

THE BADGER BEACON

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TIPS & TIDBITS

* Did your club miss the Aug. 14 **Junior Club Director meeting**? We will be hosting a second event in River Falls on Sept. 18. Contact Ryan Thompson at ryan@badgervolleyball.org to RSVP.

* Great opening weekend for the **Division I NCAA women's volleyball teams in the Badger Region**: Wisconsin (3-0 with wins over Hawaii, Arizona and Kansas State), UW-Green Bay (3-0 with wins over South Dakota State, Eastern Illinois and Stephen F. Austin), UW-Milwaukee (3-0 with wins over Bradley, Akron and Western Illinois) and Marquette (2-1 with wins over USC, UC-Irvine and a loss to Santa Clara).

Questions about membership?

Email membership@
badgervolleyball.org

Six Badger sites join Open Court

Open Court, a USA Volleyball promotion developed to take advantage of the Olympic momentum from our successful athletes, took place at six sites in the Badger Region on Aug. 27.

The event was a one-day "try volleyball for free" promotion aimed to drive potential players to grassroots programs and facilities. This was a first-time program for USA Volleyball, but other National Governing Bodies have successfully turned Olympic-based growth programs like Open Court into an annual event that drives new athletes to the sport. USA Hockey conducts two "Try HockeyForFree.com" events a year, attracting thousands of kids to the rinks with incredible retention rates over the years.

This year, the University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire paired their fall scrimmage with the Open Court, and had close to 20 attendees (the biggest of any site in the state).

Other sites that used the Open Court initiative to spread awareness of their club/facilities included:



Athletes participate in Open Court hosted by Sporting MKE at St. Joseph School in Wauwatosa.



* Madison: Madison Turners, 3001 S. Stoughton Road (Hosted by Madison Elite Volleyball Club)

* Oak Creek: Oak Creek High School, 340 E. Puetz Road, (Hosted by the boys and girls high school teams)

* Sheboygan: Sheboygan North High School, 1042 School Ave (Hosted by Badger Region Board Member BJ LeRoy)

* Waukesha: Waukesha North High School, 2222 Michigan Ave. (Hosted by the boys and girls high school teams)

* Wauwatosa: St. Joseph School, 12130 W. Center St. (Hosted by Sporting MKE Volleyball Club)

Start the 2016-17 with all the tools you need

Clubs, athletes and parents are starting to look ahead to the 2016-17 season and getting very excited about what the new year brings.

The Badger Region staff has been hard at work to change over all of the forms and materials available on the Region's website to help in that process.

This year, the Badger Region has the following that is available to athletes, coaches, club directors and parents:

* **Players/Clubs seeking Clubs/Players Website.** Every year, there are hundreds of athletes that don't make a team, but that doesn't mean their playing days have to end there. There

are dozens of clubs that will be looking for additional players following the initial tryout period. To find this site, go to www.badgervolleyball.org and click on the "Find the Right Fit" image on the main page of our website.

* **Memberships available.** Sept. 1 (today) marks the first day that athletes, coaches, chaperones and directors can purchase memberships for the 2016-17 season. All athletes must have at minimum a \$10 tryout membership when they step on the court (Oct. 1 for G14-and-under, Nov. 12 for G15-G18 and Nov. 18/19 for Boys). The Badger Region encourages athletes to only purchase a \$10

tryout membership until they are sure they made a team, as refunds cannot be given. Girls 14-and-under who had a membership from the 2015-16 do not need a new membership for their October tryouts. They just have to renew their membership for \$50 after accepting an offer with a team (2015-16 memberships are good through Oct. 31, 2016).

* **SafeSport reminders.** All coaches are required to be SafeSport certified for the 2016-17 season or they will not be able to be put on a roster.

* **Other information.** For all other early-season reminders, go to: <http://badgervolleyball.org/general-information/>

Where do membership fees go?

One of the common questions we hear from new members is, “What is the \$50 membership fee we pay to Badger Region/USA Volleyball used for?” Well, here are your answers:

\$27.50 of the \$50

full junior or adult membership stays within the Badger Region. For a collegiate membership, \$4.50 of the \$27 stays within Badger Region. This cost helps pay for:

- * **Coaching education**
- * **Officials education**
- * **Administration**
- * **Region promotion**

The Badger Region is a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization.



*** Coaching Education** – Each coach who is involved with USA Volleyball is required to have a baseline coaching education course which goes into volleyball-specific areas but also areas like risk management and child protection. Badger Region has a cadre of coaches around the state who conduct these six and a half hour IMPACT courses, and also covers facility rental and course materials, which are also partially subsidized by course attendees. The Region also runs various coaching clinics throughout the year at minimal to no cost to participants.

