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2023: YEAR IN REVIEW

New opportunities, more national champions highlight the year that was

Let's take a look back at some of the top stories of the 2023 calendar year in the Badger Region.

• Jan. 7-8: Badger Region Power League kicks off its third year at locations around the state. The debut of the Badger Region Power League Watch List also is made.

• Jan. 20: Badger Boys Series celebrates its ninth year in a row offering competition for boys ages 13 and under



• Jan. 23: The Badger Region/AVCA Coaching Education Tip of the Week and Badger Region/AVCA Recruiting Tips of the Week return for the fifth straight year.

* Feb. 1: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

• Feb. 11-12: Second weekend of Badger Region Power League

• Feb. 18: Concordia University Wisconsin hosts a Badger Region Night during its match against Lakeland University

• Feb. 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier at the Milwaukee Sting Center, RecPlex and Wisconsin Products Pavilion at State Fair Park

* March 1: Badger Region / AVCA Coach of the Year winners honored at the Milwaukee Bucks game at Fiserv Forum

* March 8: Badger Region hosts an online Lunch & Learn focused on sportsmanship with our partner Mark Horbinski of Won80.



• March 11-12: First weekend of the Badger Region Championships at the



The Badger Region delegations arrives at the All-Star Championships.

Wisconsin Center along with the Dale Rohde Memorial Volleyball Tournament

* March 15: Badger Region hosts a Lunch & Learn focused on all things leading up to the 2023 Badger Region Championships

• March 18-19: Second weekend of the Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center

• March 24: The Badger Region hosts an exhibition match between Milwaukee



Dive and Chicago Icemen at the Wisconsin Center

• May 25-26: Third weekend of the Badger Region Championships at the Wisconsin Center

* May 25-26: Multiple officials received their promotions to in-training to provisional officials as well as eight officials who advanced from provisional to regional. These refs advanced to Regional at Badger Region Championships: Guy DeShaney, Rich Blocksom, Gary Miedema, Rebecca Gasper and



The UW-La Crosse men (left) and UW-Eau Claire women won NCVF Championships in 2023 in Kansas City.



Emily Nelson

* March 30: Badger Region Board of Directors Meeting

• April 1-2: Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League and the announcement of the first-ever Badger Region Power League All-League Teams



* April 5: Badger Region launches a more mobile-friendly, searchable and aesthetically superior website. This coincided with other improved internal structures, new email system, new accounting system and new payroll systems. These initiatives were the product of the 2022 Strategic Planning sessions in the Region.

* April 7-8: Wisconsin Volleyball Championships (college club) held at the Milwaukee Sting Center

* April 13-15: National Collegiate Volleyball Federation Championships that saw the UW-La Crosse men's team and UW-Eau Claire women's team win national championships.

* April 18: The Badger Region hosts a listening session for club directors interested in giving the Badger Region feedback on our various Region-hosted events

• April 28-30: Eighteen Badger Region teams compete at the 2023 Girls National Championships 18-and-under championships in Columbus, Ohio. During that time, FC Elite 18-White

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brought home the Bronze Medal in the 18 Patriot Division.

* April 23: Badger Region High Performance All-Star team tryouts for boys at the New Berlin SportsPlex

• May 6: Badger Region Adult Championships at the New Berlin SportsPlex

* May 10: Board Region Board of Director Meeting

• May 11: Fifteen athletes named Badger Region scholarship recipients. Two additional athletes named FriscoMo scholarship winners for community service

• May 13: Badger Region High Performance training session for boys at New Berlin SportsPlex

• May 26-31: Twelve Badger Region Adult Teams compete at Nationals in Dallas, Texas

• June 1: Jason Wheelock (club representative at Fox Valley Performance) and Jon Ellmann (UW-Oshkosh women's coach and Spiketown USA club director) win the Badger Region Board of Director Election for At-Large positions

• June 2: Badger Region announces fourth annual AVCA/Badger Region Coach of the Year and Club Director of the Year awards (Dave Bayer, Adam Campbell, Katy Matola, Rosie Wetstein, Patrick Bieser, Jeff Van Lannen)

• June 3: Badger Region High Performance training session for boys at New Berlin SportsPlex

* June 14-15: Badger Region hosts a pair of beach volleyball clinics at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee with the support of Tomas Goldsmith, owner of Volley-Life.

• June 24-July 5: Fifteen Badger Region teams compete at the Girls 11-13s Junior National Championships in Minneapolis, Minn., the first time the 11-13s broke off from the larger 14-17s division of the event.

• June 24-July 5: Sixty-five Badger Region teams compete at the Girls 14-17s Junior National Championships in Chicago. During that time Milwaukee Sting 15-Gold won the national championship in the 15-National



Teams who raise the most money for the American Cancer Society won a free, professional photo shoot at the 2023 Region Championships.

Division. The Milwaukee Sting 17-Gold team won bronze in the 17-National division.

* July 5: Official Rick Jones receives his Junior National rating from USA Volleyball at GJNCs in Chicago

* June 23: Badger Region hosts a Lunch & Learn on Facebook Live focused on all things outdoor volleyball

• July 9-11: Badger Region Girls High Performance Camp at UW-Oshkosh

• July 10-11: Badger Region Boys High Performance Camp at Lakeland University

• July 20-23: Badger Region High Performance teams compete at the USA All-Star Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla, taking bronze in the Girls U13 division.

• July 29-30: The Badger Region returns to Bradford Beach in Milwaukee for the Badger Region Beach Championships

• Aug. 1-10: Badger Region offers "Retention Period" for clubs and athletes who played during

the 2022-23 season

* Aug. 1: The AVCA names Joe Banske (Motion Volleyball/Waukesha Fusion Boys High School Coach) the Girls 14-and-under Coach of the Year.

• Aug. 9: Badger Region Board of Director Meeting

* Aug. 11-12: Badger Region hosts a coaching clinic featuring John Kessel and Eric Hodgson for new coaches at St. Marcus School on Milwaukee's north side. It was followed the next day by clinics for all ages that started at 9 a.m. and went to 5 p.m.

* Aug. 17: Badger Region announces partnership with the Sideout Foundation for a Dig Pink event at the 2024 Badger Region Championships.

• Aug. 27: The Badger Region runs a unique player/coach clinic for all coaches and athletes who were planning to participate in a middle school league. This was done in cooperation with Milwaukee Dive.

