Lahmann to receive Storvik award

The Badger Region is proud to announce that Gerald “Jerry” Lahmann has been recognized with the prestigious Leif Storvik Award for his service and participation with the sport of volleyball within Badger Region. The Badger Region established the Leif Storvik Award to recognize and honor those individuals, teams or organizations who have made a positive impact to the sport of volleyball.

“I am honored and thrilled to be chosen for the Leif Storvik award by the Badger Region,” said Lahmann. “Volleyball has been a huge part of my life. It’s quite an honor, and I am thankful that the previous recipients found me worthy.”

Lahmann started playing the sport in the late 1960s, at the urging of Storvik himself, and continued playing in leagues and tournaments for more than 25 years. He started coaching boys volleyball at Waukesha North High School in the 1980s and was instrumental in keeping the high school boys volleyball tournament going after the WIAA dropped its tournament sanction in the 1980s. Also having served as the Watertown West girls co-head coach, Lahmann is still an active WIAA official and boys club coach with Spike Milwaukee.

“Jerry is an exceptional coach and has dedicated a large part of his life to the game of volleyball,” said Spike Milwaukee club director Jeffrey Liker. “You couldn’t have picked a better person to win the Storvik award.”

The coaches and teachers I met at the talent hotbeds were mostly older. More than half were in their sixties or seventies. All had spent decades, usually several, intensively learning how to coach. 


This is not to say that younger coaches can’t be good. (Consider the annual “30 under 30” list that the AVCA puts out.) There are great young coaches. Coyle wrote about some true hotbeds; Korean women’s golf, Russian women’s tennis, Brazilian soccer. In most cases, there is an elder, or a group of elders, guiding athletes and programs along a path of excellence.

In the Facebook group “Volleyball Coaches and Trainers,” we’ve recently heard about the loss of several long-time and beloved coaches, that appear successful in many ways, but were let go.

Not everyone goes out like John Dunning, who leaves Stanford this year after guiding a team to a fifth national title.

“I have had the joy of coaching in a sport I love for decades, but have decided that it is time to retire,” he said.

He’s a wise and thoughtful coach, leaving by his decision, with a strong empire built and positioned for further success.

Sometimes we lose wise and seasoned coaches for far different reasons. Some leave due to frustration, others are shown the door for being “old school” or having “lost their way.” Others simply may not see eye-to-eye with the new administration. Yet we lose these great teachers somehow, and it’s our loss.

We often hear the words, “I’m old school.” That phrase seems to be an excuse to get away with things that aren’t acceptable nowadays. Thinking back, my “old school” coaches weren’t yellers, or punishers. They listened to athletes, knew us in the classroom because they were also teachers, tailored strategies to the talent level, and worked hard to improve the athlete’s lacking skills. In other words, “old school” meant they studied and learned.

The loss of great and experienced coaches begs two questions: how did they become so good, and how do we keep them in the game?

How did they get there?

It started by ignition (my girlfriend asked me to play on a team), maybe even the first school team, or the playground. Another great coach or role model might have inspired them. With the constantly revolving door of employment, it’s not hard to fall into your first coaching gig. Then starts some copying: most coaches start by doing what their coaches did. Maybe a bit of trial and error. And sometimes, those things work. Often, they don’t. What does a future-great coach do when things aren’t working?

Great coaches have to be lifelong learners. Ancora imparo (yet I am learning). ”The more I learn, the less I know” is an idea that drives long-time coaches. Great coaches often reach the “apology” phase.

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Reffing shout-outs

Feb. 6, 2017:
I would like to recognize the Wisconsin Volleyball Academy Central 18's work crew for their outstanding work ethics and professionalism, which I had the honor to work with twice today.

I was very impressed with the line judges focus through out the matches, and every time a call needed to be made they made without hesitation.

Theresa Schramm (player) who was the R2 for both matches was amazing. From line up checks, substitutions, time outs, net or center line violations or a set point signal to the R1, her mechanics were at Provisional level. It was a privilege to work with her.

Score table crew had a coach at the table each time. The official scorer, libero tracker and score monitor where very professional in keeping the match moving.

Compliments to Coach Kyle Ketterhagen and Skye Gonyo for their efforts in teaching great work ethics and professionalism to their work team.

It was a pleasure to work with such a great work crew, the Wisconsin Volleyball Academy Central 18's.

Refferee John Butschlick

Feb. 13, 2017:
I would like to recognize the Capital Volleyball Academy 14-Adidas team for an outstanding job as an officiating crew from over the weekend. Zoee Pond from Monroe, Wis., was one of the best junior refs I have ever worked with. Great job!

