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2022 IN REVIEW

New endeavors, gold-medal performances highlight past year

- Jan. 8-9: Badger Region Power League kicks off its third year at locations around the state
- Jan. 20: The Badger Region/AVCA Coaching Education Tip of the Week and Badger Region/AVCA Recruiting Tips of the Week return for the fourth straight year.
- Jan. 23 and Feb. 13: Badger Boys Series kicks off for eighth year in a row -- offering competition for boys ages 13 and under
- Jan. 27: Badger Region launches the start of its "Caught Doing Good" program that recognizes those who go above and beyond for their team, their club or for volleyball in Wisconsin
- Jan. 27: Badger Region unveils its first-ever Frisco Mo boys watchlist
- Feb. 6: Badger Region continues its partnership with the Junior Volleyball Recruiting Association (JVRA) by allowing the group to make presentations to athletes, parents and club directors on recruiting policies
- Feb. 12-13: Second weekend of Badger Region Power League
- Feb. 26-27: Badger Region Qualifier at the Milwaukee Sting Center and the RecPlex
- Feb. 27: The Badger Boys Series concludes with the last weekend taking place at the OAW complex in New Berlin
- Feb. 28: Badger Region Board of Directors Meeting



Two Badger Region High Performance teams brought home hardware from the 2022 USA All-Star Championships in Tulsa.

- Feb. 28: Beau Rath is appointed to the position of Treasurer on the Badger Region Board of Directors
- March 19-20: First weekend of the Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center along with the Dale Rohde Memorial Volleyball Tournament
- March 20: A new class of advanced officials are announced after the first weekend of the Badger Region Championships

- March 23: Concordia University Wisconsin hosts a Badger Region Night during its men's volleyball match against Lakeland University
- March 26-27: Second weekend of the Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center
- April 1: The Badger Region hosts an exhibition match between two local men's adult VLA teams Milwaukee Dive and Madison Inferno at the Wisconsin Center
- April 2-3: Third weekend of the Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center
- April 9-10: Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League
- April 16: The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire wins a pair of national championships at the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation (NCVF) Championships in Phoenix. They won the titles at the Men's Div. II and Women's Div. II divisions. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse was runner-up in both divisions.
- April 22-24: Nineteen Badger Region teams compete at the Girls 18s Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio. FC Elite 18-Elite took third in the Open division, MKE Sting 18-Gold finished third in the National division and Capital 18-Adidas



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Record number of teams participate in Badger Boys Series



The Milwaukee Sting Center was the place to be on Friday, Dec. 16, when eight boys 12U teams and six boys 13U teams took part in the eighth annual Badger Boys Series. Teams who participate in this league receive discounted entry as the event serves not only as a training ground for young athletes, it also

serves as a place to train new officials. Any club who enters a boys 12U or 13U team in the BBS receives free entry to the event. There are no spectator fees. Interested in starting a boys team in your area to be a part of future BBS events? Contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.



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took second in the USA division.

- April 23: Over 40 boys attend a free middle school clinic run by the Badger Region in partnership with Milwaukee Dive men's VLA team.

- April 23: Carthage College Men's Volleyball wins its second NCAA Div.



III National Championship in as many years. The head coach of the team is JW Keickhefer, who is a Badger Region member

as he is a coach at Milwaukee Volleyball Club and is a High Performance Coach.

- April 23-24: The Badger Region helps to run the Art of Coaching Volleyball clinic at Marquette University in Milwaukee

- April 30: Badger Region hosts its first-ever High Performance Girls Future Select Clinic at the New Berlin SportsPlex

- May 7: Badger Region Adult Championships at the New Berlin SportsPlex

- May 14-15: Badger Region Strategic Plannings Sessions in Milwaukee and a Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

- May 16: Fifteen athletes named Badger Region scholarship recipients. Two additional athletes named Frisco Mo scholarship winners for community service

- May 21: Badger Region High Performance training session for boys at New Berlin SportsPlex

- May 26: The Badger Region's own Patti Dawson wins the USAV Silver Whistle Award, a national award given to the most outstanding rookie referee at the previous year's USA Open Championships.



- May 27-31: Ten Badger Region Adult Teams compete at USA Volleyball Adult Open Nationals in Orlando, Fla. A co-ed fours teams of Kaylee Leslie, Conner Lily, Evan Winter and Amanda Winter finished with the silver medal.