• Aug 27: Badger Region Junior Club Director Meeting in Brook-



The Badger Region and St. Marcus School created "Volleyball Day Milwaukee" on Aug. 11-12 for coaches and athletes to attend and get introduced to the sport of volleyball.

field, Wis.

• Sept. 1: Badger Region/USA Volleyball begin their 2023-24 membership season – the fourth using Sports Engine

* Sept. 3: Badger Region renews its partnership with Won80 and owner Mark Horbinski who works with Badger Region clubs to educate coaches, parents and athletes on the importance of sportsmanship.

• Sept. 5: The Badger Region partners again with Frisco Mo to highlight boys high school volleyball better than it ever has in years past. The Region and Frisco Mo sponsored the weekly Top 10 coaches poll as well as all the awards, plaques and honors associated with the boys being named All-State.

• Sept. 10: Badger Region hosts a pair of club volleyball open houses: One in DePere and one in Appleton to allow athletes and families to meet clubs and coaches while their kids participated in a youth clinic

* Sept. 13: Badger Region is given the opportunity to host a club volleyball open house at Fiserv Forum prior to the Marquette vs. Wisconsin Women's NCAA Div. I volleyball match.

• Sept. 17: Badger Region hosts a clinic and open house at New Berlin SportsPlex in partnership with Milwaukee Dive

* Sept. 27: Badger Region partners with Zone 7 and owner Kevin Brylski as a company and individual who educates parents and fans about expectations about culture, conflict resolution and all things outside the lines.

• Oct 7: Tryouts begin for athletes 14-and-under

• Oct. 12: The Badger Region runs its Last Chance Tryout & Clinic at the New Berlin SportsPlex for athletes 14U who did not make a club during the first tryout period

• Oct. 25: Badger Region hosts its annual boys open house at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee featuring a scrimmage between UW-Whitewater and UW-Milwaukee men's volleyball teams.



Elite girls and boys were evaluated by the National Team Development Program Nov. 19 at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

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* Nov. 2: Badger Region is chosen to host the 2025 USA All-Star Championships in the City of Madison

* Nov. 5: Badger Region allows boys 15-and-older to try out as many prepare for a large tournament in Chicago that would take place Nov. 11-13.

• Nov. 11: Tryouts begin for girls 15-and-older

* Nov. 14: Badger Region hosts an online Lunch & Learn focused on using Parents as Resources

• Nov. 15: The Badger Region runs its Last Chance Tryout & Clinic at the New Berlin Sports-Plex for athletes 15-and older who did not make a club during the first tryout period

• Nov. 19: Badger Region hosts an in-person officials meeting. Other follow-up virtual meetings took place later that night and Dec. 10

• Nov. 19: Badger Region helps to coordinate its first-ever National Team Development Program Accelerator at the Milwaukee Sting Center featuring top athletes in the state getting looks from USA Volleyball's NTDP coaches

• Nov. 20: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting is held where the board voted to allow an additional summer tryout period

* Nov. 29: Badger Region board

member and HP All-Star Coach Jon Ellmann wins the AVCA Div. III NCAA Women's Coach of the Year helping to lead the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to a 30-1 record and the Quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament.

* Dec. 4: Viterbo University women's volleyball advances to the National Semifinals of the NAIA Tournament taking place in Sioux City, Iowa.

• Dec. 5: The first of many Coaches Coaching Coaches takes place in the Badger Region, where elite mentor coaches come out to clubs and work with coaches to help improve their practice planning and fine tune their philosophies.

• Dec. 8: The Badger Boys Series begins for the 2022-23 season at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

* Dec. 14: The Wisconsin Badgers make the NCAA Div. I Women's Volleyball Final Four but fall to national champion University of Texas in the semifinals.

* Dec. 15: Former Badger Region Board President Julie Voeck wins the PAVO Award.

• Dec. 16-17: First Badger Region tournaments of the 2023-24 season begin

* Dec. 21: Badger Region hosts an online Lunch & Learn with Kevin Brylski from Zone 7 focused on conflict resolution and de-escalation

FANS SHARE THEIR TOP MOMENTS OF 2023

When Kelly Sheffield fought hard and long with the powers that be to get Badger volleyball to play the first-ever Big Ten volleyball game on FOX following a Green Bay Packer game and the number of viewers that stayed tuned in blew the roof off. Making history and more importantly PROVING that women's volleyball can & would draw the numbers in, just as Coach Sheffield predicted! ... That historic moment drew a record-breaking TV audience, and averaged 1.659 million viewers, the largest television audience on record for a college volleyball match! According to WLUK's article they stated "FOX's broadcasts nearly tripled the previous record set on the Big Ten Network just one week earlier." THAT WAS AWESOME! It needs to happen more often because volleyball can sustain audiences nationwide.

Stacie Seehawer Patchett

When the Badgers and Marquette fans filled Fiserv Forum and set a new indoor record for attendance! Go Badgers!

Natalie Pedretti

Making the Badger Region 13U HP team and winning the Bronze in Fort Lauderdale

Brooklynn Winner

Coaching instead of playing at the Badger Region Championships

Theresa Bieszk

As a coach and for that matter 10 13/14s girls who never had any experience with club ball, we didn't know what to expect with the upcoming tournament season! I as a coach had many years of coaching and officiating so I implemented a 6-2. We scrimmaged another team before hand and we looked absolutely terrible! We didn't know 6-2 rotations, our skills looked terrible, and the parents were almost embarrassed! Over Christmas vacation, we drilled, diagramed, and worked as a team to rectify our problems. The first tournament, girls scared to death, coaches who had never coached before, and parents just wanting their daughters to play their best but nervous, all wanted the team to play to their ability. We enter a 16-team competition in Minneapolis, and start pool play. Wow, we beat the first team, we beat the second team, by the 3rd match,

we're beating the the third team and it's starting to hit the coaches, players, and parents, we win this match, it's a miracle! We end up in the gold round!!! To our surprise we end up taking 3rd out of 16 teams. Not bad for never coaching, or playing club ball. It was one of the best confidence building tournament the players ever experienced! Parents and coaches were so impressed by 10 girls who never played club!

Linnea Thompson Mueller

My favorite volleyball moment this year was when my daughter, Lia, received the Raider Award at the Pulaski High School volleyball banquet in October 2023.

