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HP All-Star tryouts, other details announced

The best of the best are coming together in 2024 for the [Badger Region High Performance All-Star program](#).

That means elite athletes from clubs around the state. Top coaches from colleges and clubs from around the Badger Region. And all topped with an international tournament experience not offered at any other level of junior

volleyball.

And that starts with our first round of announcements having to do with tryout, training dates and overnight camps that lead up to the culminating USA All-Star Championships where Badger Region All-Star teams will compete against a full slate of other Region All-Star teams and All-Star teams from international delegations.

[Tryouts \(register here\)](#)

Athletes in the following age groups are eligible to try out for a spot in the Badger Region HP All-Star program in 2024.

- U19: Boys and Girls born in 2006 and 2007
- U17: Boys and Girls born in 2008 and 2009
- U15: Boys and Girls born in

2010, 2011 and elite level athletes born in 2012

This will be the first time the Region offers a Girls U19 team, and it is the first time the Region is offering a Boys U15 team.

Tryouts will take place on the following dates:

- March 1: Girls U15, U17 and

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Region partners with Dig Pink

Did you hear the buzz??

The Badger Region is partnering with the Side-Out Foundation (SOF) to raise funds to support research for patients living with metastatic breast cancer (MBC). MBC is the most advanced form of breast cancer and the least funded.

This year, the Badger Region will be designating the Saturday of each Badger Region Championship weekend as DIG PINK Saturday! We are encouraging all teams and fans to participate; by dressing in pink, pink hair ties/ribbons, pink socks, and pink shirts. We encourage everyone to wear PINK!

"The Badger Region has been an unwavering supporter since day one, their belief in us is something we deeply cherish," said Rick Dunetz, Founder and Chief Vision Officer. "The thought of uniting all the players, parents and coaches, in the Badger

Region to support Dig Pink and the Side-Out Foundation is truly special, and warms our hearts with gratitude and appreciation."

Why is the Badger Region partnering with the Side-Out Foundation?

Metastatic breast cancer affects both men and women, and is one of the leading causes of death among women. The Founder of the SOF, Rick Dunetz, lost his mother to Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC). In 2004 Rick's mom, Gloria, was diagnosed with MBC. A volleyball coach at the time, Rick's team rallied in support of his mom and their family.



The outpouring of support, encouragement, and donations spurred Rick

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TeamSnap joins forces with the Badger Region

TeamSnap, the leader in youth sports management technology, is excited to announce our new partnership with Badger Region Volleyball, the regional Governing Body for volleyball in Wisconsin, serving 140 clubs and 16,000+ members. This partnership makes TeamSnap the preferred communication and fundraising partner for one of the top 10 largest volleyball regions in the country.

TeamSnap and Badger Region have come together to form this partnership to help serve the entire region with an array of benefits that are focused on enhancing the experience for club administrators along with their athletes and families.



Badger Region club administrators and their athletes can take advantage of the following benefits immediately:

* Complimentary TeamSnap Sponsorship accounts for each volleyball club. This provides Badger clubs with preferential access to sponsorship matches from national and regional brands that are engaged with TeamSnap for Brands.

* Annual grant opportunities ranging from

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and his father, Brian Dunetz, to mobilize the volleyball community to see if we could help make a difference in the lives of those living with MBC. Rick's vision was that Youthful Spirit + Passion = Purpose! This was the beginning of the Side-Out Foundation and their trade-marked Dig Pink events.

"Our approach is different from many other nonprofits because we choose to fund and manage our own clinical research," said Dunetz. We wanted to be an organization that provided help now to anyone living with MBC.

This cause hits close to many in the Badger Region.

"Unfortunately I have a long history with MBC in my family and close friends, which only strengthens my support of the work the Side-Out Foundation does," said Jennifer Armson-Dyer, Executive Director and Commissioner of Badger Region. "The Region is proud to give SOF a platform to raise awareness and support of their mission and I know our members and participants will both enjoy the Saturday Pink-Outs and support the SOF in their fundraising efforts. I'm looking forward to seeing the pink creativity from all attendees!"

How can you help?

* Purchase a special edition Badger Region Championship PINK tournament t-shirt. A portion of each shirt sold will be donated directly to the Side-Out Foundation.

* [Create Your Clubs' Fundraising Campaign NOW.](#) Teams that are registered for the

Badger Region Championship can create an online fundraising portal for their respective club. It is a very simple process, Amy Markland from the SOF is happy to help clubs set up their fundraising pages in support of our effort. Amy will be contacting all teams by email by February 1st and is available for any questions and support. Amy's email is amy.markland@side-out.org.

Challenge Your Teams by:
* Creating your own [Dig Pink fundraising page](#) and sharing your fundraising efforts with those in your local community.

* Set a fundraising goal for your club.

* Challenge the teams in your club to compete for top fundraiser in your club.

* The SOF will award prizes to the top three fundraising teams, and recognize the top fundraising club.

* Stop by the Dig Pink booth and learn how to host your own high school or club Dig Pink event.

These ideas are all great ways for your teams to work together, build lasting memories, and support an organization that is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those living with MBC. All while playing a sport we all love, volleyball.

For more information about the Side-Out Foundation, please visit their website at www.side-out.org. You can also follow SOF on Facebook, Instagram, X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube.

We look forward to seeing our Badger Nation rally together to help support this Dig Pink event!



Badger Region unveils logo for 2024 Championships

The Badger Region received nine logos from seven different individuals, and staff allowed members to vote for their favorite for the 2024 Badger Region Championships.

This year's winning logo was designed by Greenfield resident Amanda Marek.

