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High Performance All-Star program focus of Feb. 27 Lunch & Learn

The Badger Region's Lunch & Learn outreach series will tackle all things relating to the High Performance All-Star program at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27.

For a link to the livestream, click here.

The event will be broadcast on Facebook Live so that way it will live on our social media for weeks to follow.

HP All-Star program director program as well as Team Rep Sara Voigt will sit down with some

Look for our HP All-Star FAQs on Page 5 of today's Badger Beacon

of our lead coaches Jon Ellmann (Girls U15), JW Keickhefer (Boys U19) and Shane Reid (Boys U17). Abbey Sutherland (Girls U19) and Emily Riese (Girls U13) will join if available.

The 45-minute, interactive Lunch & Learn will dive into topics including the addition of

a new girls division (U13), new age definitions for the boys program and the planning taking place for the big USA All-Star Championships set for July 20-23 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Time will also be spent on what to expect at the various tryouts, why age divisions are set the way they are, and what it takes to coach and play volleyball at an elite level on the international scene.

Have questions in advance? Email them to brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Coach shares his journey and the spotlight

Club director gives his story of becoming a coach, trip to AVCA event

> By Adrian Lynch Reinas de la Cancha

My first introduction to being involved with youth sports was at the tender age of 17 when I was looking for a way to fulfill the service hours requirement for graduating my high school.

I decided to go back to my middle school to volunteer as an assistant coach. It was there that I spent five years under Coach John Brill — my first coaching mentor. Everything I know about the sport of basketball comes first from his expertise. Surprisingly, volleyball would not really be a part of my life for the next five years, except for backyard BBQs with my family. My start to volleyball would

Things to know about Champs 2023



Food drive slated for Saturdays

Throughout all three weekends of the Badger Region Championships, visitors are encouraged to bring food items for



donation to Kinship MKE to benefit their food pantry in Milwaukee. Just bring your canned food or non-perishable item to the donation

table on any of the three Saturdays of Badger Region Championships on March 11, March 18 or March 25. Random donors will win Badger Region swag, volleyballs and gift cards.

VLA exhibition match set for Friday, March 24

A free semi-professional men's volleyball match will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24, at the Wisconsin Center featuring the Milwaukee Dive and Chicago Icemen VLA teams. Both squads compete in the Volleyball League of America and feature a number of collegiate standouts in the world of men's volleyball. The event is free to attend and lots of giveaways will be shared with fans before the match and in between sets. Badger Region is a sponsor of Milwaukee Dive.

Rummage sale, contest to benefit Am. Cancer Society

Have any new or gently used items that can be sold at the Badger Region Rummage sale? If so, drop them off at the Badger Region office or bring them to team check-in the Friday before your team's Badger Region

Championship weekend. Items donated will be for sale throughout all three weekends



all three weekends of Champs. All money raised will go straight to the American Cancer Society. All leftover equipment, apparel and gear will be donated to Global Giving.

In addition, the Badger Region will award three teams a professional photo shoot with Com-It Photography and Marketing for raising the most money for the American Cancer Society leading up to each weekend of the event. Donation portals will be set up in the next week. Details coming.



REFFING SHOUTOUTS

I had the pleasure of having the Epic 15 Black team as a work crew. R2 Grace Johanson, the score table, and all the line judges for the 3 set match did an outstanding job. Thank you coaches Firtko and Nelson for training the team and helping the day of the tournament.

Official John Wasserstrass

Really good work crews this weekend overall. Big shoutouts to Spiketown 14 Central and Heat 14 Black at the tournament in Berlin on Saturday. Super helpful and really paid attention. Helped tremendously and I appreciated them!!

Official Aaron Como

BADGER REGION TEAM OF THE WEEK



Junior Red Knights 16-Red (above) and Small Town Storm 14s (below) were the Jan. 31 and Feb. 7 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 here.

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 website 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.

