

CHAMPS 2024 HAS ARRIVED; TIME TO DIG PINK

By **Jim Momsen**
Badger Region Board President

Greetings everyone!

The Badger Region Championships tournament is now in its 20th year! It has truly become the marquee event in the Badger Region, and grown significantly since the first edition that featured all age groups, including adults, competing on 24 courts in one weekend!!

The 2024 edition of The Badger Region Championships is, by far, the **BIGGEST EVER!** We'll have 754 teams competing across the three weekends, at multiple locations and venues.

Week 1 will feature Girls 11s & 12s = 104 teams (41 clubs)

Week 2 will consist of the Girls 13 (Badger/Wisconsin) and all 14s, 15s, and all Boys = 432 teams (63 clubs)

Week 3 will be the Girls 13s (Open/Club) and all Girls 16s-18s = 218 teams (51 clubs)

Note that the above numbers do not include the participants in the 10th annual Dale Rohde Memorial Boy's Tournament which was conducted the weekend of March 3-4 in Madison.

This year's Badger Region Championships again focus on **GIVING BACK** to the **COMMUNITY!**

We are going **ALL-IN** on fundraising for the Side-Out Foundation this year. Each Saturday of the Badger Region Championships,

teams are encouraged to Dig Pink and wear pink jerseys, socks, hair ribbons and whatever else they can find. Teams have been raising money through donation portals, and the Region pre-sold Dig Pink event shirts in advance (don't worry, they will be sold on site as well). Plus, all proceeds from the Badger Region rummage sale will benefit the Side-Out Foundation, too!

A long list of THANK YOU'S!!

The Badger Region would like to thank everyone who is involved in setting up and conducting the tournament.

A big thanks to 1) Kelly Lehman, Badger Region Tournament Director for his great job of organizing the weekends and putting together the playing schedule for all three

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BADGER REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS: THINGS TO KNOW

Spectators

Cost for spectators is \$10 for a one-day pass or \$20 for a weekend pass for the Badger Region Championships. All tickets must be purchased online and shown on a phone or device.

- * March 8-9 tickets ([Click here](#))
- * March 16-17 tickets ([Click here](#))
- * March 23-24 tickets ([Click here](#))

Spectators must adhere to the Spectator Code of Conduct ([click here](#))

Facilities/Schedules

* **Weekend 1:** Champion Center (Appleton)
5000 W. Champion Drive

* **Weekend 2 Site No. 1:** Baird Center (Milwaukee) — 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.

* **Weekend 2 Site No. 2:** Resch Expo Center (Green Bay) — 840 Armed Forces Dr.

* **Weekend 2 Site No. 3:** Sports Advantage Center (Green Bay) — 807 Parkview Road

* **Weekend 3:** Baird Center (Milwaukee) — 400 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Team check-in

Team reps or coaches for teams competing in the Badger Region Championships must check in online before the event. Stop by the check-in table to receive



your coach wristbands (required for entry) and gifts either Friday before or Saturday morning at each location.

Parking

Parking is available (at a cost) in structures and surface lots

around all facilities on all weekends. Parking is free in Appleton. There is no designated locations for Badger Region Championship participants. For more on parking in MKE, click here: <https://bairdcenter.com/attendees/parking/>

Concessions

Concessions are available in all locations. In Milwaukee, options are as follows: Buzz Coffee (7 a.m. to 3 p.m.), Super Bowls (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Smokin Jacks Tqueria (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.), Mil-WOK-ee (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), Pizza Shuttle (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.), general concessions stands (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and heavenly nuts (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Awards

Awards will be given for first, second, and third place (only) in the gold bracket for the Badger Region Championships. Teams receiving medals will get a sheet to bring to the championship desk. Teams finishing in first, second or third place will receive team plaque.

Roster rules

Each player is required to wear the same jersey number throughout the entire event. This applies to all players, including the libero position. Players are allowed to compete in only ONE weekend of the Badger Region Championships. Once play begins, no roster additions will be allowed. Exceptions must be emailed to and confirmed by the Badger Region Staff at least three days in advance.



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weekends. 2) the other members of our Badger Region staff - Jennifer Armson-Dyer, Brian Sharkey, Scott Spiess, and Sara Voigt, along with all the volunteers who will assist them at the Championships.