She will win a Badger Region backpack from Molten, a Molten volleyball and lots of Badger Region swag. Congratulations!

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\$500-\$1,000 from TeamSnap Impact will help 5-7 teams participate in the Badger Region Volleyball Championships. TeamSnap Impact is our initiative to enhance the lives of kids by creating a world where youth sports programs are accessible and equitable for all.

* Preferred pricing structure for Badger Region Volleyball clubs not currently using the TeamSnap for Business platform, our suite of integrated tools that brings the administration of athletic programs into a single and easy-to-use workspace where users can communicate and manage their clubs effectively and efficiently.

* Opportunities to apply for tech-

nology grants to assist with providing the best technology to clubs serving communities in need.

"We're very excited about this partnership with TeamSnap," said Badger Region Executive Director and Commissioner Jennifer Armson-Dyer. "Elevating both communication and funding opportunities for clubs is important to Badger Region, and this partnership will provide both of those tools to clubs."

Ready to learn more about TeamSnap for Business, grant opportunities, and activating your complimentary sponsorship account? Sign up for a personalized 1:1 demo today by contacting Ryan Holmstedt at ryan.holmstedt@teamsnap.com.

ALL-STAR, From Page 1

U19 at the Alliant Center in Madison prior to the Badger Region Qualifier (6 p.m.)

- March 15: Boys U15, U17 and U19 at the Baird Center (formerly the Wisconsin Center) in downtown Milwaukee prior to the Badger Region Championships (6 p.m.)
- March 22: Girls U15, U17 and U19 at the Baird Center (formerly the Wisconsin Center) in downtown Milwaukee prior to the Badger Region Championships (6 p.m.)
- Video submissions for tryouts will be considered on a case-by-case basis

Cost of tryouts is \$40 and includes a tryout t-shirt. [To register for tryouts, click here.](#)

From the tryouts, 30 athletes in each age group will be brought in for training dates (listed below) with their respective age/gender. An age group consists of athletes born in two years. For example, 30 athletes are chosen in the U19 age group who are born in 2006 and 2007. That doesn't mean 30 kids from 2006 and 2007. That means 30 kids total.

Who should attend tryouts? The Badger Region HP All-Star program is for elite athletes who want to be considered for a spot on an international volleyball team representing the state of Wisconsin. All participants must be a current Badger Region member.

Girls training dates

Changes to the traditional training schedule need to happen for the Badger Region HP All-Star program due to the timing of USA Volleyball's Girls Junior National Championships and the dates for the USA All-Star Championships. Since there are only six days between the last day of GJNCs in Las Vegas and the departure date for the All-Star event



in Iowa, the girls program will be modifying its schedule.

The tentative girls training dates are as follows:

- May 4 or May 5: Training date at site TBA
- May 11: Training date at site TBA

The coaching staff will narrow down their group of 30 to the 12 athletes who will be offered spots on the travel team after May 11. The 12 athletes chosen for the team and a handful of alternates will come together July 14-15 for an overnight camp at a site TBA.

Costs of the training dates and overnight camp will be announced soon.

Boys training dates

Coaches will pick 24-30 athletes per age group and bring them to one-day training sessions as follows:

- April 21 at the New Berlin SportsPlex

- May 5 at the New Berlin SportsPlex
- June date (if needed)

The athletes chosen for the travel teams will come together July 14-15 at a site TBA for an overnight camp.

Costs of the training dates and overnight camp will be announced soon.

All-Star Championships

The USA-All-Star Championships will be held July 18-21 in Des Moines, Iowa. The Badger Region delegation will depart the morning of July 17 and return the morning of July 22. Cost of the trip to Iowa is TBD.

Badger Region HP All-Star

Not familiar with High Performance? Here's just a few of the great perks:

- Expose athletes to high-level college (NCAA and NAIA) recruiters who attend the international tournament.
- Offer a college-like sports experience where athletes learn what it is like to be treated like an elite-level athlete.
- Be a part of independent travel experience led by highly certified Badger Region staff and HP Coaches
- Gain exposure to elite level coaching provided by the Midwest's highest level club and college coaches.
- Compete and train alongside other all-star caliber athletes from around the Badger Region.
- Play against other all-star teams from around the country and the world

[For more on the HP All-Star program in the Badger Region, click here.](#)

Have questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org or call/text 414-313-9055.

BADGER REGION COACHING CORNER



COACHING AWARENESS TIP:

According to the USA Volleyball rulebook (as well as accepted policy within the Badger Region) teams do not have to change sides unless it is discussed and agreed upon at the pre-match meeting that one side has a distinct advantage (or disadvantage).

At the pre-match conference, a team who wins the coin toss can elect to take the serve, take receive or select a side for the duration of the match (assuming that it was determined prior that there would be no switching sides due to an unfair advantage). Teams/Coaches cannot "decide" to switch sides in between sets. (This was the issue we've had)

Coaches: Just because your team showed up to the court first and picked which bench they wanted doesn't mean that is the side your team will be assigned to.

AVCA TIPS OF THE WEEK

JAN. 25: Middle System Offense Drill with LaSalle Academy Boys and Girls Head Volleyball Coach Nikolai Wojciechowski. [Click here.](#)

Wojciechowski is one of the 30-Under-30 award winners from the AVCA. Look for more AVCA Tips of the Week on the [Badger Region website.](#)

CAUGHT DOING GOOD

UW-Oshkosh commit goes above and beyond in her role as an official

The start of the season is a unique experience for everyone in the volleyball community.

There is newness and uncertainty among athletes, coaches and officials alike.