Coaches and athletes benefited from the Badger Region's clinic for BRY-FVL coaches and players in late August.

- June 1: Amy Daley (club director for FC Elite) wins the Badger Region Board of Director Election for the Northeast Representative seat

- June 2: Badger Region announces third annual AVCA/Badger Region Coach of the Year and Club Director of the Year awards (Christina Schmitz, Debra Sazama, Mark Sullivan, Michael Lopez, Christopher Gabel, Adam Stikel, Amy Angelos, Kevin Fischer, Bobb Hamm)

- June 4: Badger Region High Performance training session for boys at Nicolet High School

- June 13: The Badger Region donates \$1,000 to each of the five high schools who added boys volleyball programming at their schools. Those schools included Oconomowoc, Waterford, Sheboygan North, Deforest and Port Washington

- June 24-July 5: Fifty-two Badger Region teams compete at the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. MKE Sting 14-White, FC Elite 16-Navy and MKE Sting 17-Gold all come home with national championships.

- July 1-8: Badger Region teams compete at the USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships in Las Vegas, Nev.

- July 6-8: Badger Region Girls High Performance Camp at UW-Oshkosh

- July 11-12: Badger Region Boys High Performance Camp at Lakeland University

- July 20-23: Badger Region High Performance teams compete at the USA All-Star Championships in Tulsa, Okla., taking home gold in the Boys National Youth and Girls National Youth divisions.

- Aug. 1-10: Badger Region offers "Retention Period" for clubs and athletes who played during the 2021-22 season

- Aug. 13: The Badger Region returns to Bradford Beach in Milwaukee for the Badger Region Beach Championships

- Aug. 28: Badger Region holds the first of its Junior Club Director meetings (held virtually) by region of the state.

- Aug. 28: The Badger Region runs a unique player/coach clinic for all coaches and athletes who were planning to participate in the Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League. This was done in cooperation with Milwaukee Dive.

- Aug. 29: Badger Region published a special edition of the Badger Beacon highlighting the multiple national champions from Wisconsin over the past year.

- Sept. 1: Badger Region/USA Volleyball begin their 2022-23 membership season – the third using Sports Engine

- Sept. 8: The Badger Region partners with Frisco Mo to highlight boys high school volleyball better than it ever has in years past. The Region and

Frisco Mo sponsored the weekly Top 10 coaches poll as well as all the awards, plaques and honors associated with the boys being named All-State.

- Sept. 12-Oct. 23: The Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League returns to the New Berlin Sportsplex.

- Sept. 13: Badger Region hosts a youth open house at the Al McGuire Center for all girls clubs and boys 14-and-under prior to the Marquette and UW-Green Bay women's NCAA Div. I volleyball match

- Sept. 18: Badger Region Board of Directors Meeting

- Sept. 18: Badger Region host a youth open house at the The Barn in Appleton for all girls clubs and boys 14-and-under as well as runs a free youth clinic during the event featuring men's VLA players

- Oct 1: Tryouts begin for athletes 14-and-under

- Oct. 3: Mike Stevens (Southport Volleyball Club) chosen as Boys Rep to the Badge Region Board of Directors. Braeden Melton (Spiketown USA) was chosen as the girls rep.

- Oct. 5: The Badger Region runs its first-ever Lunch & Learn focused on starting a boys volleyball program at your club or at your high school

- Oct. 9: The Badger Region runs its first-ever Last Chance Tryout & Clinic at the New Berlin SportsPlex for athletes 14U who did not make a club during the first tryout period

- Oct. 20: Madtown Juniors' Christina Schreiber wins the AVCA National Coach of the

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The Badger Region's Girls National Youth and Boys National Youth High Performance teams pose for photos with their championship banners.

Ref training in full effect at first Badger Boys Series

Nine officials were trained on Friday, Dec. 16, at the Milwaukee Sting Center as part of the Badger Boys Series.

The new officials worked with four different mentors to ref the boys 12s and boys 13s competition that was taking place on the courts.

Another ref training opportunity will take place Friday, Jan. 20, at the Sting Center. Interested in joining in on the fun? Contact Sara Voigt at Sara@badgervolleyball.org.



