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Sign up now for youth clinics; join us at open houses

The Badger Region is planning a handful of open houses again this year for clubs to set up tables in various locations throughout the state of Wisconsin.

In conjunction with three of the open houses, athletes 14-and-under will be able to attend a free youth volleyball clinic. The open houses where you can peruse club offerings are free to attend and do not need attendees to pre-register for. The clinics (on court) are limited due to space, so sign up early.

The youth clinics are not affiliated with any club. Athletes will be trained by Badger Region staff and members of Milwaukee Dive.

*** Sept. 10:** Open house and clinic at West DePere High School from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration now closed

*** Sept. 10:** Open house and clinic at the Champion Center in Appleton from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration now closed

*** Sept. 13:** Open house only at Fiserv Forum starting at 6 p.m. before/during the Marquette/UW-Madison women's NCAA match that starts at 7 p.m. You must have ticket to the match to attend this open house. [Tickets here.](#)



*** Sept. 17:** Open house and youth clinic at the New Berlin SportsPlex. The open house is 1-4 p.m. The youth clinic is 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. [Sign up for the clinic here.](#)

*** Oct. 25:** Boys open house at Pius XI High School. The boys open house is run in conjunction with an exhibition match featuring two high level men's collegiate club volleyball teams from the Badger Region.

Have questions about any of these clinics? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 262-313-9055

Member Type	2022-23	2021-22	Growth	%
Total Full Memberships	15,695	15,185	1,708	+3.4%
Total Adult Females	2,048	1,947	227	+5.2%
Total Adult Males	966	952	14	+1.5%
Total Junior Females	11,362	10,932	430	+3.9%
Total Junior Males	1,319	1,354	(35)	(2.6%)



Largest regions by full membership

Southern California	26,038
Ohio Valley	25,783
Lone Star	25,555
Southern Region	18,833
Northern California	18,628
Florida Region	18,369
Heart of America	18,207
North Texas	17,592
Badger Region	15,695
New England	14,299
Garden Empire	13,027
Great Lakes	13,305
North Country	13,174

Largest regions by boys membership

Northern California	2,957
Southern California	2,907
Florida Region	1,533
Garden Empire	1,428
Arizona Region	1,452
Badger Region	1,319
New England	1,303
Ohio Valley	1,154
Chesapeake	968
Great Lakes	957

NEW SEASON BEGINS NOW

The 2022-23 membership season has come to a close, and with that, USA Volleyball offered up the above information as it pertains to the number of adult and junior members Badger Region had throughout the season.

Badger Region came in as the ninth largest region among the 40 regions of USA Volleyball. The region was the sixth largest in the country during the 2022-23 season.

This report is a total of members who have purchased full memberships. If members purchased only a tryout membership, one-event membership or summer membership, they were not counted.

If a member has more than one full membership in a region they are counted once.

Why is this important? The more athletes a region has, the more bids that USA Volleyball will give to the Region-run qualifiers for Girls Junior National Championships.

Badger Region Strategic Plan: A ROADMAP FOR SUCCESS

By Jennifer Armson-Dyer
Executive Director/
Commissioner

You wouldn't go on a road trip without a map, right? You would at least look at your final destination and the possible routes to get there. You may hit traffic and have to detour, but you'll ultimately end up where you want to be, and probably see some cool stuff along the way.

At Badger Region, we also value the final destination, or at least a resting place before we re-evaluate where we want to go next. And yes, we've hit road closures (COVID-19), speed bumps (facility construction and unavailability) and have had to take detours (youth sports in general!), but those types of things make an organization stronger. They're also the reason we continually undergo exercises in strategic and long-range planning: to make sure we still want to go where we said we were going to go, and look for a possible better route to get there.

It's hard to believe that we're three and a half years out from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful that Badger Region was fiscally responsible enough to survive without having to let go of any employees, and we were able to provide programming — however different from normal — throughout. But after we all got through it, our old plans didn't seem like they fit the organization and landscape anymore.

In the fall of 2021 and through the winter of 2022, the Badger Region staff and Board of Directors worked with consultants Cyndi Wood and Merri Oxley out of Madison to revamp our SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis by extensive surveys and conversations with stakeholders and members, including parents, officials and club directors. From there, feedback was identified and grouped together into different categories.

In May 2022, the Badger Region staff and Board of Directors spent a weekend at a Strategic Planning retreat, talking about the different silos, how to increase resource development for diversified funding and outreach streams, integrate diversity, equity and inclusion into the organization and make sure operations, programming and the organization were all headed in the right direction.



Each area has a set of short term goals and long term goals to be accomplished, and all goals were set up in SMART format for accountability, so that each goal is Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Based.

Today, this is where the areas stand:

Leadership:

The overarching theme of this category is making sure there is a solid foundation for both the organization and the board on which to build.

