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Middle school player, coach clinic Aug. 24

The Badger Region will once again be hosting a Middle School Athlete/Coach Clinic on Saturday, Aug. 24, at the New Berlin Sports-Plex (2900 S 163rd St, New Berlin) from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost to attend the clinic is \$20 for either players or coaches.

Badger Region staff will provide information to coaches while athletes work on skills/drills with members of the Milwaukee Gold/

Dive semi-professional men's teams. After the classroom session for coaches, we will head to the courts to observe how to teach the skills and implement drills for player improvement.

The clinic is a great start of season event to prepare middle school athletes who might be new to volleyball for their upcoming seasons.

The other benefit of this pre-season clinic is the fact that it will cater

to new coaches who might be just getting their feet wet in the coaching world at the various middle school leagues and programs around the area.

To Register Click Here: <https://badgervolleyball.org/player-coach-clinic/>

The clinic is open to all coaches and athletes but a valid Badger Region membership is required for participation (\$10 one-event

memberships are allowed). Anyone who coached in the 2023-24 season or played in the 2023-24 still has their membership through Aug. 31, 2024, and would not need a new membership for this event.

For more information on membership, please visit: <https://badgervolleyball.org/membership/>

Direct any and all questions to scott@badgervolleyball.org.

Region seeks volunteers

With a full slate of events scheduled for the 2024-25 season, the Badger Region is looking for your help.

Don't know service rotations or how to train your setters to play defense? That's OK. Almost ALL of our volunteers are off the court.

For the upcoming season, ambassadors will be used in a variety of ways:

- * Helping at team check-in at a Badger Region-hosted tournament
- * Assisting at an All-Star tryout or Youth Clinic handing out t-shirts and helping direct traffic
- * Handing out Badger Region swag prizes at a variety of events
- * Taking photos for social media and our website at our big events
- * Helping manage our medals and trophies at our marquee tournaments

And, maybe if you're not able to help in person, we are always looking for e-ambassadors.



Those individuals are the ones who might help write articles for our newsletters or share all our posts on their own social media platforms.

Ambassadors are rewarded with Badger Region t-shirts, backpacks, and other cool merchandise for being a part of our team.

[To register as a Badger Region ambassador/volunteer, click here.](#)

Questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Tryouts on the horizon

Now that the high school season has begun, tryouts in the Badger Region are on hold (for now).

Tryouts and the opportunity to accept an offer to a club ended at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18 so as to not conflict with the start of the high school season which began Monday, Aug. 19.

Next up for tryouts: Athletes 14-and-under can have tryouts starting on Oct. 5. Any athlete who receives an offer from a club on Oct. 5 or 6 has until 7 p.m. Oct. 7 to commit to the club before the club has the right to go to the next person on its waiting list.

Athletes 15-and-older will be able to try out for clubs in the Badger Region on Nov. 16 (the weekend after the conclusion of the WIAA state tournament). The first commitment date is 7 p.m. Nov. 18 for athletes who receive an offer on Nov. 16 or 17.

Next year's tryouts

Looking ahead to the following season: Retention will take place starting July 1 and go through July 13 (one week after the final day of nationals).

Next year, summer tryouts can take place starting July 19, 2025. The first commitment date is Aug. 1 for the 2025-26 season. Tryouts and offer acceptances can go up to 11:59 p.m. Aug. 17, the day prior to the 2025 high school season.

Clubs do not have to have summer tryouts. Contact your club about specific dates/plans.

Have questions about tryouts? Email us at membership@badgervolleyball.org.

In-person club director meeting Aug. 25

The Badger Region is inviting all junior club directors to an in-person meeting on Sunday, Aug. 25, in Pewaukee, at the Ingleside Hotel and Conference Center.

The event begins at 10 a.m.

with a tournament director meeting and kicks off in full with a roll call of clubs at 11:30 a.m.

The meeting will include discussions on sportsmanship, parent involvement, tryouts and much more.

Keynote speakers will lead discussions on video feedback, marketing and branding clubs and 24-25 events/policies.

Have questions? Email membership@badgervolleyball.org.



Free youth clinic Sept. 14 in MKE

A free youth clinic for athletes new to volleyball is coming to Milwaukee Sept. 14, at St. Marcus School, 2215 Palmer St., Milwaukee. The event is part of the Try Volleyball initiative.

