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Badger Region partners with Team Extreme

Team Extreme, a leader in team building workshops, has partnered with the Badger Region for the 2024-25 season.

Team Extreme owner Brian Kenney has been working closesly with high school and club volleyball organizations for more than 25 years, helping to mold future leaders through trust, communication strategies and relationship building on and off the court.

For the first year of the partnership, four clubs who are interested in having a team-building workshop will have Kenney's services paid for by the Badger Region. The workshops will be 1.5 hours and can be catered to the needs of the club.

"We know how important culture is to clubs," said program director Brian Sharkey.
"This partnership will help clubs build positive culture in hopes that it keeps more athletes and coaches involved in the sport for a long time."

Kenney will travel to a club's facility for these workshops which are on a first-come, first-serve basis. The relationship is an off-shoot of the sportsmanship partnership Badger Region has with Won80 (see Page 3).

Have questions or want to be considered for a workshop with Team Extreme? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.



A combination of new and experience officials came to the Brookfield Sheraton Sunday for our first in-person ref meeting of the year. Another meeting is set for Dec. 8. And an online meeting is set for Dec. 10.

Region hosts in-person ref meeting



New officials stuck around for their own in-person meeting to go over things after the full meeting ajourned.



Director of Officials Sara Voigt led the refs through membership, policies and updates.

'Second Chance' tryout helps athletes find clubs for upcoming season



The Badger Region hosted its 15-and-older "Second Chance" tryouts on a snowy Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the OAW Indoor Sports Complex in New Berlin.

At the Second Chance tryouts, the Badger Region, with the help of athletes from Milwaukee Gold, helped two dozen athletes from southeast

Wisconsin find a club to play for in the upcoming club volleyball season

Athletes who are still looking for a club can put their name on the Badger Region website's list of Athletes Seeking Clubs. <u>Check</u> <u>out those lists, here.</u> For a list of



clubs looking for athletes heading into the 15-and-older fall tryout period, click here.

Have questions about the Second Chance Tryouts? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.

So, you're new to club volleyball?

Join us for a Lunch & Learn designed specifically for new parents and athletes

We are just a few weeks away from the start of the competition season for many of the teams in the Badger Region. And with that comes a lot of nervous athletes, parents and family members who are all part of the club volleyball experience.

Don't worry, we here at the Badger Region Volleyball Association are here to help. The Region will be host a Facebook Live event from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, to make the start of season go smooth for everyone who might be new to the club volleyball landscape. To bookmark the Facebook Live event, click here.

The event will be archived our Facebook page for those who cannot join us live for the event.

So, what will we be talking about? That's up to you. If you have a topic you want covered, email us in advance at brian@badgervolleyball.org.



Some of the topics currently on the table include: What a membership gets you, what does it mean to be a Badger Region member, and who handles what in the Badger Region office.

We'll also dive into the expectations of things your club handles vs. the Region vs. USA Volleyball. Our agenda also will touch on officiating responsibilities and interacting with referees.

And we'll walk new parents and athletes through the day in the life of a tournament: What to bring, what not to bring, how to navigate the tournament schedule, costs of participating (and spectating) and much more.

It's going to be an educating discussion. Come and join our staff for this great event. See you soon!



The Badger Region is excited to partner with the Side-Out Foundation to launch The Perfect Pass, a new Club Dig Pink campaign. The Perfect Pass harnesses the power of the volleyball community to tackle two critical challenges in breast cancer research: funding and patient participation. Through this program, volleyball teams nationwide commit to raising funds and, more importantly, expanding awareness of research opportunities for metastatic breast cancer (MBC) patients.

Clinical research is vital for advancing cancer treatment, yet connecting patients with innovative research opportunities remains a significant challenge, especially in communities underserved by major



cancer centers.

The Perfect Pass offers a unique solution by activating volleyball's vast community networks. Participating teams distribute pink ribbons with information cards at tournaments, challenging other teams to join the fundraising effort while helping spread awareness about Side-Out's research program through their personal and community connections.

Interested in getting involved? Reach out to learn how your club can engage, give back, and enhance the player experience.

Click here to get started.







Art of Coaching coming to MKE

The full slate of 2025 Art of Coaching clinics are now open for registration, including the Milwaukee event April 26-27 co-sponsored by the Badger Region. There are three ways to attend the world-class clinics – in person, streamed live online, and on demand.

Each clinic will give participants a variety of viewpoints on how to best coach volleyball from some of the game's top coaches, with specific clinics available for boys coaches, high school coaches, middle school coaches and club coaches.

Clinicians at the Milwaukee event include:

- * Ryan Theis Marquette University
- * Marie Zidek DePaul University
- * Mike Schall University of North Carolina
- * Russ Rose former Penn State University
- * Terry Liskevych former Olympic coach

If you'd like to attend the clinic in person, use code BAD-GER100 at checkout to save \$100 per coach. You can save even more by registering in a group.

If you can't make it in person, use code BADGER50 at checkout to save \$50 per coach on virtual access.

To register and for more details, click here.

The Art of Coaching Volleyball was founded on the belief that there's no one "right way" to coach volleyball. AOC clinics include a unique panel of presenters—all with diverse backgrounds and experiences, and all eager to demonstrate their unique coaching styles and points of view—so you can find what works best for you.

Whether you're a new coach or a seasoned veteran, you're guaranteed to leave with dozens of new ideas to try in your gym next season.

Coaching application now open for All-Star program

The Badger Region is seeking coaches for positions within the High Performance All-Star program for the 2025 season.

To apply for a coaching position, click here.

Applications are due by Friday, Dec. 20. Coaches are required to attend their respective age group/gender's tryout, participate in the one-day training sessions, work the overnight camp and coach at the 2025 USA All-Star Championships in Madison this summer.

Coaching applications are required for any individual interested in working at a:

- * Training date
- * Overnight camp
- * All-Star Tournament

All of the above listed are paid opportunities. All coaches are independent contractors who must sign an independent contractor agreement and agree to the Region's All-Star Expectations and Philosophies.

If you are interested in volunteering at a tryout for the Badger Region High Performance All-Star program, please email brian@badgervolleyball.org.

All levels of coaches are encouraged to apply. That includes college coaches, high school coaches and club coaches. The only requirements are that the individual has a membership, SafeSport,

background screening and IMPACT certification.

Coaches not selected for camp or travel team obligations will still benefit from networking and observation opportunities with experienced HP All-Star coaches in the Badger Region.