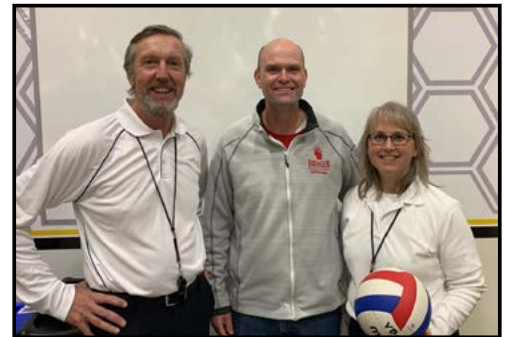
From left, Aaron Como, Carter Peterson and Jason Peterson worked mostly with officials mentor Teague Prichard, right.



Whitney Heiden, left, and Maia Pelli, right worked with Badger Region Board President and officials mentor Jim Momsen, center.



Marlon Pitchford, left, and Scott Maserloff, right, worked with officials mentor Sara Voigt, center.



Chris Cronin, left, and Sally Karlin, right worked with officials mentor Shane Hubred, center.

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Year award for the Girls 12s division.

• Nov. 1: Badger Region hosts its annual boys open house at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee featuring a scrimmage between UW-Whitewater and UW-Milwaukee men's volleyball teams.

• Nov. 6-7: Badger Region attends the Wisconsin Athletic Director Association conference in Wisconsin Dells for the first time. The goal? To promote the addition of boys volleyball teams at high schools around the state and working to grow the ranks of our officials together.

• Nov. 7: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

• Nov. 10: Jon Ellmann, the head women's coach for UW-Oshkosh and a Badger Region High Performance coach is named NCAA Div. III Region 8 Coach of the Year

• Nov. 12: Tryouts begin for athletes 15-and-older

• Nov. 13: Badger Region hosts its first in-person officials meeting since COVID began. Other follow-up virtual meetings took place Nov.27 and Dec. 11

• Nov. 17: The Badger Region runs a Last Chance Tryout & Clinic at the New Berlin SportsPlex for athletes 15-and-older who did not make a club during the first tryout period

• Dec. 1: The Badger Region announces its first-ever Northern Points Series at sites in La Crosse, Stevens Point, River Falls and Eau Claire.



• Dec. 5: The Coaches Coaching Coaches (3C) clinics return with clubs including FVP, Small Town Storm, 414, and North Star VBC hosting events at their clubs

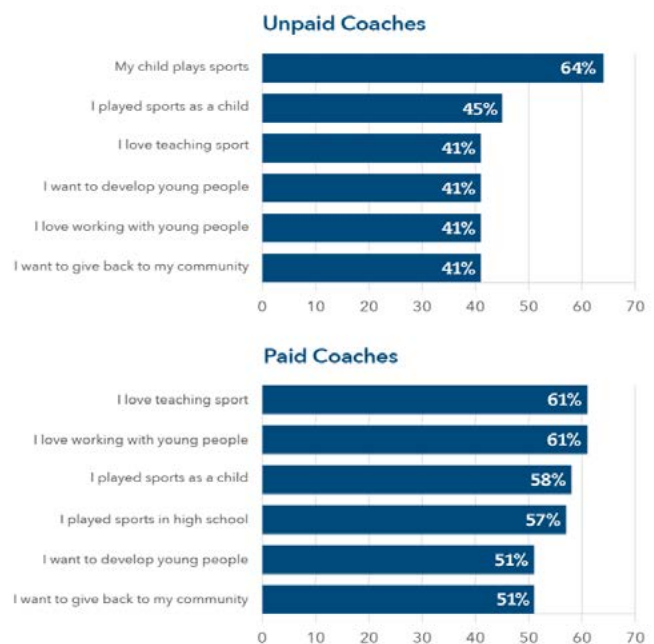
• Dec. 16: The Badger Boys Series begins for the 2022-23 season at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

• Dec. 17-18: First Badger Region events of the new season.

• Dec. 21: Badger Region hosts its second Lunch & Learn focused on coaching education

Why People Coach Youth Sports

Top reasons by unpaid vs. paid coaches

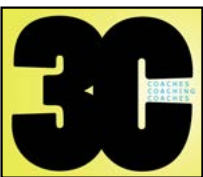


Source: Aspen Institute, The Ohio State University LiFEsports Initiative, Susan Crown Exchange, Nike National Coach Survey, 2022

Read State of Play 2022 at as.pn/sop2022

Coaches Coaching Coaches clinics now taking place

The Badger Region staff and its cadre of elite coaches have been hitting the road throughout the month of December to offer



in-person coaching clinics at a variety of clubs throughout the state.