[To register, click here.](#)

The clinic will be broken into multiple sessions to accommodate kids of all ages.

* Kindergarten-3rd grades: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

* 4th-6th grades: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

* 7th-8th grades: 1 to 3 p.m.

No experience is necessary. There will be plenty of assistance on hand to be sure your child has the best first volleyball experience and answer any questions you might have.

Just bring comfortable clothes, a water bottle and a desire to have lots of fun. Questions? Email scott@badgervolleyball.org.

18-year-old athletes and coaches: Things to know about SafeSport

Are you (or your junior athlete/coach) turning 18 (or older) during the upcoming club volleyball season?

Then consider this your reminder that you must take your SafeSport training to be able to fully participate in the 2024-25 season.

Parents, this means if your son or daughter turns 18 BEFORE Sept. 1, 2025, then he or she MUST purchase the membership that requires SafeSport training to be eligible for the season.

"But my daughter's season ends before she turns 18?" That's a common reaction to this requirements, but we can explain:

1. The USA Volleyball season goes through Aug. 31, 2025.

2. There are LOTS of club that train and compete into July that an athlete might be part of now or get added on to later.

3. There are lots of summer camps and clinic that would require the training

4. There are lots of beach tournaments and beach clubs that require the 18s member + SafeSport to be a part of their club

5. Lots of athletes ends of jumping on to rosters to help coach a younger team.

All of these reasons (among others) are why USA Volleyball and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee require SafeSport to be a part of the organization for the upcoming season.

We encourage all coaches and players (who require SafeSport) to take their training before they get into the thick of their high school seasons and before school starts in September.

This will also prevent coaches and directors from losing access to certain administrative abilities in Sports Engine if it is not done on time.

SafeSport is a YEARLY requirement. Every few years, you will be prompted to take the extended "core" training session. Other years, you will only be required to take a refresher course to meet your requirements.

To find SafeSport training, look for the link in your membership "welcome" email.

Have questions? Email us at membership@badgervolleyball.org.

USAV launches Try Volleyball initiative

USA Volleyball is excited to launch "Try Volleyball," a national program designed to introduce kids to the sport at the local level.

Participants will receive an engaging and informative introduction to volleyball while also connecting with their local community volleyball organization—all at no cost. Clinics can be hosted by local volleyball clubs and sports organizations in communities across the U.S. and are sanctioned by USA Volleyball and its 40 regional volleyball associations (regions).

Our focus is on fun and accessibility, with the goal of encouraging more kids to play volleyball.

This year, USA Volleyball is celebrating Try Volleyball for Free following the excitement of the Olympic & Paralympic Games in Paris with a nationwide series of clinics from Sept. 13-22.

What Is Try Volleyball?

* Free Clinics: Try Volleyball clinics are free events held in local communities. These clinics provide a safe and fun environment for kids to be active and discover the sport of



volleyball.

* For Grades 1-8: Try Volleyball is open to all children in 1st through 8th grade who are eager to experience volleyball for the first time.

* Fundamental Skills: It's the first step to learning fundamental volleyball skills and developing a lasting love for the game.

Is your club ready to organize a local Try Volleyball clinic and unlock exciting benefits? As a clinic host, you'll gain access to a range of valuable resources and support—all for free. Here's what to expect:

* Central Participant Registration: Our

team will handle participant sign-ups, streamlining the process for you.

* National and Local Marketing Solutions: Leverage our marketing expertise to effectively promote your clinic within your community.

* Clinic Programming Assistance: We'll guide you through the clinic setup and programming, ensuring a successful event.

How to Get Started

* Apply: Register to host a Try Volleyball clinic by filling out the form below.

* Approval and Toolkit: Once your application is approved, you'll receive a free Host Toolkit containing essential materials for hosting the clinic.

* Spread the Word: Promote your event within your community and encourage participants to register.

* Clinic Management: Staff and administer your Try Volleyball Clinic with confidence. We're here to support you every step of the way.

[Click here to apply to be an event host](#)

Are your program'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.

Notes for current, future refs

The Badger Region is looking forward to a great start to the 2024-25 season, and that means getting all our officials trained and certified. To make that happen, we will have a pair of meetings to help kick off the season. They will be:

* **Nov. 24:** In-person referee meeting No. 1 at 11 a.m.(site TBA)

* **Dec. 8:** In-person referee meeting No. 2 at 11 a.m. (site TBA)

Officials' apparel

Badger Region and USA Volleyball officials should start using a new website to order approved apparel for upcoming seasons. The website is: <https://vbofficialsgear.com/>

Line judges for All-Star event

We are looking for line judges for USA All-Star Championships the Badger Region is hosting in Madison in 2025!