Complete: Our first goal of creating a Finance Committee was completed in May 2022 and is chaired by our Treasurer, Beau Rath, and joined by board members Holly Jablonowski and Josh Price. Rath and Executive Director Jennifer Armson-Dyer have undergone an accounting transition from a third party to bring bill payments, payroll and accounting in-house for greater access and transparency. Also complete are alterations for board structures and positions. The executive committee of the board is now elected by the board itself, rather than the membership at large, which protects the institutional knowledge of the region and aids in strong leadership from those involved, as they also retain their elected seat. But recognizing that membership-elected positions were being taken away, the current executive committee positions of President, Vice President and Secretary were put on a transition plan from elected to that specific position by the full-membership to constituent- or demographically-elected. In 2023, the Secretary Position was turned into an At-Large seat elected by the general membership population. In 2024, the President position will transition to an Official's Representative, elected by all officials who

are in good standing in the region, per the recent policy. And in 2025, the Vice President position will become a Coach position, eligible to any coach in the region and elected by the general membership. Holly Jablonowski was elected by the board as Secretary, and she will also continue to represent Southeast Wisconsin.

In Progress: Currently in progress are the goals of providing a health insurance option and additional benefits for staff and also reviewing staff titles and organizational structure. With the growth of the region, it's prudent to make sure that the current staff is taken care of and also make sure that workloads are both recognized and efficient, or if additional staff positions are needed.

Up Next: Up next on the list for this category are to develop a succession plan for the Board of Directors and staff, to create a Parent Advisory Committee and to also create a Health and Wellness committee. All of these items are on the roadmap to good governance and organizational success and also speak to the care that we have for our members and their success.

Resource Development:

The idea behind this category is to build up the resources that Badger Region can use — both human and capital — to further its mission and serve more people.

Complete / On-Going: A great success of this area so far has been the Ambassador program, headed by Program Director Brian Sharkey. This group of volunteers has been active at Badger Region events and open houses, helping to answer questions, assist staff with events and spread the mission of Badger Region! If you're interested in becoming an Ambassador (and getting some cool region swag), please contact Sharkey at brian@badger-volleyball.org.

In Progress: Two areas that are underway are creating a diversified fundraising plan with stores and donations, as we are a registered 501c3 nonprofit with a mission for education. We've also developed more sponsors and partners for Badger Region, with Molten, Sports Imports, Hudl, Art of Coaching, Frisco Mo, Won80 Sports-

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manship, Milwaukee Dive, the International Volleyball Hall of Fame, First Point Foundation, Dig Pink and the Sideout Foundation and the American Cancer Society. These partnerships and sponsorships increase outreach and visibility for Badger Region while in some cases providing our members with incentives, or helping to aid in the missions of other organizations.

Up Next: Three areas that are up next are to hire or contract a resource development director, create a resource development committee and develop and implement a Thank-a-Thon campaign. These three items will further the outreach and development of programming and resources that the region is able to provide to underserved and growing populations around the state, as well as recognize those dedicated to helping us advance our mission and increase opportunities for anyone to participate in the sport.

Communications:

One of our largest categories, this area helps solidify both the public-facing and internal communications of Badger Region.

Complete / On-Going: Several tasks have been checked off the list, including the most expansive: revamping the website. This was done in conjunction with Pitch and Run, LLC, with the goal of making the website more user-friendly, including to mobile users. Also complete and in use are e-ambassadors, volunteers who share on social media platforms stories and photos from Badger Region, as well as creating materials to support those ambassadors. Badger Region belongs to everyone, so another goal underway is the incorporation of diversity, equity and inclusion messaging in all communications, as appropriate. This includes general pronouns and familial relationships.

In-Progress: Several areas are also in-progress, including developing a feedback form and collecting information from events and listening sessions that we have online with our members and constituent groups. The staff and board then use that information to help make informed decisions on policy and programming. We've also developed a comprehensive communication plan and social media calendar to make sure we know what is coming up and can plan resources accordingly. Also underway, is an improvement in onboarding new club directors. We understand that a lot goes into running a club, and our goal is to make it as easy as possible. Led by Operations Manager Scott Spiess, several



video tutorials and step-by-step one-pagers have been developed to aid club directors in their duties.

Up Next: The remaining goal in this area is to create resources for the Parent Advisory Council upon its formation. We will use the council's experiences to improve programs and services and create materials to help other parents in their club volleyball journey.

Programs and Events:

While Badger Region has a robust event schedule that also allows clubs and third-parties the ability to run safe, region-approved events, we understand there is always the opportunity for improvement, which is where this category comes in.

Complete / On-Going: In an effort to bring recognition to the northern part of the state, we created and helped to implement a Northern Badger Series. We partnered with events in the northern part of the state (Eau Claire, La Crosse and Stevens Point) and helped recognize the teams who were successful in those events. We will continue this in the 2024 season.

In Progress: A main goal that is underway is to identify venues in areas where future growth can occur. Not only does this mean active participants, but also venues where events can grow. We're proud to say that for the first time ever, under the direction of Tournament Director Kelly Lehman, Badger Region will be running large events in the Alliant Energy Center in Madison and the Resch Convention Center in Green Bay.