*** Officials Education** – Each certified (professional) official who works within Badger Region is required to have yearly training to review rules and procedures, and also be updated on points of emphasis and new rule changes. Cadre around the state also run clinics for professional referees and junior clubs to prepare them for the new season. A very successful program that the Badger Region has implemented that is also covered by membership costs is an Officials Mentorship Program, which pairs an experienced official with an up-and-coming official to help the newer official hone their skills and work on areas of improvement.



This, along with a score monitor program, which provides scoring assistance and oversight at junior tournaments, are both fully covered by membership fees.

*** Administration** – The Badger Region employs a staff of five (please see the Badger Beacon from July 8 to see staff responsibilities) and has an office based in Pewaukee, Wis., to serve our membership. Membership costs help cover the running of the Region on every level, including staff and administrative costs, board of directors meetings and costs and junior club director meetings and costs. The staff helps implement the policies and procedures set forth by USA Volleyball and the Badger Region Board of Directors, as well as works with club directors to help them with various aspects of club management and implementation, and communicates with our membership on a wide array of topics.



*** Region Promotion / Growing The Game** – The Badger Region mission is to “promote initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences.” In order to do that, membership funds are utilized to help promote the sport throughout the state with various events and meetings, creating promotional materials and signage for our member clubs and tournaments to display (for example, the Code of Conduct banner that each tournament director has), and running tournaments and other events that showcase our sport and our Region within the state and throughout the country.



All of the above-mentioned services are used by Badger Region as the backbone of our individual organization. For a more detailed look into the relationship between USA Volleyball and Badger Region, please see the Badger Beacon from July 21.

We at Badger Region do all we can to keep membership costs low while providing a comprehensive environment to excel in the sport of volleyball.

\$22.50 of the \$50

full junior or adult membership, or the Badger Region Collegiate membership, goes to the USA Volleyball National office. This cost helps pay for:

- * **Sport accident/liability insurance**
- * **Membership tracking program**
- * **Online officiating tools**
- * **Advanced coaching education**
- * **SafeSport training**

* Sport accident and liability insurance.

Every club who sanctions their club and facility with Badger Region receives up to \$1,000,000 in liability insurance for their facility in case of accident or injury. In addition, every membership comes with secondary sport accident insurance in case of injury to the member. For more on insurance coverages, please see the “Forms” page of the Badger Region website.



USA Volleyball.

* USA Volleyball has developed a unique and **integrated membership program** for tracking any and all certifications within the country, including coaching education, officials education and SafeSport. This national database also includes event and clinic registration and management, background screening tracking and is essentially a clearinghouse for anything membership related within the USA Volleyball system, also collecting electronic documents to alleviate paperwork stress on clubs and Regions.

* **VolleyballRefTraining.com** is a free tool produced by USA Volleyball for training and education of officials, players and

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spectators. This online system has videos, presentations, quizzes and other various training materials to better serve the officiating side of the game for anyone who is interested in learning about it. This system is also fully integrated to cooperate with Webpoint to record certifications in individual membership records.

* USA Volleyball provides various levels of **coaching education**, either in-person or online. The dedicated staff in the Coaching Education department creates and distributes materials to various constituencies throughout the country to aid coaches in furthering their knowledge of the sport.

* **SafeSport** is a free program (to anyone) designed to bring awareness and education on child protection issues to anyone involved in junior volleyball, and also to provide a misconduct reporting mechanism in order to address situations that may arise. For the 2016-17 season, Badger Region is requiring any coach on a roster to be SafeSport certified. Please see the About tab on the Badger Region website for more infor-

mation on this very important program.

* **USA Volleyball is based in Colorado Springs** with offices in Southern California (beach office and National Teams training center) and Oklahoma (sitting volleyball). The organization is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) as the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States. The mission of USA Volleyball is "to lead, serve and grow all areas of the sport of volleyball — including beach, indoor and sitting — achieving excellence while providing a lifetime of opportunities for all to participate in a safe and positive environment."

* **USAV employs** more than 60 individuals with running various aspects of the organization, including administration, region services, finance, communications and creative services, SafeSport, officials development, sport development, coaching education, events and high performance, and national team staffs.

For more information on USA Volleyball, please visit www.USAVolleyball.org and click on About.