If you are interested in line judging All Star Champs July 24-27, 2025, send Sara an email

at sara@badgervolleyball.org. Line judge training will be scheduled in Spring 2025 for everyone in preparation of the event (dates to be announced later).

A limited number of R1 and R2 selections will be made by at a later time.

Set up direct deposit

Did you know that if you work the Badger Region's marquee events that you can be paid with direct deposit through our accounting company? Yes. You can.

Independent contractors who work the Region Championships, Qualifier, Power League and Dale Rohde Memorial can set up an account and get paid via direct deposit. [To set up an account through Bill.com, click here.](#)

The system will ask you some questions so follow the prompts, and you will also be asked to confirm your contact information.

Through this system, deposits are made roughly three days after they are processed and approved. A paper check would not be sent.

Questions about reffing? Email sara@badgervolleyball.org

Retention doubles for 2024-25 season

The optional retention period that took place July 1-18 saw a massive increase in activity thanks to the new Badger Region tryout policies.

For the 2024-25 season, 1,942 athletes accepted a retention offer from a club.

Thirty-nine clubs participated in the opportunity to give athletes a retention offer.

For the 2023-24 season, 724 athletes accepted an offer during the retention period allowed by

the Badger Region.

Twenty clubs participated in the retention period last year.

The retention period is a 100 percent optional timeframe when clubs can offer athletes who played for them the previous season a spot in the club for the following season.

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



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

 **Facebook:** /BadgerRegionVolleyball

 **Website:** www.badgervolleyball.org

 **Twitter:** @BadgerRegionVB

 **Pinterest:** /BadgerRegionVol

 **Instagram:** @BadgerRegionVB

 **YouTube:** /Badger RegionVolleyball

Save the dates: Age divisions set for Region's marquee events

It's going to be an exciting time at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee in February and March of 2025.

That is when and where the Badger Region will host four weekends of competition in the upcoming year. And with the expansion of the Baird Center, the facility will be able to hold more than 50 courts every weekend. That means for the Badger Region Championships, we will be back under one roof and all in two weekends.

Check out the dates and some of the details of some of the Badger Region's marquee event slated for 2025. All dates and age divisions are subject to change.



Badger Region Championships

- * **March 15-16, 2025:** G12, G13, G14, G17, G18
- * **March 22-23, 2025:** G10s, G11s, G15s, G16s and all boys



Badger Region Girls Qualifier

- * **March 1-2:** Featuring bid divisions for Girls 11s-18s. The 2024 event featured 110 teams in Madison



Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Tournament

- * **Feb. 22-23:** Featuring over 130 boys teams from across the upper Midwest. The 2024 event featured 130 teams in Madison.

Also to note, the Dale Rohde Tournament and Badger Region Qualifier will coincide with the Milwaukee Auto Show taking place in the adjacent halls of the Baird Center. How cool is that!?

The Badger Region has not set dates yet for the Badger Boys Series or Power League. More info coming soon.

Have questions? Email kelly@badgervolleyball.org for more information.

Region offers outdoor net rentals

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

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

All of the Park N Sun net systems include:

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

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

Nets will be rented at the following rates:

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

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

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

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

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

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

DO YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE TRYOUTS

With changes to Badger Region policy set by the Board of Directors, families have expressed interest in finding information out about clubs, tryouts and membership in advance of the summer tryout period (which could start as early as July 20, 2024, for the 2024-25 season).

Below you can click on each icon to bring you to a short two-minute tutorial to get your questions answered about tryouts, membership, clubs and forms required to participate in most Badger Region programs and events.

Staff finds these to be the most common questions we get at our various open houses that we host throughout the year.

Best of luck in the coming season, and let us know if you have any questions. Go Badger Region!



MEMBERSHIP

- * WHERE DO I BUY A MEMBERSHIP AND HOW?
- * WHICH MEMBERSHIP IS RIGHT FOR MY ATHLETE?
- * WILL I NEED A TRYOUT MEMBERSHIP?