Lori Richgels

Our favorite moment was my daughter getting and accepting an offer from her first choice team her first year trying out!

Jodie Tamm

I coached North Star's 151 Select/National squad last season. One of my team's most memorable moments was winning our final match on Day #2 of MadtownFest at the Alliant Energy Center last year. We lost the first set 17-25, won the second set 25-22, and came back from being down 12-7 in the third set to win 19-17

Courtney Gamer

Watching my daughter sit on the LOVB student council and get to be part of something that is so much bigger than she realizes. The connections, confidence, guidance, and woman leaders she is learning from is truly a gift in itself.

Emily Macha

Hearing y'all drop my name on the "Parents as a Resource" podcast... Aww and continuing to support my kiddos in the sport they love: priceless time in the car and on the courts being their biggest fan

Kim Ellingham

My daughter taking pictures after a match with some of the UW-Badger volleyball players! So fun!

Sherry Kraemer Harms

My favorite moment was watching my daughter come back from a broken wrist (snowboarding accident). Her serving was better

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than ever for school season. Can't wait to watch her this club season.

Tamara Cordts

Watching my daughter look up to her role models and decide to get crazy involved with volleyball!

Candice Marie

Down at AAU nationals the ceiling started leaking from all the rain and my 16s were playing on that court, we ended up getting moved to the Pink Championship Court and won, a core memory for sure!!

McKenzie Johns

Watching my grandson play for Kimberly High School in the Sectional Final vs Appleton North. It was one of the best volleyball games I've ever witnessed. Both teams played so great. Kimberly won and made it to the semi finals at the State Tournament. Great great memories!

Julie Trittin Hartjes

Watching the Badgers sweep Nebraska

Christina Nickol

Having all three of my sons playing and reffing volleyball! My heart is full

Ann Roob

When my daughter was invited to the Badger Region high performance camp!!

Danielle Reichert

My 11-year-old player struggled all season to make an overhand serve in practice, and then she finally got her first serve made in a game. It was an ace and the whole team celebrated. Proud coach!!! Love them all just like my own!

Emily Pierce

Tie between surprising my player with tickets to the NCAA Women's Volleyball National Championship in Tampa or her making a national team!

Jenn Vanden Hogen

My favorite moment was my 6th grade son finding his love for volleyball. He played his first fall season in the GMPL and did great!

Aaron Kaczorowski

Spending time with my daughter at all her tournaments and drives to practices as well as see her grow as a teammate.

Dawn Badura Mendez

Watching my team exceed their goals and win some tough matches.

Renee Yahnke

High performance camp

Cindy Dries

Winning 17-USA at the Dennis Lafata BJNQ tournament

Jason Bungert

Having mother/son time at Nationals in Orlando. The rest of the family stayed back home.

Deina Delacruz Rivera

Seeing my daughter's face for her acceptance call!!

Kerri Tennie

Winning Badger Region Championship Open Gold 14s :)

Joseph Banske

Watching my daughter learn volleyball super fast and make a spot on the team

Ashley Oremus

When my daughter was offered a spot on her Club's national team!!

Jamie Faucett

Coaching my 16s girl and took a tough L during pool play but came back and didn't drop a set to win 1st in the Wisconsin Silver Bracket.

Jaime Burhite

When my daughter and her best friend, got offered a spot for 10U. They were both nervous and excited!

Cristina M. DeLeon

Both of my girls winning conference

Dawn Squires-Hellenbrand

My favorite volleyball memory of 2023 was making history at Milwaukee Area Technical College having the first ever winning record and hosting their first ever play off game and winning

Sam Siehr

Going to HP for the second time and making nine new best friends (and seeing Sharkey every day of course)

Danielle Kopacz

Texas winning the national championships over Nebraska

Lukas J Broten

Playing in my last high school season

Kim Busateri

Winning the WIAC Conference Tournament

Morgan Jensen

When we beat Laconia who was undefeated until our regional championship game

Braelyn Lewis

Scoring State Championship Point in the WIAA Tournament

Brody Stuttgarten

Our team inning the Badger Region Championships

MVP14Blue

Our Adversity 12-1s winning 2nd placed at Badger Region Championships

Adversity VBC

Coaching my daughter's varsity team

Adam Peterson

My favorite moment was watching the camaraderie and support the Badger Region players and coaches displayed all season long. The best example was at the 13's Bronze winning match at the All Stars Tournament in Fort Lauderdale Florida! The cheering from all levels and players was insane and helped the girls bring home a medal! This was my all time favorite volleyball moment ever! Thanks Badger Region!!!

Linda Diedrich

My granddaughters name being called as an All Star Athlete at Nationals in Orlando 16's

[Sara Bushendorf

Watching our 14 year old girls fight and win Badger Region Championship! That was amazing to watch and be a part of!!!

Erica Grebel

Watching my son having a blast playing on a club team for the first time! Volleyball is the best!

Wendy Bledsoe Haglin

Definitely watching my daughter join her first club volleyball team and seeing her grow through the season

Amber Geiger Lee

Watching my daughter become a Badger Region ref since ACLR took her club season away from her.

Colette Czoschke Braun
(COLETTE WON THE BADGER REGION BACKPACK)

Both my daughters teams winning Badger Region open tournament. Sting 12 black / MVP 13 -1's.

Rachel Maciejewski

Coaching my team to a 3rd place finish at USAV Nationals

Margaret Postmus VerVelde

Having very young varsity team and see them come together and have a great season. Lots smiles.

Pam Erickson

Going to nationals in Florida to watch my daughter play volleyball and have that great experience, as well as getting to spend time with the other amazing parents from the team while we were there.

Lori Kubicki Radtke

Seeing my daughter back on the court after recovering from an injury and her first serve was an ace and i new she was back to herself

Dwayne Bargaquist

Spending 2 days watching my daughter and her team play their hearts out and never giving u. They ended up

winning the Badger Region Championship this past year.

Kevin Grebel

Watching each my daughter's 13U team grow throughout the season and have it all come together at Badger Region Championships to nearly upset a team in the Championship that had beat them by a lot earlier in the season.

Carrie Bean

Watching my son play with the USA Division III Men's Volleyball Team in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil!

Mary Herman

It was watching my daughter's team play the Puerto Rican team in Florida nationals. They were so nice they made our team gifts.

Steven Johnson

Watching our daughter return from an injury in time to play on her Senior night!!

