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HP tryout registration now open

The Badger Region HP All-Star program is ready to announce its dates for tryouts and locations for camps.

- * Girls U17 formerly International Youth (Born in 2006 and 2007): Tryouts March 10 at the Wisconsin Center
- * Girls U15 formerly National Select (Born in 2008, 2009): Tryouts March 17 at the Wisconsin Center
- * Girls U13 formerly Future Select (Born in 2010, 2011): Tryouts March 17 at the Wisconsin Center
- * Boys U19 formerly National Youth (Born in 2004 and 2005). Tryouts April 23 at the New Berlin SportsPlex
- * Boys U17 formerly National Select (Born in 2006 and 2007). Tryouts April 23 at the New Berlin SportsPlex

To register for tryouts, click here.

Boys training dates are TBA. The boys overnight camp will be July 10-11 at Lakeland University.

The Girls overnight camp will be July 9-11 at UW-Oshkosh.

Final coaching assignments will be announced in the next few days.

Questions? Email brian@badger-volleyball.org. Or call 414-313-9055.





Badger Boys Series concludes; six new officials receive training

The final Friday night of the Badger Boys Series concluded on Jan. 20 at the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls.

Teams from all around the state came in for this low-cost, low-stress format of teaching and learning. All while six new officials received live, on-court training that night.

Clubs participating in the event included I AM Volleyball Club, Milwaukee Sting, Fox Valley Performance (FVP), Milwaukee Volleyball Club, Southport VBC, Spike Milwaukee, Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA), and Motion Volleyball Players (MVP).

At the conclusion of the league, all boys received a free t-shirt as a way to promote boys volleyball in their communities.

Officials who joined the Region for the ref training included: Connor Raasch, Natalie Erdman, Casey Hironimus, Gabe Matyas, Evan Tavera and Greg Markle.

Recruiting, coaching education tips return

The Badger Region and the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) are once again partnering to bring members the weekly Coaching Tip of the Week and the Recruiting Tip of the Week.

This year's tips debuted on Thursday, Jan. 20, and will continue through April. See the tips below:

Coaching tips:

* Jan. 27: A 30-minute passing progression from the coaching staff at Saint Louis University (Click here)

* **Jan. 20:** Serving Progression for young athletes (Click here)

Recruiting tips:

* **Jan. 20:** Understanding the various sectors of women's collegiate volleyball (Click here)

Lunch & Learn shines light on all things related to officiating



What can officials to do better to work with coaches to make a match run smoother? Where do you draw the line when it comes to sportsmanship and enforcing positive behavior on and of the court? What does it take to be a new official?

These questions and more were asked at a Jan. 23 Lunch

& Learn put on by the Badger Region. The video can still be viewed on the Region's Facebook page: Click here.

The panel included Badger Region officials Sara Voigt, Jonah Bixby (a first year official) and Teague Prichard as well as Program Director and Coach Brian Sharkey. Lots of questions came in via the chat and tons of great conversation was had.

The Badger Region is planning its next Lunch & Learn for February and will talk about the Badger Region High Performance All-Star program that will start up in March when it hosts tryouts.

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/badgerregion2223

Questions? Call 414-294-4931



BADGER REGION



Midwest Penguins 13-Black (above) and North Star 151 Select (below) were the Jan. 23 and Jan. 16 teams of the week. Send your nominations to brian@badgervolleyball.org or tag us on social media.



Concordia Wisconsin to host boys youth clinic

The Badger Region and Concordia University Wisconsin are partnering to host a middle school boys volleyball clinic on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the campus in Mequon.

The clinic will be open to any boys 14-years-of-age and younger. The event is limited to the first 30 athletes who register for the clinic.

The clinic will take place following the 1 p.m. match between the host Concordia University Wisconsin and the visiting Concordia University Chicago men's volleyball teams.

The event is free and open to any middle school boy in the Badger Region.

To register for the clinic, click

Concordia University Wisconsin will also host a Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League night at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 17.

