



REGION REF BULLETIN

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Ref training resumes in fall

Officials training and recertification will start back up for the 2024-25 season after Sept. 1. Mandatory in-person and Zoom meeting dates will be announced at that time along with the new online module training through the USAV Academy.

Regional Advancement interest form will be available on Oct. 1 with Regional camp dates announced during the first and last weekend of Badger Power League.

Line judges sought for 2025 All-Star event

We are looking for line judges for USA All-Star Championships the Badger Region is hosting in Madison in 2025!

If you are interested in line judging All Star Champs July 24-27, 2025, send Sara an email at sara@badgervolleyball.org. Line judge training will be scheduled in Spring 2025 for everyone in preparation of the event (dates to be announced later).

A limited number of R1 and R2 selections will be made by a later time.



Rick Jones



Gary Miedema

Jones, Miedema show 'perfect attendance' at Region's big events

Rick Jones and Gary Miedema are regulars at all of the Badger Region-hosted events every year. We wanted to take a moment to recognize Rick and Gary for everything they do to give back.

Rick and Gary worked both Saturday and Sunday of every Badger Region-hosted event including Badger Region Championships, all three weekends of the Badger Region Power League and Badger Region Qualifier/Dale Rohde Memorial Tournament. They also officiated Friday night of Wisconsin Volleyball Conference

Championships before heading into the last weekend of Power League.

Rick and Gary were also a part of our officials mentoring group and helped the region with the training of our new officials.

The Badger Region wanted to acknowledge these two dedicated officials and everything they do for our tournament directors, athletes, coaches, and officials in Badger Region.

As a token of the Region's appreciation for their dedication, both Gary and Rick received a Badger Region ref bag. Thank you both for your service.

Mark your calendars

Start saving these dates on your calendar for the Badger Region-hosted events slated for the 2024-25 season. Here is what we know at the present time:

Feb. 22-23, 2025: Dale Rhode Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament (Baird Center, Milwaukee)

March 1-2, 2025: Badger Region Girls Qualifier (Baird Center, Milwaukee)

March 15-16, 2025: Badger Region Championships (Baird Center, Milwaukee)

March 22-23, 2025: Badger Region Championships (Baird Center, Milwaukee)

July 24-27: USA All-Star Championships (Alliant Energy Center, Madison)

Events still to be scheduled include:

* Badger Boys Series (two dates)

* Badger Region Power League (three dates)

Can't wait to see everyone back on the court in the 2024-25 season.

Info regarding the official's seat on Board of Directors

After our last strategic planning meeting in May 2022, the board decided to reorganize for succession and representation. With that came the dedication of an officials-specific seat on the board, which has been occupied by Jim Momsen concurrently with his President role.

With the end of the term, Jim has decided to not run again to get more time on the golf course and

with his family, but he will still be active in mentoring and advancement as well as in other region areas.

We wanted to make you aware of this change if you had not already seen it, and let you know that nominations are open for all of the board seats until Friday, April 26. Information and the nomination form can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024BRVABODNominationForm>

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The official's seat will be elected solely by officials in good standing, so please look for that additional voting link on May 1 when the election opens. You will receive two links: one for the general election and one for the official's election. It is open until May 10.

A new president will be selected from existing board members by

the board once all positions have been seated.

Besides the Officials seat that is open on the Board of Directors, all adult members can be considered for a spot on the board if they meet the criteria to be the Northwest Rep, Southwest Rep or an At-Large Rep.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Armson-Dyer at jarmsondyer@badgervolleyball.org.



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PROPER ATTIRE AND PROTOCOL

- Officials need to know and wear of- ficial uniform (outer jackets not allowed, unless the white cert ref or unbranded white jacket). If you are confused about what to wear please email sara at sara@ badgervolleyball.org

Other reminders:

- NO spandex pants
- Officials must wear USAV patch at all times when officiating
- Only a small ref bag comes to the court side, must include a rule book and have easy access. Do not bring duffel bags or any other large bags to the court. Ask the tournament director where you can safely leave your belongings.