But one young official went above and beyond to make the experience a positive one for the athletes and coaches who came across her court.

That's why this week's Caught Doing Good honor goes to official Malayna Dins, a senior at Winnebago Lutheran Academy and a resident of Mount Calvary, Wis.

Dins was Caught Doing Good at the first weekend of the Badger Region Power League.

"The first tournament of the year can always be a little intimidating for the girls to be the work crew," the nomination said. "We had great officials all weekend, but Malayna really created a comfortable environment for the girls. She made eye contact with the girls every time she needed something from them and was patient if it took them a little bit to make their entries on the scoresheet."

What stood out was Dins' support of her work crew.

"When a coach argued about a

call, Malayna told the line judge 'you are doing a great job. You are paying attention and were confident in your call. I have no reason to not trust you. I have your back,'" the nomination said. "Her support and demeanor helps take some of the anxiety out of working and helps girls build their confidence. Great job."

Dins is graduating high school early and is committed to the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh to continue her athletic and academic career. She'll begin at Oshkosh in early February, and that is why she wasn't able to play club volleyball her senior year.

"I have been playing club since I was 11 years old," Dins said in an interview. "I think the relationships I remember having with officials when I was playing made me want to take up the challenge of being a ref myself."

To nominate a player, coach or official for a Caught Doing Good award, click here: <https://badger-volleyball.org/caught-doing-good/>

Honorees will receive a Badger Region backpack, fanny pack and lots of other Badger Region swag. Questions? Email brian@badger-volleyball.org.



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Lunch & Learn to focus on Dig Pig partnership

The next topic for the on-line Lunch & Learn will be the partnership between the Badger Region and the Sideout Foundation/Dig Pink.

The 2024 Badger Region Championships held across three weekends in the month of March will be used as a giant Dig Pink event and a fundraiser for the

Sideout Foundation.

The Sideout Foundation helps to raise awareness and funds for those with metastatic breast cancer.

To bookmark the Dig Pink Facebook Live episode, [click here](#).

For a look back at the Jan. 11 Lunch & Learn focused on Sportsmanship, [click here](#).

Scholarships now available for seniors

The Badger Region Student-Athlete Scholarship Committee will award \$500 to five male and 10 female student athletes/assistant coaches/officials who participated with a Badger Region recognized-club during the 2023-24 club volleyball season.

Two additional winners will receive a Badger Region / Frisco Mo

Do-Good Scholarship for volunteer work in their community. Winners can also be USAV coaches or officials who were seniors during the 2023-24 school year. The deadline to apply will be May 1, 2024.

[Click here to apply: https://badgervolleyball.org/scholarship-application/](https://badgervolleyball.org/scholarship-application/)

Fiserv Forum to host more college matches

Milwaukee will 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.



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Tips of the week coming soon!





CONCUSSION in SPORTS

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MORE THAN 170,000 KIDS AND TEENS are treated in an emergency department each year for sports- or recreation-related traumatic brain injuries, including concussions.

WHEN IN DOUBT, **>> SIT THEM OUT!**

Paulsons launch endowment at UW-Parkside

Longtime Badger Region supporters behind effort at UWP

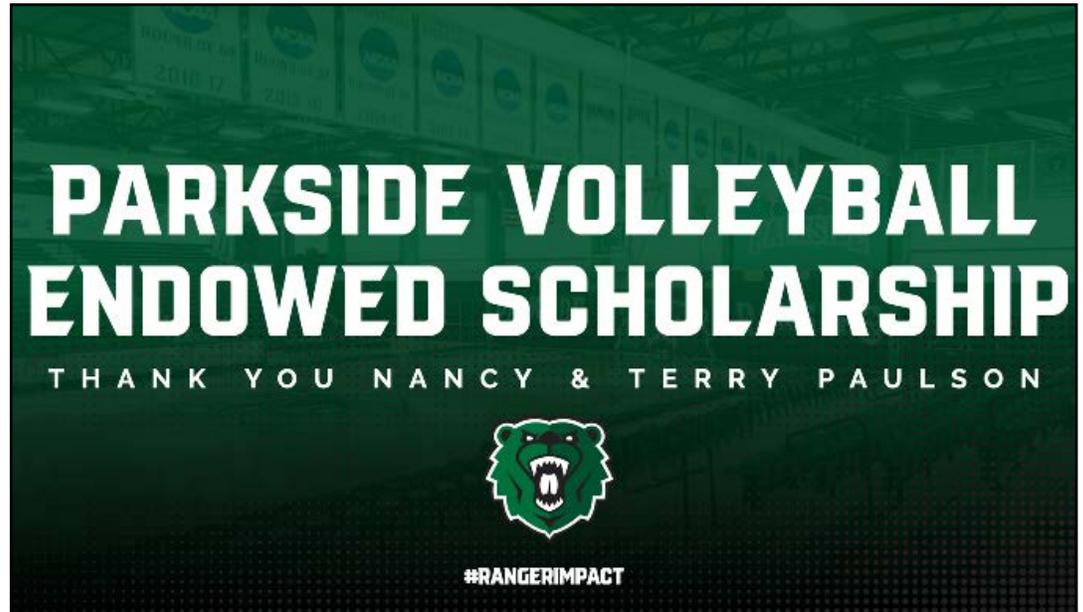
Parkside Athletics is proud to announce the establishment of the first-ever endowed scholarship for Ranger Athletics.

Through the generosity of Nancy & Terry Paulson, the Parkside Volleyball Endowed Leadership Scholarship has been established in the UW-Parkside Foundation.