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

- * DASH Sports VB
- * Eau Claire Storm
- * Epic Volleyball Club
- * Fond du Lac Fusion
- * Fox Valley Performance
- Volleyball
 - * Howard Suamico Inferno
 - * I AM Volleyball Club
 - * Infinity Volleyball Crew
 - * Junior Red Knight
 - * Lakeshore Storm Volley-
 - ball Club
 - * Laser VBC
 - * Madtown Juniors
 - * Madison Elite
 - * Medford Storm Volleyball * Midwest Penguins VBC
 - * Motion Volleyball Players.

- * MVC Madison
- * MVP Club
- * Norse Force
- * North East Wis. Blacksheep
- * Northern Lights Volley-
- ball Club
- * Northern Pride VBC
- * Northwoods Volleyball Club
- * NW Stars Volleyball Club
- * Oconomowoc VBC
- * Ona VBC

- * Wisconsin Premier VBC * Wisconsin Shock

- * 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 Club
- * Shawano Storm Volleyball

* Southport Volleyball Club

* Wisconsin Elite Vollevball

* Small Town Storm

* South Shore Slam

* Spike Milwaukee

* Team United

* Tenacity VBC

* Valley Velocity

* Waterford Wave

* Wisconsin Blaze

* Southern Heat VBC

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prove to be rather unconventional.

After college I started a job working as Director of Youth Ministry at a parish school. I heard through the staff that if no one volunteered to be the volleyball coach, they were going to cancel the program entirely.

Sports had always been an important part of my life, and it bothered me to think that a whole community wouldn't have a sport available simply because no one would volunteer. I knew of someone who had lots of playing experience well into college, but she didn't know how to coach.

Coach Brill's wise methods made me into a promising coach, but I didn't know volleyball. It was then that we created a plan. She would become the head coach of the program, but I would teach her how to coach and use what I learned from coaching youth.

I didn't know there was anything more to volleyball other than to get the ball over the net. I didn't know that there were different rotations. I didn't know that there were different position names. I didn't really even

know the rules of the game. The community with which I had been working was not amply represented when it came to volleyball. At the time, the sport that was accepted as the "serious" sport was soccer.

Even though our volleyball program started in fifth grade, there was no knowledge whatsoever of the sport. Unfortunately, due to the culture of my

community, not only was volleyball seen as a non serious "only for fun" type of sport, but we were working with girls, and parents unanimously prioritized their sons' career in sports over their daughters'.

I spent five years under my new head coach, starting on the same level of knowledge as the girls we coached. She always told me that the quickest way to learn about a sport is to play it. This led me into a sort of volleyball fever in which I joined every adult league I could, sometimes playing five days a week.

I was eager to learn the sport and how to improve, and those who have the drive to learn, often do. I improved alongside our players and the program grew from one team to five teams, where every grade level in the school was now represented. Finally, my head coach moved into high school, and it was at last my turn to take over the program.

For three years, I managed to successfully run this program until late 2019/ early 2020 when we were confronted by the unique problem that all of us now know so well: COVID-19. Any sports program in the city was shut down as schools scrambled to provide virtual programming and



food programs for families. But the demographic that was hit the hardest were low-income families in urban areas, just like my own community. I noticed that

club volleyball, and volleyball in the suburbs did not seem to be nearly as affected. Whereas our gyms were

completely closed and offering no alternatives, these other programs found ways to mask and sanitize in accordance with state and local recommendations, allowing them to remain largely open. At that time, it so happened that my eighth grade team was filled with exceptional talent. So much so,

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Adrian Lynch

that parents approached me requesting that something be done for these girls in their last year of middle school after they worked so hard. I sent an email out to Badger Region, whose fall league I became aware of hoping to get a response. Luckily, a staff member named Sara Voigt, the Program Specialist of Badger Region reached out to me with an offer. She was opening up a spot for my girls to play on one condition: they could not be associated with any school.

This proved to be the perfect storm in a time when it seemed like we might have to disband the program. The Badger Region after the fall season, offered a grant for me to start a club of my own.

So now, I set about developing my own program with the skills I had gained creating one in a school. We decided to call ourselves Reinas de La Cancha, Queens of the Court, a name representative of the community that I had served for so long.

There were many bumps in the road that come with starting a new club, and this was

no exception. But the one ace I had up my sleeve was the longstanding relationships I had developed with the families I served. For many of them, I had taught and coached all the members of their family and watched them grow up.