The Coaches Coaching Coaches clinics have been held at Fox Valley Performance (FVP), Small Town Storm and 414 Milwaukee Elite volleyball clubs — with others on the



Athletes and coaches from Small Town Storm in Cornell, Wis., pose for a photo after the Coaches Coaching Coaches clinic held there on Dec. 10.

horizon in the very near future. At the 3C events, the Region staff and mentor coaches (many

of which are collegiate coaches from throughout the state) work with lead coaches at clubs to help them plan practices, shape coaching philosophies and better train athletes that are in their programs.

"The feedback has been super positive," said program director Brian Sharkey. "We love to offer an outside view for clubs and work with mentor coaches who will be able to continue to educate future leaders in our sport for years to come."

Clubs interested in hosting a free 3C clinic can contact the Badger Region office.

Badger Region introducing new Northern Series

The Badger Region is starting a Northern Points Series that will begin in January of 2023.

Teams will receive points at the G14s, G15s and G16s for entering tournaments that are run as part of the Badger Region Northern Points Series. Ten points will be awarded to first place finishers, five points for second place finishers, three points to third place finishers and one point for any entries.

Awards will be given to first place in each division (G14s-G16s). Each division winner will also be awarded free future entry to a Badger Region event.

Dates and locations

- * Jan. 8: G14s and G15s hosted by Wisconsin Ice (Multiple locations around Stevens Point)
- * Jan. 8: G16s hosted by Rage VBC (River Falls)
- * Jan. 28: G14s hosted by Xtreme VBC (La Crosse)
- * Jan. 29: G15s and G16s hosted by Xtreme VBC (La Crosse)
- * Feb. 11: G14s hosted by Xtreme VBC (La Crosse)
- * Feb. 12: G15s and G16s hosted by UW-Eau Claire
- * March 4: G14s hosted by UW-Eau Claire
- * March 5: G15s and G16s hosted by UW-Eau Claire

If your club or team is located in northern or western Wisconsin and wants to host a future Northern Points Series event, contact Tournament Director Kelly Lehman at kelly@badgervolleyball.org.



Badger Region Night March 1 at Bucks game

The 2022 Badger Region / AVCA Coaches and Club Directors of the Year will be honored prior to the March 1 Milwaukee Bucks game at Fiserv Forum.

That night, the Bucks are offering discounted tickets to all Badger Region coaches, athletes and members to make the event a unique Badger Region Night.

The game is set for 7 p.m. against the Orlando Magic. To reserve tickets, click here: <http://fevo.me/brv2023>

Questions? Call 414-294-4931

Access your junior ref modules

Each year, the Badger Region requires clubs to train their coaches and youth athletes to line judge, score, libero track and be a second referee. The Badger Region will not withhold an athlete from competition if the training is not complete, but can sanction the club if it has not fulfilled requirements. Clubs have the option to let coaches and athletes take online modules to satisfy their requirement, or clubs can bring in a certified official to train in person.

If your club allows you take the online modules, use the following steps (on a laptop/desktop with Chrome):

1. Log in to Sports Engine.
2. Click on "household"
3. Click on the "tile" of the coach/athlete who will be taking the online modules
4. Click "view details" on the Badger Region tile under the coach or athlete's profile.
5. Click the USAV Academy button at the top of the screen.
6. Click "Content Library" in the left rail and search for the "junior" modules

Click for schedule!



Age divisions, sites set for Power League

	JAN. 7-8	FEB. 11-12	APRIL 1-2
14-Elite	Products Pavilion	Champions Center	NA
14-Select	Champions Center	Products Pavilion	Center Court/New Berlin
14-Regional	Center Court/PP	MKE Sting Center	Products Pavilion
16-Elite	Center Court	Champions Center	NA
16-Select	Champions Center	MKE Sting Center	Center Court
16-Regional	Stoughton Wellness Center	RecPlex	Center court
18-Elite	Champions Center	RecPlex	NA
18-Regional	Center Court	Champions Center	UW-Parkside

USA Volleyball selects KC to host G11-13s in 2025

USA Volleyball has selected Kansas City, Missouri, to host the 2025 Girls Junior National Championship for the 11-13 age divisions on June 21-24 at the Kansas City Convention & Entertainment Center.

USA Volleyball announced earlier this year that it is splitting the Girls Junior National Championship beginning in 2023 and having one tournament for the 11-13 age divisions and one for 14-17. This creates more competitive opportunities for athletes and clubs and increases the number of venues that can host.