Terry was the longtime Badger Region Tournament director and Nancy was a longtime score chair and board member.

The Parkside Volleyball Endowed Leadership Scholarship will support Ranger student-athletes who demonstrate leadership ability, earn the respect of their teammates, and display pride for the University and volleyball program.

"Nancy & Terry understand first-hand the transformative experience that college athletics can play in the development of student-athletes especially here at Parkside, and they share our commitment to providing opportunities for success and for the continued growth of our



volleyball program," said Director of Athletics Adam Schemm '08. "We appreciate their longstanding support and are grateful for this endowed scholarship that will forever impact Parkside Volleyball student-athletes."

The Paulsons have been involved in Rangers Athletics for more than 40 years. Terry served as the head volleyball coach for nine years and is the winningest coach in Parkside Volleyball history with 267 career wins.

Nancy '90 is a former Parkside student-athlete and team captain as a member of the volleyball team. Paulson was inducted into the Parkside Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003. In addition, she was both an academic and athletic All-American as a student-athlete at Parkside. As an alumna, she has continued to support Ranger Athletics including serving on the Athletics Hall of Fame Committee.

"We are so appreciative of this impactful gift that Nancy and

Terry have given to the Parkside Volleyball program," said Head Volleyball Coach Leigh Barea. "This gift will allow us to further enhance the volleyball program and continue to invest in our student-athletes."

This generous gift to the volleyball program will continue Parkside's investment in the student-athlete experience and support the overall vision and mission of Ranger Athletics in perpetuity.

Thank you to the clubs who have satisfied their reffing requirements

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414 Milwaukee Elite
608 Juniors
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Adversity-Wisconsin VBC
Air Volleyball Club
A-Level Elite
Amplify Volleyball
Azuri Performance
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Burlington Elite VBC
BW Heat
Center Stars VBC
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Chippewa Valley Velocity
Club Breakout
Club Fox Valley
ClubRedVB WI
Coulee Region Power
Crex Meadows

Croix Attack
Crossfire VBC
DASH Sports VB
De Pere Diggers VBC
Eclipse VBC
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Epic Volleyball Club
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Falls Focus
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Fennimore Impact
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NW Stars
Oak Creek K-Force
Oconomowoc VBC
One Wisconsin
Ozaukee Volleyball Club
RAGE Volleyball
Red Cedar Elite
Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA)
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Rise MKE VBC
River City Volleyball
ROCK VBC
Rusk Rage Volleyball Club
Shawano Storm Volleyball
Small Town Storm
South Shore Slam
Southern Force
Southern Heat

Southport Volleyball Club
Southwest Milwaukee VBC
Southwest Spikers
Spike Milwaukee VBC
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UP North Volleyball Club
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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.

COACHES CLINIC

February 3rd, 2024



WISCONSIN VOLLEYBALL

Second weekend of Power League coming Feb. 10-11

The Badger Region Power League continues Feb. 10-11 at sites across Wisconsin.

- * 18-Elite: Madhouse (Madison)
- * 18-Regional: Madhouse (Madison)
- * 16-Elite: RecPlex (Pleasant Prairie)
- * 16-Select: Madhouse (Madison)
- * 16 Regional: RecPlex (Pleasant Prairie)
- * 14-Elite: Wis. Products Pavilion (West Allis)
- * 14-Select: Wis. Products Pavilion (West Allis)
- * 14-Regional: RecPlex (Pleasant Prairie)

The 18-Elite, 16-Elite and 14-Elite divisions will have champions crowned that weekend and winners of the All-Power League team will be announced later that week.

For a look at the schedule, [click here](#).

The Championships weekend in all other divisions will be April 6-7.

Good luck to all teams!



414 Milwaukee Elite 14s pose for a photo at their first Power League weekend.



BADGER REGION TEAMS OF THE WEEK

(SEND PHOTOS TO [BRIAN@BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org))



The Spiketown Reign 15U team won the Jan. 16 Team of the Week thanks to the team's success at a Wisconsin Dells tournament. The submission said it was the first time a Reign team won a gold bracket at the high school age level in the club's eight-year history.

All teams will win a large box of Badger Region swag to share with their teammates. Nominate your team today!



The Ridgeland Reds were well represented in Superior last weekend. Both teams took first place at their respective tournaments. Congratulations to the Ridgeland Red for being the Jan. 23 Team of the Week.



Region trains refs

The Badger Boys Series concluded Jan. 19, but not before 16 officials received training from some elite mentors at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

Many of the officials who attended this training were elevated to in-training officials who are not eligible to be assigned to ref at Badger Region-approved events.

Congratulations to all our officials, and thank you to all of the great mentors we have in Wisconsin.



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- **DATES: JUNE 8-9**
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Friday, July 26th 8-11am, Check in 7:30am
- **SESSION 2 (9-12TH GRADERS)**
Friday, July 26th 1-4pm, Check in 12:30pm
- **\$50 (CAMP SHIRT INCLUDED)**
CUW Head Coach Carly Wehling, Assistant Coach Kaily Erdman, and CUW volleyball student-athletes are leading camp

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SCAN ME

MARQUETTE²⁰²⁴ VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMPS

- JUNE 1-2 COLLEGE PREP CAMP (GRADES 10TH-12TH)
- JUNE 7 GOLDEN EAGLE EXPERIENCE (GRADES 10TH-12TH)
- JULY 8-11 ALL SKILLS (GIRLS 7TH-9TH GRADE)
- JULY 8-11 YOUTH (GIRLS & BOYS 3RD-6TH GRADE)
- JULY 8-10 SERVER CLINICS (GIRLS 7TH-12TH GRADE)
- JULY 11 GOLDEN EAGLE EXPERIENCE (GRADES 10TH-12TH)
- JULY 19-20 SATELLITE: FC ELITE (GIRLS 6TH-9TH GRADE)
- JULY 22 SATELLITE: IST ALLIANCE (GIRLS 10TH-12TH GRADE)
- JULY 22-23 SATELLITE: IST ALLIANCE (GIRLS 7TH-9TH GRADE)
- JULY 26 GOLDEN EAGLE EXPERIENCE (GRADES 10TH-12TH)
- JULY 27-28 GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM (GIRLS 9TH-12TH GRADE)



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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.