The potential schedule for this year's All-Star program is as follows:

- * Feb. 28 (possible girls tryouts at the Baird Center in Milwaukee prior to the Badger Region Girls Qualifier)
 - * March 21 (possible boys tryouts at the Baird Center in Milwaukee prior to the Dale Rohde Memorial)
- * One-day training sessions (two weekend dates in

April or May at sites to be announced)

- * Overnight camp will fall two days between July 13-18 at a college or university to be named soon.
- * July 23: Report/practice date in Madison
- * July 24-27: Competition in Madison. In addition to a coaching salary, staff will receive per diem for food, a Badger backpack, free hotel and lots of Badger Region apparel and swag items

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

Input sought: Region seeks feedback on beach events

We know it's Halloween and fall is in full effect here in Wisconsin.

But that doesn't mean we can't start thinking about next summer, right?

The Badger Region is looking for feedback from athletes and parents on the topic of the Badger Region Beach Volleyball Championships.

The 10-question survey will take most people less than five minutes to finish. To access the survey, click here

The Region is seeking input from both athletes, parents and beach coaches/directors.

The data gathered from the survey

will help us shape the 2025 Badger Region Beach Championships. That includes the date, the location and other logistics related to the event.

The survey also touches on other beach programming in the Badger Region including camps, clinics and other tournaments.

You do not have to be beach expert or even a beach participant to take the survey. We just want to hear your thoughts.

Have questions about beach volleyball or the survey, email brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Won80 shares lessons in VIRTUE

Badger Region continues partnership to emphasize sportsmanship

On Nov. 2, Mark Horbinski from WON80 was a guest of Adversity Wisconsin Volleyball Club as part of their club's coaches meeting. The topic of the day was Coaching with VIRTUE, and it was an excellent way to kick off year three of the WON80-Badger Region Volleyball partnership.

In the one-hour presentation, the coaches from Adversity reflected on why kids play sports, why they coach, and what they want the kids to learn from them through their club volleyball experience. From there, Horbinski shared his VIRTUE coaching model used to develop better players, teammates, leaders, and people. Topics of conversation included:

- * The importance of common language, shared vision, and intentionality
- * Embedding character development into daily coaching routines
 - * Transformational and transactional coaching
 - * Creating a competitive advantage through character

The three main goals of the Coaching with VIR-TUE presentation are to validate current practices that are working well within the club, identify through self-reflection areas where improvement is desired, and share practical strategies for the implementation of the VIRTUE model.

If you are interested in learning more about Coaching with VIRTUE or would like to book a presentation, please reach out to Badger Region Volleyball at membership@badgervolleyball.org.



Virginia Beach to host 2025 National Beach Championships

USA Volleyball has announced that its 2025 Beach National Championship will be held on July 16-21 in Virginia Beach, Va.

"Virginia Beach offers a unique blend of natural beauty, a welcoming community, and a passion for sports, making it the perfect destination for athletes and fans to experience an unforgettable championship," said Dani Timm, director of sports tourism for Virginia Beach. "Our community is dedicated to creating an unforgettable experience for athletes, fans and families alike. We can't wait to welcome the USA Volleyball family to our shores and deliver an exceptional event next July."

The 2025 USA Volleyball Beach National Championship includes four competitive age groups for both boys and girls: 12U, 14U, 16U and 18U

The event will use the new age-division definitions approved for the 2024-25 USAV Beach Tour season:

* 18 & Under: Athletes graduating high

school in 2025 or later

- * 16 & Under: Athletes graduating high school in 2027 or later
- * 14 & Under: Athletes graduating high school in 2029 or later
- * 12 & Under: Athletes graduating high school in 2031 or later

Athletes in girls 12U and boys and girls 16U will compete July 16-18. Players in boys 12U and boys and girls 14U and 18U will compete on July 19-21.

All girls age groups will feature three divisions: Open, American and Patriot. Bids are required for entry in the Open or American divisions only and may be earned at a National Beach Tour event.

The Patriot Division does not require athletes to qualify; participants can register at any time.

Boys do not require a bid and may automatically register for the Boys Open division.

Register here.

North Country Region to host recruiting combine in Rosemount, Minn.

Championship Combines and the North Country Region of USA Volleyball are hosting the 2024 NCR Recruiting Combine, with 15+ college coaches attending!

The event will take place from 11:30 to 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Hope Fieldhouse in Rosemount, Minn.

NCAA, NAIA and Junior Colleges will be in attendance. NCAA Div. I schools are in a dead period and are not able to attend in person.

Video recordings ands player information will be sent to every college volleyball program in Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

The event is open to any 8th grade and High School age female player! Athletes will be divided by position and graduation year to allow attending coaches to efficiently evaluate.

To register, click here.

From the WIAA: Rules for coaching your own athletes

With the start of the 2024-25 club volleyball season, the Badger Region is OFTEN asked by coaches, club directors and parents "Can this person coach this athlete if they also coach at a school."

That would be a question for the WIAA, the governing body of high school sports in ethe state of Wisconsin. Here are a few notes they sent the Badger Region as we start club season. For a full look at the rules, <u>click here</u>.

A. Coaches may not have coaching contact with any athletes that they will be coaching (except their own children) the following school season during restricted times. There is no distinction between varsity and junior varsity (JV) coaches, i.e., JV coaches cannot coach varsity athletes during restricted times, and vice-versa, nor any distinction between paid and nonpaid (volunteer) coaches. An exception is varsity and J.V. coaches can have coaching contact with students who have just completed 8th grade or any preceding grade up until those 8th graders actually start their 9th grade year.

B. Coaching restrictions apply to all sports during the school year... the summer being defined as when

school is not in normal session, provided such nonschool programs are not limited to students on the basis of school or team affiliation. Other than during the actual school season and as specifically approved in the summer, coaches may not have coaching contact with their athletes other than as listed above; including practicing or competing with athletes, driving athletes to nonschool competition, driving athletes to camps, clinics, etc., or having basically anything to do with the athletes' nonschool participation. Further, coaches may not:

- 1. Mandate athletes participate in nonschool competition, or determine who may or may not participate in nonschool activities.
- 2. Require involvement in outof-season activities as part of the requirements for making a school team, earning a school letter award, etc.
- 3. Provide incentives such as T-shirts, etc., for participation in the off-season.

Simply put, if a person coaches in a high school program, whether paid or volunteer, he/she cannot coach students from their program after their high school season ends (Nov. 9) to the end of the school year. They can however coach their

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own child(ren).

After the school year ends and prior to the first day of the high school season (or the first day of school if that is prior to the season) however, high school coaches, hired and identified by a club as a club coach, can coach their own student-athletes. This is considered "non-school summer contact," which is different from the school year contact rules.

Furthermore, high school coaches that also coach club cannot drive student-athletes from their high school programs to and from practice, competitions, or clinics, mandate participation in clubs as a condition of making the high school team, or provide incentives to high school students for participation in a club. High school coaches cannot compete or practice against their student-athletes during the school year and cannot be directly involved in the scheduling/planning/facilitation of teams in which their high school students participate during the restricted school year times.