Kansas City has previously hosted the Boys Junior National Championship and annually hosts the USA Volleyball Show Me Qualifier.

“Kansas City is honored to welcome USA Volleyball for the Girls Junior National Championship (11-13) in 2025,” said Visit KC President & CEO Kathy Nelson. “This prestigious event is another testament to the long and successful partnership between USA Volleyball and Visit KC. With a new single terminal at Kansas City International Airport, the free and expanding KC Streetcar, \$45 million in modernization efforts taking place at the Kansas City Convention Center, new hotels and more, we look forward to providing athletes and attendees with a top-tier experience.”

Teams will compete in 10 divisions at the GJNC (11-13s).



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YouTube: /Badger RegionVolleyball

Champs to benefit KinshipMKE, American Cancer Society



The Badger Region Championships are just around the corner with three week-ends of competition coming to the Wisconsin Center in March of 2023.

Throughout the course of the next few months and at the event, the Region will be highlighting the mission and stories of two groups who will be on site: Kinship MKE Community Food Center and the American Cancer Society.

Those attending the Badger Region Championships are encouraged to bring

food items for donation to Kinship MKE to benefit their food pantry.

In addition, teams will be challenged to raise money for the American Cancer Society in advance of the event.

The Region will give away prizes to winning teams and individuals.

More details about both partnerships and what to expect at the event will be forthcoming on our website and in future Badger

Beacon newsletters.

The 2023 Badger Region Championships will be March 11-12, March 18-19 and March 25-26.



Girls age division added for HP; boys ages change

The Badger Region has announced ages at which it will field teams for the 2023 USA All-Star Championships taking place in July of 2023 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Badger Region High Performance All-Star teams being offered by the Region will be as follows:

* Girls U17 — formerly International Youth (Born in 2006 and 2007)

* Girls U15 — formerly National Select (Born in 2008, 2009)

* Girls U13 — formerly Future Select (Born in 2010, 2011)

* Boys U19 — formerly National Youth (Born in 2004 and 2005)

* Boys U17 — formerly National Select (Born in 2006 and 2007)

Families should note that the Region will now be offering a U13 girls division for the first time in program history.

To comply with FIVB international age definitions that changed this past year, boys age definitions have also changed for the competition



that will take place in the summer of 2023.

Tryout dates for both the boys and girls program will be announced in the near future.

In 2022, the Badger Region came home with two gold medals at the USA All-Star Championships held in Tulsa, Okla.

Have questions about anything High Performance? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.



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 items 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 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).

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/> an fill out the free athlete profile.

Share your pics, stories with the Badger Region

With the start of the new year only a few weeks away, the Badger Region is once again looking forward to a handful of opportunities to feature athletes, coaches, officials and fans in the pages of our newsletter and on our website and social media.

Here's where you can come in.

You can submit a photo for the Badger Region Team of the Week. Winners of the **Team of the Week** will have Badger Region swag (mini volleyballs, lanyards, magnet clips, pens, pins and other fun stuff) sent their way for the whole squad. Just email your photos to brian@badgervolleyball.org or tag us on your social media.

You can also nominate someone for our **Caught Doing Good** program. This is for those fans, coaches, officials, players, etc. who go above and beyond. They are the ones who stay after practice and clean the gym. They are the ones who put in the extra half hour to help after practice if someone needs added training. They are the ones you go to get stuff done. To fill out a CDG nomination and see previous winners, click here: <https://badgervolleyball.org/caught-doing-good/>. All winners and the folks who nominated them will get Badger Region apparel and other swag.

Questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.



BADGER REGION

HIGH PERFORMANCE SHINES IN TULSA



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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

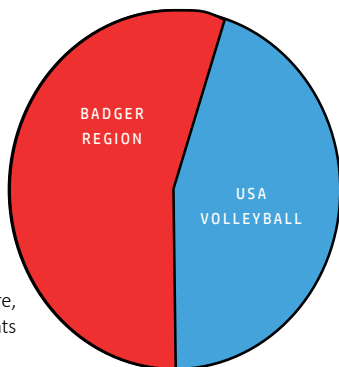
- * National: \$35/match

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.



Region announces partnership with Won80

The Badger Region is excited to announce its partnership with Won80, an organization dedicated to sportsmanship and the role it plays in athletics and character development.

