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## A great week of open houses, clinics & attendance records

It's been an exciting start of the 2023-24 membership season in the Badger Region. How exciting? Just take a look at all these great events that we have been a part of since the start of September:

**Sept. 10:** Open House and Youth Player Clinic at West DePere High School featuring instructors from St. Norbert College.

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**Sept. 13:** Open House at Fiserv Forum at the start of the Marquette/Wisconsin NCAA Div. I women's volleyball match that set an indoor attendance record with 17,037 fans in attendance

**Sept. 17:** Open House and Youth Player Clinic at the New Berlin SportsPlex featuring athletes from Milwaukee Dive running the youth clinic.



APPLETON YOUTH CLINIC

"Our outreach has been amazing so far this year," said program director Brian Sharkey. "We've had so many great kids in the gym, and we have gotten in front of hundreds of parents and families with questions about club volleyball. We hope that these events have had a positive effect for all those who participated."

There is still one more chance to join us for an open house. That will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Pius XI High School. The boys open house is run in conjunction with an exhibition match featuring two high level men's collegiate club volleyball teams from the Badger Region (UW-Milwaukee and UW-Whitewater).



# Ask your tryout questions at Sept. 28 Lunch & Learn

New to club volleyball and want to better understand the landscape that you are getting into?

Then join us for an online Lunch & Learn that will take place at noon on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Don't worry, if you can't join us live, you can watch the recording that will be archived on Facebook for weeks and months to come.

To bookmark the Facebook Live event, [click here](#).

During the 45-minute discussion, Badger Region staff will walk viewers through the process of obtaining a tryout membership, juggling multiple tryouts in a day, doing your homework in advance, and all that other fun stuff that goes into tryout weekend.

We will also discuss what coaches look for at tryouts, commitment policies and what to do if you do not get an offer from a club.

Tryouts start Saturday, Oct. 7, for all athletes 14-and-under. Boys 15-and-older tryouts start Nov. 5. Girls 15-and-older tryouts are Nov. 11.



**Badger Region Volleyball Association**

**TRYOUTS: BEST PRACTICES**

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The Badger Region receives numerous calls and emails from athletes, parents and clubs about what can be done to improve the tryout process. While the Region cannot mandate most of what is listed below, the Region's Board of Directors and the Region Staff recommend the following as best practices:

### Before tryouts

- 1. Retention Period**
  - a. Communicate with the Badger Region office if your club plans to utilize the Retention Period via the pre-tryout survey that will be sent out.
  - b. Make offers Aug. 1-10, 2022, to athletes who played for your club during the 2021-22 club season. Make sure all paperwork is signed and filed and held by the club director until needed at a later time. (<http://badgervolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Retention-Document-for-Clubs-2019-20.pdf>)
  - c. Publicize on your website, social media, tryout flyers, etc., whether your club made Region Period offers
  - d. Publicize on your website, social media, tryout flyers, etc., if only limited spots are available in your club for the 2022-23 club season
- 2. Communication**
  - a. Communicate with nearby clubs, or clubs who draw from the same pool of athletes, on dates/times to host tryouts. This will prevent athletes and families from having to pick one or the other when it comes to the first tryouts.
  - b. Communicate your 2022-23 tryout times, dates and location to current/former families and the general public. (You can't do this enough.)
  - c. Communicate open houses, tune-up clinics or other pre-season club events to current/former families and the general public.
  - d. Communicate upcoming deadlines (pre-registration deadlines, commitment deadlines, other club-specific deadlines such as when a determination will be made if a team is going to "fold" or when first payments and contracts are due).
  - e. **DO NOT MAKE OFFERS OR PROMISE PLAYERS**




SPOTS IN YOUR PROGRAM BEFORE THE TRYOUT PERIOD BEGINS.

- 3. Other**
  - a. Examine the Badger Region's "delinquent payment" list maintained at the Region office.
  - b. Be realistic. Seriously look at how many teams you can field (based on number of coaches available, gym time available, athletes in your area, other clubs in your area).
  - c. As you consider the number of teams you can field, have a tentative plan for how many teams you expect to offer at each age division as well as your club philosophy on moving players to older age divisions if a player's skill level warrants or if needed to fill teams. Consider the trickle-down effect of moving players to older age groups and your club's subsequent ability to field teams at younger age levels.
  - d. The Region recommends a pre-registration process to make sure all payment, paperwork, payments and membership card numbers are filed before arriving on site.
  - e. Review all other Badger Region policies, procedures and dates as it pertains to tryouts.