Up Next: A long term goal for this area is to form an internal working group to explore the viability of new programming. This comes with an evaluation of current programming, as we want to know what is working, could be modified, or should be discontinued in favor of something more valuable. The deadline for this goal is

2025, even if we are constantly evaluating events and programs as they happen.

Services:

This final area focuses more on framework and policies to help set a standard and build on a solid foundation.

Complete: Marked in green on the dashboard from this area are the tasks of reviewing staff job responsibilities and workload (to help identify future staffing needs) and also coordinating listening sessions and round tables across the organization to either get feedback from the membership or get information out from subject matter experts to our members. Keep an eye on the website for the upcoming fall slate of Lunch & Learns on Facebook!

In-Progress: We've started conversations in many different areas on sportsmanship, which brings into play two separate goals in the strategic plan of creating a good sportsmanship task force and also creating a policy to address poor sportsmanship in clubs and at events. A main partner in this is Mark Horbinski of Won80, a grassroots sportsmanship movement started in 2015 with a mission to lead a return to sportsmanship through awareness, education and inspiration. Badger Region offers to clubs Won80 sessions with Mark, who also just presented at our recent Junior Club Director meeting on Aug. 27 in Brookfield. Also at this meeting we started talking to the club directors about creating a sportsmanship policy, and welcome any feedback on this idea.

Up Next: The outstanding item in this category is to identify and develop needed training programs. Much like the evaluations from the Programs and Services category, this initiative would look at current training options and look at where gaps exist and where improvements can be made.

We're proud of the work we do, even when most people don't see it, because it translates to smiles on the court and memories that can be looked back upon fondly. Of the 33 total goals included in this most recent strategic plan, developed in May 2022, we're happy to say that only nine remain to be started; the rest are complete, on-going or in progress of being completed.

If you have any questions on certain topics or items, would like to find out more about an area or offer your expertise, please reach out to Executive Director Jennifer Armson-Dyer at jarmsondyer@badgervolleyball.org.

Club directors have new tools in Sports Engine

With the start of the new membership season comes some updates from our partners at Sports Engine.

Help center update:

*** A brand new look:** We gave the Help Center a clean and modern makeover
*** Merged Walk-Throughs and Resources tabs into**

new Help tab: You can now search for articles and videos from the support site without having to switch to a different tab first



*** Larger menu:** The menu is now slightly bigger to require less scrolling and make it easier to find the help you're looking for

*** Easier access to the SportsEngine Newsfeed:** Click the Newsfeed Icon in the bottom right corner to quickly access recent Newsfeed posts and stay up-to-date with recent product updates

Safety

*** NCSI Applicant Portal is now live!** Members will now receive an email after they submit their BG application where they can log into the portal to view status and any additional information that NCSI is requesting. Members can live chat with our team for

updates on their screening and ask questions. Live chat hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am-5pm EST. Email for the portal will come from automation@instascreen.net.

AES

*** Online Payments - AES'** integration with Stripe offers a built-in refund management and payout report.

*** Team Questions** allow you to collect answers from teams during and after registration, including online check-in.

*** Online Store Apparel** will help get consumers to your store before, during, and after the event by using AES' new 'Buy Gear' that is displayed on your events. Learn more about

SquadLocker as your online store solution. You may designate a different online store solution if you have a different solution.

*** Travel & Hotel** links can be displayed on your event(s) in AES to produce more room pickups.

*** Email tools** allow you to view a history of emails and recipients. Additionally, composing an email supports a Reply To, BCC, and sending a Test Email.

*** Invalid Rosters Report** will allow you to easily identify which team(s) have submitted a roster that has become invalid.

*** Online Check-In Role** gives you the ability to grant new permissions without access to edit registration data.

Jablonowski named secretary on board of directors

The Badger Region Board of Directors has named Holly Jablonowski.

A board member since 2016, Jablonowski represents the southeast part of the state.

She also serves as an advisory board member and women's division coordinator for the Wisconsin Volleyball Conference. During

the 2022-23 season, she was also a coach for Milwaukee Sting on the boys side.

Jablonowski was elected to the board by the adult members of the Badger Region and was voted in as secretary by her fellow Badger Region board members.

She replaces Kim Wudi, the head women's coach at the University of Wisconsin-

sin-Eau Claire, who stepped down from the position this summer.

Jablonowski is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse where she was a member of the Eagles women's club volleyball team.

Have questions for Holly? Email her at hollyjabo@gmail.com.



Keep up to date on all things volleyball via the many channels of the Badger Region

 **Facebook:** /BadgerRegionVolleyball

 **Website:** www.badgervolleyball.org

 **Twitter:** @BadgerRegionVB

 **Pinterest:** /BadgerRegionVol

 **Instagram:** @BadgerRegionVB

 **YouTube:** /Badger RegionVolleyball

WISCONSIN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

TOP 10

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About The Poll

All boys volleyball coaches in the state have the ability to vote in the weekly Boys High School Volleyball Top 10 Poll sponsored by the Badger Region Volleyball Association and Frisco Mo Apparel.