As a benefit to members (clubs, parents, fans, officials and athletes), the Badger Region will work to coordinate Won80 with clubs who are interested in receiving a free sportsmanship presentation from founder Mark Horbinski, a longtime teacher, coach and official in Wisconsin for over 30 years.

Horbinski's grassroots movement called Won80 is on a mission to lead a return to sportsmanship through awareness, education and inspiration. His presentations encourage participants to focus on their own behaviors and action that will in turn allow everyone to positively impact teammates, teams and communities alike.

"I'm very excited about what could come out of this serendipitous meeting with Mark from Won80," said Badger Region

Executive Director Jennifer Armson-Dyer. "From our discussions, we share the same vision about the positive environments that athletes, coaches and officials thrive in and the damage that a negative environment can



have in so many different ways. Sportsmanship and creating positive and safe environments for

participants – many of whom are children – to succeed in, is the foundation of the mission of Badger Region, and our partnership with Won80 puts the words into action.

Won80's sportsmanship summits (many of which are about 60 minutes in length) are hands-on, high energy and engaging. They also contain relevant topics that coincide with thought-provoking and empowering messages. Horbinski also is able to work

with clubs to collaborate and customize his presentations for specific groups.

"We're currently working on plans to be able to share information and action items to those who are interested, and also reach those who need it the most but maybe don't know it or acknowledge it," Armson-Dyer said.

The Badger Region Board of Directors has set aside funds to allow a handful of clubs to experience a sportsmanship summit put on by Won80 during the 2022-23 season. The Region also hopes to host a virtual Lunch & Learn for families who would like to participate in the program. A modified in-person option is also being planned for the weekends of the Badger Region Championships for parents and families.

WON80 testimonials

"The message Mark brought to our parents, student athletes and coaches was a deep dive into seeing the big picture of high

school sports." — Brett Stoulsand, Barneveld School District Administrator

"Mark created a high-energy program that engaged the students and brought the students' voice to the discussion of sportsmanship." — Aaron May, Waunakee High School Athletic Director

"It is clear that he has great passion for kids and for creating an environment that is both healthy and energetic." — Ryan McGinnis, Kimberly High School Athletic Director

Other sportsmanship programs

The Badger Region is putting an increased emphasis on sportsmanship this season. Not only are we going back to shaking hands before and after matches, but we are also bringing back the [ESP \(Enthusiastic, Supportive, Positive\)](#) program, the [Caught Doing Good](#) feature and a new partnership with Won80.



FREE ENTRY

ANY BADGER REGION MEMBER OR BRYFL MEMBER RECEIVES 2 FREE ADMISSIONS




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2023: Nationals here we go!

GIRLS 18S



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Girls Junior Nationals

April 28-30

Columbus, Ohio

2024: Baltimore, Maryland
2025: Salt Lake City, Utah

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: Las Vegas
2025: 11-13s: Kansas City
2025: 14-17s: Dallas

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: Des Moines, Iowa

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.

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GIRLS JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

USAV DIVISIONS FOR GJNCS IN 2023

NEW DIVISIONS ADDED TO CURRENT HIERARCHY; QUALIFICATION EXPLAINED

11 NATIONAL 🖐️ 48	16 OPEN 36	<p>QUALIFY THROUGH BOTH REGIONS AND NATIONAL QUALIFIERS</p> <p>QUALIFY THROUGH NATIONAL QUALIFIERS ONLY</p> <p>QUALIFY THROUGH REGION ONLY</p> <p>NON-QUALIFYING DIVISION</p>
12 NATIONAL 🖐️ 48	16 NATIONAL 🖐️ 48	
12 USA 24	16 USA 36	
12 AMERICAN 🖐️ 64	16 LIBERTY 24	
13 OPEN 24	16 AMERICAN 🖐️ 64	
13 NATIONAL 🖐️ 48	16 FREEDOM 🖐️ 48	
13 USA 36	16 PATRIOT 48	
13 LIBERTY 24	17 OPEN 36	
13 AMERICAN 🖐️ 64	17 NATIONAL 🖐️ 48	
13 PATRIOT 48	17 USA 36	
14 OPEN 36	17 LIBERTY 24	
14 NATIONAL 🖐️ 48	17 AMERICAN 🖐️ 64	
14 USA 36	17 FREEDOM 🖐️ 48	
14 LIBERTY 24	17 PATRIOT 48	
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14 FREEDOM 🖐️ 48	18 NATIONAL 🖐️ 48	
14 PATRIOT 48	18 USA 48	
15 OPEN 36	18 LIBERTY 32	
15 NATIONAL 🖐️ 48	18 AMERICAN 🖐️ 64	
15 USA 36	18 FREEDOM 🖐️ 48	
15 LIBERTY 24	18 PATRIOT 64	
15 AMERICAN 🖐️ 64		
15 FREEDOM 🖐️ 48		
15 PATRIOT 48		