Anne Slattery sees rise in Wisconsin volleyball

The Badger Beacon is asking each board member to submit an article for publication twice per year to let members know what they envision as best practices for the organization. This week's column is from Treasurer Anne Slattery, club director of Midwest Penguins.

I enjoy making a difference in the lives of others.



I am fortunate to have a fabulous business partner, Janice Siebert. Janice asked me to get into coaching in 1995 and has led me to something that I love and have a passion for. (Her club, the Midwest Penguins Volleyball Club is entering its 20th year).

I have seen a great deal of change over the two decades.

Volleyball in Wisconsin has elevated significantly. More athletes are playing, and more are playing at a younger level.

I am glad that we are training and teaching a life long sport, one that they will play for years to come.

I would say that I am cautious and monitoring burnout. The sport

should be fun, competitive and a game we enjoy playing forever.

I support multiple sport athletes, there are several articles to point to the success of this attribute in our youth.

The region office has grown from one person to four to five people over the years. The additional staff has helped develop and support areas of the state, support additional programing, cross-train individuals, and more. I see that our region long term planning has been successful and look forward to future growth.

Anne Slattery has been on the board since 1998. She has a background in accounting. She has received the USA Volleyball Outstanding Program Director Award in 2012, the Badger Region Merit Service award and the Leif Storvik Award to recognize and honor individuals, teams or organizations that have made a positive impact to the sport of volleyball.

Changes to Region qualifiers, championships

The Badger Region Qualifier and the Badger Region Championships are going to be undergoing some formatting changes to accomplish multiple things in the coming year:

* Keep all teams under one roof at the Badger Region Championships

* Prevent teams from play six or more matches in row.

* Prevent refs from officiating more than eight matches in a day.

* Allow for teams to play more than one opponent at the Badger Region Qualifier

* Prevent tournaments from going late into the evening on Sunday nights.

To do that, a tournament committee comprised of Terry Paulson (chairman), Brian Sharkey,

Kelly Lehman, Scott Blackmon, Larry Schoenick, Paul Schlomer, Ryan Thompson, Ted Schulte and Sara Voigt put together the following:

Badger Region Qualifier

Date No. 1: Feb 25/26: G18s, G17 (at the Milwaukee Sting Center)

Date No. 2: March 11/12: G16s, G15s, G14s, G13s, G12 (at the Milwaukee Sting Center and Center Court)

Tournament entry date: Jan. 4.

Tournament close date: Feb. 3 (G17/18s) or Feb. 18 (G12-G16).

Maximum number of teams per division: 20

Format: One-day tournament for divisions with 2-9 teams.

Two-day tournament for divisions with 10-20 teams.

Badger Region Championships

Date No. 1: March 18/19 — All Boys, G14 Club, G14 Open, G16 Club, G16 Open. This weekend is also March Madness (NCAA Men's Basketball in Milwaukee and the big St. Patrick's Day Parade.)

Date No. 2: March 25/26 — G11s, G13 Club, G13 Open, G15 Club, G15 Open

Date No. 3: April 1/2 — G12 Club, G12 Open, G17 Club, G17 Open, G18 Club, G18 Open

Tournament entry date: Jan. 4.
Tournament close date: Feb. 18
Maximum number of teams

per division: 16 in Open, 32 in Club, unlimited in Badger divisions. The Badger Division is new this year and is reserved for third-tier teams and teams who register late for the club division. The Badger Region Championships is not being capped. All teams entered will get in. To guarantee yourself in the division your team belongs, club directors must register as soon as possible and get their checks in as soon as possible, too.

Format: Teams are guaranteed three matches on the first day of competition. Some teams will only get two matches guaranteed on day two, but others (depending on the number of teams in their divisions) will get three matches on day two.

Boys leagues in Kenosha, Oshkosh

The Badger Region is partnering with two men's volleyball powerhouses to help grow boys volleyball in the state of Wisconsin.

Carthage College (NCAA Div. III) and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (NCVF Div. I) men's volleyball teams are working with the Badger Region for this unique opportunity to get more boys playing volleyball at the middle school level.

The Badger Region sees this as a great opportunity because the Kenosha and Oshkosh areas do not have middle school volleyball, and in Oshkosh there is no high school volleyball.

However both cities are home to two of the best NCAA Div. III and College Club teams, respectively, in the country.

Both leagues that are being organized for this fall offer one hour of instruction, in addition to a minimum of two games played each night of the league.

Players and staff from Carthage and UW-Oshkosh men's volleyball team will serve as instructors, coaches and officials for each of the dates.