### During tryouts

- 1. Paperwork**
  - a. Make sure all players have a membership, medical release form and concussion form
  - b. Ask all athletes if they have accepted a Retention Offer to another club. If they have and show a club listed in their membership account, you might want to ask that athlete to kindly not participate in the tryout.
  - c. Do birth date checks on all athletes. Make sure that each athlete is trying out for the proper age level. Remember: Not all age waivers are granted. And under certain circumstances (teams who participate in Qualifiers/Nationals/Out-of-Region events), no age waivers are allowed.
  - d. Collect other payment and club-specific paperwork. State if tryout fees can be refunded.
- 2. While on the court**
  - a. Coaches and directors should go into tryouts with an open mind.



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## Players seeking clubs site opens Oct. 7

What happens if your son or daughter doesn't get an offer from a club during the tryout period?

Fear not, the Badger Region is here for you and will work within its parameters to give all athletes the opportunity to play or stay involved in the game.

Here are a few suggestions that we can offer:

1. Fill out the online form for ["Players Seeking Clubs."](#) By submitting this form, your name and other details will appear on our website that can be viewed by clubs looking for athletes in your age group.

2. Sort through the listings on the ["Clubs Seeking Players"](#) website. If you don't get an offer, you might be able to find a place to play by contacting a club that says they are in need of a player at your age level and the position you play.

3. Attend the Badger Region Last Chance Tryout. There will be a U14 event that Thursday, Oct. 12, that will allow kids who did not get an offer to get in front of a dozen clubs looking for players. This will take place at the New Berlin SportsPlex from 6 to 8 p.m. Pre-registration by clubs and athletes will be required.

4. Consider being a practice player at your club to stay active. Or maybe look at a club that offers instructional programs ([click here](#).)

Have more ideas or questions? Contact us at [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org).

## Region's Last Chance Tryouts set for Oct. 12

The Badger Region is looking forward to welcoming any girls 14-and-under to the a Last Chance Tryout and Clinic at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, at the New Berlin SportsPlex, 2900 S. 163rd St.

The event will be part tryout and part skill building. Athletes will work with Badger Region staff and a crew of ambassadors doing some great skill training on the courts that night.

There will be multiple clubs in

attendance to evaluate and possibly make offers to athletes after the event is concluded (no offers will be made on site).

Last year, there were three dozen athletes who got offers at the Last Chance Tryout from one of the 10 clubs who came to fill spots in their rosters.

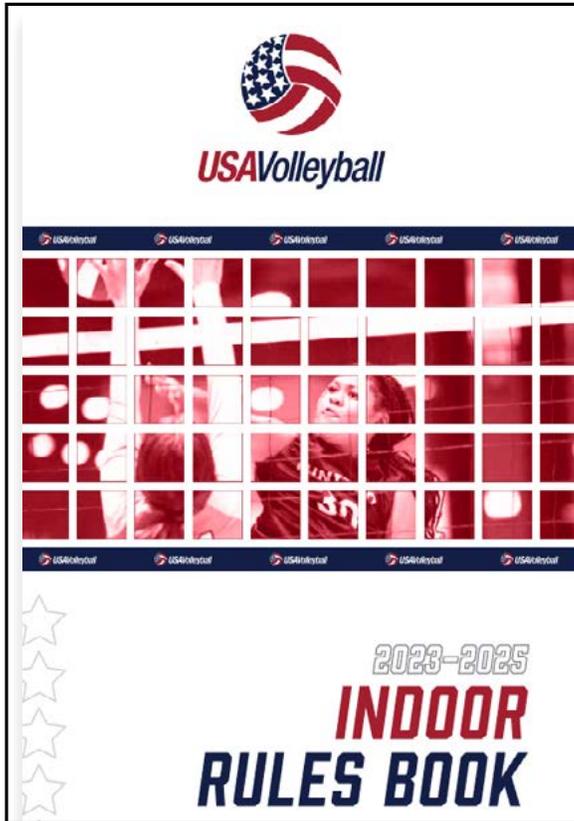
We are limited to the first 40 individuals who register for the event. (Registration will open for clubs and players on Monday,

Oct. 9).

We ask that if you have accepted an offer to a club before Thursday night, please let us know, and do not show up. A waiting list will be started for this event.

A separate tryout for athletes 15-and-older will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 15, at the New Berlin SportsPlex.

Have questions? Email Program Director Brian Sharkey at [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).



## Rulebooks now available

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

The Badger Region will be disseminating these at the in-person officials meetings and mailing to those who we may miss those events.

Coaches and clubs will not receive hard copies of the rulebook this season as they are available on the USA Volleyball website for download.

For a link to an online edition of the DCR, please [click here](#). Questions? Email [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).

# What all officials need to know about social media

Nowadays, referees' decisions on court, either right or wrong, may be quickly and widely exposed through digital and social media. Most of the time, referees' decisions are only partially or even wrongly reported. The growth of social networking has changed communications standards. As officials we are already subject to sometimes harsh criticism and judgment. Below are some helpful tips when using social media.