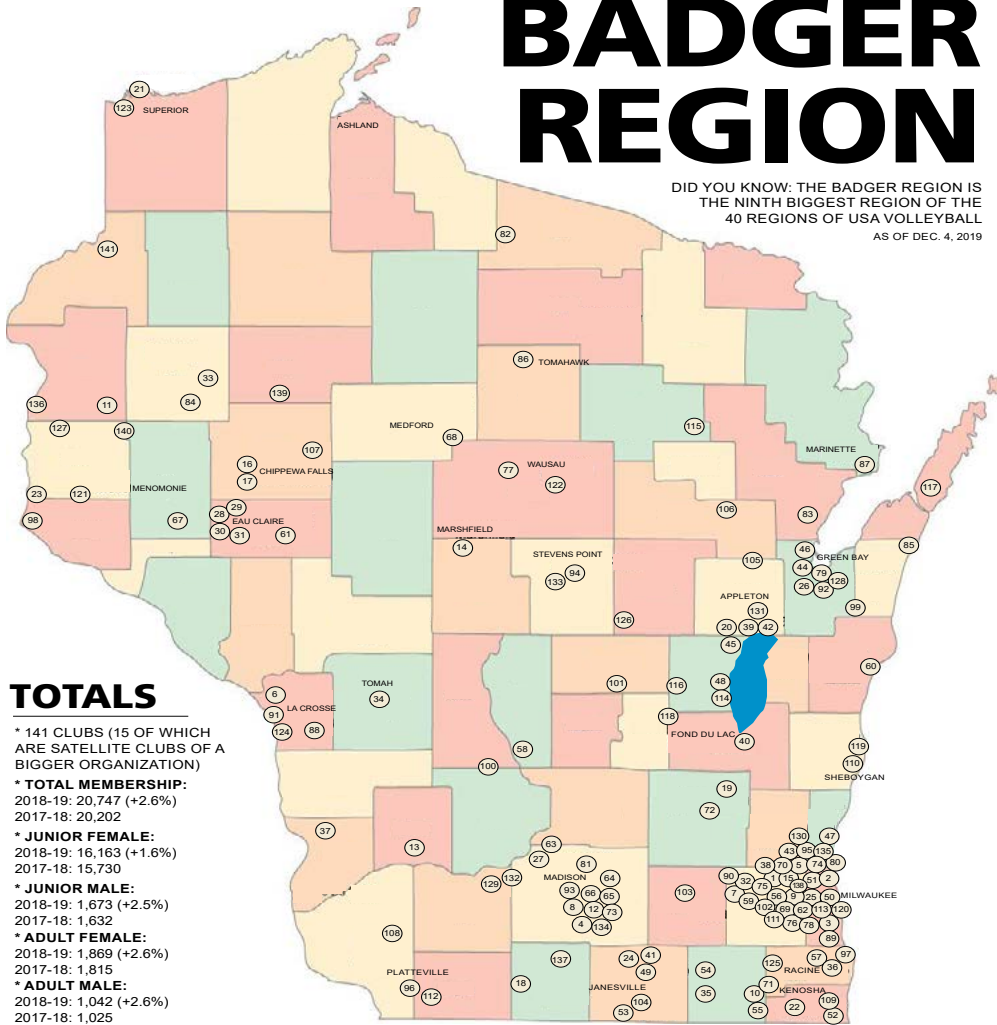
For 2023, USA Volleyball has added the USA division to the 12s division as well as the Liberty division to ages 13-18 and the Freedom division to 14-18s.

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.

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

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.

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.



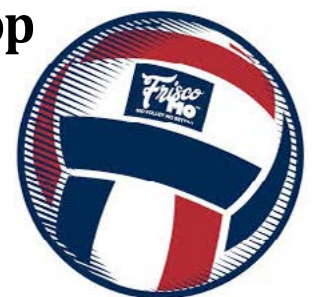
Badger Region, Frisco Mo partner for unique Wisconsin-themed volleyball shop

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.