Refferee
John Wasserstrass

Program gives coaches valuable 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://budgervolleyball.org/coaches-coaching-coaches/
Catching up on the 2016-17 season thus far

By Jim Momsen
Badger Region Ref Chair
In the last two View From the Referee Stand columns, we heard from Regional and Jr. National referees who had participated in last season’s Girls Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Let’s get caught up on this season’s progress:

Advancement

One of the most rewarding parts of my responsibilities are to work with referees who want to improve, are receptive to feedback, and then actually apply the suggestions on the court.

I’m pleased to announce the first two promotions of the 2016-17 season!

Torey Rosen has been awarded her Provisional Referee rating, and Cindi Baumeister has been awarded her Provisional Plus rating (Cindi is the first in Badger Region to receive this new certification).

Congratulations, ladies!

Scorer Certification

At Monday’s Badger Region Board of Directors’ Meeting, Nancy Paulson, Badger Region Score Chair, reported that we have approximately 50 Certified Scorers at the Provisional, Regional, and National levels within Badger Region.

This is awesome! Becoming certified in scoring not only helps the Referee be better equipped to handle issues when they come up, but also extends our ability to continuously educate and train the players and coaches outside of the classroom.

I look forward to adding the Advancement section to the column in every issue of the Beacon!

Remember, if you have questions about rules, situations, or other subject matter that you would like discussed in this column, please send your items to Badger Beacon Editor Brian Sharkey at Brian@BadgerVolleyball.org.

As always, thanks for your efforts in helping to make volleyball better!

Junior ref training reminder

One way that clubs can meet the requirement to certify all their coaches and athletes in the art of reffing is to have them take a series of online courses through Webpoint and USAV Academy.

Clubs also have the option to bring in a Certified Professional Official at a cost or do the training on their own.

Athletes/coaches looking to do the online can follow these steps below:

1. Log into Webpoint
2. Scroll down the left side blue rail and click on the “a” next to “Region Clinics”
3. Scroll down and click on Region Ref/Score Clinics
4. Click on:
   * Badger Junior Scorer Training (BG17_101-BG17) – online
   * Badger Junior Second Referee Training (BG17_102-BG17) – online
5. Once registered, click on USAV Academy and complete training.
Serve United program gets parents involved

The groundwork for a new program has been laid to further the Badger Region’s mission to have athletes, coaches, parents and officials work together to grow the sport of volleyball and enhance everyone’s experience at volleyball events.

The Badger Region staff, its board of directors and its advisory chairpersons see a great deal of benefit in this new program, title Serve United, that encourages parents to assist with “work crew” responsibilities at tournaments and other duties as the club sees needed.

As part of the Serve United program, parents can register using the discounted Badger Region Serve United membership in Webpoint, get certified as a scorer and also learn about line judging or libero tracking via the free online tutorials available through the USA Volleyball Academy. While there are not certifications for line judging and libero tracking, the rostered adult can perform that duty for a team when it is needed at tournament.

During the season, this parent/adult can contribute to the success of the club and ease some stress on the team if they’re able to step in and give a player a break to eat, rehydrate or rest.

The benefits of the Serve United program would include:

- USAV/Badger Region parent members are allowed on the playing surface to retrieve balls during warm-ups
- USAV/Badger Region parent members can line judge during assigned “work” matches after completing the training module.
- USAV/Badger Region parent members can keep Score/Libero Track during assigned “work” matches after completing the training module.
- USAV/Badger Region parent members must decide to continue to be involved after their players “graduate” and become USAV Certified Officials — maybe once their son or daughter has completed their career on the junior circuit.
- USAV/Badger Region parent members would be an additional background-screened and SafeSport-certified adult that would be around for increased child protection and safety awareness.

According to the results of the 2016 State of the Badger Region Survey, parents/coaches/athletes said they would like to see more time in between matches for athletes to recover. While there are time constraints for tournaments and facilities, this program is one great way for parents to get involved to help keep the tournament moving while also providing additional time for their team’s athletes.

It’s also a great opportunity for parents to step in and know what it’s like to have to make the snap decisions that officials and athletes have to make on the court every play. It’s always easier to ref from the sidelines — so why not step onto the court where your decisions can have a real impact.

This program doesn’t allow parents to sit on a team’s bench unless they are also IMPACT certified. IMPACT is the minimum certification required by USA Volleyball and the Badger Region for all coaches. (For more on IMPACT, see www.badgervolleyball.org.)

