



# REGION REF BULLETIN

WWW.BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG | MEMBERSHIP@BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG

## NOTES FROM THE BADGER REGION OFFICE

### Regional advancement

Regional advancement requests closed Dec. 31. Badger Region has the names of all officials who requested advancement from Provisional to Regional certification. The evaluations will be taking place during the first weekend of Badger Region Championships March 11-12. Teague Prichard and Sara Voigt will reach out to those officials in the coming weeks with more details and guidance. We understand that the advancement process seems confusing at times so we will do our best to make the process as clear as possible.

### New patches

USAV recently designed new patches for officials (don't worry your current patch is fine too). As a gift of appreciation, all of our Badger Region Junior National and National officials will be getting a new patch sent to them directly from USA Volleyball. Thank you for everything you do for the Badger Region.

### Shoutouts!

Have a great crew that had great scorers, line judges, second referees and support for their first official? Let us know and we will highlight them in future newsletters (Ref Bulletin and Badger Beacon). Email them to [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org) or text them to Brian Sharkey at 414-313-9055.



## Fond du Lac training a success

Eleven new officials were trained in Fond du Lac during their annual scrimmage at Fond du Lac High School.

"We had a wide variety of officials present at the training on Friday. It was great to see WIAA officials, athletes who played club volleyball in high school and even ex-club parents who miss the game," said Badger Region program specialist Sara Voigt.

Fond Du Lac Fusion tournament director Dave Pickart also uses the scrimmage opportunity to train some of the Fond Du Lac Fusion Club players so they can officiate the lower age groups at his tournaments. Pickart has welcomed Badger Region officials trainers and mentors to his scrimmage for the past five years and because of this opportunity more than 60 officials have been trained to officiate in the Badger Region. Thank you Dave Pickart and Fond Du Lac Fusion.



## Big weekend of tournaments for all officials

Many tournaments are kicking off their season this coming weekend and we have over 150 officials assigned to various tournaments each day in the Badger Region.

Here are a couple reminders as you head into your first big weekend officiating:

\* Many tournament directors do not get their list of officials until maybe the Tuesday or Wednesday before their event. When they reach out to you make sure you read all of the tournament details so you are well prepared for your day. Try to arrive at least 45 minutes to an hour before your first scheduled match.

\* Always have copies of your W-9 in your ref bag to give to the tournament director. It's important to be proactive with this so you can get paid in a timely manner.

\* Bring an extra whistle or two just in case you misplace one or a whistle breaks.

\* HYDRATE! Keep a water bottle close by and ask where the closest water fountain/bottle-filler is.

\* Some officials bring a foam mat or a piece of scrap carpet to place on the ref stand. This softens your base and helps to keep you comfortable throughout your day since the majority of the day you will be on your feet.

\* Communicate with the tournament director at your event if you have any questions throughout your day.

\* Even if they don't request it, ALWAYS check out with the tournament director before your leave for the day. This will allow you to verify match count, make sure you covered all scheduled matches and close out your day professionally.

\* Most of all, HAVE FUN, meet new people and enjoy!



# REGION REF BULLETIN

WWW.BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG | MEMBERSHIP@BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG

## Officials can set up direct deposit for Region events

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 a profile and 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. You will also be asked to confirm your email address (and phone number if desired).

Once confirmed it will prompt you for more information. At the end you will be asked for your bank routing information for online bill pay

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.