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.

The regional tournament is right around the corner! We are excited to see the courts packed with pink. Scan the QR code below to learn more and register to participate!

Youthful Spirit + Purpose = Change

JOIN US

and help us change the way breast cancer is treated

REGISTER HERE



SUMMARY OF RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2023-24 SEASON



USAV RULE CHANGE

ALL AGE GROUPS ARE NOW ALLOWED 8 SECONDS TO SERVE.
14 AND UNDER ARE PERMITTED A RE-SERVE. WHAT'S CHANGED?
PREVIOUSLY 14 AND UNDER WERE ALLOWED 5 SECONDS TO SERVE

USAV RULE CHANGE

14 AND UNDER RE-SERVE: THE BALL MAY EITHER FALL
TO THE FLOOR OR THE PLAYER MAY CATCH THE BALL.
WHAT'S CHANGED? BEFORE THE PLAYER COULDN'T CATCH THE BALL

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THE COACH OR ASSISTANT COACH IS NOW ALLOWED TO BE NEAR THE COURT
WHILE THE BALL IS IN PLAY. THE COACH MUST NOT OBSTRUCT THE LINE
JUDGE'S VIEW OF THE SIDELINE. SUBSTITUTES ON THE BENCH MUST
STILL REMAIN SEATED OR IN THE WARM UP AREA.

USAV RULE CHANGE

JUDGMENT DECISIONS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO PROTEST.
A PROTEST RELATED TO A JUDGMENT DECISION MAY RESULT IN A
PENALTY (RED CARD) BEING ASSESSED TO THE COACH.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MEMBERSHIP@BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG



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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

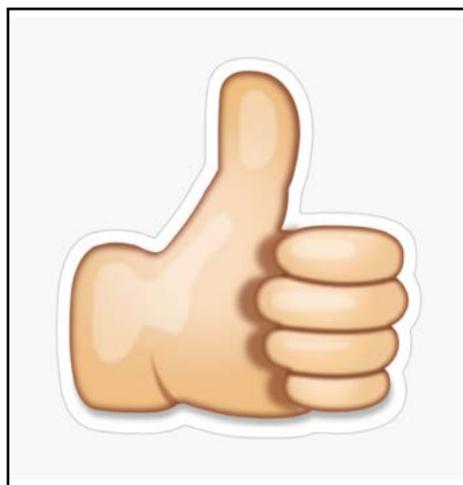
The Badger Region knows there are great people who play, coach or officiate our great sport in the state of Wisconsin.

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.

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

1. Retention will open July 1, 2024, for the 2024-25 season the last day of the 2024 GJNC / BJNC will be July 11.
 2. The last day a retention offer can be signed will be July 18.
 3. The first allowed dates for tryouts will be July 20
 4. The first commitment date will be Aug. 1. Any offers made after this date are at the discretion of the club.
 5. The last allowed date of summer tryouts will be Aug. 18.
 6. WIAA (high school) season starts Aug. 19
 7. Fall tryouts can start Oct. 5 for 14-and-under (Commitment date: Oct.7)
 8. 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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GIRLS ENTERING 4TH-12TH GRADE

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GIRLS ENTERING 4TH-12TH GRADE

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GIRLS ENTERING 7TH-12TH GRADE

CAMP 5 - BOYS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CAMP - JULY 31 TO AUGUST 2

BOYS ENTERING 7TH-12TH GRADE

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Girls Junior Nationals

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2025: Salt Lake City, Utah

ADULTS



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Open National Championships

May 24-29

Columbus, Ohio

2025: Denver, Colo.

GIRLS



USAVolleyball

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



USAVolleyball

Boys Junior Nationals

June 26-29
Dallas, Texas

2025: Minneapolis



USA All-Star Championships

July 18-22

Des Moines, Iowa

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.

2024 Warhawk Volleyball Camps

All-Skills Sessions
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2022 MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES

In September 2022, the U.S. Center for SafeSport (the Center) published the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) with Mandatory Components that NGBs, PSOs, and the USOPC were required to adopt. USA Volleyball adopted its 2022 MAAPP on 11/1/2022.

This document is based on the minimum mandatory components of the Center's Model MAAPP. Every Organization may choose to go beyond these minimum requirements and set standards that are stricter. Additionally, Adult Participants must be familiar with their respective Organization's policies and be aware of all requirements.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

REMEMBER:

- If you have Regular Contact with or Authority over a Minor Athlete, or if you are an employee or board member of an NGB, PSO, LAO or the USOPC, you are required to complete the SafeSport Trained Core and subsequent Refresher Courses.
- Adult Participants who also are medical providers obligated to complete training can take the Health Professionals Course in lieu of the SafeSport Trained Core.
- Adult Participants must complete training:
 - Before Regular Contact with a Minor Athlete begins; and
 - Within the first 45 days of initial membership or upon beginning a new role subjecting the adult to this policy

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IN-PROGRAM CONTACT

As the equation illustrates, all three components (Adult Participant, Minor Athlete, and Related to Participation in Sport) must be present for the MAAPP to apply. If one component is absent, then the interaction or activity would NOT be considered In-Program and thus not covered by the MAAPP.