The Badger Region will fully reimburse parents who do the following:

- Purchase a USA Volleyball/Badger Region Serve United membership ($27) between now and April 1
- Clear their first USA Volleyball background screening ($18), good for two seasons
- Certify as a scorer via the USAV Academy online referee training (free)
- Take the online classes for line judging and libero tracking (free)
- Take the SafeSport online awareness class (free)
- Serve their team at matches in the various capacities
- Email Brian Sharkey (brian@badgervolleyball.org) that you are starting your certifications
- Fill out the form that is on our website once you have completed your requirements (a copy of the form is attached to this email)

All participants who complete the tasks listed above will receive a “Badger Region — Serve United” T-shirt to help promote the program and encourage more adults to become active in their club’s responsibilities to make tournament experiences better.

To sign up, go to the Badger Region website (www.badgervolleyball.org) and click on the “Serve United” program. For parents new to USAV/Badger Region who need to sign up for a membership, go to www.badgervolleyball.org and click on the blue membership button in the upper right corner.

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award. Spike Milwaukee has been fortunate enough to have Jerry coach for 10 years. In that time, Jerry has helped improve countless players with his keen knowledge of the game and ability to teach the game to his athletes, and he uses a firm, but caring approach that his players thrive on. Jerry has forgotten more about volleyball than most people have ever learned. Together with his wife, Pam (who is also a very talented volleyball coach), they have raised two kids (Mitch and Jenna) into great volleyball players and coaches as well.”

“I have Leif to thank for introducing competitive volleyball to me,” said Lahmann. “He helped instill a love and dedication of the game to me, and his inspiration has helped me in all phases of the game, coach, player and official. My hope is to continue Leif’s legacy and bring the same dedication and love of the game to others.”

Storvik is well-remembered for his leadership in volleyball in the Badger Region and at the national level. He gave countless hours to the sport and always made sure whatever he did was done right. His quiet, yet determined and uncanny ability to solve any problem made him a great ambassador, and he was very supporting and complementary. Storvik is remembered as one of the true nice guys of the game, and yet he played very competitively while still having fun.

The Leif Storvik Award is bestowed upon those who meet the criteria in areas of accountability, attitude, communication, excellence, integrity, respect and teamwork. Previous winners of the award form the committee to select its next recipient. These previous winners include Neill Luebke, Julie Voeck, Terry and Nancy Paulson, Jenny Hahn and Anne Slattery.

To learn more about the award, or to nominate someone, please visit the Awards page of the Badger Region website, found here: http://badgervolleyball.org/awards-and-honors/.
Show sportsmanship, win a prize

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 2016-17 marks the second year of the “Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive.” program that encourages volleyball enthusiasts, specifically fans in the stands.

Last season, tournament directors throughout the Region distributed close to 500 wristbands at events and tournaments, and we’re looking to hand out hundreds more.

Then, at the Badger Region Championships in March and April, anyone who was awarded a wristband throughout the year, will be eligible to win Badger Region gear such as T-shirts, wristbands, 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 “IES” wristbands, come to the Championship Desk at the Badger Region Championships March 18-19, March 25-26 or April 1-2 to be entered in a raffle for the 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.

If you are a tournament director running a Badger Region/USA Volleyball-sanctioned event in 2017 and would like to request a package of wristbands for distribution at your event, contact Program Director Brian Sharkey at brian@badger-volleyball.org. Good luck this season.

Cedar Rapids to host Beach High Performance tryout

Badger Region athletes interested the USAV Beach High Performance program should try out in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, April 29-30, 2017.

The try out will take place at the Oasis Sand Bar, 4625 Tower Terrace Road NE; Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52411.

Athletes (boys and girls) born from 1999-2006 are eligible to try out.

There are a handful of changes to the USA Volleyball Beach High Performance tryout procedures this year that all eligible participants should be aware of:

Beach HP will be hosting four zonal skills assessment camps in lieu of 26 regional tryouts.

With four dates, we are proud to announce that one evaluator will be evaluating the same age group and gender at each and every zonal camp. This will allow for a more consistent evaluation of talent across the United States.

With four dates, there will be more athletes at every camp. This will further ensure that the evaluation process is fair and consistent.

Instead of a four hour tryout, the skills assessment camp will be over two days with a double session each day (Saturday and Sunday, 9-12PM, 2-4PM).

Athletes will have more time to showcase their skills to the evaluator.

Athletes will benefit from working with and getting feedback from the top beach coaches across the country over the two days. We want all athletes to come out of the assessment camp equipped with better beach volleyball skills and new tools to continue working on at all levels.