In summary, WIAA high school volleyball coaches cannot be involved in their student-athletes club participation (aka "non-school participation) from Nov. 9-the end of the school year. In the summer high school coaches, hired by clubs, can coach their high school athletes as part of the non-school participation rules. All club/non-school summer coaching contact must cease by Aug. 18, the first day of the high school season (or the first day of school if that is before the season). All high school coaches should make their athletic administrators aware of all coaching contact and direct questions to said individual for specific interpretation.

Can high school coaches coach their players in club?

From the end of the WIAA season (Nov. 9) to the end of the school year=NO

End of the school year to the start of school or first day of the WIAA season (August 18)=YES

This topic is currently being discussed in the WIAA Calendar and Contact committee; if changes to the rules are made, the WIAA will send communication and local athletic administrators will directly contact their high school coaches.

Have questions? Please contact the WIAA or your athletic director.

Region seeks volunteers for events

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 events
- * Taking photos for social media and our website at our big events

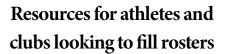
* Helping manage our medals and trophies at our marquee tournaments

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.



We are about a month away from the 15-and-older tryouts and the official start of the club volleyball season.

If you are a club or athlete still looking for opportunities to train and compete, we encourage you to use the following resources.

* List of clubs looking for athletes, <u>click here.</u>

Athletes can use this site and reach out to clubs to get an idea of their needs in advance of setting up a tryout. Clubs can fill out an online form to be listed on the site.

* List of athletes looking for clubs, click here.

Clubs can use this site to reach out to athletes who are searching for a club. Athletes who still need a place to play can fill out an online form to be listed on the site.

Questions? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Athletes named to girls All-State volleyball teams

Division 1

FIRST TEAM

Brooke Aslakson, Sr., Hamilton Brooke Baldwin, Jr., Hamilton Allie Beers, Jr., Slinger Cassie Bruns, Jr., Menomonee Falls Olivia Durst, Sr., Divine Savior Holy ngels

Jana Jankowski, Sr., Hudson Siena MacCudden, Jr., Arrowhead Chloe Parker, Sr., Bay Port Gabriella Pitcel, Sr., Mukwonago Madison Quest, Sr., Divine Savior Holy ngels

SECOND TEAM

Maddie Brown, Jr., Divine Savior Holy Angels

Teegan Charapata, Sr., Appleton North Eva Finnessy, Sr., Hamilton Macy Kline, Jr., Holmen Sari Marks, Jr., Sun Prairie West Madison Marx, Sr., Franklin Isa Ruether, Jr., Oak Creek Marlee Sivak, Jr., Oconomowoc Gia Woida, Sr., Arrowhead Emily Zgonc, Jr., Hamilton

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Kylee Altendorf, Sr., West Bend West Morgan Bentel, Jr., DeForest Kati Berezowitz, Sr., Burlington Braylin Bosetski, Sr., De Pere Allison Bostley, Sr., Verona Addison Buckner, Jr., Divine Savior Holy Angels

Ellie Burns, Sr., Hudson Charley Casey, Jr., Holmen Gigi Chasco, So., Wisconsin Lutheran Jordan Czajkowski, Sr., Divine Savior Holy Angels

Madison Daley, Sr., Xavier Lillian Dempkey, Jr., Burlington Shelby Fabbri, Sr., Westosha Central Alexis Gardner, Sr., Mukwonago Kaylee Harder, Jr., Menomonee Falls Mallory Hartwig, Jr., Sauk Prairie Alexa Hernandez, Sr., Green Bay

Aubrey Hicks, Jr., Hamilton Ashley Hutter, Sr., Pewaukee Mia Jannazzo, Jr., Waukesha West Mollie Junk, So., Manitowoc Lincoln Ella Kohnen, Jr., Slinger Elizabeth Kwiatkowski, Jr., Oconomo-

Kayla Landerud, Jr., McFarland Chloe Lockheart, Sr., Hudson Maddie Mauser, Jr., Westosha Central Alyiana McMahon, Jr., Divine Savior Holy Angels

Anya Mikhailenko, Jr., Homestead Madelyn Mitchell, Sr., DeForest Maren Motz, Sr., Arrowhead Sydnee Nelson, Jr., Oshkosh West Sadie Newcomb, Jr., Middleton Kennedy Nimmer, Sr., Menomonee

Hannah Padilla, Jr., Pewaukee Callie Panasuk, Sr., Oak Creek Amelie Pankonin, So., River Falls Maddy Range, Sr., River Falls Ava Reis, Sr., Kimberly Bille Reiter, Sr., Greendale Ava Russell, Sr., Homestead Addison Schoenberger, Sr., Hamilton Ashlynn Schroeder, Sr., Eau Claire femorial

Samantha Schultz, Sr., Oconomowoc Payton Scifres, So., Westosha Central Greta Shadewald, Sr., Sauk Prairie Kendra Shimon, Sr., BayPort Morgan Stewart, Sr., Green Bay Southwest

Natalie Surges, Jr., Brookfield East Kennedy Tisdale, Jr., Pewaukee Lauren Tisler, So., West DePere Madison Tripp, Sr., Kaukana Myla Unterweger, Sr., Arrowhead Kaitlin Van Wie, Jr., Waunakee Elise Webster, Jr., Racine Case Abby Weidmayer, So., Manitowoc

Madelyn Wilson, Sr., Onalaska Peyton Wollman, So., Cedarburg

Division 2

FIRST TEAM

Lucia Brown, Sr., Catholic Memorial Peyton Carlson, Jr., Waupaca Alayna Deprez, Jr., Luxemburg-Casco Aubrey Frey, So., Luxemburg-Casco Hailey Goebel, Sr., St. Thomas More Adeline Goedheer, Sr., Catholic femorial

Avery Lang, Sr., Freedom Rebecca Ring, Sr., Edgewood Ella Schuetz, Sr., Lakeside Lutheran Jenna Welsch, Sr., Catholic Memorial

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Ambryn Aanonsen, Jr., Kettle Moraine Lutheran

Brooke Bartelt, Sr., Kettle Moraine Lutheran

Jaxcyn Berntgen, Sr., Platteville Lilli Big Eagle, So., Freedom Natalie Bystol, Jr., Shawano Adah Danen, Sr., Notre Dame Peyton Everson, Sr., Osceola Natalie Field, Sr., Wisconsin Dells Bridget Frye, So., Mosinee Addison Fura, Sr., Catholic Memorial Makena Ihle, Sr., West Salem Izzy Johnson, Jr., Wisconsin Dells Bella Kaldor, So., New Berlin Eisenhower