Jon Carter

My favorite memory was watching the team I coached overcome a ton of adversity to beat my alma mater in an intense three set match

Ryan Schmit

My favorite moment is seeing my daughter having a fun time learning more about volleyball in her first year of club.

Rebecca Krueger Myszka

Had a few things year: watching my oldest play middle school ball and being invited and experiencing The Seton Championships. Coaching the next group of middle school students and watching how much they've learned and was able to accomplish in just their first year of school ball.

Elena Roosa

My first favorite moment from last year is from July during the AAU Club Volleyball National Championship Tournament. My son, Logan, and his MKE Sting 16-1 team. The team was competing in the Open Division and were undefeated going into the third day. They finished first in their pool which meant they needed to play the second place team from the pool above them in the crossover match to see who would go onto the Gold Bracket. That second place team just so happened to turn out to be MB Surf. They were the defending National Champions and happened to stumble and lose a match on the third day which made them second in their pool. I was told that no Sting team had EVER beaten an MB Surf team... especially the defending National Champions. Sting came back and shocked everyone by winning the match in the third set, and knocking MB Surf out of the gold bracket & contention for the National Championship.

Nick Neitzel



Coaches honored at Bucks game



Four of the Badger Region's Coach/Club Director of the Year winners were honored on Dec. 19 at Fiserv Forum prior to the Milwaukee Bucks/San Antonio Spurs basketball game.

Attendees included Rose Wettstein (FC Elite), Adam Campbell (Milwaukee Sting), Patrick Bieser (Wisconsin Elite) and Katy Matola (414 Milwaukee Elite). Other winners not in attendance included Jeff Van Lannen (FC Elite) and Dave Bayer (Milwaukee Sting).

Nominations for next year's Coach/Club Director of the Year awards will open on April 1 and go through April 30.

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BADGER REGION TEAMS OF THE WEEK

(SEND PHOTOS TO BRIAN@BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG)



Coach Michel DeLisle writes: From a team meal, bonding, white elephant & community service last night to a strong finish today, The RVA 1-Navy Boys teams worth knowing.



Michelle Born writes: The Luminosity 11-1 team has so much love for each other. When they found out that it was one of their teammates' birthdays, they hatched a plan all on their own to make practice as special as possible for her. They wrote out a plan of what each teammate should bring to practice to contribute. They made a tunnel for the birthday girl to walk through, sang to her, brought her balloons, flowers, gifts and a treat. Our birthday girl said she "felt like a princess" at practice. This was 100% a team led effort by our U11 girls team.



Southport B14-Blue won the Wisconsin Jr's Opener on Sunday, Dec. 17.



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- **DATES: JUNE 8-9**
Saturday, June 8th, Check in 11:30am
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CUW WVB ALL SKILLS DAY CAMP

- **SESSION 1 (5TH-8TH GRADERS)**
Friday, July 26th 8-11am, Check in 7:30am
- **SESSION 2 (9-12TH GRADERS)**
Friday, July 26th 1-4pm, Check in 12:30pm
- **\$100 (CAMP SHIRT INCLUDED)**
CUW Head Coach Carly Wehling, Assistant Coach Kaily Erdman, and CUW volleyball student-athletes are leading camp

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Coaches sought for All-Stars

The Badger Region is seeking coaches to help fill the ranks of its 2024 High Performance All-Star program.

Applications for any coach who wants to work a training date, camp or travel team are required.

[To apply for one of the coaching positions in the Badger Region HP All-Star program, click here.](#)

All camp and travel coaches are paid. Expectations for these coaches are to attend tryouts, attend training dates/camps and possibly travel with teams to Des Moines, Iowa, for the 2024 USA All-Star Championships.

Tryouts and training dates are yet to be announced.

Coaches looking to volunteer at tryouts or who want to come to training dates to observe practices, should sign up by emailing brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Questions? Contact Brian Sharkey at the email address above or call 414-313-9055.

COACHES RECOGNIZED



Jason Wheelock, a coach from Fox Valley Performance Volleyball Club and a member of the Badger Region Board of Directors, recently joined many other coaches from around the country at the American Volleyball Coaches Association Convention in Tampa, Fla., where he was part of the Diversity Awards ceremony and learning track at the event.

Fiserv Forum to host more college matches

Milwaukee host four powerhouse NCAA Div. I women's volleyball teams on Labor Day weekend 2024.

Wisconsin, Texas, Stanford and Minnesota will compete at Fiserv Forum Sept. 1-2 at the inaugural event that will air on Fox and FS1.

Stanford, Texas and Wisconsin were three of the final eight remaining teams in the NCAA Tournament this season. Earlier this year, FOX Sports made history when it aired a regular season women's college volleyball game on network television for the first time in the sport's history.

Are your team's jerseys compliant?

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@badgervolleyball.org.

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digPink IS COMING TO THE BADGER REGION

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.

Did You Know...

The Side-Out research program is available to anyone living anywhere with metastatic breast cancer (MBC) anywhere in the U.S.. Once a person is diagnosed with MBC, they talk to their oncologist about enrolling with Side-Out to receive their personalized Precision Medicine Report.

We are thankful to be collaborating with the Badger Region in March. Wishing all a restful, wonderful holidays and happy New Year!

Youthful Spirit + Purpose = Change

JOIN US

and help us change the way breast cancer is treated

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E.S.P. program recognizes sportsmanship

Wristbands given to adults being great role models

Sportsmanship isn't a suggestion for the way every player, coach and fan should act on and off the court. It is the expectation.

To reward those exceeding expectations, the Badger Region wants to recognize you.

The 2023-24 marks the eighth year of the "Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive." program that highlights volleyball enthusiasts, specifically fans in the stands.

Last season, tournament directors throughout the Region distributed close to 250 wristbands at events and tournaments, and we're looking to hand out hundreds more.

Then, at the Badger Region Championships in March, anyone (adults/spectators only) who was awarded a wristband throughout the year, will be eligible to



win Badger Region gear such as T-shirts, water bottles, mini volleyballs and other cool swag.

So, what do you have to do to get a wristband? Support your team! Be positive! Show character that would make your mother proud!

Get a little crazy. Go the extra mile. Recognize the good in your team and others. Get excited when even your opponent makes an amazing save or play.

Don't cheer against another team. Don't taunt or heckle officials, coaches or players. Don't give your club or team a black eye with any "in your face" cheers.