- ADULT PARTICIPANT:** Any adult (18 years of age or older) who is:
 - A member or license holder of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC;
 - An employee or board member of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC;
 - Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC;
 - Authorized, approved, or appointed by an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC to have Regular Contact with or Authority over Minor Athletes.
- MINOR ATHLETE:** An amateur athlete under 18 years of age who participates in, or participated within the previous 12 months in, an event, program, activity, or competition that is part of, or partially or fully under the jurisdiction of, an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC.

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Common examples of activities Related to Participation in Sport:

PRACTICES

BANQUETS

CELEBRATIONS AND AWARD CEREMONIES

ACCOMMODATION SITE VISITS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

TEAM/SPORT FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

COMPETITION

CAMPS / CLINICS

REVIEW OF GAME FILM

SPORT EDUCATION

TRAINING/ INSTRUCTIONAL SESSIONS

PRE-/POST GAME MEALS OR OUTINGS

TEAM-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

TEAM TRAVEL

REGULAR CONTACT

Ongoing interactions during a 12-month period wherein an Adult Participant is in a role of direct and active engagement with any Minor Athlete(s). Some examples of NGB/PSO/LAO members who MAY have Regular Contact with Minor Athletes include:

- Coaches
- Adult Athletes on teams with Minor Athletes
- Volunteers in positions of Regular Contact (e.g., locker room monitors, parent chaperones)
- Athletic Trainers
- Health Professionals
- Officials

REMEMBER: NGB/LAO/PSO/USOPC Staff and Board Members are required to complete the SafeSport Trained Core/Health Professionals Course and subsequent Refreshers regardless of whether they have Regular Contact with or Authority over Minor Athletes.

AUTHORITY

When one person's position over another person is such that, based on the totality of the circumstances, they have the power or right to direct, control, give orders to, or make decisions for that person.

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REQUIRED PREVENTION POLICIES

CLOSE-IN-AGE

PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT

DUAL RELATIONSHIP

In addition to the above three exceptions there is an overarching Emergency Exception that applies in all areas of the MAAPP.

MAAPP EXCEPTIONS:

In the MAAPP, there are multiple areas where exceptions have been built into the Required Prevention Policies to address common relationships and situations that occur throughout the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Movement, if an exception applies to a specific policy, it will be listed as a possible exception, along with any additional requirements. The exceptions follow:

- EMERGENCY:**
- CLOSE-IN-AGE:** When an Adult Participant does not have Authority over the Minor Athlete and is no more than four years older than the Minor Athlete.
- PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT (PCA):** When an Adult Participant is a Personal Care Assistant and has met the following requirements:
 - The Minor Athlete's parent/guardian must provide written consent to the Organization for the PCA to provide care/work with their Minor Athlete.
 - The PCA must complete the required training as defined in the Education & Training Policy.
 - The PCA must meet all screening requirements of the Organization.
- DUAL RELATIONSHIPS:** When an Adult Participant has a relationship with a Minor Athlete that is outside of the sport program. A parent/guardian must provide written consent to the Organization on an annual basis for this exception to be granted.

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ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS POLICY

- Policy Jurisdiction: All In-Program Contact.
- All one-on-one interactions between an Adult Participant and Minor Athlete **MUST** be:
 - Observable
 - Interruptible
- Exceptions to the One-on-One Interactions Policy:
 - Emergency Circumstances
 - Dual Relationships
 - Close In-Age
 - Personal Care Assistant who meets the requirements

MEETING AND TRAINING SESSIONS

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy when Minor Athletes are present.
- Individual Training Sessions:
 - Policy Jurisdiction: All In-Program Contact
 - Consent required from parent/guardian annually. Can be withdrawn at any time.
 - Parents/Guardians must be allowed to observe.
- One-on-One Interactions Policy Exceptions are allowed for In-Program meetings and individual training sessions.
 - Meetings with licensed mental health care professionals and health care providers.
 - Policy Jurisdiction: All facilities that are partially or fully under the jurisdiction of the Organization.
 - Meetings do not need to be observable and interruptible if the following requirements are met:
 - Door is unlocked.
 - Another adult is present in the facility and is aware of the meeting.
 - Organization is aware of the meeting.
 - The provider obtains appropriate consent as required by law and ethical standards.

ATHLETIC TRAINING MODALITIES, MESSAGES, AND RIDDOWNS

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy.
- Must **ALWAYS** have a second Adult Participant in the room during treatment.
- Required consent from parent/guardian that needs to be documented at least annually.
- During treatment Minor Athlete's breast, buttocks, groin, and genitals **MUST** always be covered.
- Parents/Guardians must be allowed to attend treatment unless in a restricted area.
- No policy exceptions.