Coaches must submit their rankings to Cedarburg Boys Volleyball Head Coach Damien Evans (devans@cedarburg.k12.wi.us) via Google Form by 10 p.m. Monday night for consideration in the poll that will be released later in the week.

Results are made available to coaches in weekly emails and are available on the WisSports.net website for review prior to voting.

For the 2022 season, 58 programs in Wisconsin are eligible for post-season competition in the WIAA tournament. An additional six programs offer boys volleyball but are not sanctioned yet as full varsity sport at their school.

Have questions about boys volleyball in the state of Wisconsin? Contact Brian Sharkey (head boys coach at Kenosha Indian Trail High School) at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

- 1) Marquette (20)
- 2) Appleton North (4)
- 3) Arrowhead (5)
- 4) Middleton
- 5) Kimberly
- 6) Catholic Memorial
- 7) Sussex Hamilton
- 8) Madison Memorial
- 9) Kettle Moraine
- 10) Germantown

Others receiving votes: Wauwatosa East (15), Franklin (12), Waukesha Fusion (4), Waukesha West (2), Nicolet (2), Pius XI (1), Wilmot (1), Neenah (1)

Week 2 Poll Sept. 5, 2023

Welcome to the Week 2 Wisconsin Boys High School Volleyball Top 10 Poll sponsored by the Badger Region Volleyball Association and Frisco Mo Apparel.

By winning the Brookfield Clash this past weekend, the Marquette Hilltoppers took over the top spot in the coaches poll. Appleton North

took second for the second weekend in a row after falling to Arrowhead in the finals of the Kettle Moraine



Invite last weekend.

Madison Memorial also made its first appearance in the Top 10 after defeating Germantown in pool play and knocking off Kettle Moraine in bracket play at The Clash.

Lots of conference competition heats up the court this week through the state.

Good luck to all of the boys volleyball teams competing throughout Wisconsin.

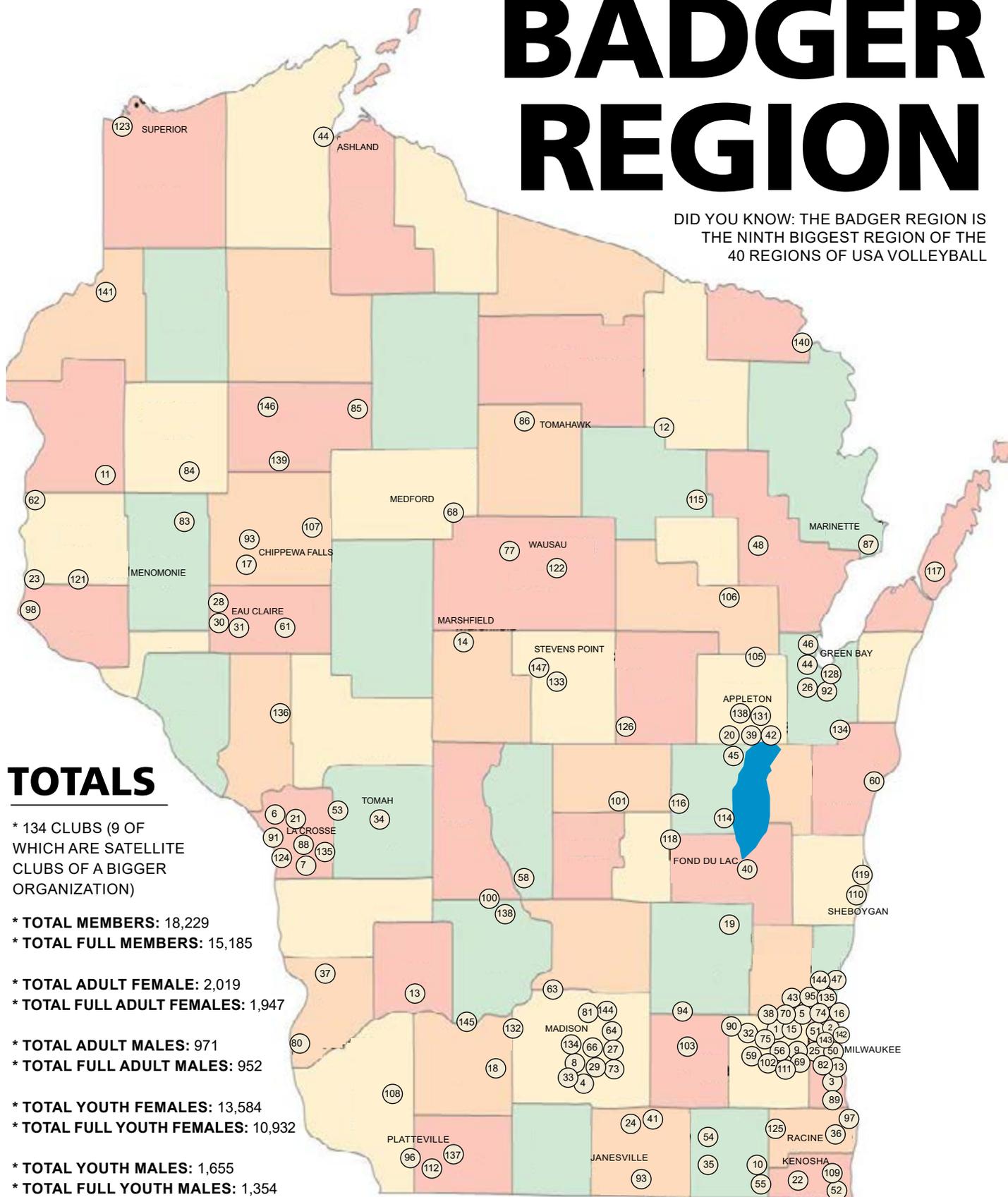
ABOUT THE BADGER REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION



The Badger Region Volleyball Association promotes initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences. The vision of the Badger Region is to grow the number of players, coaches, officials, spectators and other volleyball enthusiasts; provide the highest quality volleyball experience in education, training, and competition; and to provide advocacy, support, recognition and administration to the volleyball community. Any high school in Wisconsin that adds boys volleyball will receive up to \$1,000 grant from the Badger Region to help offset first-year costs. Visit the Badger Region website at www.badgervolleyball.org. The Badger Region is not affiliated with the WIAA.

BADGER REGION

DID YOU KNOW: THE BADGER REGION IS THE NINTH BIGGEST REGION OF THE 40 REGIONS OF USA VOLLEYBALL



TOTALS

* 134 CLUBS (9 OF WHICH ARE SATELLITE CLUBS OF A BIGGER ORGANIZATION)

* **TOTAL MEMBERS:** 18,229

* **TOTAL FULL MEMBERS:** 15,185

* **TOTAL ADULT FEMALE:** 2,019

* **TOTAL FULL ADULT FEMALES:** 1,947

* **TOTAL ADULT MALES:** 971

* **TOTAL FULL ADULT MALES:** 952

* **TOTAL YOUTH FEMALES:** 13,584

* **TOTAL FULL YOUTH FEMALES:** 10,932

* **TOTAL YOUTH MALES:** 1,655

* **TOTAL FULL YOUTH MALES:** 1,354

FOR LINKS TO ALL CLUBS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG

1	262 Attack	Menomonee Falls	44	Northeast Wisconsin Black Sheep	Green Bay
2	360 Volleyball Academy	Glendale	48	Northern Lights Wisconsin	Laona
3	414 Milwaukee Elite	Milwaukee	84	Northern Pride	Cumberland
135	A-Level Athletics	La Crosse	86	NW Stars Volleyball Club, Inc	Tomahawk
4	Acers VBC	Oregon	87	Northwoods Volleyball Club	Marinette
5	Adversity-Wisconsin VBC	Germantown	88	Norse Force (Westby VBC)	Westby
6	Aquinas VBC (Formerly Ona VBC)	Onalaska	62	O-Town	Osceola
142	Azuri Performance Volleyball Academy	Milwaukee	89	Oak Creek K-Force	Oak Creek
8	Balance Volleyball Club	Fitchburg	90	Oconomowoc Volleyball Club	Oconomowoc
9	Block Party	Wauwatosa	91	Onalaska VBC	Onalaska
10	Burlington Elite Volleyball	Burlington	92	One Wisconsin - Bay	Ashwaubenon
11	BW Heat	Baldwin	95	Ozaukee Boys Volleyball Club	Cedarburg
13	Center Stars	Richland Center	132	Phoenix (Former Wis. Heights)	Mazomanie
14	Central Wisconsin VBC	Marshfield	96	Platteville Fusion	Platteville
15	Chargers Volleyball Club	Menomonee Falls	80	Pursuit Volleyball Club	Prairie du Chien
17	Chippewa Valley Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls	97	Racine Blaze	Racine
19	Club Breakout	Waupun	98	Rage Volleyball	River Falls
20	Club Fox Valley	Appleton	100	Reedsburg Attack	Reedsburg
22	Club W	Salem	101	Reign VBC	Wautoma
7	Coulee Region Power	Coulee	82	Reinas de la Canche	Milwaukee
12	Crandon Juniors Volleyball Club	Crandon	83	Ridgeland Reds	Ridgeland
141	Crex Meadows	Grantsburg	102	Revolution Volleyball Academy	Waukesha
23	Croix Attack VBC	Hudson	50	Rise VBC (Former Jr. Red Knights)	Wauwatosa
24	Crossfire VBC (formerly Milton Aces)	Milton	103	River City Volleyball Club	Watertown
25	DASH Sports LLC	Milwaukee	93	Rock Volleyball Club	Janesville
26	DePere Diggers	DePere	85	Rusk Rage	Tony
16	Dominican Jr. Knights	Whitefish Bay	105	Seymour Lightning Strikes	Seymour
28	Eau Claire Air Volleyball Club	Eau Claire	106	Shawano Storm	Shawano
30	Eau Claire Slam	Eau Claire	107	Small Town Storm	Cornell
31	Eau Claire Storm	Eau Claire	108	Southern Heat	Livingston
32	Eclipse Volleyball Club	Hartford	109	Southport Volleyball Club	Kenosha
34	Elevate VBC	Tomah	110	South Shore Slam	Sheboygan
35	Elkhorn Volleyball Club	Elkhorn	111	Southwest Milwaukee VBC	Waukesha
36	Epic Volleyball Club	Racine	112	Southwest Spikers	Darlington
37	Express Volleyball Club	Gays Mills	53	Sparta Sparks	Sparta
38	Falls Focus	Menomonee Falls	113	Spike Milwaukee	Wauwatosa
39	FC Elite	Appleton	114	Spiketown USA	Oshkosh
40	Fond du Lac Fusion	Fond du Lac	115	* Antigo: 54409	Antigo
41	Fort Volleyball Club	Fort Atkinson	116	* Berlin: 54923	Berlin
42	Fox Valley Performance	Appleton	117	* Door County: 54235	Door County
43	G-Force VBC	Germantown	118	* Montello: 53943	Montello
45	Heat Volleyball Club Fox Valley	Appleton	119	* Sheboygan: 53073	Sheboygan