Rylan Kaminski, Jr., Luxemburg-Casco Addison Kelenic, So., Catholic Me-

Julia Killoran, Jr., St. Thomas More Marta Leeland, Sr., Portage Madelyn Marquardt, Sr., Kewaskum Megan McDowell, Sr., New Berlin Eisenhower

Hope Martens, Sr., Pius XI Madelyn Newton, Sr., Osceola Leah Nordin, Jr., Shawano Addie Oeth, Jr., Edgewood Britta Olson, So., St. Croix Falls Campbell Onell, Sr., Luxemburg-Casco Amber Otto, Sr., Oconto Falls Lucy Ripley, So., Oconto Falls Addison Schmidt, So., Rice Lake Riley Schmitz, Jr., Fox Valley Lutheran Maren Schmotzer, Sr., Edgewood Adaline Sheplee, Jr., Rice Lake Daisy Spink, Sr., Mosinee Ella Vander Velden, Sr., Luxemburg-Casco

Eva Wall, Sr., Freedom Isabella Weber, Jr., Catholic Memorial Maddie Wolfram, Sr., Notre Dame

Division 3

FIRST TEAM

Amara Beaudoin, Sr., Amherst Samantha Davis, Jr., Aquinas Addison Foor, Sr., Aquinas Alexis Halverson, So., Barron Julia Kellner, Sr., Racine Lutheran Addison McCauley, Sr., Laconia Karli Molnau, Sr., Lake Country Lutheran

Greta Vorpahl, Sr., Oostburg Ella Vosberg, Sr., Cuba City Audrey Weier, Sr., Bonduel

HONORABLE MENTION

Eliana Brenn, Sr., St. Mary Catholic Siennah Calkins, Jr., Tomahawk Carly Checky, So., Marshall Makayla Dallas, Sr., Valders Isabella Digman, Sr., Cuba City Anna Dougherty, Sr., Fall Creek Eva Engel, Sr., Laconia Soleil Ewing, Sr., Richland Center Kaylee Hlinak, Sr., Mishicot Samya Hughes, Sr., Nekoosa Madisyn Johnson, Sr., Cedar Grove-Belguim

Emma Love, Jr., Marathon Lauren Lueth, So., Cedar Grove-Belguim

Addison McElhone, Sr., Unity Tessa Miskowski, Sr., Aquinas Sam Navis, Sr., Oostburg Lauren Pearson, Sr., Cameron Gabriella Pecore, Sr., Unity Ruby Rengo, Jr., Grantsburg Daelyn Rieck, Jr., Colby Ava Rothe, Jr., Kiel Lainey Runde, Sr., Cuba City Penny Schell, Jr., Abundant Life

Kalyn Schueller, Sr., Stratford Kyanne Wusterbarth, Sr., Oconto

Division 4

FIRST TEAM

Cali Eastling, Sr., Tri-County Mataya Eckert, Sr., Phillips Ainsley Ellis, Jr., Heritage Christian Michelyn Hansen, Sr., Hillsboro Madalyn Kabat, Jr., Mineral Point Sydney Marx, Sr., Regis Izzy Reichert, Jr., Regis Eden Roethel, Jr., Living Word

Ava Stuebs, So., Manitowoc Lutheran Addysen Wolf, Jr., Loyal

HONORABLE MENTION

Allison Albrecht, Sr., Wabeno/Laona Vivie Dempsey, Jr., Cashton Hannah Dietzenbach, Sr., Fall River Reese Grimm, Sr., Pittsville Kaitlynn Hartnady, Jr., Edgar Avery Hetfeld, So., Webster Katy Ilkka, Sr., Pacelli Eliza Ingwell, Sr., Mineral Point Lily Lewis, Jr., Regis Lacey Lindsey, Sr., Mineral Point Marissa Mehlhorn, Jr., Manitowoc Lutheran

Chelsea Poskocil, Jr., Heritage Christian Emma Reincke, Sr., Pacelli Makenna Rettler, Sr., Tri-County Faith Sperl, Jr., Abbotsford Lily Terry, Jr., Wabeno/Laona Jenna Vermillion, Sr., Fall River Harmonee Wenger, Sr., Kickapoo Aria Wessel, Sr., Living Word Lutheran Delaney Winkelmann, Jr., Living Word Lutheran

Division 5

FIRST TEAM

Audrey Arndt, Sr., Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran

Kali Heikkinen, Sr., Prentice Kamdan Johnson, Sr., Florence Abby Kirchner, Sr., Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran

Gabi Radichel, Jr., Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran

Sofia Rodriguez, Jr., Sheboygan Christian Lily Shields, Sr., Newman Catholic Camille Sobolewski, Jr., Newman tholic

Shelby Spata, Jr., Columbus Catholic Cheyenne Wales, Sr., Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran

HONORABLE MENTION

Tabitha Buwalda, Sr., Central Wisconsin Christian

Abby Chaplinski, Sr., Gilman Kelsi Chrisman, Fr., Florence Audrey Franz, Sr., Florence Morgan Freeman, Sr., Belmont Bria Gruen, Jr., Royall Sy'Rih Hartwig, Jr., Athens Anna Hennessey, Sr., Highland Megan Hoffman, Sr., Clayton Jenny Klopatek, Sr., Mercer Emma Laatsch, Sr., Green Bay N.E.W. Lutheran

Erin Lasse, Jr., Barneveld Lexie Meerstein, Sr., Green Bay N.E.W.

Lydia Neeb, Jr., Sheboygan Christian Kaylie Oimoen, Sr., Barneveld Lauren Ruis, Jr., Central Wisconsin Christian

Mallory Sanicki, Sr., Niagara Eiley Schoeneman, Sr., Mercer Annika Svennes, Sr., Newman Catholic Abigail TenNapel, So., Central Wisconsin Christian

Loretta Tisch, Jr., Pecatonica Delia Trader, Jr., Columbus Catholic Layla Wainwright, Jr., Royall

Athletes named to boys All-State Academic team

The 2024 season marked the first season the Badger Region and Frisco Mo sponsored the Wisconsin Boys Volleyball Coaches Association All-State Academic Awards.

Schools awarded a Team Academic Award

for the 2024 season include: Appleton East, Appleton North, Arrowhead, Burlington, Homestead, Kenosha Indian Trail, Kettle Moraine, Kimberly, Madison Memorial, Madison West, Marquette, Nicolet, Oak



Creek, Racine Case, South Milwaukee, Sussex Hamilton, Union Grove, Waukesha West, West Allis Hale/Central and Westosha Central.

Congrats to all of the seniors who were chosen for their amazing accomplishments in the classroom.

