



REGION REF BULLETIN

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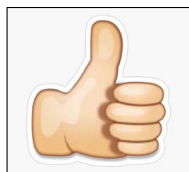
Tell the Region about your great junior work crews

Each week in the Badger Beacon newsletter, the Badger Region recognizes junior work crews who are at the head of the class when it comes to how they executed their duties as a junior work crew.

If you have a junior work crew with an outstanding second referee, a pristine scorebook, or talented line judges who took pride in their duty as part of your refing crew, we want to highlight them.

To do so, send an email to brian@badgervolleyball.org with the name of the club/team, the date and location of the event and any other information to make the story better. These can come from any event (JVA, USAV or AAU) that you work. As long it is a Badger Region team, we will recognize them.

You can also text that information to Brian Sharkey at 414-313-9055.

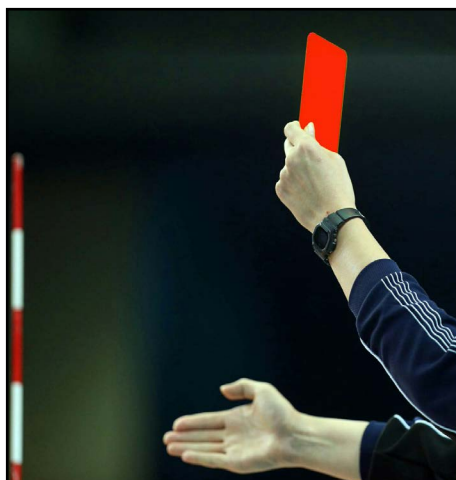


Caught doing good

In addition, the Badger Region has begun a recognition program that allows any individual to “Catch Someone Doing Good.”

Did a coach truly show amazing sportsmanship? Was an athlete’s honesty about a touch call really catch your attention? Did a spectator clean up a coffee spill that wasn’t theirs?

This program is an extension of our Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive program that has been done in year’s past. If you have someone you “Caught Doing Good,” [click here](#) to fill out a brief form.



Sanction-reporting form available on the Badger Region website

The Badger Region is working to track when officials are administering red or yellow cards at Badger Region-sanctioned events.

This process will help the Region identify habitual violators or trends in concerning behavior that needs to be addressed.

The form asks officials to detail the date of event, location, club/team committing a violation, the name/number of a person who received the card, the level of the sanction, and a brief description of what transpired.

Officials are encouraged to report their violations and bookmark the form by [clicking here](#).

Expectations/roles of lead refs, assigners, tournament directors

Officials are assigned to tournaments by the assignor based on a variety of factors.

Once assigned, court assignments are most likely determined by the assignor, at the request, or in collaboration with, the tournament director. (Pro tip: never worry or complain about your court assignment as there are a ton of factors that go into court assignments). For large tournaments, court assignments are often not determined until the day before the tournament, but a start time is known well before. For smaller tournaments, the tournament director may assign courts to officials at the start of the day, the assignor may determine in advance, or officials work it out amongst themselves.

Head (or lead officials) are typically only used for large tournaments, for example Badger Region Championships. Head officials lead morning introductions, lay out ground rules, logistics, and tournament format etc. Head officials also resolve protests and assist officials in any way.

What do assigners, lead officials and tournament directors expect from officials?

* Keep your assigned commitment and be dependable.

* Show up on time. 30 minutes before the match starts is the standard. Some larger tournaments host a 7:15 a.m. pre-tourney meeting.

* Locate the tournament director for playing formats, warm-up procedures and other protocols if there is no meeting.

* Great customer service. Officials are often the “face” of the tournament. Teams do consider officiating in their tournament choice.

* Accurate scoresheets. The winning team and the final scores are the most important information. Scoresheets run the brackets and an “error” can have downstream effects and add unnecessary confusion.

* Keep your court on time. Call captains as soon as possible and start the shared clock during the flip. Have the “table” run your clock if you need to hydrate or restroom.

* Be at your court on time. For large tournaments, don’t get caught in the “ref room” socializing.

REFEREE REMINDERS



side and out. But you don’t have to memorize the book. Before each season give the rulebook a good read. Every month, skim

through the parts you need to or areas that you need to “brush up on.”

* Zebraweb reminder:

Please maintain your zebraweb calendar. If you take an assignment through a different assigning platform, remember to block those dates on your Zebraweb. The Region has had a record number

of declines already this season.