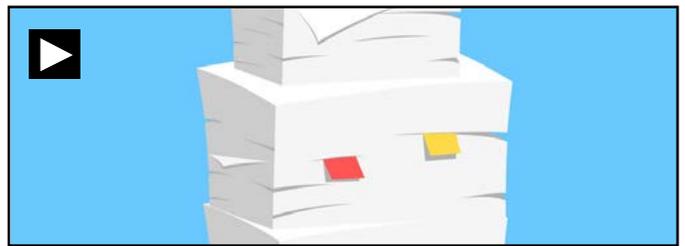
TRYOUT POLICY

- * WHAT ARE THE NEW TRYOUT POLICIES
- * WHAT DATES ARE THERE TO BE AWARE OF FOR TRYOUTS AND RETENTION?



INFO. ON CLUBS

- * WHERE DO I FIND OUT WHEN A CLUB IS HOSTING A TRYOUT?
- * WHERE IS A LIST OF CLUBS IN THE REGION?



FORMS & MORE

- * WHAT FORMS DO I BRING TO TRYOUTS?
- * WHERE DO I FIND MY MEMBERSHIP CARD OR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER?

Have questions? Email us at membership@badgervolleyball.org

Membership options as we approach the 24-25 season

With June right around the corner we thought we would focus on membership options as the summer tryout period draws closer. The most important thing we want to clarify is that the current (2023-2024) membership season does not end until August 31, 2024; the 2024-2025 membership season does not begin until September 1, 2024 (with tryout memberships being the one exception). See below for a few examples of memberships that can be used/purchased for the summer tryout period.

Please send any questions from returning or prospective members to membership@badgervolleyball.org before purchasing the wrong membership type. Memberships are non-refundable and a refund waiver acknowledging such is agreed upon at the time of purchase.

An athlete/coach who has a



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2023-2024 Badger Junior Player Membership or 2023-2024 Adult Coach of Juniors Membership: No action needed prior to tryouts; their membership is valid through August 31, 2024.

They may begin purchasing 2024-2025 Full memberships (\$55) on July 1 (not valid until Sept 1), which will allow them to accept a club assignment request in Sports Engine.

A NEW athlete looking to participate in summer tune-ups & tryouts: We would recommend the 2023-2024 Badger Summer Junior Player Member-

ship (\$20). This membership covers all participation (with the exception of competition) until 8/31/24. The one negative to this is that since it is a 2023-2024 membership, it IS NOT upgradeable to a 2024-2025 membership. They can purchase the 2024-2025 Badger Junior Player membership (\$55) anytime after receiving an offer in order to accept their club assignment

A new coach looking to participate in tune-ups & tryouts: We recommend using the 23-24 Badger Summer

Adult Coach of Juniors Membership (\$20). They will need to complete a background screen, SafeSport, and IMPACT prior to participation. PLEASE NOTE: if SafeSport is completed prior to August 1, 2024, it will need to be taken again after August 1, 2024 in order to be applied to a 2024-2025 Badger Adult Coach of Juniors membership (\$55, available July 1; valid Sept 1)

An athlete, without current membership, looking to register for Tryouts only: We recommend they purchase a 24-25 Badger Tryout – July through Dec membership (\$10); available for purchase starting June 3, valid beginning July 1.

Athletes or Coaches not participating in the summer tryout period, but participating in the traditional fall tryout period: Purchase any 2024-2025 membership options beginning July 1 (valid on Sept 1).


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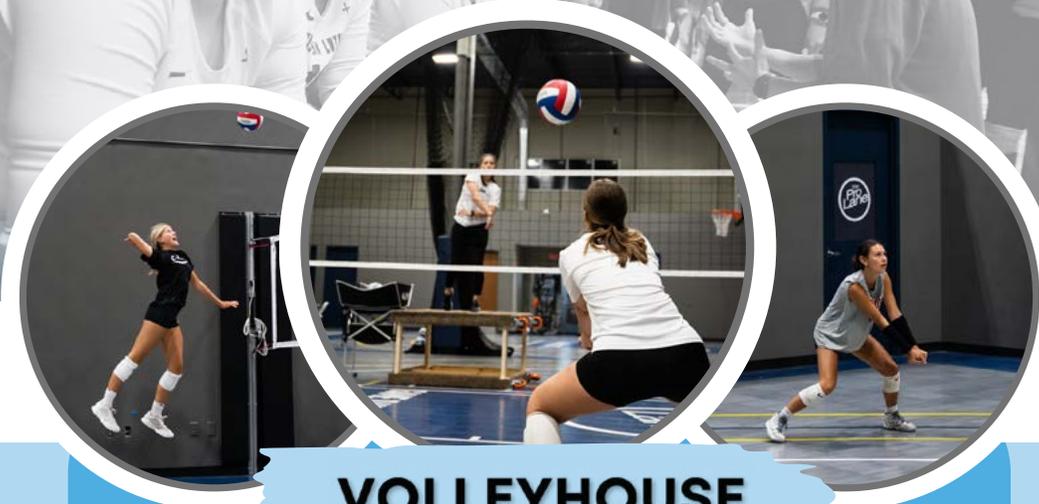
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USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION For use during the 2024-2025 Season