### Compensation at events

At the most recent Badger Region Board meeting, board members voted in favor of rais-

ing the ref pay at Region-hosted events (Badger Region Championships / Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Event, Badger Region Qualifier, Badger Region Power League) to the following pay scale:

- \* Provisional- \$31
- \* Regional- \$33
- \* JN/National- \$36

Questions? Email [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Jan. 7-8:** Badger Region Power League Weekend No. 1

**Jan. 20:** Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center

**Feb. 11-12:** Badger Region Power League Weekend No. 2

**Feb. 25-26:** Badger Region Qualifier

**March 11-12:** Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

**March 17-18:** Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

**March 25-26:** Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

**April 1-2:** Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League

**July 29-30:** Badger Region Beach Championships at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee



**New officials training at Fond du Lac High School the week between Christmas and New Year's was a huge success.**

## MORE FROM THE BADGER REGION OFFICE

Officials need to renew and fulfill certain requirements before being "assignable" every club season. Here is a brief rundown:

The Badger Region Adult with Safety Requirements membership is \$55.88. You will see the transaction broken down into two separate payments of \$25 and \$30.88. One transaction goes to USAV. The other goes to Badger Region.

Once the membership is purchased, officials must submit their background screen through their Sports Engine account as prompted a(\$14 yearly). The last fee is the annual ref/scorer fee of \$25 that is paid to the region to cover the costs of ZebraWeb, assigning, rulebooks, in-person/Zoom meet-

ings, and additional mentoring for growth and advancement.

### Sanction reporting

Officials should use the Badger Region Card Reporting Form on the Badger Region website when issuing sanctions at Badger Region-sanctioned events. To report a violation, [click here](#).

### New handbook

The Badger Region has created a handbook just for officials. This document outlines policies that officials must follow in order to ref and score in the Badger Region. It is a great reference for officials new and old. For details, [click here](#).

## Donations sought for referee-starter kits

The Badger Region wants to thank the experienced officials who have donated to the ref-starter kits being put together for new officials in Wisconsin.

Your generosity is appreciated.

That being said, the Region is continuing to collect gently used officiating items that can be used to build starter kits for new officials just starting off

Some of the suggested things

we are collecting include:

- \* Line judge flags
- \* Referee carrying bags
- \* Yellow/Red cards
- \* Officials polos (maybe you have certain colors you don't like to wear or sizes that you never fit into in your closet)
- \* Writing utensils and erasers
- \* Correction tape
- \* Coolers/lunch boxes
- \* Ball pumps

- \* Electronic whistles
- \* Net-height chains

All new officials will receive a flipping coin, cooler and some other Badger Region swag. We just want to make it as easy on possible for new referees to get started.

If you want to donate to our ref-starter kits, you can drop off materials to the Badger Region Office (2831 N. Grandview Blvd., Suite 105, in Pewaukee).

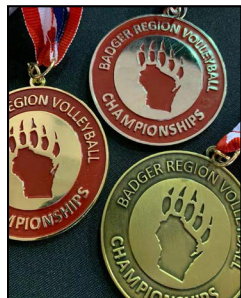
# WHY BADGER REGION?

## 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 National level

### 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 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).

### 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

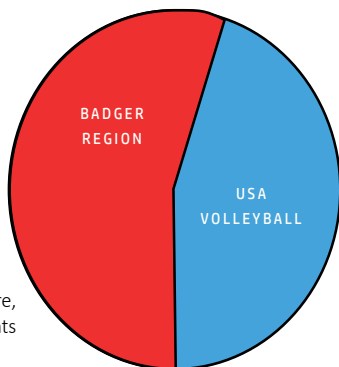
### REFEREE PERKS

- \* Training opportunities exist in the classroom, scrimmages, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series etc.
- \* Mentoring and advancement opportunities throughout the year
- \* Dedicated full-time staff dedicated to assigning, training, recruiting and working with officials in the Badger Region office
- \* Communication via the Badger Region Ref Bulletin
- \* Once certified, officials can earn \$30 (or more per match)
- \* At Badger Region hosted events, rates are as follows:
  - \* Provisional: \$31/match
  - \* Regional: \$323/match
  - \* Junior National: \$36/match
  - \* National: \$36/match



### MEMBERSHIP COSTS BREAKDOWN

\$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, eligibility), 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 purpose of national coaching/officiating, national database and membership services (Sports Engine) and National Office staff and office needs.