Fast forward three years, and an email appears in my inbox from Jennifer Armson-Dyer, the Executive Director for BRVA, inquiring if I wanted to be the person chosen to go to the American Volleyball Coaches Association Convention in Omaha, Neb.

I was nominated for the AVCA Diversity Award, and joined the 2022 Diversity Award Class. Although I felt honored and excited, I felt so nervous prior to my trip to Omaha. I knew I would be surrounded by incredible levels of talented individuals and worried how I would stack up to them.

Looking at the award recipients some of my trepidation was confirmed. Many of these nominees were expert professional volleyball players who both played and coached at high levels all around the country. Yet here I was, this simple middle and high school club coach with no professional playing experience being ranked among them.

During my first encounter with them at dinner that evening we traded stories about our experiences to get to this point. I was shocked to find that not only did they want to hear my story, but that they were impressed with what I accomplished. After this kindness, I felt at home and as though I were accepted by my peers. As I got to know them through-

out this time, I am happy to say that I formed long-lasting relationships with all of them. We still all keep in contact to share our triumphs and ask for advice. I consider myself so lucky that I can count such amazing people among my friends.

Throughout that weekend, I felt that I was a sponge absorbing information. My new knowledge grew so much that I found myself filling up a whole notebook of notes with new ideas and how to teach these ideas to my coaching staff. I am forever grateful for the region, both for taking a chance on my girls, and then taking a chance on me. Without them, I don't know that I ever would have had such levels of success or met the people I know now.

I never set out to enact great change, defy stereotypes, or win awards. I simply saw a need in a community and a small injustice I felt ought to be corrected. Just like the mustard seed grows into a great tree, we don't always know what great outcome can come from the small effort of one man.

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 in January and will continue through April. See the tips below:

Coaching tips:

* **Feb. 10:** A sample of a practice plan that

you can bring into your gym. (<u>Click here</u>) * **Feb. 3**: How to set up your practices around a weekly practice planner (<u>Click</u> here)

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

* Jan. 20: Serving Progression for young athletes (<u>Click here</u>)

Recruiting tips:

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

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, <u>click</u>

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.

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.

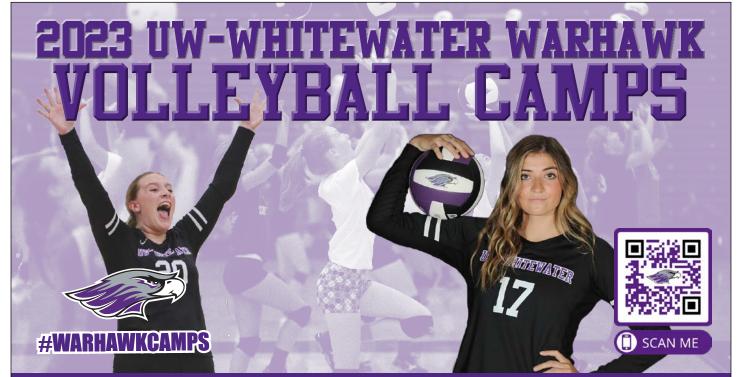
Eligible seniors must be current members and serve as an athlete, coach or official in the Badger Region for the 2022-23 season. The deadline for application is April 21, 2023.

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.



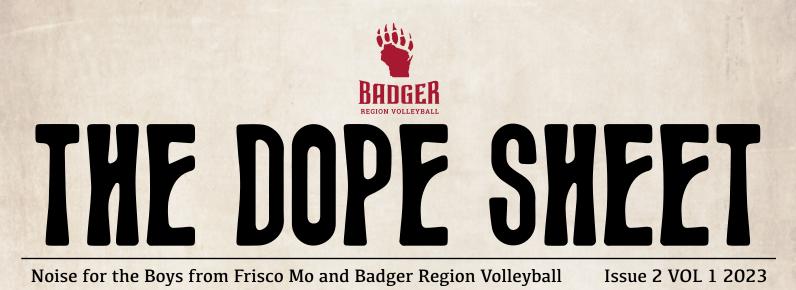
All Skills Camps 5 Sessions

> Session One July 6 - 8, 2023

Session Two July 9 - 11, 2023

Session Three July 12 - 14, 2023 Session Four July 16 - 18, 2023

Session Five July 19 - 21, 2023 Position Camp July 19 - 21, 2023



Want Coaches to Find You? THEN YOU'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

Name a job that you've gotten that you didn't apply for. Unless your folks own a business or your neighbors need some lawn care work, I'm guessing you can't. Think of getting recruited by college coaches as applying for a job. What will you need?