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:

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(At-Large Rep)
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(Junior Rep)
Elected in 2022
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Angie Lubach
(Independent Rep)
Appointed in 2015
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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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 7-8: First Weekend of the Badger Region Power League at sites around Wisconsin

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

Feb. 1: Badger Region Board of Director meeting

Jan. 7-8: First Weekend of the Badger Region Power League at sites around Wisconsin

Feb. 11-12: Second Weekend of the Badger Region Power League at sites around Wisconsin

Feb. 18: Free middle school boys volleyball clinic after the 1 p.m. men's volleyball match at Concordia University Wisconsin.

Feb. 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier at Milwaukee Sting Center and other facilities as needed

March 1: Badger Region Night at Fiserv Forum when the Milwaukee Bucks host the Orlando Magic (7 p.m.)

March 11-12: Badger Region Championships Weekend No. 1 and Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Tournament at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee

March 17: Badger Region Youth Night at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon for the Concordia/MSOE men's volleyball match.

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 1-2: Badger Region Qualifier at Milwaukee Sting Center and other facilities as needed

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 19-23: USA All-Star Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

July 29-30: Badger Region Beach Championships powered by Wisconsin Juniors VBC at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee, Wis.

Have a great story idea or person you want featured in the Badger Beacon?
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WHY USA VOLLEYBALL?

When you become a member of a region of USA Volleyball, *you're more than just a name on a roster, you're a member of a community where athletes come first.* We're invested in safety, development, competition, well-being and community to create an *exceptional volleyball experience for each member.*

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR 40 REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATIONS (REGIONS), WE PROVIDE A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE VOLLEYBALL COMMUNITY.

SAFETY

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY

USA Volleyball is committed to creating a **safe environment** free from misconduct and abuse for all athletes.

Our background screens are **the most thorough in the industry**, and SafeSport training is **required** for every adult at USA Volleyball-sanctioned events.

COMPETITION

EXPERIENCE THE BEST VOLLEYBALL COMPETITION IN THE COUNTRY

Locally, you can find opportunities to participate in **high quality USA Volleyball-sanctioned events and programs** within your region.

USA Volleyball hosts the **national championships** for juniors and adults each year that offer opportunities to play, have fun and compete against **top teams from across the country.**

COMMUNITY

EVERY ATHLETE DESERVES A PLACE TO PLAY WHERE THEY ARE WELCOMED AND INCLUDED

Become part of the volleyball community where you will build **lifelong friendships** and find opportunities to connect with others who **love the sport.**

USA Volleyball is committed to increasing and **celebrating diversity** and creating an **inclusive environment** in which all people feel **safe, respected and valued.**

Your USA Volleyball membership will begin locally in your region where you can be connected to opportunities to **learn, play, coach or officiate.**

USA Volleyball is officially recognized by the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport of volleyball and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

DEVELOPMENT

ACCELERATE YOUR GAME, REACH YOUR POTENTIAL

USA Volleyball members get **access to educational opportunities and resources** based on the USA Volleyball Development Model to help you **take your game to the next level.**



WELL-BEING

PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH SHOULD NEVER COME AT THE COST OF WINNING

USA Volleyball is committed to building a **positive culture of play** that values athletes' **well-being and good sportsmanship.**

We've built the USA Volleyball Development Model to help **empower the leaders** in our community to **teach, coach and guide** young athletes.



USA VOLLEYBALL MEMBER BENEFITS:

- ★ **FREE access** to IMPACT training for all new USA Volleyball coaches.
- ★ **FREE access** to SafeSport training provided by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.
- ★ **FREE access** to the National Team Development Program (NTDP) Academy, including instruction by U.S. National Team coaches and support staff.
- ★ **FREE access** to a Bronze subscription to Coach Academy and discounted access to upgrade to the Silver and Gold levels.
- ★ **Access** to play in all USA Volleyball-sanctioned competitions and events nationwide.
- ★ **Opportunity** to be considered for USA Volleyball Awards & Recognition program.
- ★ USA Volleyball **eNewsletters** for parents, coaches, clubs and officials.
- ★ Sports accident insurance **coverage** for all participants (primary or secondary).
- ★ **Exclusive** member discounts to the USA Volleyball Shop, National Team events, and special offers from USA Volleyball partners.



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[USA Volleyball.org/Membership](https://www.usavolleyball.org/Membership)