46	Howard Suamico Inferno VBC	Howard Suamico	121	St. Croix Select	Roberts
47	I AM Volleyball Club	Grafton	93	Synergy Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls
18	Infinity Volleyball Crew	Barneveld	122	Team United VBC	Mosinee
51	Junior Vikings Volleyball Club	Milwaukee	94	Tempo Volleyball Club	Waterloo
52	Juniors Volleyball Clubs	Pleasant Prairie	136	Tenacity Volleyball Club	Blair
54	* East Troy	East Troy	138	Thunder Volleyball	Reedsburg
55	* Lakes	Lake Geneva	140	UP North	Niagara
56	* Milwaukee	New Berlin	124	V-Hawk Xtreme	La Crosse
58	Just A Game VBC	Wisconsin Dells	138	Valley Velocity	Appleton
59	Lake Country Pipe Hitters	Wales	125	Waterford Wave	Waterford
60	Lakeshore Storm VBC	Manitowoc	126	Waupaca Fire VBC	Waupaca
61	Laser VBC	Fall Creek	128	West Side Slam	DePere
21	La Crosse Velocity	La Crosse	145	Western Elite	Spring Green
139	Legacy Elite VBC	Ladysmith	137	Western Wisconsin Smash	New Richmond
63	Lodi Volleyball Club	Lodi	146	White Lightning	Clear Lake
64	Madison Elite	Madison	131	Wisconsin Blaze	Appleton
29	Madison Ignite	Madison	143	Wisconsin Elite	Milwaukee
27	Madison Inferno	Madison	147	Wisconsin Flight	Stevens Point
66	Madison Starlings	Madison	133	Wisconsin Ice VBC	Stevens Point
144	Madtown Juniors	Madison	135	Wisconsin Premier VBC	Mequon
68	Medford Storm	Medford	134	Wisconsin Shock	Denmark
69	Midwest Penguins Volleyball	Waukesha			
70	Milwaukee Sting VBC	Menomonee Falls			
73	* Sting United Madison	Madison			
74	Milwaukee VBC	Milwaukee			
75	Motion Volleyball Players	New Berlin			
33	MVC-Madison	Madison			
77	MVP Club	Marathon			
44	North Bay Legends	DeForest			
81	North Star Volleyball Club	DeForest			

As of Sept. 1, 2023: 135 clubs (9 of which are satellites)



UW-OSHKOSH VOLLEYBALL

COMMUNITY NIGHT

RECORDS ARE MEANT TO BE BROKEN!

UW-Oshkosh Women's Volleyball invites you to their first ever Community Night. Join us free of charge as we attempt to break the NCAA Division III Attendance record on September 26th at 7:00 PM.

The Titans will face conference rivals UW-Steven's Point. The entrance fee is 100% free and we will be handing out a giveaway courtesy of 4Imprint.

You may have seen Nebraska in the news recently for bringing together 92,003 fans in support of their women's volleyball team. We are aiming for 3,053 fans and with your support, we can do it.

We are hoping that regardless of the records we can create an atmosphere of community connections, empowerment for women of all ages, and a showing of support for our local team.

RSVP TODAY →



Sport accident insurance a part of membership

Did you know that as a member club of Badger Region and therefore USA Volleyball, all participants are covered under the secondary sport accident insurance (included as part of the membership fee) and all facilities are covered under the General Liability policy, (also included as part of the membership fee)?

What does this mean? It means that if someone is injured,

the USAV insurance will pick up the remaining costs after the primary insurance coverage, and your facilities are also covered by the insurance. This is why we insist that all participants are members and that you also update us on which facilities you are using then, as this all comes into play when a claim is filed.

For more detailed information on insurance, click here: [https://](https://usavolleyball.org/forms-and-information/)

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A reminder when someone is injured:

1. Submit an Incident Report form to Jen (jarmsondye@badgervolleyball.org), making sure to complete as much as possible, including the bottom portion, which must be filled out. <https://badgervolleyball.org/incident-report-form/>

2. Make sure the injured party receives the medical claim form. They will submit that following the instructions on the form. This does not go to USA Volleyball or Badger Region. <https://badgervolleyball.org/medical-claim-form-with-instructions/>

Please contact Jen (jarmsondye@badgervolleyball.org) with any questions.