On that night all BRYFVL participants and their families get into the match against MSOE for free.

Thank you to clubs who have completed ref-training

The Badger Region would like to thank the following clubs who have completed their 2022-23 ref-training requirements for their athletes and coaches.

Clubs have the option of doing in-person training or have athletes and coaches watch online modules to complete the certification process.

Once completed, club directors must fill out our verification form on the Badger Region web- Volleyball Club site to receive recognition.

Thank you to all the clubs helping to make the volleyball experience better for all teams in the Badger Region and beyond.

- * 414 Milwaukee Elite
- * Acers Volleyball Club
- * Adversity Wisconsin Volleyball Club
 - * Air Volleyball Club
 - * Amplify Volleyball
- * Azuri Performance Volleyball Academy
- * Block Party VBC
- * BW Heat
- * Center Stars
- * Central Wisconsin
- * Chargers VBC
- * Club Breakout
- * Coulee Region Power
- * Croix Attack
- * Eau Claire Storm

- * Epic Volleyball Club
 - * Fond du Lac Fusion
 - * Fox Valley Performance Vollevball
 - * Howard Suamico Inferno
 - * I AM Volleyball Club
 - * Junior Red Knight
- * Lakeshore Storm Volleyball Club
 - * Laser VBC

 - * Madtown Juniors
 - * Madison Elite
 - * Medford Storm Volleyball
 - * Motion Volleyball Players.
 - * MVC Madison
 - * MVP Club
 - * Norse Force
 - * North East Wis. Black-

- * Northern Lights Volleyball Club
 - * Northern Pride VBC
 - * Northwoods Volleyball

- * NW Stars Volleyball Club
- * Oconomowoc VBC
- * Ona VBC
- * One Wisconsin
- * Phoenix Volleyball Club
- * Pursuit Volleyball Club
- * Racine Blaze
- * RAGE volleyball
- * Reign VBC
- * Revolution Volleyball

Academy

* River City Volleyball Club

- * Rock VBC
- * Rusk Rage Volleyball
- * Shawano Storm Volleyball
 - * Small Town Storm
 - South Shore Slam
 - * Southern Heat VBC
 - * Southport Volleyball Club
 - * Spike Milwaukee
 - * Team United
 - * Tenacity VBC
 - * Valley Velocity

 - * Waterford Wave * Wisconsin Blaze
 - * Wisconsin Elite Volleyball
 - * Wisconsin Premier VBC

 - * Wisconsin Shock

I AM Volleyball hosts sportsmanship event

The Badger Region announced its partnership with Won80, an organization dedicated to sportsmanship and the role it plays in athletics and character development back in November of 2022.

Now, the first events put on by Badger Region and Won80 have come to fruition.

I AM Volleyball Club, based in Grafton, welcomed Mark Horbinski, the groups' founder, to the club for a two-night event Ian. 16-17.

There, he worked with kids of all ages as well as coaches on topics that included "My Coach Plays Favorites."

The event was a huge success and the Region looks forward to future Won80 presentations at other clubs.

Details

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,



Mark Horbinski leads sportsmanship conversations at I AM VBC.



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.

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.

More sportsmanship

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.



REFFING SHOUTOUTS

"I had Lakeshore Storm 14 Blue officiating and they were fantastic. They were alert, like judges, called all the ball all the time, knew what was happening, and overall very kind and respectful. Very impressive for this early in the season."

Official Vanessa Depies

"This past weekend, I had amazing work crews provided by multiple teams from Elevate VBC. The R2s handled subs, called nets faults and even a rotation fault with authority and confidence. The line judges gave calls on everything and the scoresheet and scoreboard were always complete and accurate.

The two matches I officiated with Elevate 18 Black, led by Halie Kapelke at R2 both times, felt like the best two matches I have ever officiated at a club tournament with a non-certified R2 (though I was excited to hear that Halie has started her certification process). Halie transitioned seamlessly, ensured I knew to let play continue if the ball hit the tape, and called net faults confidently.