Tournaments directors, Badger Region staff, referees and board members are watching.

If you get one of our colorful "ESP" wristbands, come to the Championship Desk at the Badger Region Championships for prizes. Anyone with a wristband gets one entry into the raffle. At certain points throughout the day, names will be drawn for the prizes.

The only rule: You must have your wristband on at the time of the raffle to receive your gift.

The ESP program is designed for recognition of adults or other individuals who are "outside the

lines." Winners do not have to be Badger Region members.

If you have someone like an athlete, coach or official who is deserving of recognition, please fill out a nomination form for the "Caught Doing Good" program (see below).

If you are a tournament director running a Badger Region/USA Volleyball-sanctioned event in 2023-24 and would like to request a package of wristbands for distribution at your event, contact Program Director Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Nominate a coach, player or ref for special honor

'Caught Doing Good' now in its third year

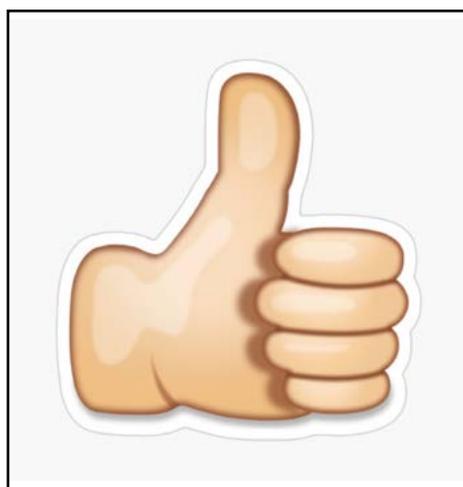
The Badger Region knows there are great people who play, coach or officiate our great sport in the state of Wisconsin.

Now is the time to take a second to recognize him or her for their outstanding character, leadership or contribution to the Badger Region or others in the volleyball community.

[To nominate an individual for "Caught Doing Good," click here.](#)

The 2023-24 season marks the third year of the "Caught Doing Good" program in the Badger Region.

In the past, some examples of folks Caught Doing Good were of coaches who took on multiple teams in the wake of situations at their clubs. There have also been coaches who have gone above and beyond to lead by example and be amazing role models for the young men and young



women in their care.

Some athletes have been recognized by their coaches or fellow teammates for their amazing show of sportsmanship, leadership and character on and off the court.

Just because a coach or athlete receives an award does not mean they are the best

coach in the Badger Region or the best athlete. It means they are doing things the right way, and in ways we can all learn from.

Nominees for "Caught Doing Good" will be eligible to win awesome prize packs from the Badger Region including Molten packs or volleyballs, Badger Region apparel or other Badger Region-branded items such as fanny packs, coolers or mugs. Winners will also be featured in future Badger Region newsletters.

"We want to recognize the people on the court who are models of behavior for the rest of us," said Program Director Brian Sharkey. "It's much friendlier on our end to celebrate the positive stories than have to reprimand those that don't have their priorities in order."

Only Badger Region members (coaches, club directors, tournament directors, athletes, administrators, athletic trainers, etc.) are eligible for Caught Doing Good awards.

Have questions about Caught Doing Good? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 414-313-9055.

The 'why' behind team building

Developing communication, building trust a part of growth

Brian Kenney
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Team Extreme LLC specializes in passionate and energetic team building and leadership workshops for club volleyball organizations throughout Wisconsin.

Owner Brian Kenney has been working closely with several club volleyball organizations over the last several months within Badger Region and some great themes are starting to emerge that we would like to share that will help with the "WHY" for team building.

Trust

What is trust building? Why is it important? How do you build trust from player to player, player to coach, etc.

Team building activities that focus on trust building give athletes real hands-on simulations that allow them to feel vulnerability and a sense of uncomfortableness which is a key ingredient to moving towards a more growth mindset place. Once athletes gain confidence in their levels of trust through activities and thinking through scenarios they feel a sense of confidence and minimization of fear of unknown and this can level up their game with themselves and make them a better teammate.

The best activity I have seen for developing trust between teammates is the mousetrap game. The first thing I do is talk about the safe side of the trap which is identified by the logo of Victor the mouse. Then I get each person in the group to load their mousetrap and then "unload" their mouse trap, after showing them how to do this. This allows them to learn to trust themselves and develop the confidence to face fears of the trap.

Once everyone completes the Level 1 activity we move to Level 2. For this, I bring out blindfolds and then pair them up with partners after we do a demonstration with two people



The Mousetrap

First talk about their SAFE side of the trap. Then get each person in the group to load their own mousetrap. Then ask them to "deload" their mouse trap. Bring out blindfolds and then pair them up with partners. Try older individuals with younger to work on building team/group trust. The blindfolded individual must be talked through the loading and unloading of the mouse/rat trap by their partner. They then switch. Larger rat traps can also be used to show that "Bigger" looking challenges or opponents is not necessarily a harder task. First talk about their SAFE side of the trap. Then get each person in the group to load their own mousetrap. Then ask them to "deload" their mouse trap. Bring out blindfolds and then pair them up with partners. Try older individuals with younger to work on building team/group trust.



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to show that "bigger" looking challenges or opponents are not necessarily a harder task, it just appears that way. This 2nd layer dials in trusting others only after learning to trust yourself. Above are some pictures of the Level 1 and Layer 2 of the mousetrap activity.

Level 1 - Athletes learning to trust themselves (you vs the mousetrap)

Level 2 - Moving towards trusting others (blindfolded with a partner)

Communication

Communication is vital to team building, but when we are talking about adolescent athletes, communication is often complicated, and utilizing various activities focusing on building those skills can help young athletes gain confidence as to why we need them to be more assertive in their communication with coaches and teammates.

Always remember assertive is not the same as being aggressive. Assertive simply means communicating and expressing your thoughts, feelings, and opinions in a way that makes your views and needs clearly understood by others, without putting down their thoughts, feelings, or opinions.

Some tips I utilize to help athletes with communication skill-building are listed below -

- * Always remember to be you first - be the authentic you that you need to be for yourself and your teammates. Knowing who you are makes communicating skill-building that much better from the beginning. People always appreciate authenticity.

- * Minimize impatient or angry body language when talking with people. This is very difficult but also very necessary for being a good teammate and player. Body language deficiencies are very detectable by your teammates and opponents so this needs to be addressed.