Athletes may attend any of the four skills assessment camps regardless of their zone. Elite athletes from these camps will be invited to the National Team Selection on May 21-22 in Manhattan Beach, CA to compete for a position on A1 (top 10 athletes per age group per gender). Other top athletes will be named to the A2 Zonal Team (10 athletes per zone, per age group, per gender). Other high-caliber athletes will be named to the A3 High Performance Team.

To register, go to www.usavolleyball.org and click on the “Beach HP” link under the “HP” tab.

Important dates to know on the USAV calendar

USA Girls 18-and-under National Championships in Dallas, Texas
* G18s: April 21-23
Dates are for all divisions (Open, National, USA, American, and Patriot).

USA Open and PVL Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.
* May 26-31 (Dates vary by age/division)

USA Girls Junior National Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.
* G11s: June 29-July 1
* G12s: June 27-30
* G13s: June 28-July 1
* G14s: June 25-28
* G15s: June 26-June 29
* G16s: July 1-July 4
* G17s: June 30-July 3

USA Boys Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio.
* B18s: July 1-July 4
* B17s: July 5-8
* B16s: July 3-6
* B15s: July 4-7
* B14s: July 2-5
* B13s: July 6-8
* B12s: July 1-3

Dates are for all divisions (Open and Club)

USA Volleyball High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
* All ages: July 18-22

For more information, go to www.usavolleyball.org.
About Adversity-Wisconsin VBC: As we enter our 16th consecutive year of quality summer series programming, our staff would like to say Thank You to the athletes & parents who believe in our training & support our programs! In the last 2 years our club has seen two TOP 5 FINISHES at AAU nationals & had 4 out of 5 teams finishing in the top 25 in 2016. Based on your feedback, all athletes will sign up by grade in 2017. Various assistants, head coaches & returning staff will lead this year’s 7 Week programs per below:

Summer Series Days June 12 – July 27 $375
This 7 week instructional program offers an approach to all skills within a competitive environment.

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Summer Series Nights June 26 – August 10 $375
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Fees are Non-Refundable: Spots filled by grade on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. Visit: AdversityWisconsin.org email coachpauers@gmail.com for all required forms.

Locations:
Adversity Training Center
N113 W18750 Carnegie Drive Germantown, WI 53022

Jackson Sand Program
960 Pioneer Road
Jackson, WI 53037

“Developing Athletes with Character”
Set goals, learn from mistakes and the backpack

By Robert Humphrey

My name is Robert Humphrey, and I am a coach at Wisconsin Juniors. For the past five years, I have been coaching the 14-year-old girls there. I have been involved in volleyball since I was 14 and have developed a passion for the game.

Through volleyball I have met the vast majority of people I call my best friends, and my loving wife. So without saying, I owe a lot more than I am able to give back to the sport of volleyball and am always looking for ways to improve the volleyball experience for the players that come through our gym.

As I get older and my focus has changed from playing to coaching, One thing I realize is that as coaches, we do not always understand the impact we have on our young athletes. Having the perspective of a player, coach, and now parent of a player I am able to truly understand how we have the ability to change the mentality of the players for the positive and the way they view their club volleyball experience.

I am a goal-driven coach — we talk about goals before every tournament, team and individual. We feel that without goals there is nothing to reach for. We talk about goals for every tournament, team and individual. We feel that without goals there is nothing to reach for. We talk about goals for the season and life goals as well. One of the reasons.

thought process and now look at mistakes as opportunities to grow and develop our weaknesses. The ability to change the way players think is something that can’t be trained in the gym, and to the best of my knowledge, there is no manual or YouTube video on “Training the young athlete’s mentality.”

One way that I have been able to get my athletes to take this point of view is through the “Backpack.” I started doing this a few years back and have found that it’s able to help ease the pressure a player feels after making a mistake. It starts with the first time we meet with our teams, and we preach this mentality every time we were together.

Here’s how it goes. Once our first practice is done I use one of the girls and ask her to put on my backpack, with my binder, shoes and everything else in it and attempt to play a little bit. After a few minutes we bring her back and ask her how difficult it was, and the answer we always get is “It’s heavy and hard to carry.” Exactly the answer we’re looking for. The backpack represents the mistakes you make. They are hard to carry around with you, weigh you down and make it hard to move forward. Lastly and more importantly: They are behind you, like the physical backpack on your back.

Once the athlete removes the backpack we are now able to move forward and focus on what’s in front of us rather than dwell on the actual mistake. It’s the symbolism of the physical backpack that I feel allows my players to free themselves from that negative thought process and now look at mistakes as opportunities to grow.

