue to pursue an officiating career after their college playing career is over.

## Fees tied to officiating

Officials need to renew and fulfill certain requirements before being "assignable" every club season. The Region knows how confusing things can get, so here is a simple explanation of what fees need to be paid and what they are for:

The Badger Region Adult with Safety Requirements membership is \$55.88. You will see the transaction broken down into two separate payments of \$25 and \$30.88. One transaction goes to USAV. The other goes to Badger Region.

Once the membership is purchased, officials must submit their background screen through their Sports Engine account as prompted a(\$14 yearly). The last fee is the annual ref/scorer fee of \$25 that is paid to the region to cover the costs of Zebraweb, assigning, rule-books, in-person/Zoom meetings, and additional mentoring for growth and advancement.



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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](mailto: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.

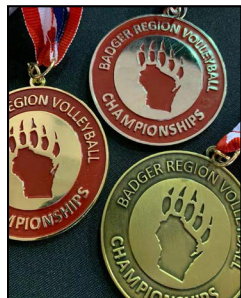
# WHY BADGER REGION?

## 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

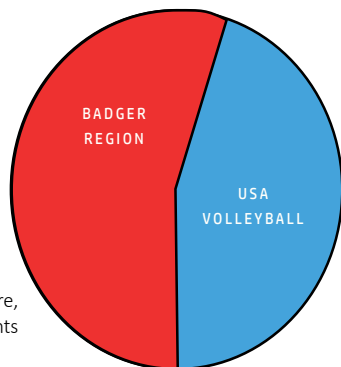
\* Training opportunities exist in the classroom, scrimmages, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series etc.  
 \* Mentoring and advancement opportunities throughout the year  
 \* Dedicated full-time staff dedicated to assigning, training, recruiting and working with officials in 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.