- \* Protect your privacy and confidential information

- \* Never share your private phone or email address

- \* Protect your professional environment and do not risk your reputation

- \* It is recommended not to use personal email addresses to create personal accounts

- \* Keep in mind that all Internet activity is stored indefinitely and is accessible to any user, who might take even a simple photo out of context

- \* Referees are free to express their point of view about any subject they might consider appropriate. However, they should never forget that their job consists of applying fairness through officiating, and don't give an idea that decisions on court are influenced by something different than pure judgment

- \* We strongly recommend referees not post and comments about clubs, coaches, leagues, other referees or any other potential volleyball entity, to avoid any suspicion of biased judgment

- \* Always take a moment and think before posting on social media while you're officiating in a competition. Remember you are there to officiate. We strongly suggest not to post videos or photos of minor athletes

- \* Make sure that all opinions you share on any social media platform are personal and do not in any way reflect those of anyone you represent. Do not post anything that could be construed as bullying of other officials, coaches or players.



## LEARN CONCUSSION SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

SEE FULL LIST OF SYMPTOMS @

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# Badger Region Strategic Plan: A ROADMAP FOR SUCCESS

By Jennifer Armson-Dyer  
Executive Director/  
Commissioner

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

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

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

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

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



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

Today, this is where the areas stand:

## Leadership:

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

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

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

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

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

## Resource Development:

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

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

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

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

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

**Communications:**

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

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

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



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

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

**Programs and Events:**

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

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

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

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

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

**Services:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Sport accident insurance a part of membership

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

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

the USAV insurance will pick up the remaining costs after the primary insurance coverage, and your facilities are also covered by the insurance. This is why we insist that all participants are members and that you also update us on which facilities you are using then, as this all comes into play when a claim is filed. For more detailed information on insurance, click here: [https://](https://usavolleyball.org/forms-and-information/)

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A reminder when someone is injured:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* **Oct. 9:** 7 p.m. Oct. 9 marks the first day/time a club can require an athlete who tried out for them to

commit to their program for the 2023-24 season

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

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

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

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

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

## Have questions about jerseys?

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

 **Facebook:** /BadgerRegionVolleyball

 **Website:** [www.badgervolleyball.org](http://www.badgervolleyball.org)

 **Twitter:** @BadgerRegionVB

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# WISCONSIN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

# TOP 10

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## About The Poll

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) Arrowhead (18)
- 2) Marquette (8)
- 3) Appleton North (5)
- 4) Sussex Hamilton
- 5) Kimberly (2)
- 6) Middleton (3)
- 7) Catholic Memorial
- 8) Waukesha Fusion
- 9) Germantown
- 10) Madison Memorial

**Others receiving votes:** Kettle Moraine (16), Nicolet (7), South Milwaukee (7), Franklin (3), Kaukauna (3), Wauwatosa East (3), Pewaukee (2), Kenosha Indian Trail (1)

## Week 4 Poll Sept. 21, 2023

Welcome to the Week 4 Wisconsin Boys High School Volleyball Top 10 Poll sponsored by the Badger Region Volleyball Association and Frisco Mo Apparel.

By winning the Germantown tournament on Sept. 16, Arrowhead regained control of the top spot of the poll.



Making their debut in this week's poll is Waukesha Fusion (North/South), who

defeated Arrowhead and Kettle Moraine last week and took second in the Dave Hash Tournament in Kaukauna.

This weekend features lots of big tournaments at Middleton, Cedarburg and Indian Trail.