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under ³	14 & Under ⁴	13 & Under ⁵	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Aug	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Sept	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Oct	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Nov	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Dec	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jan	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Feb	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mar	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Apr	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
May	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017

¹ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

² **Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are eligible to compete in 17 & under. (This exception is based on recruiting concerns for 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

³ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010, OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year **are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division**. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.

⁴ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

⁵ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.



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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.

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 Junior
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G11-13s: June 21-24
Kansas City, Mo.

G14-17s: June 25-July 3
Dallas, Texas

2026: TBA

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USAVolleyball

Boys Junior
Nationals

July 3-6

Minneapolis, Mn.

2026: TBA



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Championships

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Dates and locations for a majority of the 2025 & 6 Boys Bid Tournaments and Girls National Qualifiers can also be found on the events page at www.usavolleyball.org.

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Congratulations to Team USA for bringing home the silver medal in women's indoor volleyball and the bronze medal in men's indoor volleyball at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. Now, on to the Paralympic Games that begin later this month in Paris! Go Team USA!!!

Aug. 24: Player/Coach clinic at the New Berlin SportsPlex. The clinic is designed for athletes starting their middle school season and new or very inexperienced coaches in the Badger Region.

Aug. 25: Club director meeting for all junior club directors in the Badger Region in Pewaukee

Sept. 14: Free youth clinic at St. Marcus School in Milwaukee

Oct. 5: First day U14 tryouts can resume for clubs in the Badger Region

Nov. 6-9: WIAA High School State Tournament in Green Bay

Nov. 16: First day 15-and-older tryouts can resume for clubs in the Badger Region