All participants must have a Badger Region/USA Volleyball membership to participate. These memberships are only \$15 and can be found at www.badger-volleyball.org and then click on "membership." Please sign up for



Carthage coach LJ Marx offers instruction at the 2015 Carthage Middle School League in Kenosha.

a "summer membership" for this opportunity. The \$15 membership is the ONLY cost for players or families for this league.

If players already have a USA Volleyball membership from playing club volleyball throughout the 2015-16 season, they do not need to purchase a separate membership.

This year, the UW-Oshkosh League will run 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 18, Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9 in the Kolf Center at UW-Oshkosh.

The Carthage College League will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 18, Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and Oct. 9 at the Tarble Athletic Center, 2001 Alford Park Drive, Kenosha.

Space is limited to the first 60 athletes who sign up for the

league.

Participants can go to the home page of Badger Region (www.badgervolleyball.org) to register for either the Carthage or Oshkosh leagues. In addition to filling out the online middle school league sign up forms, participants should also make sure they have a membership while on the site.

Funding for these leagues is thanks to a grant the Badger Region Volleyball Association received from USA Volleyball at the start of 2016.

Last year, close to 60 boys participated in the first-ever league at Carthage College.

Have questions? Contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call the Badger Region office at 262-349-9785.

Sept. 18 date for club open house

Looking for information about the various club volleyball offerings in Southeast Wisconsin?

Then plan to attend the annual Center Court Open House from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18. Center Court is located at 815 Northview Road in Waukesha.

Clubs from around the area will have tables set up in the banquet hall of the facility with staff on hand to answer questions about their various offerings.

In addition, the Badger Region Volleyball Association will be present to answer any and all questions pertaining to USA Volleyball memberships.

If you are a club director and would like to have a presence at the Open House, contact Tom Jurczyk at tom@centercourtwis.com.

Fear not, Packers fans. The Green and Gold play at 7:30 p.m. in Minnesota that night.

WYVL season approaching; registration now available

Center Court Sports Complex in Waukesha and the Badger Region Volleyball Association are celebrating the seventh year of existence of the Wisconsin Youth Volleyball League (WYVL).

The mission, right from the beginning has been to advance the sport of youth volleyball in the State of Wisconsin and in so doing advancing the area high schools with a strong feeder program.

Young players benefit by having fun learning fundamental skills while playing in a structured competitive environment that helps to promote the high school programs that are involved. The WYVL offers divisions for both boys and girls in grades 5

through 8.

Organizers recommend teams who participate in the WYVL be a "sign-up" team rather than a "tryout" team to foster maximum participation and development.

League play will be on Saturdays and Sunday at Center Court in September and October. Each "league" will be broken down into grade level. For example, fifth grade plays against fifth grade and sixth grade plays against sixth grade and so on. For the 2016 season, both "A" and "B" divisions will be offered at the 6th, 7th and 8th grade levels. There will be only one division for the 5th-grade level.

Organizers hope to offer boys divisions at the 5th/6th and the 7th/8th grade levels.

Since this is meant to be a learning experience, organizers are looking for parents to help coach and manage teams. In so doing, high school coaches can then solely concentrate on their own high school programs during the WYVL seasons.

Badger Region will once again be offering free USAV IMPACT Coaching Certification in August to all WYVL coaches.

Have questions about the league? Contact Tom Jurczyk at Center Court via phone at 262-548-3838 or tom@centercourtwis.com.

Have questions about getting a membership for the league? Contact Sara Voigt in the Badger Region office at 262-349-9785 or at sara@badgervolleyball.org.

Fans: Wear your sportsmanship with pride

"I love to watch you play."

They're the six most important words you can tell your son or daughter about the sports they play. It sends the whole message: Enthusiastic, Supportive, Positive.

And to help spread these good words, the Badger Region Volleyball Association has come up with a way of rewarding fans who elicit the true meaning of having sportsmanship in the stands.

You may see wristbands around our region with the ESP program's message (Enthusiastic, Supportive, Positive). We have one for you, if you can live by these three words as you cheer for teams, coaches and officials in our region.

As a matter of fact, we have two of them for you; one for your wrist, and one to give away when you



catch a different team's fan using ESP. In fact give them both away, we will get you another one. Or two.

How does this work?

A handful of tournament directors from the Badger Region have requested a specific number of wristbands the Region has on hand to give out (it's a finite number here, people, not enough for every parent or fan).

They will hand out the wristbands at their tournaments to the parents and fans they see modeling

themselves in an "Enthusiastic, Supportive and Positive" manner.