Appleton East: Will Delfosse Appleton East: Ryder Piepenburg Appleton East: Drew Shellabarger Appleton East: Eizen Thao Appleton North: Isaac Berken Appleton North: Rowan Cihlar Appleton North: Owen Tierney Brookfield Central: Jacob Smith Brookfield East: Braeden Berg Burlington: Cade Lamela Burlington: Ben Panackal Burlington: Mason Tomczyk Cedarburg: Quinn Donaldson Cedarburg: Reed Montague Fort Atkinson: Ethan Leslie Germantown: Adam Emerson Germantown: Ryan Guilfoyle Hartford: Luke Gauthier Homestead: Justin Bliesner Homestead: Benyamin Kim Kaukauna: Nolan Laflen Kaukauna: Brady Mayer

Kenosha Indian Trail: Benjamin Johnson Kenosha Indian Trail: Tyler Sioco Kenosha Tremper: Norberto Lopez Kettle Moraine: Kaden Hartmann Kettle Moraine: Andrew Ishag Kettle Moraine: Logan Snorek

Kimberly: Nick Sroda Kimberly: Trevor Van Eperen Kimberly: Sean Welsh

Madison Edgewood/Country Day: Thomas Bower

Madison Memorial: Max Imig Madison Memorial: Landon Koch Madison Memorial: Cam Krohn Madison Memorial: Ian Young Madison West: Miles Dean Madison West: William Grabel Madison West: Luke Wichern Marquette: Drew Blonski Marquette: Andrew Kim Marquette: Max Larcheid Marquette: Cormac Moloney

Menomonee Falls: Tommy Karczewski

Menomonee Falls: Ben Kuhn Middleton: Andrew Chen Mukwonago: David Ansell Nicolate: Ariel Kaswan Nicolet: Asher O'Desky Nicolet: Danny Torres Oak Creek: Daniel Franklin Oak Creek: Ben Luther Oak Creek: Calvin Oeth Pewaukee: Will Fruth Pewaukee: Peter Wilkinson Pius XI: Owen Hickethier Pius XI: Conor Riley

Port Washington: Chase Polcyn Racine Case: David Groen Racine Park: Cameron Betker Saint Augustine Prep: Roberto Lopez Mata

Saint Augustine Prep: Brandon Morales
South Milwaukee: Owen Hirthe
Sun Prairie West: Noah Stephenson
Sussex Hamilton: Henry Mrotek
Sussex Hamilton: Nolan Doherty
Sussex Hamilton: Craig Oberlin
Sussex Hamilton: Brady Tetting
Union Grove: Caden Eichner
Union Grove: Nolan Kumm
Union Grove: Wyatt Sack

Wauwatosa West: Benjamin Westmont West Allis Hale/Central: Ben Meleski West Allis Hale/Central: Nolen Rausch West Allis Hale/Central: Max St. Clair West Allis Hale/Central: Devin Williams West Allis Hale/Central: Tukin Xiong Westosha Central: Graham Foerster Whitnall: Zachary Millmann

Waukesha West: Isaac Gabel

	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under³	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
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¹Players 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, <u>OR</u> 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.

4Male 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.

⁵Male 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.

WHY BADGER REGI®N?

When you purchase a home, vehicle or big appliance, you want to know all the facts and how far your dollar will go. So it only seems logical to look at all of the great events, learning opportunities, training programs and member benefits that clubs, players, coaches and officials receive when they become members of the Badger Region and USA Volleyball. Everyone has their own answer to "Why Badger Region?" What's yours?

EVENTS

* Opportunities to play in "local" one-day events hosted by Badger Region clubs and facilities



- * Opportunities to play in the Badger Region Power League
- * Opportunities to earn a Badger Region Championship for boys or girls
- * Opportunities to earn a spot in the Girls Junior National Champioships by playing in the Badger Region Qualifier

PLAYERS

- * Free 8-and-under memberships
- * Developmental league memberships
- * Framework for middle school and youth leagues
- * Scholarships to high school seniors
- * High Performance training with access to high-level recruiting opportunities
- * Second-chance tryouts for athletes
- * Sand clinics, tournaments throughout the state
- * Player/club matching assistance



SAFETY

- * Strongest, most in-depth background screening in youth volleyball
- * Education (through SafeSport) for child protection
- * Parent participation program to get more adults trained in SafeSport and reffing
- * Code of conduct that is universal for all events
- * Baseline coach risk management training

ADMINISTRATION

- * Policies and procedures for all clubs to be consistent
- * Guidelines and handbooks for running tournaments
- * Mentoring and training for new club directors
- * Templates for club and



parent handbooks

- * Templates for tryouts and club acceptance forms
- * Personalized feedback to uniform and jersey questions
- * Partnerships with TeamSnap, Sports Imports, Hudl and others that benefit all clubs and athletes

OFFICIALS

- * The only referee and scorer training available is through USA Volleyball
- * Free training for clubs to train their athletes.
- * Free training for refs who are still in school
- * Free online training modules for all
- * Ability to earn money and advancement

COACHES

- * Free baseline IMPACT training
- * Free Art of Coaching premium membership to online content
- * Continuing education for coaches
- * AVCA tips of the Week
- * Coaches Coaching Coaches classes

USA VOLLEYBALL

- * National governing body recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC)
- * Connection to Team USA and the other national teams
- * Administrative framework along with insurance coverage

GET TO KNOW THE BADGER REGION

hether you're a longtime coach or official or you're a parent of a new athlete, the Badger Region is here for you. The mission of the Badger Region is to promote initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences.

That could be competition and training. That could be education and training. That could be grassroots or High Performance programs. We encourage all our members to take time to get to know the folks who handle the day-to-day operation of the Region (staff) and set the Region's policies (board of directors).

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

BADGER REGION BOARD



HOLLY JABLONOWSKI Role: Southeast Rep/President

Elected: 2016
Favorite part a

Favorite part about Badger Region: My favorite part about being part of Badger Region is it's something that you can be involved in for your entire life. There is programming and opportunities from youth all the way to adult. And, we're a pretty kick butt region that many other regions look to for advice and model after.



SCOTT BLACKMON

Role: Coaches Rep/Vice President

Year elected: 2019 as VP, 2004 as at-large rep Best part about being a part of Badger Region: I have watched this Region grow so much since arriving on this board. In my time I have watched this region grow from one person's home, to a two-person office about half the size of a volleyball court, to where we are at now; a five-person staff and an office large enough for full Board meetings and individual offices. The growth has been slow, steady and nothing short of amazing. I could not be more proud of our staff and this region.



BEAU RATH

Role: Badger Region Treasurer **Year appointed:** February 2022

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: Seeing and participating in discussions with the board and staff truly discussing what is best for volleyball in the state of Wisconsin and what Badger Region can do to help further these initiatives.