Jen. 11-12: First weekend of the Badger Region Power League

Feb. 8-9: Second weekend of the Badger Region Power League

Feb. 22-23: Dale Rohde Boys Tournament in Milwaukee

March 1-2: Badger Region Qualifier in Milwaukee

March 15-16: First weekend of Badger Region Championships in Milwaukee

March 22-23: Second weekend of Badger Region Championships in Milwaukee

April 5-6: Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League



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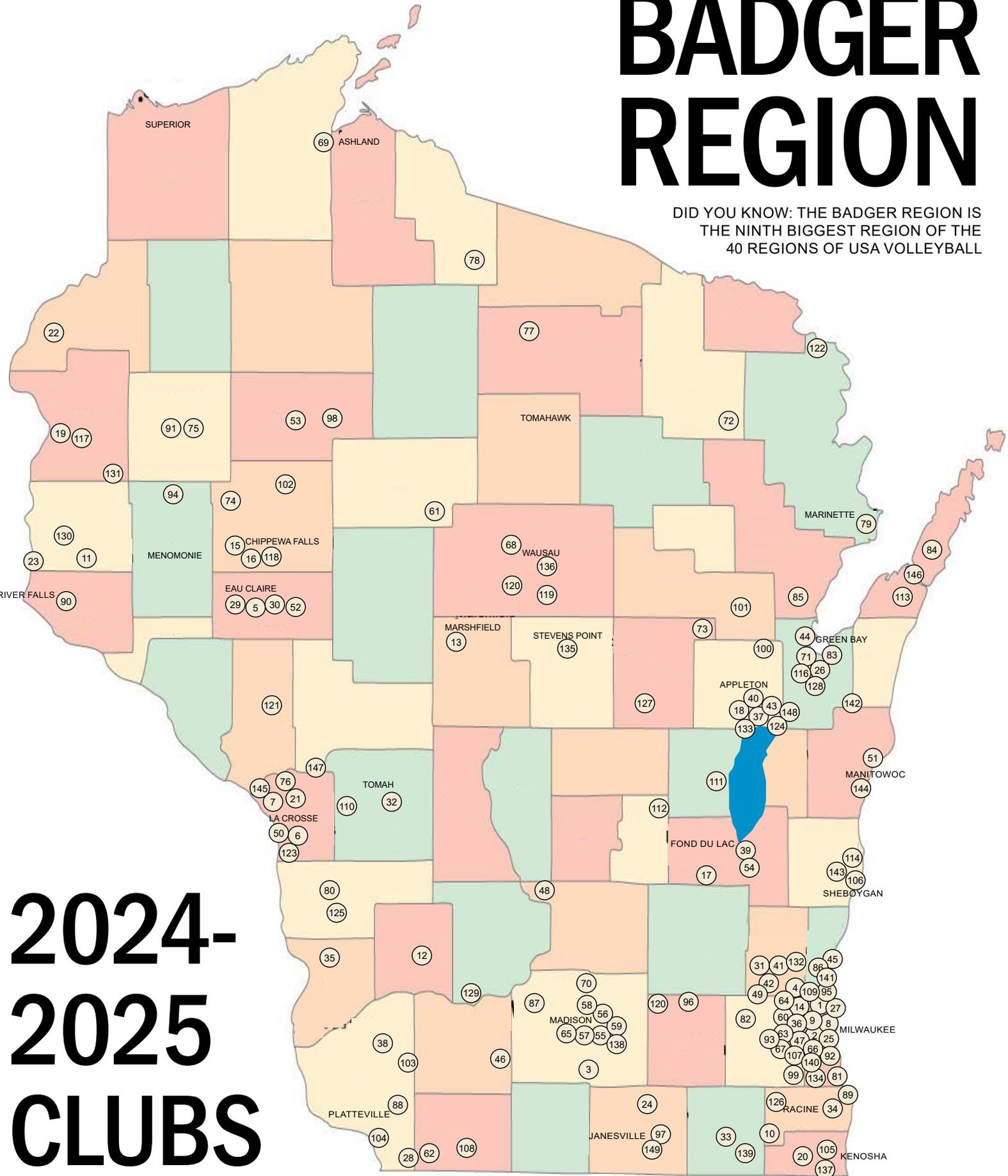
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Elections for the Badger Region Board of Directors occur. Nominations take place in April and the election is for adult members May 1-10.