- Refs ARE responsible to check in with tourney director or head official before going direct to court and before leaving at the end of the day.

- Officials MUST read the pre-read before coming to tourney in advance and are encouraged to print a copy and put in ref bag.

Have questions? Email sara@badger- volleyball.org.

FROM PREVIOUS REF BULLETINS

Shoutouts

Calling all officials: Please send your outstanding work crew nominations to Badger Region program director Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org. Please get their team name, club name and the head coach if possi- ble. We will highlight your nomination and the team on social media and in future newsletters.

Thanks in advance.

Card reporting

If you issue a red card during a Badger Region-sanctioned match, please remember to record it by filling out this form on the Badger Region website. This will help us document repeat offenders and looking for other trends.

Officials uniforms

Badger Region and USA Volleyball officials should start using a new website to order ap- proved apparel for upcoming seasons. The website is: <https://vbofficialsgear.com/> There, you will also find travel accessories, refing accessories and plenty of apparel options.

Finding modules

All ref training modules are live. To access these modules please go into your training academy and search the appropriate certification training (current certification).

To access:

1. Log into Sports Engine
2. Click on Household

3. Click on View profile
4. Click on View details
5. Click on the blue USA Volleyball Acade- my at the top
6. Click on content library
7. Click on search and type in first couple letters needed to do search for your certifica- tion modules

Questions? Email sara@badgervolleyball.org.

BECOME A HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL OFFICIAL!

STUDENT-ATHLETES NEED YOUR HELP SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE PLAYING THE SPORTS THEY LOVE. ADDITIONALLY, THERE'S NO BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO EARN EXTRA PART-TIME INCOME. AS AN OFFICIAL, YOU'LL BE PART OF THE GAME, WITH THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE.

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE ● GIVE BACK TO THE SPORT
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Do's and don'ts on social media

DO be aware that posts on social media are visible to the general public. Even if you limit access to your page to friends, it is likely that your post will be viewed by someone beyond the circle of people you intended to see it.

DO find out your association or league expectations regarding social media. Your association may not have hard and fast rules, but find out if it has an unofficial policy.

DO think twice before you post. If there is anything in your post that could be construed as a criticism of officials, of officials' decisions, or of schools, coaches or athletes...it is better left unsent.

DO assume that your post

will be seen by the two teams you will see in your next game and the teams you worked in your previous game as well as your partner(s) in those games.

DON'T post anything relating to the schools you have worked or will work. It calls your objectivity into question.

DON'T include anything in a post that makes reference to an upcoming assignment. If teams want to find out who is going to be working their game, they should do so through official channels, not your tweet.

DON'T post details about other people's regular season or playoff assignments. Don't use your page as a news service.

DON'T use social media to criticize state or local association policies, assigning practices, etc. DON'T make posts regarding calls made by officials in other games, whatever the level. You and your buddies might debate the call you saw on TV, but debating the call on Facebook, Twitter or other forums and social media is a no-no.

DON'T "friend", "follow" or otherwise interact with student-athletes in any social media forum. Regardless of the intentions, it is risky and unwise for an official to communicate with student athletes, since it could call into question your objectivity or motives.

Set up your direct deposit

Did you know that if you work the Badger Region's marquee events that you can be paid with direct deposit through our accounting company? Yes. You can.

Independent contractors who work the Badger Region Championships, Qualifier, Power League and Dale Rohde Memorial can set up an account and get paid via direct deposit.

[To set up an account through Bill.com, click here.](#)

The system will ask you some questions so follow the prompts, and you will also be asked to confirm your contact information.

The monies worked while officiating, scoring or serving as a lead official, score monitor, etc., can then be deposited electronically. A paper check would not be sent. Through this system, deposits are made roughly three days after they are processed and approved.

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