Many of our Badger Region Board of Directors will be on-site performing various roles including coaching, officiating, and Championship Staff duties. In addition,

we thank Sara Voigt - Referee Assigner, John Nelson - Badger Region Referee Liaison to USAV, and Erin Stalker - Scorer Liaison to USAV for coordinating our officials and scorers. 3) To our entire cadre of officials and scorers for their dedication and excellent work.



A very big thank you goes out to the Wisconsin Center District, VISIT Milwaukee, The Resch Center in Green Bay, and all our hotel partners for coordinating the arrangements in the convention centers and hotels, respectively.

I'd also like to thank our sponsors and vendors for the event:

- * Fine Designs
- * ChiroOne Health and Wellness
- * Sporty Girl Accessories
- * Slunks Sportswear
- * Kendra Scott
- * Side-Out Foundation

The biggest thank you goes to the parents, players, and coaches without whom we would

not have such a fun and successful event in the Badger Region year in and year out. It is their dedication, hard work, and encouragement that enable us to run events like this!

I'd like to emphasize the "have fun" part of the weekends by promoting good sportsmanship, from not only the coaches and players, but from the parents and spectators as well. Cheer for great plays by all the teams, whether your relative is on the team that made the great play, or it was made by their opponents.

Also, if you have strong feelings about the calls that our officials make and feel you could do a better job, come on over to the Championship Desk and we'll outline the requirements for becoming a certified USAV official and be glad to take your application (hey, that's how I got started!).

As outgoing Badger Region Board President (yes, I'll be stepping aside as Badger Region Board President at the end of the 2023-24 season), after helping to successfully navigate through many years of COVID impacted volleyball and other challenges.

I'd also personally like to thank everyone within Badger Region whether they have been around for a (very) long time or are a first-year member. I have truly appreciated all your support, input, suggestions for improvement, and discussions as we have adapted to both new and ongoing challenges and changes and have emerged better and stronger - and are recognized as one of the best Regions in USAV. I see nothing but future growth and success for Badger Region in particular, and volleyball in general.

Best of luck to all the teams competing in the tournament!

2 BUSY WEEKENDS IN MILWAUKEE

March 15

- FISERV: Sam Hunt concert

March 16

- FISERV: Olivia Rodrigo concert

March 17

- FISERV: Milwaukee Bucks vs. Phoenix Suns (Noon)

March 22

- FISERV: WWE Smackdown
- FISERV: We Them Ones Comedy Tour

March 23

- ARENA: Milwaukee Admirals hockey vs. Henderson Silver Knights (6 p.m.)

March 24

- ARENA: Milwaukee Admirals hockey vs. Henderson Silver Knights (3 p.m.)
- FISERV: Milwaukee Bucks vs. Oklahoma City Thunder (6 p.m.)

Look for other things to do by [clicking here](#).

Athletes encouraged to make University Athlete account

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/> and fill out the free athlete profile.

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RULES OF PLAY

The 2023-25 USA Volleyball Regulations for Domestic Competition will be in effect. A step-in line WILL be used for select 12-and-under divisions. (For the complete rules, see our region website, www.badgervolleyball.org, under “officials.”)

TEAM WORK CREW RESPONSIBILITIES

The Badger Region will schedule a first referee for each match. Work teams must supply a second referee, libero tracker, assistant scorer (scoreboard) and two line judges for each match that they are assigned. For each minute the work team is late or incomplete in their assignment, one point will be given to their next opponent (up to 25-0 forfeit). A second offense will result in the loss of your next match. For the safety of all participants and spectators during junior competition, when one team has the exclusive use of the court, the other team should assist with shagging balls.



PROTESTS

If a protest needs to be filed, it is to be done at the time of the incident, not later or at the conclusion of the match. The protest must be written on the score sheet by the official scorer or the R1, and must be signed by the person presenting the protest, the captains, as well as the R1.

A protest committee formed by our Head Official will handle any protests prior to the next service. The committee will be formed from officials who are not working, available board members, staff and/or site directors. All decisions by the Protest Committee will be final. Judgment calls may not be protested. Protests will only be considered for situations outlined in the USAV Rule Book.

MATCH FORMAT, WARM-UPS, PLAYING SCHEDULE, TIEBREAKERS

The first two rounds of play, warm-ups will be 2-4-4 (2 minutes of shared ball handling followed by 4 minutes for each team beginning with the serving team). Teams must serve within their court time. All attacking will be toward the Convention Center walls if possible.