First, a resume. Make one. This is a one-sheet overview of you. Include information on your academics, your athletics and your work history. List the qualifications, skills, awards and accolades you've received. Do you volunteer anywhere? Put that in there. What responsibilities have you had? A resume shows a prospective coach what you can do. Have you worked and played volleyball and kept a good GPA? Can you balance your time well? Important things for coaches to know.

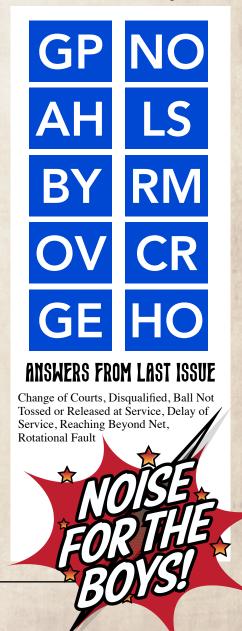
Next, write a purpose statement. Put together a few sentences of what you want to accomplish as a student athlete. It can include academic and athletic goals. Share your talent stack. What's that? A talent stack is what you're good at. Is it work ethic, communication, your volleyball IQ? Tell them the things that set you apart.

Finally, where do you fit in on team? Check their roster. Learn about the majors and academic programs offered. Take time to learn about the area the school is in and why it works for you. If you're going far from home, do you have family nearby? Have you spent time there in the past? Coaches want to invest in student-athletes that are prepared and ask insightful questions, that know where they fit in the program and have an academic plan for success after volleyball.



WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Name the USAV Regions and the states they represent. Answers in the next issue of The Dope Sheet.



That's the straight dope from Frisco Mo!

NEXT ISSUE: HOW MANY COLLEGES SHOULD I CONTACT?

High Performance All-Star program FAQs

As you have probably seen in our newsletter, website and social media, the 2023 Badger Region High Performance All-Star program has announced the start date of its offerings for the season.

If you have been a keen follower of all things relating to this program, you may have noticed FOUR huge changes for the upcoming season

* The name of the program has changed. We are now Badger Region Region HP All-Stars (to better reflect the end-of-year tournament that we will attend called the USA All-Star Championships that takes place in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for the 2023 season)

* The boys age definitions have changed to reflect a change that happened across all international volleyball tournaments * The naming convention for all teams has changed (no more Youth or Select names will be used in 2023)

* We have added a girls U13 (Future Select) team that will train and compete as part of the program, just like the older boys and girls age group.

The HP All-Star program is a collection of talent from across the state, coached by high-level and experienced coaches to get a great camp experience and ultimately earn a spot to compete at the national tournament against other regions from across the country and the world.

Still have questions? We will also be hosting a Lunch & Learn session in Feb. 28 to talk everyone through the many new aspects of the program. Have questions? Contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

AGE DEFINITIONS

Every two years, the age definitions for what athletes are eligible for are updated by the FIVB – the international governing body of the sport of volleyball. These age definitions govern High Performance All Star programs across all Regions and USA Volleyball because the culminating event that takes place in late July is in fact an international tournament and therefore makes the age definitions consistent throughout the world. Therefore, the Badger Region must abide by these age definitions, which don't allow for age waivers.

What are this year's Badger Region offerings?

* 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)

*Note, these are not the same age definitions as used by USA Volleyball, as the All-Star program is an international program and must follow FIVB age regulations. * For males born in 2008, coaches will happily consider them for the U17 team.

Why are the age divisions set up like this?