* Do teams SWITCH sides at Badger Region events?

Teams do not switch sides in a match, unless there is a clear or unfair advantage of being on one side versus another. This is based on individual courts — not the tournament as a whole.



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TAG U R IT program to make comeback

A player/ref recognition program that began in March of 2019 is making a return.

The TAG U R IT program is returning to the Badger Region to recognize top notch athletes who demonstrate great knowledge of officiating as a member of a junior work crew.

Athletes who show superior abilities as a second referee and who should consider a potential “side job” as an official are great candidates of the TAG U R IT program.

Sara Voigt and Teague Prichard will work on distributing a small number of tags to officials at some of the upcoming Badger Region hosted events (Power League/Qualifier) in hopes that officials will start handing these tags out to athletes at those events and any that follow (Badger Region Championships).

If an official does award an athlete with a TAG U R IT bag tag, he or she should send Sara an email (sara@badgervolleyball.org) so that she can follow up with this person.

Athletes can be as young as 16 years old to start officiating in the Badger Region and only need to be 15 1/2 years old to start their training.

Questions? Email sara@badgervolleyball.org.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS FROM REF RESOURCES

For the full listing of officiating guidelines and points of emphasis [click here](#). Emphasis added in bold by Badger Region Officials. This list represents only a small portion of topics

REFEREE TECHNIQUES

1. Pre-set line-up check

When checking line-ups at the start of each set, the 2nd referee stands at the sideline of each team’s court with both teams’ line-up sheets in hand to verify player positions. The 2nd referee does not enter the court. The scorer and assistant scorer are recommended to use the score sheet and Libero Control Sheet, respectively, to verify player positions with the 2nd referee to help ensure the correct players are on the court for each team. The game ball remains at the scorer’s table until line-ups have been verified and Libero replacements authorized. Once the line-up sheets have been returned to the scorer, the game ball is tossed or rolled to the first server.

2. Same player makes third and fourth team hits

Signal “double contact”

3. Indication of which player contacted the net

Indicate the player at fault by pointing toward the player with an open hand.

4. Time-out administration

The 2nd referee has primary responsibility for whistling to acknowledge a time-out request; however, the 1st referee may assist by whistling if the 2nd referee does not quickly recognize the request. The referee who whistles the time-out will signal with the vertical hand of the signal on the side of the requesting team and point toward the requesting team’s bench with an open hand. Only the referee who whistles to acknowledge the time-out request will show this signal; the other referee does not repeat the time-out signal. The 2nd referee will informally display each team’s time-out status to the 1st referee at the beginning of the time-out. A. Players are not required to leave the court and go to the bench area. Coaches and non-playing team members may not enter the court.

B. The 2nd referee whistles at the end of 30 seconds and ensures both

teams retake the court

C. Upon conclusion of each team’s second time-out, the 2nd referee notifies the coach (or captain, if necessary) by visually displaying the time-out signal and then showing two fingers. The 2nd referee then notifies the 1st referee in the same manner, then returns to position for the resumption of play and signals “ready.”

D. It is not necessary to notify teams after their first time-out unless requested to do so by the coach/captain. Similarly, the referees do not visually display each team’s time-out status at the end of any time-outs unless necessary for clarification

E. Teams may retake the court prior to expiration of the time-out, unless it is necessary for the court to remain clear.

5. Requests for game interruption by opponents during same dead ball

When opponents request a time-out or substitution during the same dead-ball period, each team’s request is acknowledged with a separate whistle. Multiple substitutions by the same team require only one whistle.

Resources for refs include rulebooks, interpretations, guidelines

As you know, USA Volleyball is the authoritative source for several officials resources. Rulebooks, guidelines and interpretations are available online. For the full list of officials resources, scoresheets, uniforms and more, [click here](#).

The 2021-23 DCR (rulebook) is now available online.

To access a digital version of the 2021-23 DCR, [click here](#).

The new rulebook has only a handful of

rule changes, modifications and clarifications.

USA Volleyball has shared those items in a document that can be seen by [clicking here](#).

If you print out this document and fold it inside your 2019-21 DCR, that should get you through the winter and early spring part of your officiating schedule.

For a link to the 2021-2023 Indoor Officiating and Scoring Guidelines, [click here](#).

For the Critical Rules and Interpretations, [click here](#).