The warm-up time for each match will begin immediately upon the completion of the previous match. The match will begin at the end of the official warm-up time. We ask coaches and their teams to monitor the progress on their court as matches will begin early if a match does not use up their allotted time period. Matches will begin early unless it is the first match of a “new wave” of athletes coming in the gym.

All pool play matches will be played best two out of three sets. The first 2 sets are to 25 rally score points. Any required third sets will be one set to 15 with rally scoring points. There are no caps in any of the sets being played. There will be no changing sides this year.

If AES says “No Future Matches Scheduled” for playing or working purposes, that means that something is not finalized yet from your Day 1 pool. Be patient and make sure you know exactly when your next match (work or play) is set to take place. It might be later on Day 1.

Again this year: There will be no tiebreaker matches played at the 2024 Badger Region Championships. If three teams are tied in match record, set percentage will be used to determined final standings in pool play.

DO NOT RELOCATE CHAIRS AT ANY TIME. A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CHAIRS ARE PRESENT AT EACH COURT AND ARE ONLY FOR THE SPECTATORS (NOT ATHLETES). CHAIRS FROM OUTSIDE THE BUILDING ARE NOT ALLOWED PER ORDER OF THE FIRE MARSHALL.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION (FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY)

The people working at Championship Desk will be able to help you out if you have any questions about the tournament. Please don't hesitate to ask, we are here to make sure your team has a great tournament.

Kelly Lehman	Tournament Director	kelly@badgervolleyball.org	262-470-0837
Jen Armson-Dyer	Executive Director	jarmsondyer@badgervolleyball.org	414-507-1124
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Scott Spiess (rosters)	Operations Manager	scott@badgervolleyball.org	414-303-5624
Brian Sharkey (all other)	Program Director:	brian@badgervolleyball.org	414-313-9055



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Summer camps and advertising information available

A table will be set up near the Championships Desk for clubs/colleges/universities to put out promotional materials for summer camps or other offerings they might have.

All materials must be pre-approved by the Region for display. Certain clubs and schools have paid to circulate their brochures at the championships and in the Badger Beacon newsletter.

Please respect their property and only take brochures if you are seriously considering attending a camp or summer offering. This is the only location flyers can be placed. All others will be discarded. Brochures are limited.

Badger Region Staff will be updating its website (www.badgervolleyball.org) along with its social media (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/Snapchat) throughout the weekends of the championships. If you are taking photos, send them to brian@badgervolleyball.org and we will make sure to add them to the pages that we will be publishing. Also use the hashtag #BRChamps2024 when posting.



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USAV/Badger Region Volleyball SPECTATOR/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT



I WILL:

- I WILL abide by the official rules of USA Volleyball.
- I WILL display good sportsmanship at all times.
- I WILL encourage my child and his/her team, regardless of the outcome on the court.
- I WILL educate myself on the unique rules of this facility.
- I WILL honor the rules of the host and the host facility.
- I WILL generate goodwill by being polite and respectful to those around me at this event.
- I WILL direct my child to speak directly with his/her coach when coaching decisions are made that may be confusing or unclear.
- I WILL re-direct any negative comments from others to the respective Event Director or Program Administrator.
- I WILL direct all concerns regarding officials to the Head Coach or Club Director for my team/club as opposed to contacting the Head Official directly.
- I WILL immediately notify the Event Director and/or Program Administrator in the event that I witness any illegal activity.
- I WILL support the policies and guidelines of the team/club that I represent.
- I WILL positively acknowledge effort and good performance for both teams, remembering that all of the players in this event are amateur athletes.
- I WILL model exemplary spectator behavior while attending this event.
- I WILL respect the history and tradition of the sport of volleyball by being a good ambassador.

I WILL NOT:

- I WILL NOT harass or intimidate the officials, Line Judges, or Scorekeepers.
- I WILL NOT coach my child from the bleachers and/or sidelines.
- I WILL NOT criticize my child's coach or his/her teammates.
- I WILL NOT participate in any game or game-like activities – including on-court ball shagging - unless I have a current membership card with USA Volleyball.
- I WILL NOT bring and/or carry any firearms at any USA Volleyball/Region event.
- I WILL NOT bring, purchase, or consume alcohol at any Youth/Junior volleyball event.

Event management may refuse admission to, or eject without refund, anyone who is deemed disorderly, or who fails to comply with these guidelines or any and all security measures and laws.

Spectators assume all risks incident to the game, or related events and activities, including the risk of lost, stolen, or damaged property or personal injury.