Additionally, Amy Hein from Elevate 17 Black was an amazing R2 and an even better line judge. She gave eye contact after every single call as a line judge and even called a touch that no one else in the gym seemed to notice but I went with it because of her eye contact and confidence. She even called an out of rotation on the setter leaving early as an R2.

I expect both of these young ladies to be amazing officials and line judges in the future and I hope their peers follow suit.

Bravo Elevate VBC for training their players to not only be amazing players but also great officials and scorekeepers!"

Official Anthony Chan

"The South Shore Slam 15 Lime girls team was very good, very knowledgeable on the scorebook, were great line judges and worked well together at the table."

Official Marlon Pitchford

"I just wanted to give a shout out to the Oak Creek K-Force 13U at the Rec Plex today. All the teams on court 3 did well today and were engaged in the matches, but the Coach of K-Force obviously had her girls trained and prepared and they really made an effort to pay attention to the matches they worked. They did a great job with the book and with line judging. It was very helpful to me, and I appreciated them."

Official Aaron Como

Seniors can apply for scholarships

The Badger Region will be again be awarding 17 scholarships to seniors headed to college in the fall of 2023. Winners will be announced in May.

Eligible seniors must be current members and serve as an athlete, coach or official in the Badger Region for the 2022-23 season. The deadline for application is April 21, 2023.

To apply for the scholarship, click here.

Of the 17 scholarships being awarded, two of the scholarships will be awarded as part of the Frisco Mo Do Good Scholarship. These individuals must have documented some form of community service in the last year to be eligible for the Do Good Scholarships.

All candidates who meet the requirements set by the Region will be entered into a random drawing for the scholarships. All scholarships awarded by Badger Region and Frisco Mo are valued at \$500 and will be paid directly to the college or university in August of 2023.

Questions? Email Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.





THE DOPE SHEET

Noise for the Boys from Frisco Mo and Badger Region Volleyball

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Players and Fans: KEEP IT TOGETHER MAN!

Sportsmanship isn't just for sports! Modeling it will make you better at everything. You'll develop character that coaches and colleges look for. You'll create new relationships with other players that will be valuable as you move along in volleyball and life. You'll also garner respect from everyone on the court. It's an affirmation that you are disciplined enough to have perspective, maintain poise and do what is best for your team. Making good choices in pressure situations reveals your character.

It is easy for parents and kids to get caught up in a game and become too focused on winning. How many teams end their season with a win? So few! Let's remember to keep winning and losing in perspective. Winning is fun! It doesn't mean you were perfect or that you're guaranteed a win again. Celebrate your win with class. Losing stinks! Accept responsibility for the loss. Acknowledge the winners and congratulate them.

Parents and fans, this is for you too. I've sat in the stands with some doosies! Instead of being upset with a player or a coach, or going on about how a ref blew a call, take a minute to chill. It helps no one by getting upset. Watch the negative comments and respect the officials. They're giving their time to help our kids compete. Most importantly, support your kid and their team, win or lose. Don't just say, "be a good sport." Model it, teach it, expect it.

That's the straight dope from Frisco Mo!



"ONE PERSON PRACTICING SPORTSMANSHIP IS FAR BETTER THAN A HUNDRED TEACHING IT." - KNUTE ROCKNE

NEXT ISSUE: HOW TO GET FOUND BY COLLEGE CONCHES

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Name the calls. Answers in the next issue of The Dope Sheet.

Forearems raised and then twisted around the body



Red and yellow cards shown together



Arm lifted, palm facing up



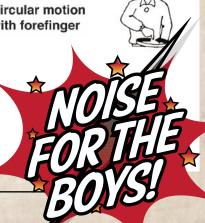
Eight fingers raised and spread open



Hand above net, palm facing down



Circular motion with forefinger





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

Denver to host adult nationals May 23-28, 2025

The Rocky Mountains will be alive with the sound of volleyball in 2025 when Denver hosts the USA Volleyball Open National Championship on May 23-28 at the Colorado Convention Center.