Through the years I have found that the backpack has made the mistakes that players make easier to accept mentally. And since I have my backpack with me, I always have a visual reminder for the girls which triggers the memory of their teammate struggling to play while wearing it. A simple “Backpack” called out during play reminds them that mistakes are OK. And we all know that our athletes are more apt to grow and develop when they are not weighed down by “Opportunities.”

Through this mentality we are able to see these developmental goals that we set achieved more often, and as coach that is the ultimate reward.

How do we keep them?

Dunning hit the most important part; joy of coaching. Without a love for the athletes and competition, there isn’t much reason to be in it. (It’s surely not paperwork, scheduling, fund-raising and meetings with administration.)

Lifelong learning seems an important part. Learning the new rules, strategies and concepts. Learning about new teaching methods, maybe from other sports, as John Kessel did in the most recent Pittsburgh Pirate “Think Tank.” Learning from disciplines outside of sport, like psychology (Carol Dweck, Gabrielle Wulf), nutrition or even writing and speaking.

Maybe more importantly, learning WHY your method works. It’s important for several reasons.

Would your players get better despite bad coaching methods? The Infinite Monkey Theorem (from statistics) shows that some large number of monkeys pecking away on keyboards would eventually write the works of Shakespeare.

In a more realistic example; our players would certainly get better, simply left alone in the gym with a few volleyballs. A coach might help things along faster; great coaching even faster. It’s possible that if we don’t understand “why” our methods work, we may be fooled into thinking that we are doing good work. In fact, the players may simply be getting better as they would have without our influence (or possibly, despite our influence.)

If you understand why your method works, you can teach your players why. This helps players learn in a deeper and richer way, where retention is better and improvement is faster. And it’s not always obvious why your method works. From a coach and PE teacher, and a fellow IMPACT instructor, Heidi Anderson:

“When I say something like, ‘We’ve just got to stop talking so much and let them play,’ it could be that I’ve read a lot on feedback, I have a culture set up where players are working hard with intent, there are scoring and constraints to emphasize things we need work on. But to someone else who hasn’t read or understand those things, they are thinking ’roll the ball out’ while I sit in a chair.”

That type of understanding takes work, and the work is the reason that many coaches don’t do it.

Keep learning. Have a purpose for what you do. Understand why your method works. And most importantly, keep enjoying the game with the rest of us.

At some point, reflecting on a career, a great coach either thinks or states, “I should apologize to those kids I coached the first few years, because I was terrible.” Maybe in this milder form spoken by Carl McGown, “I wish I had known more about…”

Great coaches are constantly building their “empires.” At first thought, this seems like building their individual programs, but it’s far greater than that. Great coaches send players off with game knowledge, team culture, maybe even a bit of inspiration. They convey life lessons through sport, which their former athletes can draw upon when needed. They train assistant coaches and share knowledge at seminars and clinics. They develop their “coaching tree”, as the assistants leave to run their own programs. They leave a mark.
Hello Badger Beacon readers
I am Bill Petersen, your Badger Region Beach Chair. I have been a member of the Badger Region for over 20 year. My membership to the Region has always been as an official. Two years ago, Julie Voek and Jim Momsen approached me to serve at Beach Chair to replace the late Dale Rohde.

My introduction to volleyball began in college. My high school friend asked me if I would be interested in playing on a college club volleyball team at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich. My only exposure to volleyball came as covering the women’s team as the school’s Sports Information Director. I served as the team’s setter and we played in a few club tournaments in Michigan.

I moved back to Wisconsin in 1982 and began officiating basketball. My basketball partner at the time asked if I would be interested in officiating volleyball. I said I would give it a try and began officiating high school volleyball. I officiated a couple of years in high school and worked at the junior college level in Wisconsin and Illinois. Through my Illinois experience, I met Julie Voek and Justin Basovsky.

Julie kept asking me to become a USA volleyball official. I was content refereeing high school but said I would try it. I experienced good training from Julie, Dale Rohde, and Neil Luebke. Another Illinois official the late Phil Mazur asked me to attend the AAU championships. From those experiences, my officiating career developed and I quickly earned my junior national and national certifications.

**Come to the Beach**

During my Illinois high school officiating, Justin introduced me to beach volleyball as he had connections with the EVP tour. We began officiating events at North Avenue Beach in Chicago and Bradford Beach in Milwaukee. Through those events, we met Todd Gawronski. Todd promoted events at Bradford Beach through AVP Next, Volley America, and USA Volleyball. Justin and I worked most of events held at Bradford Beach. Todd brought in a number of major events with the AVP tour and Jose Cuervo Series. Since we worked the local events, Justin and I got the opportunity to work these events.