Badger Region tryout dates confirmed for '23-'24 season

The time has come to start talking tryouts for the 2023-24 season. Here are a list of dates all parents, athletes and club directors should know.

Aug. 1-10: Retention period opens for clubs in the Badger Region who want to offer athletes who played in their club during the 2022-23 season a spot for the 2023-24 season. This period is now complete. All club directors should email retention lists to brian@badgervolleyball.org.

* **Oct. 7:** First day of Badger Region tryouts for boys and girls 14-and-under

* **Oct. 9:** 7 p.m. Oct. 9 marks the first day/time a club can require an athlete who

tried out for them to commit to their program for the 2023-24 season

* **Nov. 5:** First day of Badger Region tryouts for boys 15-and-older

* **Nov. 6:** 7 p.m. Nov. 6. marks the first day/time a club can require a boy who tried out for them to commit to their program for the 2023-24 season

* **Nov. 11:** First day of Badger Region tryouts for girls 15-and-older

* **Nov. 13:** 7 p.m. Nov. 13 marks the first day/time a club can require an girl who tried out for them to commit to their program

Questions? Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.

Over 700 take part in retention

This year, 724 athletes accepted an offer during the retention period allowed by the Badger Region.

Twenty clubs participated in the retention period which went from Aug. 1-10.

Of the 724 athletes retained, 652 were female and 72 were male.

The retention period is a 100 percent optional timeframe when clubs can offer athletes who played for them in the 2022-23 season a spot in their program for the 2023-24 membership season.

Have questions about retention? Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.

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Greetings Badger Region Nation!

The Side-Out Foundation is thrilled that the Badger Volleyball Region will be partnering with us at the Badger Region Championships in March! Teams will be able to raise funds for the Foundation and the money raised will be used to further the mission to bring hope to people living with metastatic breast cancer. We will have exciting news to share about our amazing research program in upcoming Badger Beacon issues provided by Side-Out.

Interested in Hosting a DIG PINK game?

If you are a club coach who also coaches a high school or college team, it's not too late to start planning a Dig Pink match at your school this fall! **Scan the QR code below** for more information or you can email your region's contact Amy Markland at amy.markland@side-out.org.

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Have questions about jerseys?

The Badger Region Volleyball Association wants to make sure your team's jerseys are compliant with all rule sets and changes that have gone into effect.

To do so, the Region's Ref Chair is encouraging club directors or coaches to send images if there is any concern that numbers are not contrasting enough with the dominant color of the jersey or if a jersey is not contrasting for libero purposes.

The photos of the jerseys should not be of any junior athlete in uniform.

Reminder: All numbers must clearly contrast with the color of the jersey, regardless of the color of the outline of the number.

If your team plans to attend a USA Volleyball Boys or Girls Qualifier or National Championship, the Region can also help direct you as to the proper channels you must go through to get jersey waivers.

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

Dates changed for boys nationals

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (Aug. 25, 2023) – USA Volleyball is excited to announce a new format for the 2024 Boys Junior National Championship (BJNC) in Dallas, at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center.

The 2024 BJNC schedule has been modified to allow all ages and divisions (Open, USA, American and Club) to be contested over the same four-day period, June 26-29.



As an added event enhancement, USA Volleyball is including a National Team Development Program (NTDP) Experience on June 25, 2024, the day before BJNC competition begins. Highlights of the NTDP experience include:

A one-day development opportunity for invited athletes that will showcase the training methods used by our national teams and at NTDP Training Series events. Athletes will be nominated by club directors participating at BJNCs and USA Volleyball Regions.



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Combining on-court competition with an off-court classroom session emphasizing the best practices for success in international volleyball and in alignment with the five pillars of the USAV Development Model – Team, Heart, Body, Mind, Craft

Club coaches, club directors, and athlete parents will be welcome to attend and observe the event, which will incorporate training-enhancement resources from the NTDP Academy (a free benefit for USA Volleyball members) and USA Volleyball Education Services.



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Region offers outdoor net rentals

The Badger Region invested in 12 outdoor nets and is offering rental of those nets for Badger Region clubs and members to bolster beach or grass programming in their organization.

If you or your club needs nets that might be used for an outdoor tournament, clinic or social gathering, contact Program Director Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call/text him at 414-313-9055.

All of the Park N Sun net systems include:

- Two poles
- Net
- Rope tiedowns
- Metal stakes
- Court lines with stakes

Renters would be responsible for all set-up, take-down and transportation (to and from the Badger Region office) of the outdoor nets rented from the Badger Region Volleyball Association. (Mallets/hammers to anchor stakes are not included)

Nets will be rented at the following rates:

- 1-4 nets: \$25/weekend/net

- 5-8 nets: \$20/weekend/net
- 9-12 nets: \$15/weekend/net

If you or club agrees to rent three or more times throughout the summer, an additional 20 percent will be taken off your rental rate. Individuals must be a member in good standing with of the Badger Region in order to rent the outdoor nets.