The FIVB sets up the birth-year based age definitions. In the US, age definitions are set up mostly by "grade in school." However, other countries do not have the same school systems as the US, thus making the birth-year based age definitions a more level playing field. In addition, in many international competitions, a team (or athlete) must qualify for an international championship in the first year of the cycle and then compete for the title in the second year of the cycle. We do not have to qualify for the USA All-Star Championships, but the model is set up in two-year cycles just like other international events.

If my son or daughter is no longer eligible for any of the Badger Region age divisions, what other options does he or she have?

Some of the highest-level athletes may receive invitation to the USA Volleyball National Team Development Program. Since those programs are only for the most elite of athletes, we suggest looking into elite-level collegiate camps at schools around the country.



TRYOUTS

Regardless of which program you are eligible for, some sort of tryout is required (whether it be in-person or via a video submission). To register for tryouts, <u>click here</u>.

When are tryouts for the 2023 Badger Region High Performance All-Star program?

* Girls U17 — formerly International Youth (Born in 2006 and 2007): March 10 (6-8:30 p.m. at the Wisconsin Center)

* Girls U15 — formerly National Select (Born in 2008, 2009): March 17 (6-8:30 p.m. at the Wisconsin Center)

* Girls U13 — formerly Future Select (Born in 2010, 2011): March 17 (6-8:30 p.m. at the Wisconsin Center)

* Boys U19 — formerly National Youth (Born in 2004 and 2005): April 23 at the New Berlin SportsPlex

* Boys U17 — formerly National Select (Born in 2006-2008): April 23 at the New Berlin SportsPlex

What are the costs to try out?

* In-person tryouts cost \$40 * Video-only tryouts cost \$30

If an athlete cannot attend his or her in-person tryout date, the video-only tryout is required. Videos are due one week before the athlete's tryout date listed above. Registration for in-person tryout closes the Wednesday before the tryout date listed above.



What should the tryout video consist of?

Tryout videos should be no longer than 5 minutes consisting of edits from match film. Skills videos of athletes doing one skill for extended periods of time should be avoided. If you feel it is best to showcase specific skills (athlete setting, or attacking, or serving, or blocking), it is best to bunch those clips together. Questions about videos can be directed to brian@badgervolleyball. org. A URL to the video is all that is needed. Do not attach or send the video as a whole.

On average, how many athletes try out for HP, and how many athletes are brought to the next step?

* Girls U17: 105 (32 total athletes accepted) * Girls U15: 120 (32 total athletes accepted) * Girls U13: Unknown (32 total athletes accepted to camp * Boys U19: 50 (24 total athletes accepted) * Boys National Select: 60 (24 total athletes accepted)

We have been told by many parents that even attending tryouts was valuable for their child to experience this type of high-intensity tryout and the competition it offers.

TRAINING DATES

The Boys HP program utilizes the "downtime" in May and June to offer some training for its teams. Girls on the other hand wait until the conclusion of USAV and AAU National Championships to train and select its teams.

Boys

Boys will be brought to two different one-day training sessions in May and June. Dates/locations have not been determined for this year. The cost for these two events is \$175 total.

After the two training dates, 10 athletes from each age group (youth and select), plus alternates, will be

selected to come to the overnight camp at Lakeland University. Cost for the overnight camp is \$275 which includesw food and lodging.

Girls

Girls will be brought to a three-day, two-night overnight night camp at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh July 9-11. Cost for this camp is \$475 and includes lodging and meals.

After the camp, 10 athletes from each group, plus alternates, will train at the New Berlin SportsPlex on Sunday, July 17. There is no additional cost for this training date. The team departs for Fort Lauderdale, the next day.

TRAVEL TEAMS

Ten athletes from each age group will be selected to represent the Badger Region and the state of Wisconsin at the USA All-Star Championships taking place in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., July 20-23.

What are the travel arrangements for the athletes who make the team?