They will receive two wristbands, one for themselves and one for some that parent or fan deems worthy of ESP wristband.

People who show up to the Badger Region Championships wearing the ESP wristband will receive a special gift for being a positive role model for the young athletes in the gym.

Just don't make us have to take the wristband away from you. That

would be embarrassing.

These wristbands are for fans, not players. Let's take our cheering and our region up a few notches:

- * Get a little crazy.
- * Go the extra mile.
- * Support your team with positive cheering.

* Recognize the good in your teams and others.

* Get way off the chain and clap when the other team makes a great play.

* We need good opponents to get better. Be that good opponent.

Put away the in-your-face cheers, actions and yelling, and hold others to the same standard.

Club directors can contact Brian Sharkey (brian@badgervolleyball.org) to request a few of the remaining wristbands for the 2015-16 season.

Refreshers from IMPACT: Try to avoid using sarcasm

By BJ LeRoy **Winning**

Badger Region Board Member

Pepperdine University men's volleyball coach Marv Dunphy once said, "There is no room for sarcasm in coaching." (If you don't know who Marv is, look him up.)

Why? If we define sarcasm in a simple way, it's saying one thing, but meaning another. Do we really want to send mixed messages to our athletes? What if they don't understand the mixed message?

Of course it's the simplest version of verbal humor to create, so anyone can do it. That makes it readily accessible and common. Unfortunately, it takes multiple portions of the brain to understand it, so interpretation is harder. Translating it is very difficult. Picking it up via words alone can be difficult as well.

It's most often said at someone else's expense.

This time of year, let's remember that emotions are running high. We have players and coaches doing new things and coming up with seemingly simple or repeated or even crazy questions. Yet the questions are very important in the moment. We may have the answers, and we should help in the most direct way possible.

Here's a challenge; be humorous without being sarcastic. You can do it.

On your team, how do you obtain all the things that winning offers, when you can't possibly win every game?

From the IMPACT manual:

- Winning builds confidence
- Winning gains one access to rewards/privileges
- Winning increases in importance as kids age
- Winning increases motivation
- Winning becomes a more appropriate goal if the definitions are broadened
- Winners handle failure better
- Winning does not ensure the quality of the performance
- Winning in youth sports is relative to whom you play

• Winning is HOW it was won, not WHETHER it was won

- Winning involves maturity
- Winning is evidenced in achievement

By definition, half of us lose, and when you consider tournament champions, only one team can ultimately win each tournament.

Going for the win is what turns exercise into sport. Without a score, you're just going through a routine. So, back to the question. How do you earn the rewards of winning?

Program gives coaches more tools

"The best way to learn is through a good mentor."

Over the next few years, the Badger Region will help deliver information to coaching mentors throughout the region, to help the next generation of coaches get better, faster. We want to help place our experienced coaches in a position to share their knowledge, see new coaches in action, and guide coaches toward proven methods.

The region has five FREE mentor-training clinics to give away. At each two-hour clinic, all club coaches participate, while three coaches are trained to be mentors by an Advisor Coach. We have done a good portion of the work for the new mentors.

Mentor information comes from the latest High Performance clinics, and other USA Volleyball Education resources that are hard to attend in person.

Contact BJ LeRoy (4bjleroy@gmail.com) or the Badger Region Office for more information. For the full 3C website being started by the Region, go to: <http://badgervolleyball.org/coaches-coaching-coaches/>

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for safe, structured and fun
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future Badger Beacon, contact
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number or email address above.

More online:
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Badger Region Volleyball Association

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 18: Start of middle school boys leagues at UW-Oshkosh in Oshkosh, Wis., and Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. Sign up at www.badgervolleyball.org.

Sept. 18: Center Court Open House at the Waukesha facility located at 815 Northview Road.

Sept. 18: Junior Club Director meeting in River Falls for clubs located in northwest Wisconsin. For more information, contact Ryan Thompson at ryan@badgervolleyball.org.

Oct. 1: First day clubs can hold tryouts for Girls 14-and-under in the Badger Region. Returners commitment date: Oct 11. Newcomers commitment date: Oct. 13.

Oct. 1: First day club directors can enter their teams into two-day tournaments or qualifiers that become available today.

Nov. 12: First day clubs can hold tryouts for Girls 15-and-over in the Badger Region. Returners commitment date: Nov. 15. Newcomers commitment date: Nov. 17.

Nov. 18: First day clubs can hold tryouts for Boys 14-and-under in the Badger Region.

Nov. 19: First day clubs can hold tryouts for Boys 15-and-over in the Badger Region.