I feel quite fortunate to be able to work these events. It allowed me to officiate beach volleyball at the highest level and to meet Steve Owen and Keith Murless. Steve and Keith are in charge of USA Beach officiating programs. I officiated both Kerry Walsh and Misty May during an AVP Next exhibition match. I also officiated Phil Rodgers and Todd Daliahuesser at an exhibition match at the former Horny Goat indoor courts.

In 2015, Steve invited me to line judge at the FIVB St. Petersburg World Tour event. This event featured the top players in the world. Over the past five years, beach volleyball has shown a tremendous growth. The advent of collegiate sand volleyball programs, junior beach volleyball tours, and the need of beach officials. USA volleyball began an officials rating system with national, zonal, and local officials. As a result of this boom, Badger Region has become very supportive of Beach Volleyball. The region hosted the first Junior Beach Tour National Championships in 2013 where we had about 20 courts and over 200 teams. With the growth of beach volleyball, last summer Bradford Beach hosted the fourth National Championships where 56 courts filled Bradford Beach and we hosted 423 teams.

**Life as a beach official**

Though many people view being a beach official as a glamorous position, that is far from true. Being a beach official requires you to arrive at the beach before sunrise. The beach official must make the court ready for play. This may require you to rake the court to make it as flat and smooth as possible. After the court is prepared, the officials lay and measure the lines. The officials make sure the court is the correct dimensions and the square. In addition, the officials check game balls to ensure pressure is correct. This all needs to be accomplished before the first scheduled match.

The beach official not only officiates the play but also scores the match. They may groom the court during breaks in play: smoothing sand around the line and in near the net. Play occurs both in the sun and rain. The only time play stops if lightning is in the area. The official must be prepared for extreme conditions which may include rain suits or sunscreen.

**Badger beach future**

I believe the Badger Region provides a fine foundation to grow its beach program. Southeastern Wisconsin possesses some great beaches to host events. I would like to see us grow the program to other areas in the state like the Manitowoc/Green Bay area, the Stevens Point/Minosqua area, Madison/Verona area, and the La Crosse/Hudson area. With venues around the state, the Region could then host a state tour and have a Region championship.

So, go find your beach and help grow beach volleyball!

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**Let’s help grow beach volleyball in Wisconsin**

*The Badger Beacon asks 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 Beach Chair Bill Petersen.*

**Officials now eligible for Provisional Plus rating**

Badger Region has formally announced its Provisional Plus Official certification.

So, what is it?
The Provisional Plus Official certification is an extension of the Provisional Referee certification.

**Why is Badger Region implementing it?**
The Provisional Plus Official certification is intended to recognize a Provisional Referee’s commitment to volleyball officiating, demonstration of advanced and additional skills, and supporting the Badger Region.

**Why are we implementing it now?**
The Provisional Plus Official certification program is being implemented to provide a full season for those pursuing the certification to qualify.

**What are the qualifications?**
There are four items that need to be satisfied in order to qualify for the Provisional Plus Official certification:

1. Has been assigned to, by the Badger Region Officials’ Assigner, and completed, four Badger Region tournaments.
2. Has achieved a Badger Region Scorer Certification of Provisional or greater.
3. Has passed an observation/feedback session by a certified Badger Region trainer this season.
4. Has “Given a Day of Service” to the Badger Region. Examples:
   - Offer four hours as a volunteer at the “Dale Rohde Memorial tournament”
   - Assist with the Serve United program
   - Mentor two in-training officials
   - Work at a Special Olympics volleyball event
   - Other service will be considered on an individual basis with approval of the Region Referee Chair
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Program open to all players from any club —girls ages 11 up to 18, looking to learn or improve their knowledge and skills in the game of sand doubles. Sand is a great way to improve ball control and court awareness and will significantly translate to success in the indoor game. Some volleyball experience is recommended but not required.

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Summer Camp Sessions and Dates

WiJrs VolleyKidz and All-Skills Camp
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June 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th

WiJrs Youth and Elite Skills Series
July 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th

Charlie Berg Skills Series
July 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th

Setters Academy
July 13th, 14th, 15th

Charlie Berg Youth and Elite Skills Series
July 20th, 21st, 23rd, 24th

WiJrs Skills Series
July 27th, 28th, 30th, 31st

WiJrs Beach Camp
Aug 3rd, 5th, 7th

WiJrs High School Prep Camp
Aug 10th, 11th, 13th, 14th

WiJrs Middle School Skills Series
Aug 17th, 18th, 20th, 21st

Registration & info online at
www.wisconsinjuniors.com
New beach tour on the way

The American Beach Tour (ABT) is a new national-level beach volleyball tour that is set to kick-off in December of 2016 in Florida. The ABT is sanctioned by USA Volleyball (USAV) and produced by the Regional Volleyball Associations (RVAs) in the USA.