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2	414 Milwaukee Elite	Milwaukee	71	Northeast Wisconsin Black Sheep	Green Bay
3	Acers VBC	Oregon	72	Northern Lights WI Volleyball Club	Laona
4	Adversity-Wisconsin VBC	Germantown	73	Northern Ignite	Clintonville
5	Air Volleyball Club *	Eau Claire	74	Northern Pride	Cumberland
6	A-Level Elite *	La Crosse	75	Northern Storm	Cameron
7	Amplify Volleyball	Onalaska	76	Northside VBC	La Crosse
8	Azuri Performance, LLC *	Milwaukee	77	NW Stars Volleyball Club, Inc	Tomahawk
143	B-Town Ballers	Sheboygan	78	Northwoods Xtreme (formerly No. Xtreme)	Mercer
9	Block Party	Wauwatosa	79	Northwoods Volleyball Club	Marinette
10	Burlington Elite Volleyball	Burlington	80	Norse Force	Westby
11	BW Heat B	Baldwin	81	Oak Creek K-Force	Oak Creek
12	Center Stars	Richland Center	82	Oconomowoc Volleyball Club	Oconomowoc
13	Central Wisconsin VBC	Marshfield	83	One Wisconsin - Bay *	Green Bay
14	Chargers Volleyball Club *	Menomonee Falls	84	One Wisconsin - Door County	Door County
15	Chippewa Valley Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls	85	One Wisconsin - Oconto Falls	Oconto Falls
16	Chippewa Valley Velocity	Chippewa Falls	86	Ozaukee Boys Volleyball Club	Cedarburg
17	Club Breakout	Waupun	87	Phoenix VBC (formerly Wisconsin Heights)	Mazomanie
18	Club Fox Valley	Appleton	88	Platteville Fusion	Platteville
19	ClubRedWI	St. Croix Falls	89	Racine Blaze	Racine
20	Club W *	Salem	90	Rage Volleyball	River Falls
144	Cool City Select	Two Rivers	91	Red Cedar Elite	Barron
21	Coulee Region Power	Coulee	92	Reinas De La Cancha	Milwaukee
22	Crex Meadows	Grantsburg	93	Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA)*	Waukesha
23	Croix Attack VBC	Hudson	94	Ridgeland Reds	Ridgeland
148	CrossCourt VBC*	Appleton	95	Rise MKE VBC (formerly Jr. Red Knights)	Milwaukee
24	Crossfire VBC (formerly Milton Aces)	Milton	96	River City Volleyball Club	Watertown
25	DASH Sports LLC	Milwaukee	97	Rock VBC	Janesville
26	DePere Diggers	DePere	98	Rusk Rage	Tony
27	Dominican Jr. Knights *	Whitefish Bay	99	Select Volleyball Program	Mukwonago
28	Driftless Spikers	Hazel Green	100	Seymour Lightning Strikes	Seymour
29	Eau Claire Slam	Eau Claire	101	Shawano Storm	Shawano
30	Eau Claire Storm	Eau Claire	102	Small Town Storm	Cornell
31	Eclipse Volleyball Club	Hartford	103	Southern Heat	Livingston
32	Elevate VBC	Tomah	104	Southern Force	Kieler
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34	Epic Volleyball Club *	Racine	106	South Shore Slam	Sheboygan
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36	Falls Focus	Menomonee Falls	108	Southwest Spikers	Darlington
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145	Features Volleyball Academy	La Crosse	110	Sparta Sparks	Sparta
38	Fennimore Impact	Fennimore	111	Spiketown USA (Oshkosh)	Oshkosh
39	Fond du Lac Fusion	Fond du Lac	112	Spiketown Central (Berlin)	Berlin
40	Fox Valley Performance *	Appleton	113	Spiketown Door County	Door County
41	G-Force VBC	Germantown	114	Spiketown (Sheboygan)	Sheboygan
42	Hartford Volleyball Club	Hartford	115	Spiketown Reign (Wautoma)	Wautoma
43	Heat VBC *	Appleton	116	Spiketown Triton (Green Bay)	Green Bay
44	Howard Suamico Inferno VBC	Suamico	117	St. Croix Select	Roberts
45	I AM Volleyball Club *	Grafton	118	Synergy Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls
146	Ida Bay VBC	Sturgeon Bay	147	Team Rally	Holmen
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47	Junior Vikings Volleyball Club	Milwaukee	120	Tempo Volleyball Club	Waterloo
48	Just A Game VBC	Wisconsin Dells	121	Tenacity Volleyball Club	Blair
49	Lake Country Pipe Hitters *	Hartland	122	UP North Volleyball Club	Niagara
50	La Crosse Velocity	La Crosse	123	Xtreme VBC	La Crosse
51	Lakeshore Storm VBC	Manitowoc	124	Valley Velocity	Appleton
52	Laser VBC	Fall Creek	125	Viroqua Venom	Viroqua
53	Legacy VBC	Ladysmith	126	Waterford Wave	Waterford
149	Limitless Performance	Janesville	127	Waupaca Fire VBC	Waupaca
54	Luminosity Volleyball Club	Fond du Lac	128	West Side Slam	DePere
55	Madison Elite *	Madison	129	Western Elite VBC	Spring Green
56	Madison Inferno *	Sun Prairie	130	Western Wisconsin Smash	New Richmond
57	Madison Ignite	Madison	131	White Lightning	Clear Lake
58	Madison Starlings *	Madison	132	Wisconsin Attack Volleyball Club	Milwaukee
59	Madtown Juniors	Sun Prairie	133	Wisconsin Blaze *	Appleton
60	Mamba Volleyball Academy *	Waukesha	134	Wisconsin Elite	Franklin
61	Medford Storm	Medford	135	Wisconsin Flight	Stevens Point
62	Midwest Elite Volleyball Club	Hazel Green	136	Wisconsin Ice VBC	Wausau
63	Midwest Penguins Volleyball	Waukesha	137	Juniors Volleyball Clubs	Pleasant Prairie
64	Milwaukee Sting VBC *	Menomonee Falls	138	608 Juniors	Madison
65	Milwaukee Sting United (Madison)	Madison	139	Lakes Juniors	Lake Geneva
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