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LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy.
- The photographic or recording capabilities of any device (cell phones, cameras, tablets) cannot be used by any Participant in locker rooms or changing areas during In-Program activities.
- Adult Participants **MUST NOT** change clothes or behave in a way that exposes their breast, buttocks, groin, or genitals to a Minor Athlete.
- Adult Participants **CANNOT** shower with a Minor Athlete unless:
 - The Adult Participant is an athlete with no Authority over the Minor Athlete and there is no more than four years age difference (Close-In-Age Exception).
 - The Adult Participant and Minor Athlete are wearing swimwear and the shower is part of a pre- or post-activity rinse.
- Media and Championship Celebration recordings are allowed if they meet specific requirements.
- All team communication or communications with multiple Minor Athletes from an Adult Participant only or fully under Organization's jurisdiction.
- A semi-private or private area to change must be provided to all Minor Athletes at sanctioned events and facilities partially or fully under the Organization's jurisdiction.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Must be Open and Transparent, meaning that:
 - Communication between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must include a parent/guardian, another adult family member of the Minor Athlete, or another Adult Participant.
 - This includes all communication started by a Minor Athlete.
- Only electronic platforms that can be Open and Transparent should be used.
- All team communication or communications with multiple Minor Athletes from an Adult Participant must copy or include another Adult Participant, or all the Minor Athletes' parents/guardians.
- All communication must be professional in nature.
- Organizations must honor a parent/guardian's request to discontinue communication with their Minor Athlete unless there is an emergency.
- One-on-One exceptions are allowed.

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TRANSPORTATION

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy, unless an exception exists or appropriate consent is obtained.
- In-Program transportation requirements are met if the Adult Participant is accompanied by another Adult Participant or at least two minors.
- One-on-One In-Program travel is permitted between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete when advance written consent is obtained from a parent/guardian on an annual basis. Can be withdrawn at any time.
- Written consent must be obtained from a parent/guardian annually for all transportation sanctioned by the Organization.
- One-on-One Exceptions are allowed.

LODGING

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy.
- An Adult Participant **CANNOT** share a hotel room or otherwise sleep in the same room with a Minor Athlete during In-Program lodging except:
 - When there is a Dual Relationship and written consent is provided by a parent/guardian prior to the lodging arrangement.
 - When there is a Close-In-Age Exception and written consent is provided by a parent/guardian prior to the lodging arrangement.
 - When there is a Personal Care Assistant Exception, all PCA requirements have been met, and written consent is provided by a parent/guardian prior to the lodging arrangement.
- Written consent is required for all In-Program lodging at least annually.
- Adult Participants traveling with an Organization overnight:
 - Must agree to and sign the Organization's lodging policy annually.
 - Are assumed to have "Authority" and must comply with the Center's Education & Training Policy.

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RECOMMENDED POLICIES FOR KEEPING YOUNG ATHLETES SAFE

OUT-OF-PROGRAM CONTACT

- Adult Participants should not have Out-of-Program Contact with Minor Athletes, unless an exception exists, or appropriate consent has been obtained.
- Out-of-Program Contact should be avoided even if the contact is not one-on-one.

GIFTING

- Adult Participants should not give personal gifts to Minor Athletes unless an applicable exception exists (Close-In-Age or Dual Relationship).
- Gifts are permitted if distributed equally for all athletes.
- Gifts that serve a motivational or educational purpose are permitted.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO

- Photographs or videos of athletes should only be taken in public view.
- Must observe generally accepted standards of decency.
- Adult Participants should not share or post photos or videos of Minor Athletes unless proper consent has been obtained from the Minor Athlete and the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Wisconsin Juniors 15 Select poses for a photo at the first weekend of Badger Region Power League.

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

Aug. 3-4: Badger Beach Championships at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee



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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Individual chairs and advisors who offer input to the Board of Directors but don't have authority to vote at meetings:

Grassroots Chair: Alexis Middleton
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 Scorer Rating/Training: Erin Stalker
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 Junior Boys Chair: Mike Stevens
 Adult Chair: TJ Abshire
 Past President: Julie Voeck