The Open National Championship is the longest-running volleyball tournament in the United States and features women's and men's teams with players ages 18 to 80.

The field will include teams comprised of former USA Volleyball national team players and national team development program (NTDP) athletes.

"We are happy to be bringing the 2025 USA Volleyball Open National Championship to the Mile High City of Denver," said USA Volleyball President and CEO Jamie Davis. "The Open Championship provides adult teams at every level a chance to compete against others from both foreign and domestic. This tournament epitomizes the essence of USAV and shows that volleyball is truly a sport for life. We thank the Denver Sports Commission for all its support."

In addition, USA Volleyball will celebrate volleyball leaders and stars at its Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony ahead of the 2025 tournament.



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

Facebook: /BadgerRegionVolleyball

Website: www.badgervolleyball.org

Twitter: @BadgerRegionVB

Pinterest: /BadgerRegionVol

Instagram: @BadgerRegionVB

YouTube: /Badger RegionVolleyball



Won80.org

I am Won80

Through my actions and words, I will lead a return to sportsmanship.

I will demonstrate Value

by appreciating the contributions of everyone on the team, in the stands, and behind the scenes. They make the experience memorable.

I will be a positive **nfluence**

by being humble in victory, gracious in defeat.

This sets the tone for current and future generations.

I will show Respect

to my opponent and the game officials Without them, there would be no game to play.

I will ransform

into an improved version of myself.

I will never be perfect, but I can always be better.

I will Unite

my team, my school, my community, and my conference.

Together, we will ensure the evolution of sports.

I will Enjoy

my sport for what it was intended to be -

an activity to have fun with my friends, showcase my abilities, and learn valuable life lessons.

I am Victory with VIRTUE

What's it like to be a new club?

It's not easy to be the new kid on the block. And it's not easy to be a new club.

The Badger Region has made it a priority to help all new (and existing) clubs to make sure that they have all the information and resources they need to be a successful organization.

Check out how these five new clubs got started and what hurdles they hit along the way. Have questions about starting a club? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org or call the Badger Region office at 262-349-9785.



MVC-Madison

1. What was the motivation to start a new club?

To provide an opportunity for boys in Dane County to play on a high level team close to home.

2. What has been the best or most rewarding part of starting a new club?

Seeing the boys bond and develop together and compete with the highest level teams in their age group.

3. What have the biggest hurdles been and how did you overcome them?

Understanding the full process of creating a club and having systems in place, using Sports Engine and AES! Thankfully we had great support from our coach Rod Wilde, Brad Kuehl and Brian Rushmer at MVC as well as Brian Sharkey and Scott Spiess at the Badger Region.

4. What are your goals for the first season of your club?

To stay focused on the needs of each individual player and to develop them to their highest level in a short time frame. To see our athletes develop in character as well as skill. For the boys to develop strong bonds of friendship that carry beyond the court after our season is over. To represent Madison and Dane County in the Open Division at the National Championships in July.

NORTH BAY LEGENDS

1. What was the motivation to start a new club?

The lack of options outside of what would be considered traditional male sports is something that I noticed in the northern part of Wisconsin. With my participation in various school activities, I begin to realize there were male athletes who needed opportunities, which were not going to be supported through the public school system.

2. What has been the best or most rewarding part of starting a new club?

The eagerness of the boys and their willingness to be the first is something that cannot be overstated. I also found it very rewarding that as I wrote for grants at our local institutions, they to saw the need and provided much-needed funds to ensure that

athletes of all social economical levels could participate

3. What have the biggest hurdles been and how did you overcome them?

The largest hurdle, which I hope to help alleviate, is that of finding other boys clubs to play against. I think it is incredibly important that we keep the vision for growth always present and strive to tell others of the journey.