Flights and hotels are arranged by Badger Region staff and HP All-Star coaches. Essentially, this is handled like a college program. Athletes and coaches will depart from Milwaukee's Mitchell Airport on Tuesday, July 18, and will return Monday, July 24. Parents are responsible for dropping off their kids at the time and location that will be specified by the Badger Region staff, and picking up their kids at the airport upon return of the inbound flight. Flight itineraries will be given ahead of time. Athletes will be transported to and from the airport/hotel/playing facility/meals in Fort Lauderdale throughout the week, organized by the Badger Region. Flights and hotel are chosen by Badger Region staff and HP All-Star coaches. Essentially, this trip will be handled like a college program, where the Badger Region staff and team coaches are responsible for the team for the duration of the event.

If an athlete makes the final roster that travels to Fort Lauderdale, what additional costs are there?

Final costs are still being worked on as hotel and flight arrangements are still pending. In the past, this cost has been between \$600 and \$700 per person. This cost includes plane flights, all ground transportation for the week, hotel (four to a room), a



warmup shirt (to keep) as well program costs for jerseys, coaches, etc. The only other costs that athletes incur is the cost of food that they purchase at the grocery stores or at restaurants. Only a limited number of team meals are provided by the Badger Region.

What are the expectations of the travel team at the USA All-Star Championships?

The goal of the teams who compete at the international tournament is to medal in their respective divisions while also accomplishing the following throughout the process:

* Expose athletes to high-level college (NCAA and NAIA) recruiters who attend the international tournament.

* Offer a college-like sports experience where athletes learn what it is like to be treated like an elite-level athlete.

* Be a part of independent travel experience led by highly certified Badger Region staff and HP Coaches

* Gain exposure to elite level coaching provided by the Midwest's highest-level club and college coaches.

* Compete and train alongside

other all-star caliber athletes from around the Badger Region.

* Play against other all-star teams from around the country and the world

Do parents have to come to the tournament?

No. The Badger Region staff and its coaches serve as chaperones for the event. If the parents attend the All-Star Championships, they are allowed to take their son or daughter back home (or to another destination) at the conclusion of the tournament, after giving written permission. Parents are welcome to attend the event, but are asked to understand that the teams will be doing things as a group, so there are minimal, if any, chances to have "family time." This experience differs greatly from a traditional club tournament where players go with their family when the team isn't playing. During the All-Star Championship, it isn't a vacation. It is expected that the team remains together, preparing for matches and taking care of themselves with sleep, hydration and food. There may be opportunities for parents to help coordinate team meals or a few events or outings, but that would be for the entire group at a time determined by the coaches.

GIRLS HP ALL-STAR COACHING STAFF

* Girls U17 International Youth Head Coach: Abbey Sutherland (UW-Green Bay) * Girls U17 International Youth Assistant Coach: Scott Spiess (Badger Region) * Girls U17 International Youth Assistant Coach: Amber Needham (UW-La Crosse)

* Girls U15 National Select Head Coach: Jon Ellmann (UW-Oshkosh) * Girls U15 National Select Assistant Coach: Leigh Barea (UW-Parkside) * Girls U15 National Select Assistant Coach: Amy Angelos (Madtown Juniors)

* Girls U13 Future Select Head Coach: Emily Riese (Fond du Lac Fusion/UW-Green Bay grad.) * Girls U13 Future Select Assistant Coach: Kayla Blaguski (Fond du Lac Fusion/ Troy University grad.) * Girls U13 Future Select Assistant Coach: Maizie Wenger (Fond du Lac Fusion)

Girls Team Rep: Sara Voigt

BOYS HP ALL-STAR COACHING STAFF

* U19 National Youth Head Coach: JW Kieckhefer (Carthage College) * U19 National Youth Asst. Coach: Curtis Madson (Concordia University Wisconsin) * U19 National Youth Asst. Coach: BJ Bryant (St. Norbert College)

* U17 National Select Head Coach: Shane Reid (MSOE) * U17 National Select Asst. Coach: Mike Endsley (Wisconsin Lutheran College/* MVC)

* U17 National Select Asst. Coach: Mike Stevens (Carthage College, Southport VBC) * Boys Team Rep: Brian Sharkey



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

Second weekend of Power League coming Feb. 11-12

The 14-Elite, 16-Elite and 18-Elite divisions of the Badger Region Power League will wrap up their BRPL season this weekend at multiple sites in Wisconsin.