- * Learn to develop a communication vocabulary that includes lots of "I" statements more so than "you" statements. This lets people know how you

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feel about something and increases their capacity to listen.

* Avoid assuming or mind reading. This does not feel good when it's done to you and doesn't feel good when done to others.

* There are always hurdles to navigating communication and it takes patience, time, and investment from everyone. Never let your electronic devices be visible when you are communicating with others and there needs to be a connection and engagement where you are focused on them, and them on you. Keep your electronic devices silenced and away from you so they are not a distraction. This is one of the biggest hurdles to age-appropriate communication between 2 people.

* Be curious and ask people questions. Curious people tend to be less judgmental and often they can validate what another person is saying simply by being more curious about that person's thoughts, feelings, and intentions.

Go back to back

One of my favorite activities to use with young athletes is to get them thinking about how to offer and seek information from others and include a feedback loop that focuses on attention to detail. I do this by placing 2 athletes back to back on the floor and giving them each a zip lock bag that has various objects that are made from plastic, wood or rubber.

The activity is called back-to-back art.

Each person would get the same amount of objects and the same color schematics. One person is assigned the role of the "creator" and the other person then has to build what the creator explains to them.

I tell them they need to use each item they have and build it one step at a time and explain those steps to the other person. They can never look at what each other is creating until they agree they have a finished product. They can ask for clarification, explain each crucial step, and use all the resources they have available to help them with spatial awareness (lines on the floor, wood sections, walls in the gym, and other things to

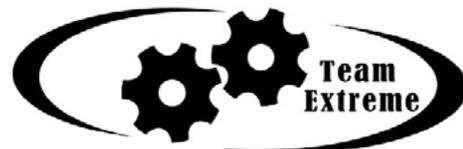


help orient the other person). The end goal is to create close to perfect creations (this is almost impossible just like being perfect at anything is near impossible) but we are striving for excellence. Below is a picture of the back-to-back art activity in action during and after completion.



In my next article, I will focus on the importance of human connection/relationship-building activities and the importance of developing problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

I hope you find this information helpful to your coaching and if you ever have any questions about team building you can always reach out to me and I will do my best to serve you.



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Board approves changes to tryouts

Region clubs allowed to offer a summer tryout

The Badger Region Board of Directors met Nov. 20, and voted to allow an additional tryout and commitment period to take place in the summer starting with the 2024-25 club volleyball season while maintaining the October and November tryout and commitment periods that are currently in place.

The following motion was approved by the Board 11-1 and will be effective July 1, 2024.

The Badger Region will allow clubs to open tryouts to all ages and gender of athletes on the second Saturday after the conclusion of the final day of the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships (GJNC) or Boys Junior National Championships (BJNC) (whichever is later). All tryouts must be completed by 11:59 p.m. CT the Sunday before the start of the WIAA season. If an athlete receives an offer from a club, it must be honored until 7 p.m. CT Aug. 1. Any offer made after that time is at the discretion of the club.

Summer tryouts must be concluded once high school season begins. If a club holds a tryout during the regular fall tryout period, they may do so the first Saturday in October for athletes 14-and-younger, or the Saturday after the conclusion of the WIAA state volleyball tournament (15-and-older). Clubs must honor their offers until the Monday after the tryout period at 7 p.m. Any offers made after 7 p.m. are at the discretion of the club.

Clubs can offer a retention offer to those athletes who played for their club that season for the following club season to athletes starting on July 1 through seven days after the final day of the GJNC or BJNC (whichever is later).

Details

The second Saturday after the last day of the GJNC and BJNC would allow a minimum of at least eight days for an athlete to recover from the end of their season. It will also allow some time for athletes and families to consider possible retention offers they may have received, and mirrors tryout policies from neighboring regions.

The policy allows clubs to host tryouts for all ages and genders during the summer tryout period while still retaining the fall tryout periods. Clubs may choose to host tryouts during any or all of the available periods. The updated policy does not mandate that a club hold tryouts during the summer tryout period; this is up the discretion of each individual club.

The Aug. 1 commitment date allows a longer tryout period and will allow athletes to attend multiple tryouts possibly over two weekends. This gives athletes and families to try out at multiple locations and not have to race from club to club on just one day of tryouts. The Aug. 1 deadline gives clubs and athletes two weeks before the high school season starts.

Moving the retention period to July 1 through seven days after the final day of the GJNC or BJNC allows clubs who choose not to participate in the summer tryout period to retain athletes. The summer tryout period and summer retention appeal to athletes who want to know what club they will train with and compete with after their high school or middle school seasons.

If a club chooses to host a tryout in the summer period, they can then advertise for

available team openings for the fall tryout periods. Allowing a summer tryout gives clubs additional planning time to organize their resources to prepare for the upcoming club volleyball season.

Timeline

These policies will go into effect for the 2024-25 season, with the applicable dates below for the coming season

- Retention will open July 1, 2024, for the 2024-25 season the last day of the 2024 GJNC / BJNC will be July 11.
 - The last day a retention offer can be signed will be July 18.
 - The first allowed dates for tryouts will be July 20
 - The first commitment date will be Aug. 1. Any offers made after this date are at the discretion of the club.
 - The last allowed date of summer tryouts will be Aug. 18.
 - WIAA (high school) season starts Aug. 19
 - Fall tryouts can start Oct. 5 for 14-and-under (Commitment date: Oct.7)
 - Fall tryouts can start Nov. 16 for 15-and-older (Commitment date: Nov. 18)
- More details about how official commitments will be made and other logistical adjustments will be published once they are finalized.
- The Badger Region appreciates all of the time spent by the tryout committee, board members, club directors and others during this several year process. Numerous surveys of families and clubs, club director listening sessions and almost two years of planning went into the decision made by the Board of Directors.
- We understand that with change comes questions, which we will help facilitate. Please send any questions to membership@badgervolleyball.org.



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Region to host 2025 All-Star event

Madison chosen for elite tournament

The Badger Region Volleyball Association and the Madison Area Sports Commission (MASC) are proud to announce that Madison and the Alliant Energy Center have been selected to host the 2025 USA Volleyball All-Star Championships. The event will feature All-Star teams from across the country composed of boys and girls players, ages 13-19, as well as officials from around the nation.

Madison was selected from various sites around the country by the participating programs. It will be the first time a Wisconsin city has hosted this prestigious event since 2010, when it was held in Wisconsin Dells.