4. What are your goals for the first season of your club?

My goal is to start with a core team of nine athletes and garner interest, so that I hear from an additional 10 athletes by the end of the season. I have set two tournaments over two months and I'm looking for opportunity to take my athletes to an intensive camp ran by collegiate level coach.

EAU CLAIRE ELITE

1. What was the motivation to start a new club?

I wanted to start this new club in the Chippewa Valley area because I want to offer boys/girls the opportunity to play at an elite level, by providing them with coaches/ opportunities that are from former Division 1, 2, and 3 NCAA levels. I have been fortunate to be around the sport of volleyball for quite some time now, and have made some great friendships with both players/coaches around the nation who will be able to bring a high level of play/knowledge to EC Elite Volleyball Club.

2. What has been the best or most rewarding part of starting a new club?

I think the most rewarding part for starting this club has been the positive response from the community that



we are located in. There were no obstacles or a lot of challenges in my way as a club director getting this new club off of the ground. A lot of the Chippewa Valley is very supportive for the sport of volleyball, and that is so exciting for me as a new club director. Also, of course the athletes that have committed to my club is a rewarding part of starting the club too, they are very dedicated, and hardworking players.

3. What have the biggest hurdles been and how did you overcome them?

I have not had to jump thru alot of hoops, and obstacles so far. It's truly awesome to be under the Badger Region Volleyball organization because I definitely feel very supported and encouraged by your staff whenever I may have questions or need guidance as well.

4. What are your goals for the first season of your club?

- 1. To build rapport with the current players, parents, and fans
- 2. To clearly execute, and be organized so that we are able to be the best club we can be in the Chippewa Valley
- 3. To provide opportunities, and a high level of volleyball knowledge and skills from NCAA former athletes/coaches for my team to compete at a high level.
- 4. To provide the Chippewa Valley area with a number of opportunities for both boys and girls to love the sport of Volleyball.

WISCONSIN SHOCK

What was the motivation to start a new club? We started a new club to be flexible around the basketball schedule. All of the area clubs had practice and/or tournament conflicts with their basketball club. We did not want to force the girls to choose between the 2 so we

started our volleyball club.



2) What has been the best or most rewarding part of starting a new club? The most rewarding part is providing an opportunity for the kids to develop and see them improve with each practice, when they wouldn't have otherwise had the opportunity.

3) What have the biggest hurdles been and how did you overcome them? The biggest hurdle to overcome is to form our team without accepting everyone who wanted to. Since this is our first year we only started with one team, but there is definitely enough interest to expand next year.

4) What are your goals for the first season of your club? Our goal for the first year is to establish the process to run a club so that we can easily expand next year and our coaches won't have to recreate the wheel like I did.

LAKE COUNTRY PIPE HITTERS

1) What was the motivation to start a new club?

Boys Volleyball is a very exciting sport that is in a rapid growth stage. The Lake County Pipe Hitters are filling a gap in our area. It's hard to believe that the Hartland, Oconomowoc, Pewaukee,

Delafield, Kettle Moraine, Mukwonago, and Lake Country area in general doesn't have club programs geared towards boys. Some established clubs have been pulling players from farther and farther away, a local option for high level team play was needed. Doing it right is just as important, and starting with one team at the boys

16u level helps us focus on the team and management of the process.

2) What has been the best or most rewarding part of starting a new club?

The players. Volleyball boys are hungry to play, learn and compete. We've established a team with players from seven high schools in the area (Arrowhead, Catholic Memorial, Sussex, Waukesha North and South, Marquette, Kettle Moraine, and Oconomowoc)

and they gelled immediately

3) What have the biggest hurdles been and how did you overcome them?

The tryout process is very difficult to navigate. Veteran clubs know the drill, but a large group of families and new clubs,

do not know the drill. The amount of chaos and player movement is interesting. Serving the players at a high level, and the stress that comes from making sure all the ducks are in a row, is also challenging at times.

4) What are your goals for the first season of your club?

