



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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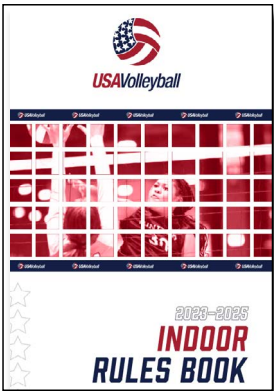
## Officials apparel

Can't find a pair of nice fitting pants for women?

These links give you some options that might appeal to you:

- \* Betabrand ([click here](#))
- \* Yogipace Store ([click here](#))

Have other suggestions? Email [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).

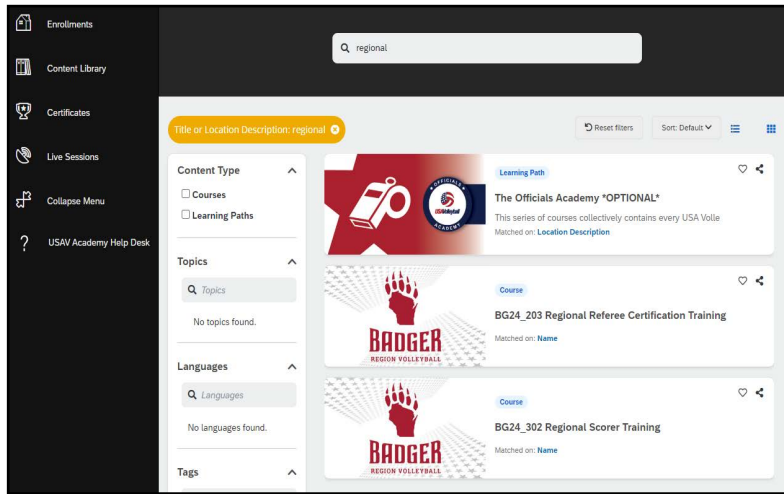


## Rulebooks available

New USAV rulebooks (also known as the DCR) are in that are good through the 2023-25 season.

The Badger Region will be disseminating these at the in-person officials meetings and mailing to those who we may miss those events. Please email Sara Voigt ([sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org)) when you have purchased your annual USAV membership and she will put a rulebook aside for you.

For a link to an online edition of the DCR, please [click here](#).



## Online ref-training modules now available in the Academy

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 Academy at the top
6. Click on content library
7. Click on search and type in first couple letters needed to do search for your certification modules

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

## What will you be doing?

What will you be doing at 8 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024? For some events, we apply to work that day and are either accepted or declined (e.g. AES, GSVB, Tm2Sign, Sportwrench, Omnevb).

Others are directly assigned and assume that we have not blocked this day on their assigning calendar because we are interested and available to work wherever they need (e.g. Zebraweb, RefQuest, Refview).

These direct assigners get frustrated when they add us to an event only to have us decline because we didn't keep our schedule updated. Have you ever been removed from an event

on short notice? Yeah, I didn't like it either. That's about how they feel.

Are you available and interested to work that day? Just leave it unblocked and you'll probably be assigned somewhere. Do you have something else planned, or did you apply for an event and are awaiting the accept/decline? Simply block that day with "personal", and it will be a win/win for you and the assigner.

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## Make your calendar your friend

What day is it?

Did you look at your phone to check? Fortunately, those little devices we all carry with us everywhere we go have a calendar. Are important birthdays, that wedding, or your project due date on that calendar? How about all of your volleyball matches? Do you also have reminders set for all of these?

They will automatically help keep you on task. For example, a one week alert might remind us to confirm the match details from the host's website, confirm travel plans, and communicate with the crew for single matches. A one day alert might remind us to finish packing and double check everything. A four hour alert might remind us that we need to get on the road or start heading out the door to get us there with time to spare.

A two hour alert might remind us that we should be on task to timely arrive to arrive at least one hour before the match or event start time.

The deeper we get into each season, the more we need those little devices to remind us what day it is.

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## Summary of rule changes for 2023-25

USAV 4.3.3.1a: Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered side to side on the front and back of the jersey. Numbers are recommended to be placed on the upper half of the jersey. Numbers may not extend below the player's waist and may not be tucked into the uniform bottom.

USAV 5.1.2.1, added: Judgment decisions are not subject to protest. A protest related to a judgment decision may result in a penalty (red card) being assessed to the coach.

USAV 5.2.3.4: During the match, the coach may give instructions to players on the court while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to and including the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. The coach must not obstruct the view of the line judges.

USAV 5.3.1: One assistant coach at a time may stand to give instructions to the players on the court but has no right to intervene in the match. During play, the assistant coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to and including the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. The assistant coach must not obstruct the view of the line judges.

New for 14-and-under age groups:

New USAV 12.4.4a: Once the serving action is initiated, including an underhand serve, if the server tosses the ball and then catches it or allows it to fall to the floor, this is considered a service tossing error, including a ball that touches the server as it falls.

USAV 12.4.4b: After a service tossing error, the referee must authorize the service again (re-serve) and the server must execute it within the next 8 seconds.

Rule 12.5.1: The players of the serving team must not prevent their opponent, through individual or collective screening, from seeing the service hit and the flight path of the ball. Should either be visible to the receiving team, this is not a screen.

USAV 12.5.2: A player or group of players of the serving team make(s) a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways, during the execution of the service, or by standing grouped, and in so doing hides both the service hit and the flight path of the ball until the ball reaches the vertical plane of the net.

Rule 14.3: In blocking, the player may place his/her hands and arms beyond the net, provided that this action does not interfere with the opponent's play. Thus, it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net before an opponent has executed an attack hit.

Rule 14.6.1: The blocker touches the ball in the OPPONENT'S space before the opponent's attack hit.

New USAV 19.2d: When two Liberos are used, both Liberos can be in uniforms different from each other and from the rest of the team.

USAV 24.2.7d: During the match, the coach or captain may request verification of the number of team substitutions or time-outs. If incorrect information is provided by the 2nd referee and the team acts directly upon this misinformation resulting in an illegal substitution (per USAV 15.9.1) or an excessive time-out, the referee's error will be corrected with no penalty or sanction assessed to the team. If an illegal (excessive) substitution does not result, the substitution may still be withdrawn prior to the next serve without sanction or penalty

## Important dates to know for all officials

Membership season begins: Sept 1st (You can purchase your membership now if you want)

\* Modules available: October 1

\* Badger Region Champs assigning: Assigning for the 2024 Champs starts Sept 1

\* Badger Power League assigning: Assigning for 2024 starts Sept 5

\* Badger Region Qualifier/Dale Rohde assigning: Assigning starts Sept 10

\* **Badger Region Power League:** Jan 6/7, Feb 10/11, and Apr. 6/7. This will be at sites throughout the state of Wisconsin.

\* **Badger Region Qualifier and Dale Rohde:** March 2/3. This will take place at the Madison Expo Center.

\* **Badger Region Championships:** March 9/10, March 16/17, and March 23/24. This will take place primarily at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee as well as one or two age groups will be Appleton the first weekend.