CURTIS MADSON

Role: Metro Milwaukee Rep/Secretary

Year elected: 2018

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The best part of being part of the Badger Region all of the different opportunities it provides and supports such as our Power Leagues, Badger Boys Series, Qualifier, Championships, Beach, High Performance and many more.

BADGER REGION STAFF



JENNIFER ARMSON-DYER

Role: Executive Director / Commissioner

Year hired: Hired 2009 as the membership services coordinator; promoted to Director of Operations in 2011 with a title change to Executive Director and Commissioner in 2019.

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The people and their successes. I love watching the littles get serves over, teams winning or coming back from being down, a player having success after doing what a coach asks, a tournament coming together after months of planning, the smiles after a successful clinic or an official getting their advancement or doing really well in a tough match. Volleyball has made such a huge impact on my life that I love being able to give others opportunities to have the same.



BRIAN SHARKEY

Role: Sr. Director Communications & Programming

Year hired: 2014

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The volleyball community is amazing and has given me so much that I am proud to give back to the athletes, coaches and officials who make all of what we do possible. Not going to lie, volleyball defines are large portion of who I am, and I'm super excited to be enjoying this journey in the Badger Region.



SCOTT SPIESS

Role: Director of Operations & Education

Year hired: 2017

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The people. The staff & board helping all members make the connection to USA Volleyball. The clubs and coaches providing opportunities for kids to play. The athletes and officials showing their love for the game.



KELLY LEHMAN

Role: Director of Events

Year hired: 2018

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The competitions!!! Competing/Coaching/Spectating/Officiating the game of volleyball is fun for all age levels and all skill levels. The Badger Region has amazing events that accentuate that enjoyment for tens of thousands of people in our state every year.



SARA VOIGT

Role: Director of Officials and Youth Development

Year hired: 2015

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: My favorite thing about Badger Region is meeting new people and sharing my love for volleyball.

BADGER REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)



JON ELLMANN Role: At Large Rep Elected: 2023

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The People: Staying connected with all of the amazing coaches, directors, and administrators in the region is not only fulfilling and fun, but also a professionally enriching experience. It's tank filling to give back to a region that provides so much to so many.



JASON WHEELOCK

Role: At-Large Rep Elected: 2023

Favorite part about Badger Region: Being part of the Badger Region and on the Board of Directors gives me another way that I can help kids fall in love with the sport that has given me everything. I can share my thoughts and concerns on a wide variety of issues with the sole purpose of giving kids the best experience they can have in the sport of volleyball. I also enjoy working alongside such passionate and dedicate individuals that make up the Badger Region Board of Directors as well as the Executive Committee.



BREIT NELSON Role: Northwest Rep Year elected: 2021

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The best part of being a part of Badger Region is the community and connections. The volleyball world is tight-knit,1 and the Badger Region is a great example of that. I love being part of an organization that works to support athletes, coaches, and clubs through events and programs designed to build skill, and game IQ and promote a strong sense of teamwork. I also really like the emphasis we've put on sportsmanship in efforts to create a positive environment for everyone involved in a game we all love!



AMY REAVES DALEY Role: Northeast Rep

Year elected: 2022

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The camaraderie amongst other coaches, directors, and the region staff, as well as the strong reputation the region has for talented teams/athletes.



KYLEIGH NEAVE Role: At Large Rep Elected: 2024

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: I love being a part of Badger Region because all staff and board members focus on making volleyball fun and competitive. They work hard to gather feedback in order to better their indoor and outdoor events in order to allow for more athletes to play the game of volleyball. I appreciate that the Badger Region prioritizes coaching education for coaches and finds creative ways to teach volleyball to those who are new to the sport!



PATTI DAWSON

Role: Official's Rep to the board Year hired/elected/appointed: 2024

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: Best part of being part of the Badger Region is growing such a wonderful game is the best state in the country with the best people and being able to represent my fellow officials on the board.



BONNIE STALKER

Role: Southwest Rep Year appointed: 2022

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: Best part about being a part of Badger Region is being around other people who love volleyball, all ages and walks of life. I meet new people, make new friends, connect with old friends and can make a positive impact on the lives of the younger generation.



BRIAN RUSHMER

Role: Junior Rep Year elected: 2019

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The best part of the Badger Region is the people. I love that so many great people come together for the same goal for our sport. Volleyball has provided so much for me in my life that anything I can do to help create those opportunities for others I will.



DAN HABECK

Role: Independent Board Representative

Appointed: 2024

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The best part of being a part of the Badger Region is contributing to the

continued growth of the game.

What is the importance of the Badger Region?

What is the Badger Region?
If you were to compare it to the structure of the U.S. government, USA Volleyball operates at a federal level and the Regions would operate at the state level. Regions have to follow the lead of USA Volleyball on lots of policies, but can set up the infrastructure at the local level that is best for each part of the country.

When someone has a concern, they contact their Region office.

If there are athletes that want to play and just compete at the local level, the Region can direct them to those resources. If they want to travel the country and compete on the national stage, Regions can point athletes and coaches to those types of opportunities, too.

Regional Volleyball Associations, like the Badger Region, are the grassroots, localized, customer-support hubs throughout the country.

USA Volleyball sets the standards, structure and the framework that the 40 Regions of USA Volleyball operate within.

USA Volleyball is also the only entity in the United States that can send a team to the Olympics, NORCECA or other FIVB Championship Events.

The Regions work very closely with the clubs because the clubs are working with athletes, coaches and officials in the community.

Regions are on the ground level where that 10-year-old gets his first serve over the net, or where an official advances to her next level or where a coach receives mentoring that helps them guide future ballers.

For a sitdown with the Badger Region staff and board president Holly Jablonowski on what makes the Badger Region tick, click here.

BADGER REGION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



JIM MOMSEN
Role: Past President

Year appointed: Official since 2003, Board Member (SE Rep) 2008-2015), Vice President 2015-2019, President 2019-2024. Best part about being a part of Badger Region: Meeting and working with all the great and passionate people that are a part of the Volleyball Community.



JULIE VOECK
Role: Past President

Year hired/elected/appointed: 2019, for this position Best part about being a part of Badger Region: Seeing this amazing organization continue to grow volleyball in Wisconsin. It has been great being part of this experience. I love being at the Badger Region events and interacting with Badger Region members, staff and officials.



JOHN NELSON

Role: Officials Liaison to USAV

Appointed: 2023

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The best part of being part of Badger Region is getting to be around very good volleyball and work with so many great people.



ALEXIS MIDDLETON
Role: Grassroots chair

Year appointed: 2018

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The best part about being part of the Badger Region is being around so many people who deeply care about the game, training and mentoring athletes and growing the game in the region.



ERIN STALKER

Role: Scorekeeping Liaison to USAV

Year appointed: 2023

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The community and support throughout the region and our determination to excel in the development of our officials and scorers.