Payment in full must be made with credit card prior to rental. An electronic invoice will be sent in advance of the pick-up date.

All materials must be returned to the Badger Region office in the condition in which they were rented to the club or individual. Damaged net systems will result in a fine of \$250 to the credit card on file.

Please schedule rental of nets at least three weeks in advance of the date needed for the net systems.

Have questions? Contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.



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The Badger Region Volleyball Association promotes initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences!

If you (or you or your organization) would like to advertise in a future Badger Beacon, contact Brian Sharkey at the phone number or email address above.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 10: Open Houses at West De Pere High School (10 a.m. to noon) and the Champion Center (2 to 4 p.m.) in conjunction with a some youth clinics that we will also have.

Sept. 13: Marquette hosts UW-Madison in NCAA Div. I women's volleyball at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. This will be in conjunction with a Badger Region open house for clubs.

Sept. 17: Open house at the New Berlin SportsPlex in conjunction with a Youth Clinic

Sept. 27: Youth clinic and open house at the New Berlin SportsPlex (registration coming soon)

Oct. 1: Tournament entry dates for two- and three-day events in the Badger Region and around the country.

Oct. 7: First day of Badger Region tryouts for boys and girls 14-and-under

Oct. 9: 7 p.m. Oct. 9 marks the first day/time a club can require an athlete who tried out for them to commit to their program for the 2023-24 season

Oct. 25: Boys open house at Pius XI High School from 6 to 8 p.m. for high school athletes and their parents seeking information on boys clubs in Wisconsin

Nov. 5: First day of Badger Region tryouts for boys 15-and-older

Nov. 6: 7 p.m. Nov. 6. marks the first day/time a club can require a boy who tried out for them to commit to their program for the 2023-24 season

Nov. 11: First day of Badger Region tryouts for girls 15-and-older

Nov. 13: 7 p.m. Nov. 13 marks the first day/time a club can require a girl who tried out for them to commit to their program for the 2023-24 season

Nov. 16: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

Nov. 19: Tournament entry for one-day events in the Badger Region.

Jan. 6-7: First weekend of Badger Region Power League (Elite, Select and Regional Divisions) at sites throughout the state

Feb. 8: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

Feb. 10-11: Second weekend of Badger Region Power League (Elite, Select and Regional Divisions) at sites throughout the state

March 2-3: Dale Rohde Boys Memorial Tournament (Madison Alliant Energy Center)

March 2-3: Badger Region Girls Qualifier (Madison Alliant Energy Center)

March 9-10: Badger Region Championships for Girls 11-12s (Champion Center in Appleton)

March 16-17: Badger Region Championships for Girls 13s Wisconsin/Badger Divisions and Girls 15s (Resch Convention Center in Green Bay)

March 16-17: Badger Region Championships for all Boys as well as Girls 14s (Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee)

March 23-24: Badger Region Championships for Girls 13 Open and 13 Club as well as all G16s, G17s and G18s (Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee)

April 6-7: Final weekend of Badger Region Power League at sites throughout the state (Select and Regional Divisions only)

May 8: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting



Have a great story idea or person you want featured in the Badger Beacon?
Email Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

How is the Badger Region Board structured?

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is governed by a Board of Directors that must be elected by members on a regular basis. Area reps serve three-year terms, while members of the executive board serve four-year terms.

Members, whether they are players, coaches, parents, directors, athletic trainers or officials, are encouraged to communicate with their respective representative if they

think policies or financial decision in the Region need to be changed.

Some policies enforced by Badger Region come from USA Volleyball, our sport's national governing body, so those can't be changed. But many others can.

The Board is advised by a 11 chairpersons (or experts) in various parts of the game, and five staff members (some of which have multiple responsibilities).

The state is divided into five parts geographically for representation. Plus, there are two at-large board members who you can approach if you don't feel comfortable with your current rep. And there is a rep dedicated just to issues that surround our Junior volleyball clubs and athletes.

You'll be hearing from each Board member twice a year in the form of a column in the Badger Beacon. Now, let's meet them:

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GIRLS 18S



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Girls Junior
Nationals

April 26-28

Baltimore,
Maryland

2025: Salt Lake City,
Utah

ADULTS



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Open
National
Championships

May 24-29

Columbus, Ohio

2025: Denver, Colo.

GIRLS



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Girls Junior
Nationals

G11-13s: June 21-24
Dallas, Texas;

G14-17s: July 3-11
Las Vegas, Nev.

2025: 11-13s: Kansas City
2025: 14-17s: Dallas

BOYS



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Boys Junior
Nationals

June 26-29

Dallas, Texas

2025: Minneapolis



USA All-Star
Championships

July 18-22

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2025: TBA

Dates and locations for a majority of the 2024 Boys Bid Tournaments and Girls National Qualifiers can also be found on the events page at www.usavolleyball.org.

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