

Club volleyball is the opportunity to play the sport outside of the middle school and high school seasons to increase skills and have fun.

Players join individual clubs, who operate their own programming, hold tryouts and compete in tournaments.

Those clubs belong to Badger Region Volleyball Association, and the Badger Region is a proud member of USA Volleyball.



WHAT IS USA VOLLEYBALL & THE BADGER REGION?



USA Volleyball (USAV) is recognized worldwide as the the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States — the same organization that oversees our Olympic teams. The mission of USAV is to lead, serve and grow all areas (boys, girls, adults, beach, sitting, etc.) of the sport of volleyball. The group operates girls, boys, adult, High Performance and beach national championships. It is also the source of numerous education resources such as IMPACT, coaching education, SafeSport and officials training that is filtered down to the various member regions.

The **Badger Region Volleyball Association** is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to promoting initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences. It is governed by a Board of Directors elected by its members, five staff employees and numerous advisors. The Badger Region develops programming to enhance the experience of junior clubs, adult clubs, officials, tournament directors and other members the Region serves. In addition, the group enforces policies enacted by USAV and acts as a liaison between members and USAV.

Some costs can include:

Badger Region membership: \$55

(Dues go to coaching education, officials training, administration, Region promotion, insurance, membership tracking programs, website and SafeSport training)

Tryout fees: \$0-\$50

(Each club sets its own tryout fees to offset costs of facilities, coaches pay, t-shirts, etc.)

Club dues: Range from \$200-\$3,000+

(Each organization sets its own club dues used to pay for tournament entry fees, coaches/administration, jerseys/gear, equipment, travel and food reimbursements for staff, coaching certifications/registrations, and other costs incurred by the club.)

Other costs: Vary

(Families should ask clubs if hotels or other overnight travel is included in the cost of the clubs and how a club handles team travel. Some clubs might also require certain spirit wear, training gear or balls to be purchased by athletes.)

When are tryouts?

Each club sets its tryout date and times. Here are the earliest they can be:

Boys & girls 14 years old (and younger): Usually the first weekend in October.

Boys & girls 15-18 years old: Usually the second weekend in November
(Saturday after WIAA Tournament concludes)

Athletes are permitted to attend tryouts at more than one club if they so choose.

Will club volleyball help me get recruited?

As with anything in life, athletes have to want to work to achieve goals such as playing volleyball in college. Some clubs are able to assist with the process more than others. Great question to ask your potential clubs.

Questions to ask potential clubs:

- * What are your athletes future goals with the sport?
- * Who will be my coach?
- * Is this a regional or a national club?
- * Can I be a multi-sport athlete and play here?
- * What is the size of each team? How big is the club?
- * What level of competition will the club offer at the various tournaments on the schedule?
- * What is the club's philosophy about playing time or missing events?
- * When/where is practice?
- * How much travel is there?

When does the club season start and end?

The season starts as soon as teams are formed in October or November. Some clubs end their seasons in March or April, while others play all the way until early July.