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

## ABOUT THE BADGER REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION



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

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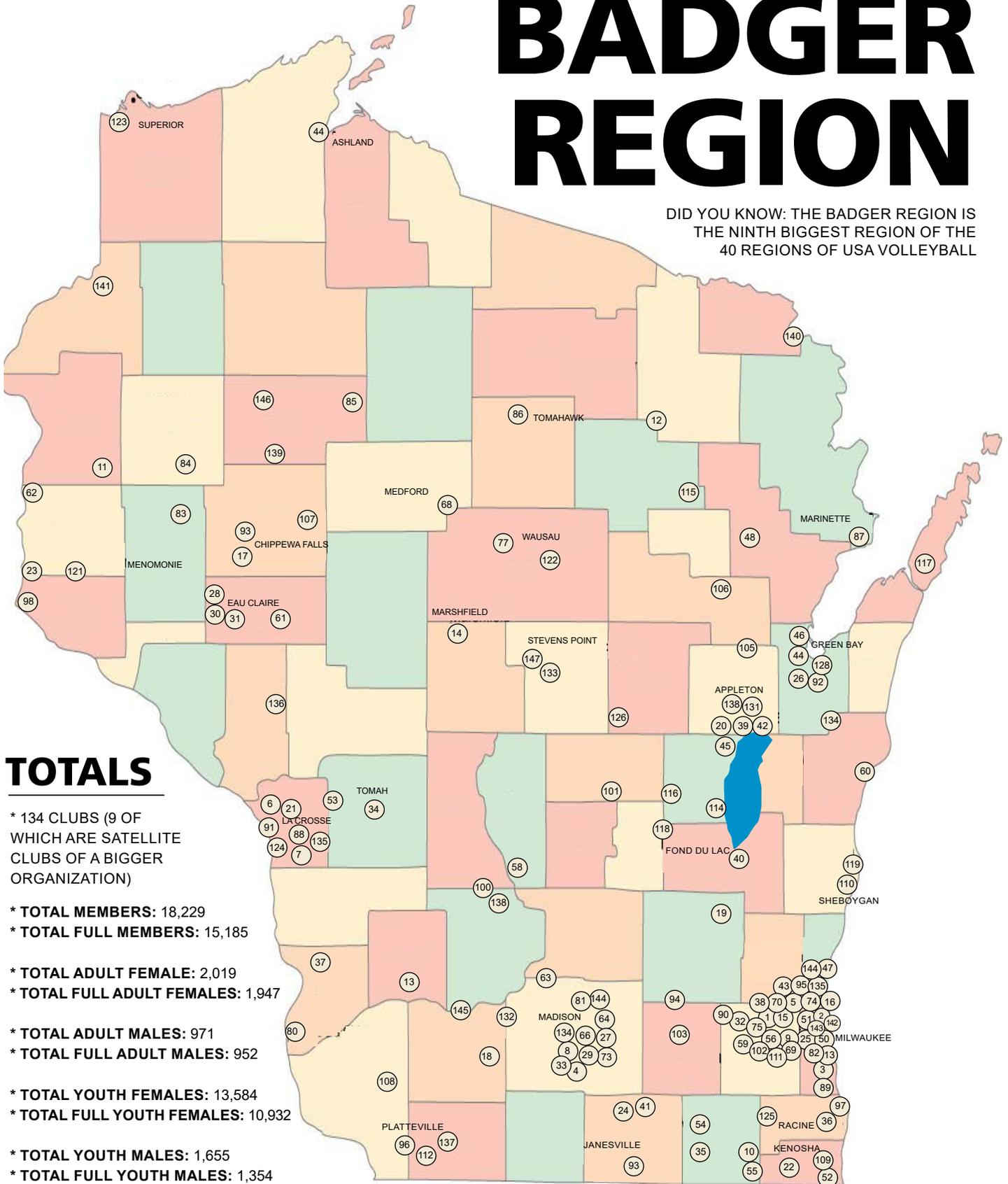
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Contact our Tournament Director

Michelle Anderson [michelle@epicvball.com](mailto:michelle@epicvball.com)

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## TOTALS

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

\* **TOTAL MEMBERS:** 18,229

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

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

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

\* **TOTAL ADULT MALES:** 971

\* **TOTAL FULL ADULT MALES:** 952

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

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

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

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

FOR LINKS TO ALL CLUBS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG](http://WWW.BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG)

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

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



UW-OSHKOSH VOLLEYBALL

# COMMUNITY NIGHT

*RECORDS ARE MEANT TO BE BROKEN!*

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

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

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

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

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### Greetings Badger Region Nation!

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

### Interested in Hosting a DIG PINK game?

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

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## LEARN MORE





# Region offers outdoor net rentals

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

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

All of the Park N Sun net systems include:

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

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

Nets will be rented at the following rates:

- 1-4 nets: \$25/weekend/net
- 5-8 nets: \$20/weekend/net
- 9-12 nets: \$15/weekend/net

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

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

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

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

Have questions? Contact Brian Sharkey at [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).



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

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

More online:

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## Badger Region Volleyball Association

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Nov. 16:** Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

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

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

**Feb. 8:** Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**May 8:** Badger Region Board of Directors meeting



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

**Jim Momsen**  
(President)  
Elected in 2020  
Email: jkmomsen@yahoo.com

**Scott Blackmon**  
(Vice President)  
Elected in 2019  
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(Treasurer)  
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**Jason Wheelock**  
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**Josh Price**  
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**Brian Rushmer**  
(Junior Rep)  
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**Angie Lubach**  
(Independent Rep)  
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Grassroots Chair: Alexis Middleton  
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 Junior Boys Chair: Mike Stevens  
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 Program Director: Brian Sharkey  
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## GIRLS 18S



**USAVolleyball**

Girls Junior  
Nationals

April 26-28

Baltimore,  
Maryland

2025: Salt Lake City,  
Utah

## ADULTS



**USAVolleyball**

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](http://www.usavolleyball.org).**

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