TJ ABSHIRE Role: Adult Chair Year appointed: 2018

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The best thing about being part of Badger Region is seeing people enjoy the sport of volleyball through various stages of their life. From Juniors, to Adults to Seniors, there is truly a level of play for all within the Badger Region; my involvement has allowed me to get to know people of all ages and to help them transition to new opportunities to play the sport that they love as they get older.



MIKE STEVENS Role: Junior Boys Rep

Elected: 2022

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: The camaraderie and support we all show each other. At the end of the day, we're a tight-knit region and we know each other fairly well. We celebrate each others' successes and do our best to help each other where possible.



BRAEDEN MELTON

Role: Junior Girls Chair

Elected: 2022

Best part about being a part of Badger Region: To be a part of such a strong group of directors, coaches, admin, and players is truly one of the greatest privileges I've had in my volleyball journey. With common goals, we all work greatly to create a positive and productive experience for anyone who is in our Region or crosses paths with it.

USA Volleyball names John Speraw as new president and CEO

USA Volleyball has announced that it has hired John Speraw to serve as its president and Chief Executive Officer, starting on Oct. 1.

Prior to becoming the eighth CEO of USA
Volleyball, Speraw has
served as head coach of the

U.S. Men's National Team since 2013 and has been part of the team's leadership for almost two decades.

"My journey with USA Volleyball began in 1997 as an assistant coach for the World University Games team," Speraw said. "Reflect-

ing on the teams, players, staff and experiences over the years, I am filled with immense gratitude. To now be entrusted with the opportunity to lead USA Volleyball as president and CEO is both a profound honor and deeply humbling.

"This journey has deepened my passion for this organization—representing our country, advancing the sport, and elevating the experience for everyone involved. I am sincerely grateful to the USA Volleyball Board of Directors for this honor and responsibility. I am ready to lead. I am ready to serve."

Speraw's coaching and leadership roles within USA Volleyball bring a unique blend of executive vision, recognition of the diverse and complex ecosystem of the sport and expertise in the international scene.

His strategic vision of the sport's evolution is critically important as USA Volleyball prepares for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympics in Los Angeles and the 2032 Games in Brisbane, Australia.

Speraw is also the founder of First Point Volleyball, an organization dedicated to supporting the growth of boys' and men's volleyball across the country.

"The search group composed of key USA

Volleyball Board members concluded that John's overall sport acumen, demeanor, energy, leadership skills and vision for the future of the sport were clearly aligned with the Board's expectations for the next generation of USA Volleyball," said USA Volleyball Board of Directors Chair Dave Gentile

"Along with the full Board and staff, I look forward to working closely with John over the next several years as he prepares the organization for LA28 and beyond. We are also confident that John's leadership will always have the mission and role of USA Volleyball as the National Governing Body of the sport of volleyball at the forefront of all we do."

Besides coaching the U.S. Men's Team, Speraw has been the head men's volleyball coach at UCLA since 2012 and guided the Bruins to the NCAA Division I-II National Championship in 2023 and 2024.

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.

To submit your jerseys for approval, click here. Questions? Email sara@badgervolleyball.org.

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 Power League

- * Jan. 11-12, 2025
- * Feb. 8-9, 2025
- * April 5-6, 2025

The new 12's Division will be Jan 12, Feb. 9, and April 5-6.

The Elite Divisions will only be Jan. 11-12 and Feb. 8-9.

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!?

Badger Boys Series

The Badger Boys Series dates are Dec. 6 and Jan. 17 at the Milwaukee Sting Center. This program is designed for boys U12 and U13 teams that is low-cost, low-travel and low-stress. It is also used as a Badger Region officials training opportunity.

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



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

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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 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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April 25-27

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May 23-28

Denver, Colo.

2026: TBA

GIRLS



USAVolleyball

Girls Junior Nationals

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

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

2026: TBA

BOYS



USAVolleyball

Boys Junior Nationals

July 3-6 Minneapolis, Mn.

2026: TBA



USA All-Star Championships

July 24-27

Madison, Wis.

2026: TBA

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

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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 6: First Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center for Boys 12s and Boys 13s

Dec. 8: Badger Region in-person officials meeting in Brookfield

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

Jan. 17: Second Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center for Boys 12s and Boys 13s

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

Feb. 22-23: Dale Rohde Boys Tournament at the Baird Center in Milwaukee

March 1-2: Badger Region Qualifier at the Baird Center Milwaukee

March 15-16: First weekend of Badger Region Championships at the Baird Center in Milwaukee

March 19: Free youth boys clinic at Concordia University Wisconsin at 1 p.m. after the Edgewood/ Concordia men's volleyball match.

March 22-23: Second weekend of Badger Region Championships at the Baird Center in Milwaukee

March 25: Badger Region member night at Concordia University Wisconsin as the Falcons take on Wisconsin Lutheran College in men's volleyball at 7 p.m. Free for all Badger Region members!!!

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



April 25-27: USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for Girls 18 and under in Salt Lake City, Utah.

May 23-28: USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in Denver, Colo.

June 21-24: USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for Girls 13-and-under in Kansas City, Mo.

June 25-July 3: USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for Girls 134-17 in Dallas, Texas.

July 1-13: Retention opens heading into the 2025-26 season

July 3-6: USA Volleyball Boys Juniors National Championships in Minneapolis.

July 19: First day of tryouts for the 2025-26 tryouts can take place in the Badger Region for all ages and genders.

July 24-27: USA All-Star Championships in Madison, Wisconsin!

Aug. 1: First commitment date for athletes who tried out during the summer tryout period.

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.