"We are very proud to be hosting this event in Madison, in partnership with the Madison Area Sports Commission," said Badger Region Volleyball Executive Director and Commissioner Jennifer Armson-Dyer. "Wisconsin is a hotbed of volleyball at all levels, and to be able to bring this event to our local community is very rewarding. We're looking forward to showing the juniors volleyball community what Madison is about."

The event will take place in late July 2025 at the Alliant Energy Center and will feature four days of competition across nine divisions of both boys and girls volleyball ages 13-19. More than 100 participating teams will come from the 40 regions of USA Volleyball along with international teams. In the past, teams from Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia and New Zealand have attended the event.

Not only will players, coaches and spectators travel from around the nation to Madison, but officials will as well. Each participating region sends experienced and up-and-coming officials to work the event and be mentored by world-class officials to gain experience officiating high-level volleyball and making important connections to further



The Badger Region brought home two gold medals from the All-Star event in Tulsa in 2022. The event will be in Madison in 2025.



their careers.

"Hosting this prestigious tournament in Madison -- one of the epicenters of volleyball has long been a goal of ours," said Jamie Patrick, VP of MASC. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with Badger Region Volleyball to welcome athletes and their fans to compete, cheer and enjoy volleyball and activities in the indelible Madison."

The All-Star Championships started in the early 2000s as an elite-level event designed to showcase regional All-Star teams along with national training teams from USA Volleyball, the national governing body of volleyball in the United States, in multiple age divisions. Previously known as the High Performance Champion-

ships, the USA Volleyball All-Star Championships are now run by the Regional Volleyball Associations and it is endorsed by USA Volleyball as a "pipeline" event to the National Team Development and Olympic programs.

Badger Region has been a participant in this event since its beginning, capturing 15 medals, including most recently a bronze medal by the U13 girls team last July in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a gold medal by the U17 boys and U17 girls teams in 2022 in Tulsa, Okla. The 2024 All-Star Volleyball Championships will be held in Des Moines, Iowa in mid-July. Information about the Badger Region Volleyball tryouts for the 2024 teams will be announced in January.

For more information on the event as details emerge, please visit the Badger Region website at www.BadgerVolleyball.org or contact us at membership@badgervolleyball.org.

Badger Region

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is one of the 40 Regions of USA Volleyball. A 501c3 nonprofit organization, Badger Region's mission is to promote

initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences. Badger Region is one of the nine largest regions in the country, with more than 16,000 members across the state of Wisconsin. Our membership ranges from introductory and grassroots teams at 10 and under through semi-professional adult teams associated with the Volleyball League of America. We provide educational opportunities for players, coaches, club directors, tournament directors, officials and fans, and prioritize child safety and safe, welcoming environments. Please visit www.BadgerVolleyball.org to learn more about Badger Region Volleyball.

About the Madison Area Sports Commission:

The Madison Area Sports Commission (MASC) is the greater Madison area's official sports marketing organization. Launched by Destination Madison in 2010, MASC is charged with elevating the recognition and awareness of the impact of sports tourism on the regional economy while serving the unique needs of the sports tourism business. For more information about the organization, visit madisonsports.org.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Mark Horbinksi leads a sportsmanship presentation at Spike Milwaukee Volleyball Club.

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

Jan. 19: Second Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

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

July 18-21: USA All-Star Championships in Des Moines, Iowa



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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:

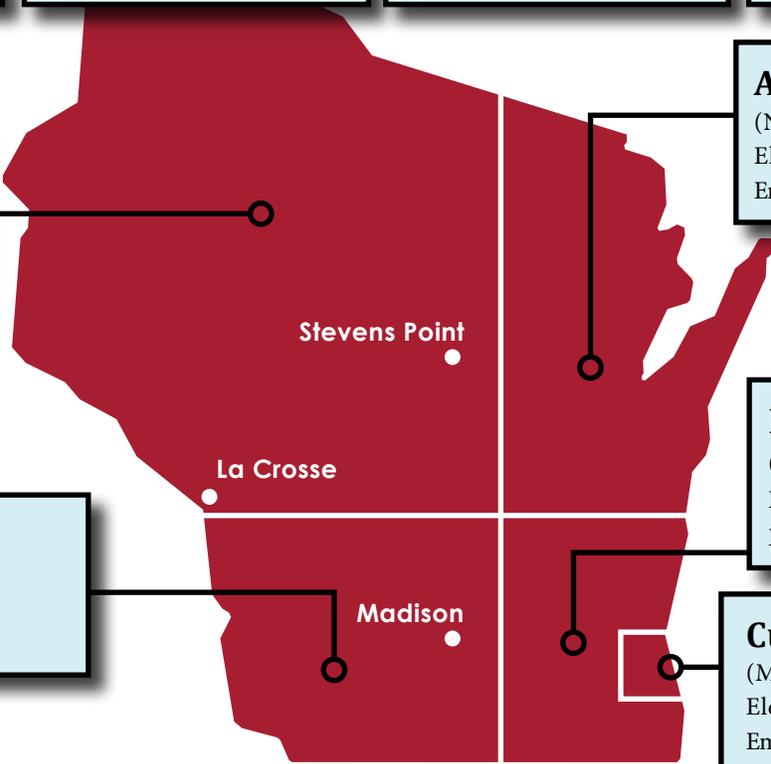
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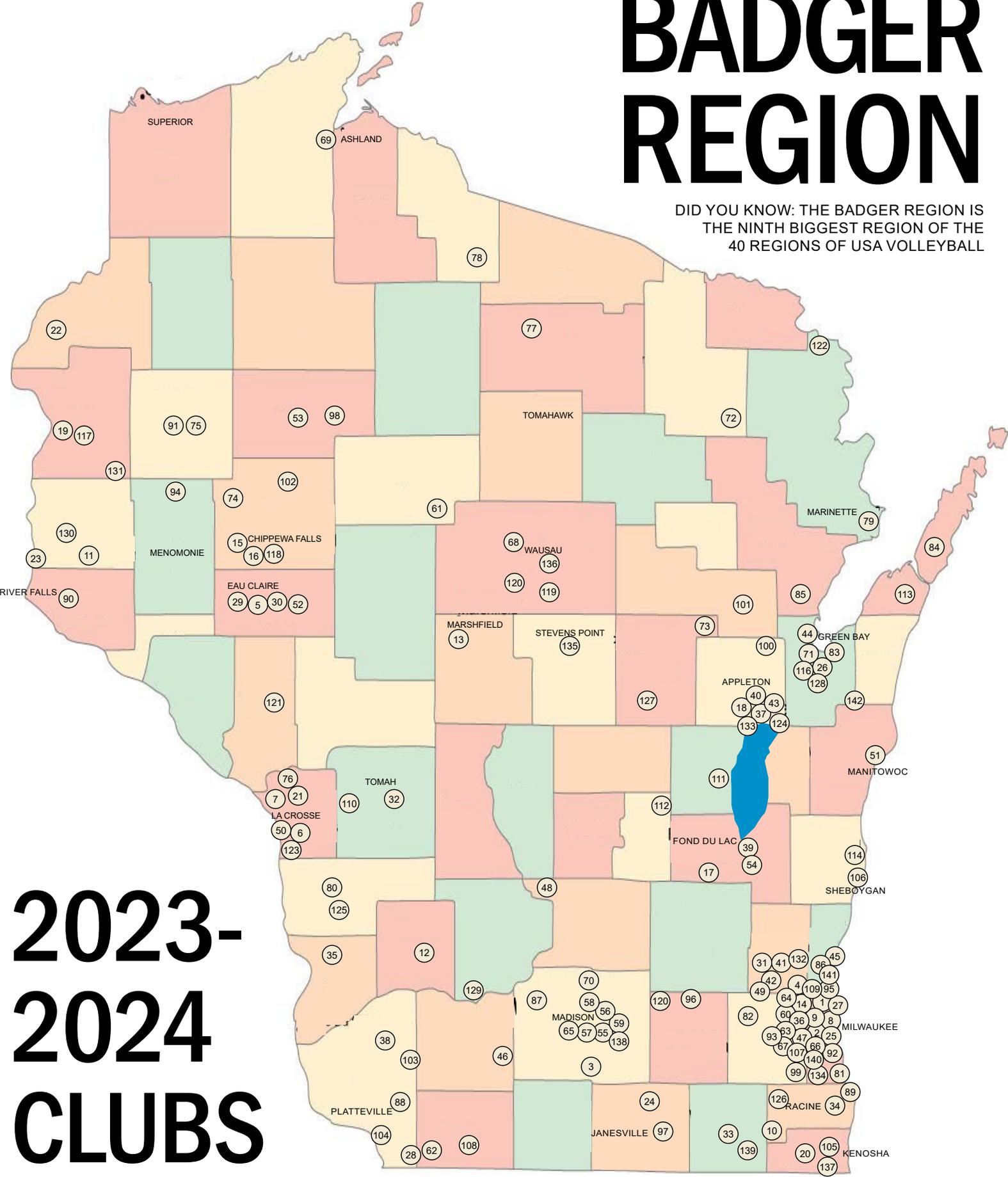
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35	Express Volleyball Club	Gays Mills	110	Sparta Sparks	Sparta
36	Falls Focus	Menomonee Falls	111	Spiketown USA (Oshkosh)	Oshkosh
37	FC Elite	Menasha	112	Spiketown Central (Berlin)	Berlin
38	Fennimore Impact	Fennimore	113	Spiketown Door County	Door County
39	Fond du Lac Fusion	Fond du Lac	114	Spiketown (Sheboygan)	Sheboygan
40	Fox Valley Performance *	Appleton	115	Spiketown Reign (Wautoma)	Wautoma
41	G-Force VBC	Germantown	116	Spiketown Triton (Green Bay)	Green Bay
42	Hartford Volleyball Club	Hartford	117	St. Croix Select	Roberts
43	Heat VBC *	Appleton	118	Synergy Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls
44	Howard Suamico Inferno VBC	Suamico	119	Team United VBC	Mosinee
45	I AM Volleyball Club *	Grafton	120	Tempo Volleyball Club	Waterloo
46	Infinity Volleyball Crew	Barneveld	121	Tenacity Volleyball Club	Blair
47	Junior Vikings Volleyball Club	Milwaukee	122	UP North Volleyball Club	Niagara
48	Just A Game VBC	Wisconsin Dells	123	Xtreme VBC	La Crosse
49	Lake Country Pipe Hitters *	Hartland	124	Valley Velocity	Appleton
50	La Crosse Velocity	La Crosse	125	Viroqua Venom	Viroqua
51	Lakeshore Storm VBC	Manitowoc	126	Waterford Wave	Waterford
52	Laser VBC	Fall Creek	127	Waupaca Fire VBC	Waupaca
53	Legacy VBC	Ladysmith	128	West Side Slam	DePere
54	Luminosity Volleyball Club	Fond du Lac	129	Western Elite VBC	Spring Green
55	Madison Elite *	Madison	130	Western Wisconsin Smash	New Richmond
56	Madison Inferno *	Sun Prairie	131	White Lightning	Clear Lake
57	Madison Ignite	Madison	132	Wisconsin Attack Volleyball Club	Milwaukee
58	Madison Starlings *	Madison	133	Wisconsin Blaze	Appleton
59	Madtown Juniors	Sun Prairie	134	Wisconsin Elite	Franklin
60	Mamba Volleyball Academy *	Waukesha	135	Wisconsin Flight	Stevens Point
61	Medford Storm	Medford	136	Wisconsin Ice VBC	Wausau
62	Midwest Elite Volleyball Club	Hazel Green	137	Juniors Volleyball Clubs	Pleasant Prairie
63	Midwest Penguins Volleyball	Waukesha	138	608 Juniors	Madison
64	Milwaukee Sting VBC *	Menomonee Falls	139	Lake Juniors	Lake Geneva
65	Milwaukee Sting United (Madison)	Madison	140	Milwaukee Juniors *	New Berlin
66	Milwaukee VBC *	Milwaukee	141	Wisconsin Premier VBC	Mequon
67	Motion Volleyball Players *	New Berlin	142	Wisconsin Shock	Denmark
68	MVP Club	Marathon			
69	North Bay Legends *	Ashland			
70	North Star Volleyball Club	DeForest			
71	Northeast Wisconsin Black Sheep	Green Bay			
72	Northern Lights WI Volleyball Club	Laona			
73	Northern Ignite	Clintonville			
74	Northern Pride	Cumberland			
75	Northern Storm	Cameron			

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