We want to produce players that are ready their next level, and win some games along the way. Getting to the next level takes commitment and drive. We will be pushing ourselves to a level that includes individual development, teamwork, and implementation of set plays. Building mental toughness to "bring it" on the next play, regardless of what happened on the last play, is where winners win.

2023: Nationals here we go!

GIRLS 188



USAVolleyball

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 2025: Denver Colo. 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,

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.



Record setting score?

Official Monica Wang (right) had the unique opportunity to ref a set that went to 53-51 Sunday at the Revolution Open II at Center Court in Waukesha.

The match featured Madtown Juniors 101 Regional taking on McHenry County Juniors 10-Purple. Set scores were 53-51, 25-18.

No word on how far behind the tournament was running after this marathon of a set.





Apparel now available for '23 Champs, Dale

Don't want to wait in those long lines at the Badger Region Championships? Want the style and size you need for your commemorative apparel?

The Badger Region Championships and Dale Rohde Memorial online store is now open thanks to our partners at Fine Designs.

To start shopping, click here.

Apparel with team names on the back will only be available on site.

This year's events will be March 11-12, March 18-19 and March 25-26 at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. Have questions? Email Sara Voigt at sara@badgervolleyball.org.





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 Com-

munity 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.

American

Society®

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

Second weekend of Region's Northern Series set for Jan. 28-29

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 host-



ed 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.



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).



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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 an 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.



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
- ball'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 Natoinal 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

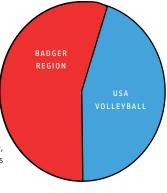
MEMBERSHIP COSTS BREAKDOWN

\$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, eligibli-

ty), 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

accident and liability insurance, training materials created for the purposed of national coaching/



officiating, national database and membership services (Sports Engine) and National Office staff and office needs.



GIRLS JUNIOR NATIONAL **USAVolleyball.** CHAMPIONSHIPS

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USAV DIVISIONS FOR GJNCS IN 2023

NEW DIVISIONS ADDED TO CURRENT HIERARCHY: QUALIFICATION EXPLAINED

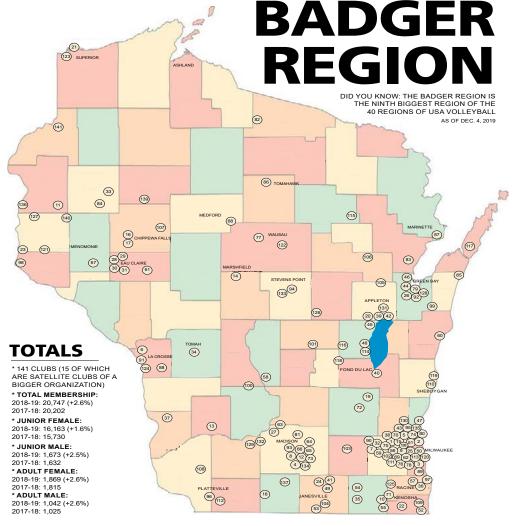
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NON-QUALIFYING DIVISION

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.



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.

<u>UPLOAD HERE: http://badger-volleyball.org/jerseys/</u>

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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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 Officials Rating/Training: Teague Prichard Scorer Rating/Training: Lexi Sheldon 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: www.badgervolleyball.org

Twitter: @BadgerRegionVB

Facebook: Badger Region Volleyball

Pinterest: BadgerRegionVol

Instagram: BadgerRegionVB

Badger Region Volleyball Association

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 1: Badger Region Board of Director meeting at noon (online)

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. Register here.

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 Champi-

onships 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.

Aug. 11-12: Free youth coaching and youth player clinic at St. Marcus Ministries in Milwaukee.

Have a great story idea or person you want featured in the Badger Beacon? Email Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.





