

FROM OUR MEMBERS

Questions, comments and concerns from Badger Region members (tallied from the Badger Region survey, phone calls and emails the Region receives) for JCDs.



TRYOUTS



** Many families are unable to consider club volleyball due to the **tryout fees**. No where have I seen an explanation for the exorbitant fees and no explanation as to where the money goes.

** Try to coordinate tryouts better. Still **too many overlap** in our area.

* The club tryouts were run like club tryouts but there were no cuts made, so **girls with extremely varying skills were put on the same team**. This made for a disappointing season, with little team progress and lots of losses. This made it difficult to keep morale up and build on self confidence.

TOURNAMENTS

* Offer **more tips for parents**. Where to park, where to stay for tournaments, etc.

* Pressure hosts of tournaments to allow players to bring in healthy food and snacks. Most tournaments at high schools only offer things like nachos and pizza. The **athletes need nourishment**, not junk. Plus be considerate of athletes with food allergies.

* I would like to see a few **tournaments geared towards less experienced players/clubs**.

* **Tournaments need to be categorized** so you know what you are playing in similar to softball where you sign up for either A, B or C level play.

* Paying **admission fees to stand** or sit on the floor to watch a tourney is unacceptable.

CLUB POLICIES

** Local leadership is too vague and unapproachable. They do not return emails and **do not communicate with players/parents in appropriate time frame**. Due to incompetence and lack of leadership, my daughters team was not registered for a tournament in time. Parents were not notified of this until the scheduled week of the expected tournament.

** Have a **standard of playing time** for all teams. Don't have so many players on the team if they aren't all going to play. (I say this as a parent of someone who plays all the time.) It's embarrassing to have families pay so much to be on a team and then watch their child sit on the bench for most of the season. Either that or require equal playing time of players in each given position.



* **Make sure clubs are sticking to their mission** of enhancing and improving skill levels and preparing for prep and/or higher levels of play. Not just filling teams and collecting fees.

* **Somewhat promote good play over equal playing time**. The kids want to play and if they are aware their personal development effects how much they play, they will be more motivated to apply themselves.

* While I was impressed with the newsletters and email communication from the Badger Region, **I was extremely disappointed with the communication from our club**. I sent emails that were never responded to, more than once.

* **Communication between my club and the parents is horrible**. We should require instruction to Badger Region member coaches and club directors on skills related to problem management i.e. how to effectively interact with parents and athletes.

* My club always goes to events that conflict with our child's (insert sport here) schedule. Can someone tell the Badger Region to better **coordinate its tournament schedules** so that my (son/daughter) can do both activities?



REFFING

** I would like to see **more training accountability for the line judges**. Some players are clueless on their role/calls. I would like to see teams held accountable if their players did not complete the required line judging training.



** **Coaches need to be more diligent** in making sure their teams are more engaged and paying attention.

** **Accountability at the score tables/player refs**. Coaches need to be sure their girls are prepared to ref and keep score, are paying attention, and the tournament officials could be watching this more closely.

** It is really up to **the club directors and coaches to ensure that each junior player is taking their role as a scorekeeper seriously**. While any number of changes to the current system could be made, improvements will only be the result of a commitment to improve by the club directors and coaches. In all honesty, most clubs do not view it as a priority, but instead a distraction that takes away from practice time.

** Coaches need to stress to players that **score keeping is very important** and to pay attention and take it seriously. No phones allowed at scorers table. Coaches should be required to be at the court when their team is refereeing or scoring to make sure they are taking it seriously and paying attention.