The main goal of the ABT is to offer regional and zonal beach events for junior and adult USAV members, culminating with a tour championship event each year. This will be the only USAV sanctioned beach tour to offer both a juniors and adults championship event.

Each USAV Region will be responsible to schedule and sanction its respective events in order to create a comprehensive tour schedule for participating athletes.

Additional information on the tour can be found at www.AmericanBeachTour.com.

Register now for boys clinics

The Badger Region Volleyball Association has partnered with two NCAA institutions to plan a pair of middle school boys volleyball clinics following men’s volleyball matches in Wisconsin in 2017. Come and enjoy a great NCAA men’s volleyball match followed by a FREE boys volleyball clinic.

The remaining dates are as follows:
* March 4 at MSOE (Milwaukee, Wis.).
* March 25 at Marian University (Fond du Lac, Wis).

MSOE clinic details

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, MSOE will take on Marian University at the Kern Center, 1245 N. Broadway, in downtown Milwaukee. Street parking available, but be aware of feeding the meter or parking in two-hour zones. The clinic will begin about 20 minutes after the conclusion of this match. The clinic will be led by MSOE head coach Shane Reid, who is also assisting with the Badger Region Boys High Performance team this year.

Marian clinic details

At 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, Marian will host MSOE at the Sadoff Gymnasium, 45 S. National Ave., in Fond du Lac. The clinic will begin about 20 minutes after the conclusion of this match. The clinic will be led by Marian coach Tyler Frings, a graduate of Carthage College and longtime Badger Region member.

Have questions? Contact Badger Region program director at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 414-313-9055.
**Blugold Camps**

**2017 Blugold Camps**

**Middle School Skills Camp**
- Grades 6-8
- July 9-11
- Commuter or Overnight

**Youth Skills Clinic**
- Grades 1-3
- July 12-13
- Commuter
- Grades 4-6
- July 12-13

**Setter-Hitter Clinic**
- Grades 7-10
- July 14
- Commuter

**Defensive Specialist/Libero Clinic**
- Grades 9-12
- July 15
- Commuter

**High School Skills Camp**
- Grades 9-12
- July 16-19
- Commuter or Overnight

**Advanced Setter-Hitter Clinic**
- Grades 10-12
- July 21
- Commuter

**Varsity Team Camp**
- July 21-23
- Commuter or Overnight

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**Marquette Volleyball Summer Camps 2017**

**Youth Day Camp**
- Grades Entering 3-6
- June 25-June 28

**Volley School Camp**
- Grades Entering K-3
- June 26-June 27

**Serving Camp**
- Grades Entering 4-8
- June 28-June 30

**All Skills Camp**
- Grades Entering 6-10
- June 28-June 30

**College-Prep Camp**
- Grades Entering 8-12
- July 9-July 11

**Positional Day Camp**
- Grades Entering 8-12
- July 12-July 13

**Team Camp**
- Varsity and JV Teams
- July 14-July 16

For questions call (414) 288-6094 or email to MarquetteVolleyballCamps@gmail.com

Register online marquettesportscamps.com/volleyball
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All Skills Volleyball Camps
Girls Grades 5th-12th
July 9 - 12, July 12 - 15, July 16 - 19
Position Volleyball Camp  Boys All Skills Volleyball Camp
Girls Grades 8th-12th  Boys Grades 5th-12th
July 19 - 22  July 6-8
Junior All Skills Volleyball Camp  Sand Volleyball Camp
Girls Grades 3rd-6th  Girls Grades 7th-12th
July 19-22  June 3

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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.

Badger Region Volleyball Association

Calendar of Events

Feb 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier (Girls 17 and Girls 18) at Milwaukee Sting Center in conjunction with a Professional In-Person Score Clinic (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

March 5: Professional In-Person Score Clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

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 in conjunction with a Professional In-Person Score Clinic (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

March 25-26: Badger Region Championships weekend No. 2 (G11s, G13s, G15s) at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee in conjunction with a Professional In-Person Score Clinic (register at www.badgervolleyball.org).

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

April 7-8: Wisconsin Volleyball Conference (college club) Championships at the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

April 9: Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Volleyball Tournament at Center Court in Waukesha and the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls.

April 13-15: NCVF (College Club) Championships in Kansas City, Mo.

April 21-23: USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for the 18-and-under division in Dallas, Texas.

May 26-31: USA Volleyball Adult Open National Championships and PVL Championships in Minneapolis, Minn.