2023 SUMMER VOLLEYBALL EVENTS

Summer Girls League - 8th Grade, JV2, JV1 and Varsity (Six Weeks)

Summer Girls Four on Four League - 7th-12th Grade (Six Weeks)

Girls Team Camp - July 26th-27th (Free Entry into July 28th Tournament)

Cyndy Collins Big Block Classic - July 28th - 8th Grade, JV2,

JV1 and Varsity Teams

Summer Scorcher - July 29th - 8th Grade, JV2, JV1 and Varsity Teams High School Girls Individual Camp - July 31st- August 2nd Grade and Middle School Girls Individual Camp - August 7th-9th



Hosted by: Reedsburg High School & JustAgame Fieldhouse Tournaments held at JustAgame Fieldhouse 200 La Crosse Street, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

TWO-DAY VARSITY EVENT:

Friday and Saturday - September 8-9, 2023 - JustAgame Invitational

ONE DAY EVENTS:

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 - JV2, JV1 and Varsity - JAG Season Kick Off Monday, September 11, 2023 - JV1 - Dells Showdown Saturday, September 23, 2023 - JV2 & JV1 - Spike it Up Classic Saturday, September 30, 2023 - JV2 & JV1 - Bump, Set, Spike Open Saturday, October 7, 2023 - JV1 & Varsity - Diving in the Dells Invitational Saturday, October 14, 2023 - Grade & Middle School - Dells Classic

Two-Day Event - \$325.00 Per Team (Guaranteed Seven Matches)
One-Day Event - \$175.00 Per Team (Guaranteed Four Matches)

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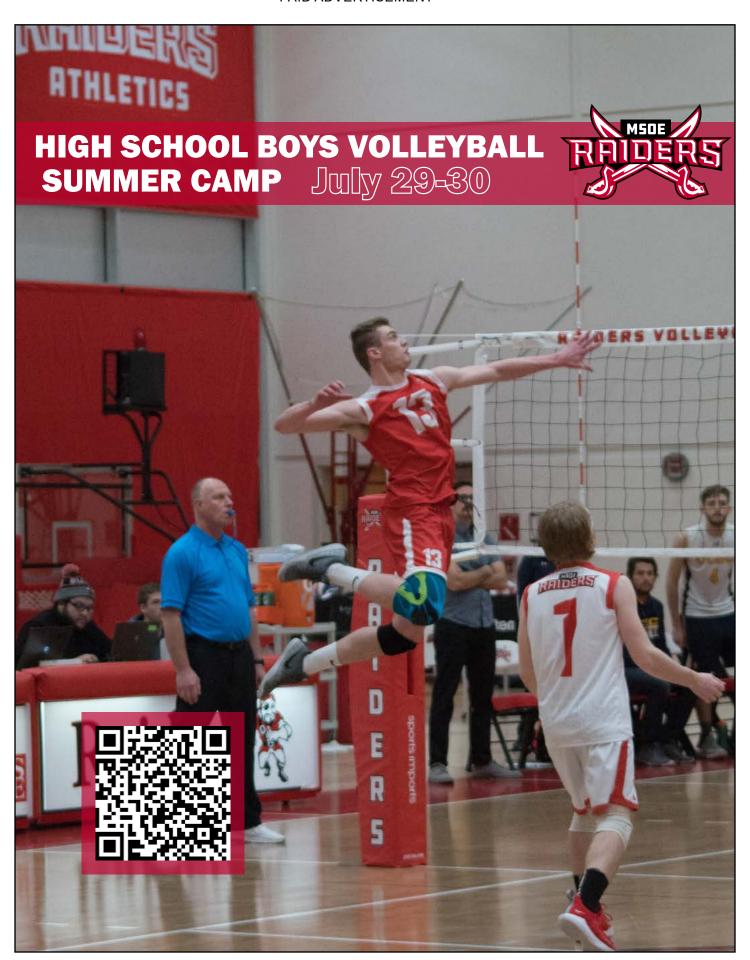




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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DAN KRICK AT DAN.KRICK@BUCKS.COM OR 414-294-4931



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*.





USAVolleyball.org/Membership

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.



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 8 Paralympic Committee as the National Governing Body for the sport of volleyball and a 501(c)(3) popprofit 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.