Returners commitment date: Nov. 22. Newcomers commitment date: Nov. 23.

Nov. 25: First day club directors can enter their teams into one-day Badger Region tournaments.

Feb 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier (Girls 17 and Girls 18) at Milwaukee Sting Center

March 11-12: Badger Region Qualifier (Girls 12-16) at Milwaukee Sting Center and Waukesha Center Court.

March 18-19: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 1 (All Boys, G14s, G16s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee

March 25-26: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 2 (G11s, G13s, G15s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee

April 1-2: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 3 (G12s, G17s, G18s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee

April 9: Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament at Kettle Moraine High School and Waukesha Center Court.



The Wisconsin Select 18s pose for a photo from April of 2016 after doing well at a UW-Whitewater tournament.

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

One big volleyball family

Playing for your local volleyball club makes you a part of a MUCH, MUCH bigger network of volleyball players, coaches, directors, officials and more. Take a look of how we're all connected:

USA Volleyball



USA Volleyball (USAV) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States and is recognized as such by the Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The vision of USA Volleyball is to be acknowledged as the world leader in volleyball. USA Volleyball uses its 40 regions (like the Badger Region) to help implement its vision to players, coaches, sitting athletes, officials and other administrators of the sport.

USA Volleyball operates girls, boys, adult, High Performance and beach nationals to accommodate athletes of all ages and ability levels. It is also the source of numerous education resources such as IMPACT, CAP, SafeSport and officials training that is filtered down to the various member regions.

USAV is a separate organization from both the Junior Volleyball Association (JVA) and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). However, many (not all) of the athletes/coaches in JVA and AAU are also members of USAV.

USA Volleyball also oversees the teams that compete at the Olympics (men's, women's, sitting, beach).

Badger Region Volleyball Association

Badger Region Volleyball Association is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to providing a high-quality volleyball experience to its members. As seen in last week's Badger Beacon newsletter, the Badger Region is made up of a Board of Directors elected by its members, five staff members and numerous advisory board members. The Board votes on and enforces the policies enacted by USA Volleyball and those unique to the Badger Region.

The Badger Region staff works to develop programming to enhance the experience of the junior clubs, adult clubs, officials, tournament directors and other members that the Region serves. The Badger Region staff works as a liaison between the various members and USA Volleyball, helping with registration (via Webpoint) and education (for coaches, players and officials). It also looks for opportunities to assist in the growth of the sport, especially among under-served groups.

The Badger Region also operates its own High Performance team (that competes against National High Performance teams) and its own Premier Volleyball League (PVL) team that competes at the Adult Championships.



Junior/Adult Clubs

In the 2015-16 season, there were over 150 junior clubs registered in the state of Wisconsin (with about 20 of them being satellites of another club already established somewhere in the Badger Region) and about 20 adult volleyball clubs.

Each club is its own entity or business — many of which are non-profit organizations or other recognized IRS group. Philosophies on coaching, playing time, tournaments attended and costs to participate in a club are set at the club level.

The various clubs throughout the state are required to have IMPACT certified coaches with current background screenings, SafeSport trained coaches and have all athletes prepared to score-keep, linejudge and officiate matches if needed.

Directors work with tournament directors to relay schedules and other tournament information (i.e. costs, parking, concessions, etc.)

Costs for jerseys, tryouts, travel and such are often determined by a club's board of directors, president or other administrators set up by the organization. Clubs must file the correct paperwork with Badger Region to be a region-recognized group.

With an athlete or coaching membership in Badger Region, you get full access to all the great resources mentioned on this page.

Officials

Every official at a Badger Region-sanctioned tournament must be a member of USA Volleyball and have a current background screening.

Officials work closely with tournament directors and coaches to ensure that events run smoothly in accordance with the rules published in the Domestic Competition Regulations, the rulebook established by USA Volleyball.

Officials are assigned by the Region's Officials Assignor (Larry Schoenick) and work with the Officials Chair (Jim Momsen) and Officials Rating/Training Chair (Julie Voeck) to get the proper training to ref the tournaments in the Badger Region.

There are multiple levels of officials within each Region, ranging from Provisional all the way up to International.

Tournament Directors

Tournament directors organize, market and facilitate events throughout the state. To be a recognized Badger Region-sanctioned event, the director must ensure the tournament operates according to Badger Region tournament guidelines (see our website). Tournament directors must be members of the Region and have background screenings to perform their duties.

Tournament directors report to the Badger Region Tournament Director (Terry Paulson) with results, problems and highlights from their respective competitions.