In addition the Regional and Select divisions across all ages will be competing, too.

New this year, the Badger Region will announce an All-Power League team and award honors for Top Attacker, Top Defender, Top Setter and Top Server for the 2023 season. Awards will be given in all 16s and 18s divisions.

These awards are voted on by the coaches in each respective division. The awards will be announced the week of Feb. 13 after the conclusion of the Elite divisions on Feb. 12.

Awards for the Regional and Select divisions will be announced after the conclusion of their competition on April 1-2.

For a look at the coach-nominated Badger Region Watchlist announced in early January, click here.

Have questions about the Badger Region Power League? Contact us at membership@badgervolleyball.org.



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

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- **Twitter:** @BadgerRegionVB
- 💿 Instagram: @BadgerRegionVB

🖵 Website: www.badgervolleyball.org

- Pinterest: /BadgerRegionVol
- YouTube: /Badger RegionVolleyball



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I believe in my teammates, my coaches , and our program

Accountable I take personal responsibility for my words and my actions



PTIMISTIC I expect positive outcomes, even during challenging times



MPROVING

I am putting in the work to become a better version of myself





I am energetic and passionate about the sport I play

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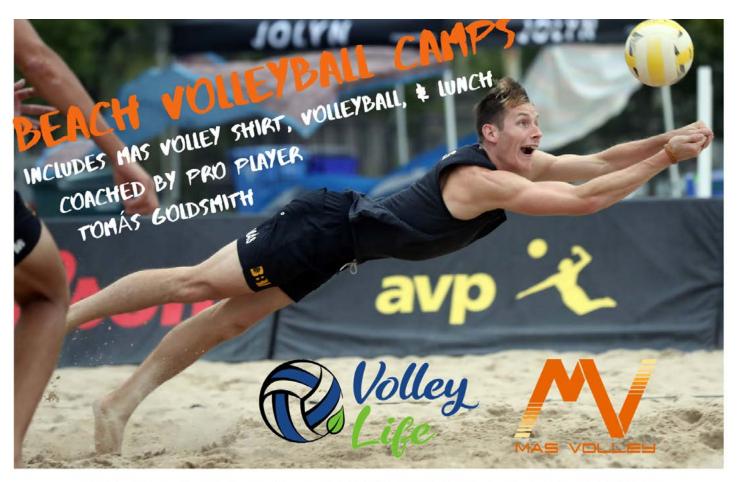


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For more information or register at: susiejohnsonvolleyball.com

In accordance with NCAA rules, all UWM camps/clinics are open to any and all entrants (limited only by number of participants, age, grade level and/or gender).





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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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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 outof-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

svstem.

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: <u>https://</u><u>universityathlete.com/</u> 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 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

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

- * Communication via the Badger **Region Ref Bulletin**
- * Once certified, officials can earn
 - * At Badger Region hosted events, rates are as follows: * Provisional: \$30/
 - match

MEMBERSHIP COSTS BREAKDOWN

dedicated to assigning, training,

recruiting and working with offi-

cials in the Badger Region office

League, Badger Boys Series

* Mentoring and ad-

throughout the year

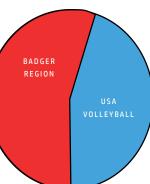
etc.

\$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 liability insurance, training

materials created for the purposed of na-

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

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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



SAFESPORT

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).

vancement opportunities * Dedicated full-time staff

* Regional: \$32/match

- * Junior National: \$34/match
- * National: \$35/match

* Training opportunities exist in the classroom, scrimmages, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball \$30 (or more per match)