June 24-July 24: USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for all ages (except 18s) in Minneapolis, Minn.

July 1-7: USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

July 18-23: USA Volleyball High Performance Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Members of the Milwaukee Volleyball Club 14-Will competed in Indianapolis at a boys bid tournament recently and won a bid to the Boys Junior National Championships in the Open Division. Email your photos to brian@badgervolleyball.org.
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- **Little Pioneers All Skills Volleyball Camp for Boys and Girls Grades 1-5**
  July 31 - Aug. 3, 2017 | 9-11 a.m. | $75

- **Pioneers 1st Contact Volleyball Camp for Girls Grades 6-9**
  July 31 - Aug. 3, 2017 | 9 a.m.-Noon | $90

- **Pioneers Attacker Volleyball Camp for Girls Grades 6-9**
  July 31 - Aug. 3, 2017 | 1-4 p.m. | $90

- **Pioneers Setter Volleyball Camp for Girls Grades 6-9**
  July 31 - Aug. 3, 2017 | 1-4 p.m. | $90

- **Pioneers Prospect Volleyball Camp for Girls Grades 10-12**
  Aug. 5, 2017 | 9 a.m.-6 p.m. | $95

Find more information and register at: volleyball.piocamps.com

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**CAMP 1**

**JUNE 12-15, 2017**
Girls All-Skills Camp
Grades: 4th-10th

**CAMP 2**

**JULY 5-7, 2017**
Girls Competition Camp
Grades: 7th-12th

**CAMP 3**

**JULY 12-14, 2017**
Girls Elite Position Camp
Grades: 7th-12th

**CAMP 4**

**JULY 17-20, 2017**
Girls All-Skills Camp
Grades: 4th-12th

**CAMP 5**

**AUGUST 3-6, 2017**
Boys All-Skills Camp
Grades: 7th-12th

**CAMP 6**

**AUGUST 9-12, 2017**
Girls Individual & Team Camp
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MSOE BOYS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Date: July 29-30, 2017

Camp Itinerary:

July 29
- Registration: 8:30 a.m.
- Session 1: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Session 2: 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

July 30
- Session 3: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Session 4: 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Grades: 6th - 12th (boys only)

Cost: $125 ($150 after deadline)

Team Discount: 6 or more players from the same team pay $115 per player. Registration must be mailed to receive the discount.

Registration deadline: July 15, 2017
Space is limited.

Location: MSOE Kern Center
1245 N. Broadway

Confirmation/Refunds/Cancellations
Registration confirmation will be sent prior to the start of the clinic. Participants will not receive confirmation if they register within five days of the clinic. No refunds will be given unless a doctor’s excuse is provided. In the event of a clinic cancellation, participants will be notified five days prior to the start of the clinic. A full refund will be given.

If MSOE closes due to inclement weather, the Kern Center will also close and the camp/clinic will be cancelled. Closings will be posted on www.msoe.edu. Participants can call (414) 277-6763 to find out if the university is closed.

Head Coach Shane Reid

Coach Reid is in his second season as the MSOE head men’s volleyball coach. As the head varsity boys’ volleyball coach at Arrowhead High School, since 2012, Coach Reid led the Warhawks to their first state tournament since 2005. While leading the Warhawks, he also saw his team earn the 2014-15 WIAA State Sportsmanship Award.

He also has extensive club coaching experience, leading the West Allis Lightning Boys’ 18 & Under Team to a national championship at the 2012 USAV Junior Championships in the 18-Open Division. His Badger Region High Performance Boys Volleyball Team also claimed a gold medal at the International High Performance Invitational in 2011.

Coach Reid was also the assistant coach at Cardinal Stritch University, where he played collegiately, in 2007.

Instruction
The MSOE Boys Volleyball Camp is designed to provide collegiate level instruction utilizing the fundamentals and techniques of high quality volleyball activities and instruction. Players will be separated by age, skill level and position periodically throughout the sessions. Campers will be instructed and developed as volleyball players first and volleyball positions second.

Drop-Off/Pick-up Information
Participants should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the camp. If a camper must leave early, please notify the head coach or camp director prior to leaving.

Equipment
Participants are required to bring their own volleyball attire. No streets shoes are allowed on the arena floor. proper workout attire.
June 23: Coed Quads (A, BB, B divisions*)
June 23: Men's and Women's Doubles (A, BB, B Divisions*)
June 24: Men's and Women's Triples (AA, A, BB, B Divisions*)
June 25: Boys and Girls Quads (U12, U14, U16 Divisions*)

*All divisions are grass

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