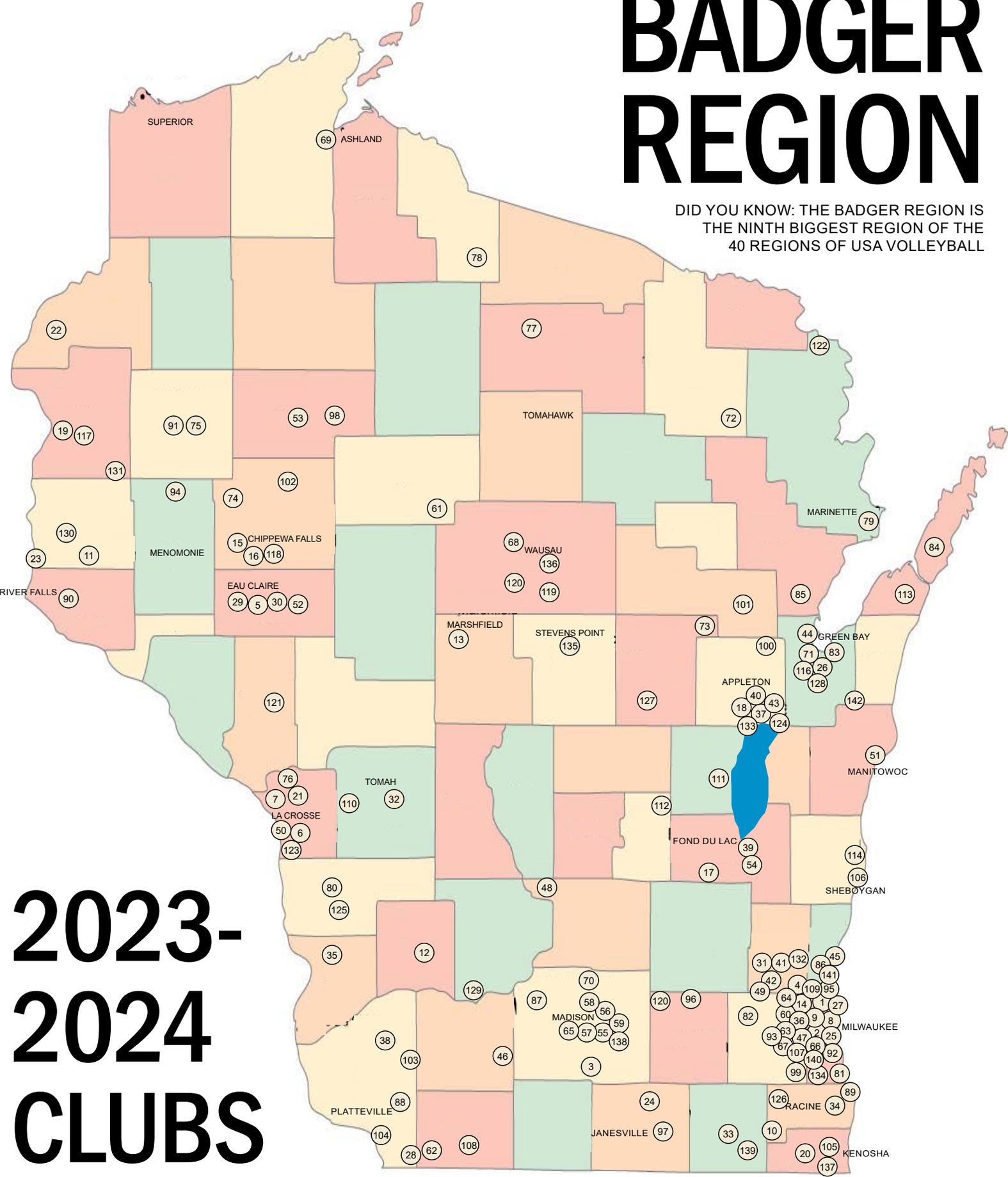
REGION STAFF

Executive Director/Commissioner: Jennifer Armson-Dyer
 Program Director: Brian Sharkey
 Operations Manager: Scott Spiess
 Tournament Director: Kelly Lehman
 Program Specialist: Sara Voigt

Elections for the Badger Region Board of Directors occur. Nominations take place in April and the election is for adult members May 1-10.

BADGER REGION

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



2023- 2024 CLUBS

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1	360 Volleyball Academy	Glendale	76	Northside VBC	La Crosse
2	414 Milwaukee Elite	Milwaukee	77	NW Stars Volleyball Club, Inc	Tomahawk
3	Acers VBC	Oregon	78	Northwoods Extreme (formerly No. Extreme)	Mercer
4	Adversity-Wisconsin VBC	Germantown	79	Northwoods Volleyball Club	Marinette
5	Air Volleyball Club *	Eau Claire	80	Norse Force	Westby
6	A-Level Elite *	La Crosse	81	Oak Creek K-Force	Oak Creek
7	Amplify Volleyball	Onalaska	82	Oconomowoc Volleyball Club	Oconomowoc
8	Azuri Performance, LLC *	Milwaukee	83	One Wisconsin - Bay *	Green Bay
9	Block Party	Wauwatosa	84	One Wisconsin - Door County	Door County
10	Burlington Elite Volleyball	Burlington	85	One Wisconsin - Oconto Falls	Oconto Falls
11	BW Heat B	Baldwin	86	Ozaukee Boys Volleyball Club	Cedarburg
12	Center Stars	Richland Center	87	Phoenix VBC (formerly Wisconsin Heights)	Mazomanie
13	Central Wisconsin VBC	Marshfield	88	Platteville Fusion	Platteville
14	Chargers Volleyball Club *	Menomonee Falls	89	Racine Blaze	Racine
15	Chippewa Valley Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls	90	Rage Volleyball	River Falls
16	Chippewa Valley Velocity	Chippewa Falls	91	Red Cedar Elite	Barron
17	Club Breakout	Waupun	92	Reinas De La Cancha	Milwaukee
18	Club Fox Valley	Appleton	93	Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA)*	Waukesha
19	ClubRedWI	St. Croix Falls	94	Ridgeland Reds	Ridgeland
20	Club W *	Salem	95	Rise MKE VBC (formerly Jr. Red Knights)	Milwaukee
21	Coulee Region Power	Coulee	96	River City Volleyball Club	Watertown
22	Crex Meadows	Grantsburg	97	Rock VBC	Janesville
23	Croix Attack VBC	Hudson	98	Rusk Rage	Tony
24	Crossfire VBC (formerly Milton Aces)	Milton	99	Select Volleyball Program	Mukwonago
25	DASH Sports LLC	Milwaukee	100	Seymour Lightning Strikes	Seymour
26	DePere Diggers	DePere	101	Shawano Storm	Shawano
27	Dominican Jr. Knights *	Whitefish Bay	102	Small Town Storm	Cornell
28	Driftless Spikers	Hazel Green	103	Southern Heat	Livingston
29	Eau Claire Slam	Eau Claire	104	Southern Force	Kieler
30	Eau Claire Storm	Eau Claire	105	Southport Volleyball Club *	Kenosha
31	Eclipse Volleyball Club	Hartford	106	South Shore Slam	Sheboygan
32	Elevate VBC	Tomah	107	Southwest Milwaukee VBC	Waukesha
33	Elkhorn Volleyball Club	Elkhorn	108	Southwest Spikers	Darlington
34	Epic Volleyball Club *	Racine	109	Spike Milwaukee *	Wauwatosa
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			

**24 clubs in Badger Region offer boys volleyball programs
As of Dec. 1, 2023: 142 clubs exist (11 of which are satellites)**