USAV DIVISIONS FOR GJNCS IN 2023

NEW DIVISIONS ADDED TO CURRENT HIERARCHY; QUALIFICATION EXPLAINED

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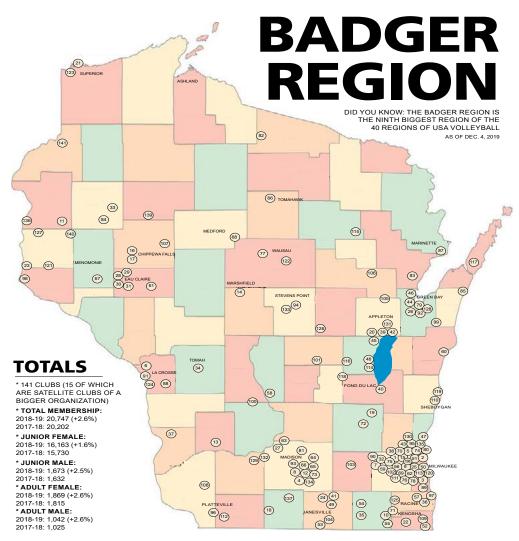
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DIVISION

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.

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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-</u> 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 badgerrefchair@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: <u>https://smile.</u> 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?

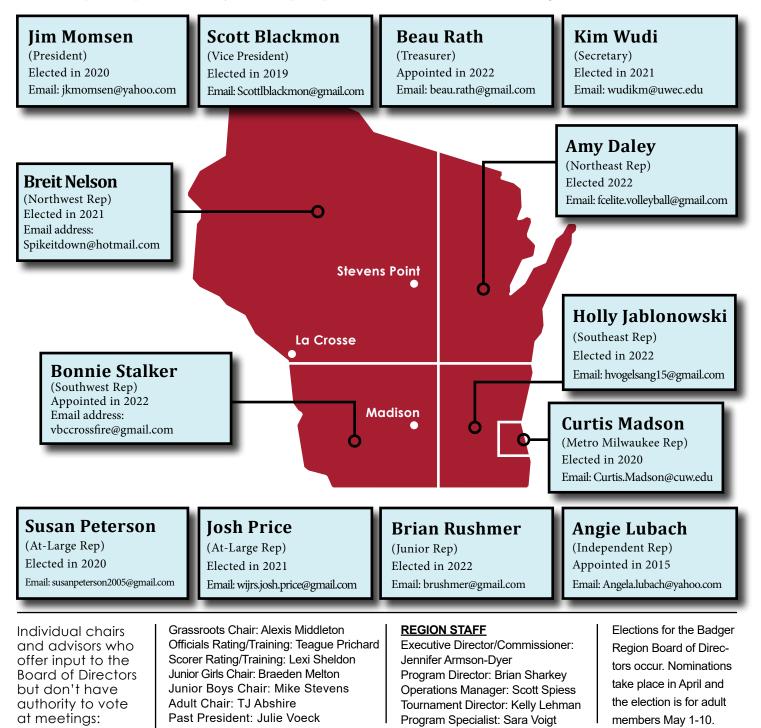
The Badger Region Volleyball Association is governed by a Board of Directors that must be elected by members on a regular basis. Area reps serve three-year terms, while members of the executive board serve fouryear terms.

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

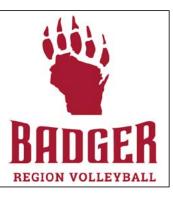
Feb. 18: Free middle school boys volleyball clinic after the 1 p.m. men's volleyball match at Concordia University Wisconsin. <u>Register here</u>.

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.

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

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JUNE 12-16

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JULY 10-11 MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

JULY 14-16 TEAM CAMP





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CAMP 2 - GIRLS COMPETITION CAMP - JUNE 12 TO JUNE 14 GIRLS ENTERING 7TH-12TH GRADE

CAMP 3 - GIRLS ALL SKILLS CAMP II - JUNE 28 TO JUNE 30 GIRLS ENTERING 4TH-12TH GRADE

CAMP 4 - GIRLS ELITE POSITIONAL/I.D. CAMP - JULY 9 TO JULY 11 GIRLS ENTERING 7TH-12TH GRADE

CAMP 5 - BOYS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CAMP - JULY 31 TO AUGUST 2 Boys Entering 7th-12th grade

CAMP 6 - GIRLS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CAMP - AUGUST 9 TO AUGUST 12 GIRLS ENTERING 4TH-12TH GRADE



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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

2023 WIAA SANCTIONED HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS

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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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VOLLEYBALL R SUMMER CAMP July 29-30



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