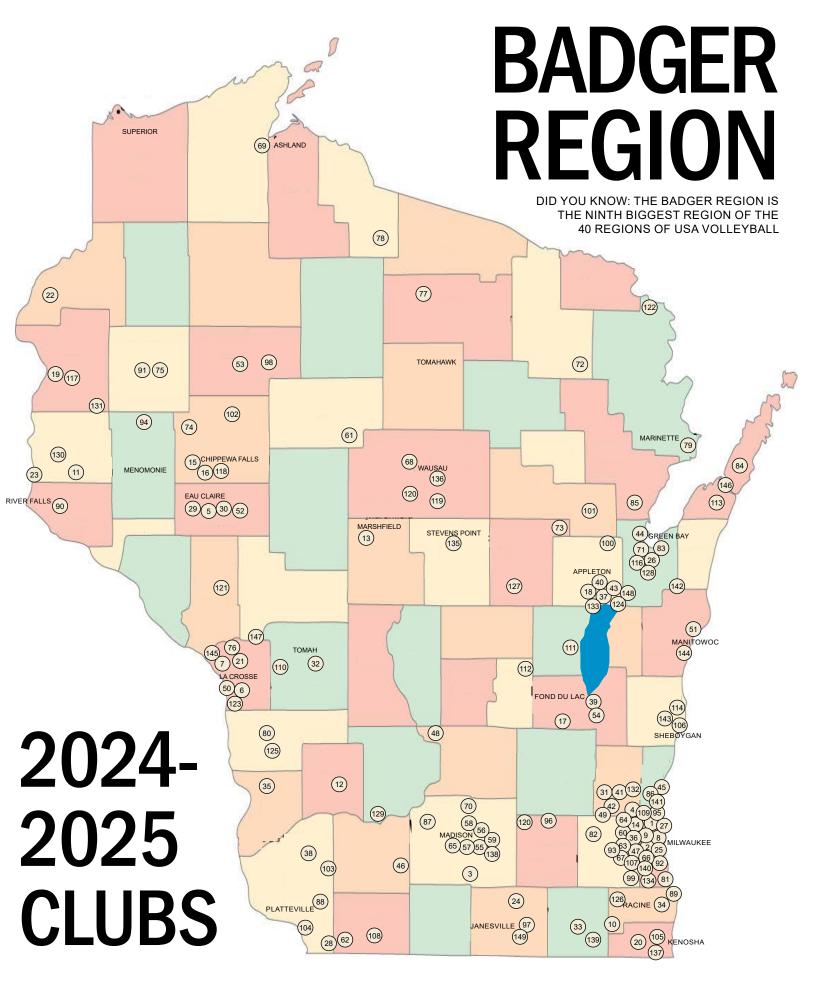
You'll be hearing from each Board member twice a year in the form of a column in the Badger Beacon. Now, let's meet them:

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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
Officials Rating/Training: John Nelson
Scorer Rating/Training: Erin Stalker
Junior Girls Chair: Braeden Melton
Junior Boys Chair: Mike Stevens
Adult Chair: TJ Abshire
Past President: Julie Voeck / Jim Momsen

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.



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1	360 Volleyball Academy	Glendale	70	North Star Volleyball Club	DeForest
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 Extreme (formerly No. Extreme)	
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		Cedarburg
17	Club Breakout	Waupun	87	Phoenix VBC (formerly Wisconsin Heights)	
18	Club Fox Valley	Appleton	88	Platteville Fusion	Platteville
19	ClubRedWI	St. Croix Falls	89	Racine Blaze	Racine
20	Club W *	Salem			
144	Cool City Select	Two Rivers	90	Rage Volleyball	River Falls
21	Coulee Region Power	Coulee	91	Red Cedar Elite	Barron
22	Crex Meadows	Grantsburg	92	Reinas De La Cancha	Milwaukee
			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	100	Shawano Storm	Shawano
30	Eau Claire Storm	Eau Claire			
31	Eclipse Volleyball Club	Hartford	102	Small Town Storm	Cornell
32	Elevate VBC	Tomah	103	Southern Heat	Livingston
33	Elkhorn Volleyball Club	Elkhorn	104	Southern Force	Kieler
34	Epic Volleyball Club *	Racine	105	Southport Volleyball Club *	Kenosha
35	Express Volleyball Club	Gays Mills	106	South Shore Slam	Sheboygan
36	Falls Focus	Menomonee Falls	107	Southwest Milwaukee VBC	Waukesha
37	FC Elite		108	Southwest Spikers	Darlington
		Menasha	109	Spike Milwaukee *	Wauwatosa
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 (Shebbygan) Spiketown Reign (Wautoma)	Wautoma
43	Heat VBC *	Appleton			
44	Howard Suamico Inferno VBC	Suamico	116	Spiketown Triton (Green Bay)	Green Bay
45	I AM Volleyball Club *	Grafton	117	St. Croix Select	Roberts
146	Ida Bay VBC	Sturgeon Bay	118		Chippewa Falls
46	Infinity Volleyball Crew	Barneveld	147	Team Rally	Holmen
47	Junior Vikings Volleyball Club	Milwaukee	119	Team United VBC	Mosinee
48	Just A Game VBC	Wisconsin Dells	120	Tempo Volleyball Club	Waterloo
49	Lake Country Pipe Hitters *	Hartland	121	Tenacity Volleyball Club	Blair
50	La Crosse Velocity	La Crosse	122	UP North Volleyball Club	Niagara
51	Lakeshore Storm VBC	Manitowoc	123	Xtreme VBC	La Crosse
52	Laser VBC	Fall Creek	124	Valley Velocity	Appleton
53	Legacy VBC	Ladysmith	125	Viroqua Venom	Viroqua
33 149	Limitless Performance	Janesville	126	Waterford Wave	Waterford
		•	127	Waupaca Fire VBC	Waupaca
54	Luminosity Volleyball Club	Fond du Lac	128	West Side Slam	DePere
55	Madison Elite *	Madison		Western Elite VBC	
56	Madison Inferno *	Sun Prairie	129		Spring Green
57	Madison Ignite	Madison	130	Western Wisconsin Smash	New Richmond
58	Madison Starlings *	Madison	131	White Lightning	Clear Lake
59	Madtown Juniors	Sun Prairie	132	Wisconsin Attack Volleyball Club	Milwaukee
60	Mamba Volleyball Academy *	Waukesha	133	Wisconsin Blaze *	Appleton
61	Medford Storm	Medford	134	Wisconsin Elite	Franklin
62	Midwest Elite Volleyball Club	Hazel Green	135	Wisconsin Flight	Stevens Point
63	Midwest Penguins Volleyball	Waukesha	136	Wisconsin Ice VBC	Wausau
64	Milwaukee Sting VBC *	Menomonee Falls	137	Juniors Volleyball Clubs	Pleasant Prairie
65	Milwaukee Sting United (Madison)	Madison	138	608 Juniors	Madison
66	Milwaukee VBC *	Milwaukee	139	Lakes Juniors	Lake Geneva
67	Motion Volleyball Players *	New Berlin	140	Milwaukee Juniors *	New Berlin
68	MVP Club	Marathon	141	Wisconsin Premier VBC	Mequon
69	North Bay Legends *	Ashland	142	Wisconsin Freinier VBC Wisconsin Shock	Denmark
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The Wisconsin Herd is excited to host all volleyball clubs, teams, and programs to Oshkosh Arena! All ticket buyers for **Volleyball Night** will be invited to participate in exclusive group experiences!

EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- All volleyball athletes invited to participate in the High Five Tunnel!
- Volleyball programs, clubs, and teams will receive a video board and PA announcement recognition!
- Volleyball night attendees invited to come onto the floor **post- game for a group picture** with your program, **shoot free throws!**





SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH @7PM



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