



REGION REF BULLETIN

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NOTES FROM THE BADGER REGION OFFICE

Thank you, Mr. President!

Thank you to Jim Momsen for making the last minute trek to UW-River Falls to cover a huge men's and women's playdate. We are extremely short officials especially in the west side of the state so it was huge to have our Board President help us out.

Another thank you to Badger Region Officials Beau Rath, Matt Seidl and William LeCaptain for covering the men's WVC playdate in Green Bay on Saturday.

Shoutouts!

Have a great crew that had great scorers, line judges, second referees and support for their first official? Let us know and we will highlight them in future newsletters (Ref Bulletin and Badger Beacon). Email them to brian@badgervolleyball.org or text them to Brian Sharkey at 414-313-9055.

Updated site

The USA Volleyball website has been updated for Officials and provides greater ease of use based on your certification. Please explore the site, Resources for Officials – USA Volleyball, it is a wonderful resource for you. It contains all previous letters sent to you and all information you need to know regarding officiating.



Badger Boys Series concludes; six new officials receive training

The final Friday night of the Badger Boys Series concluded on Jan. 20 at the Milwaukee Sting Center in Menomonee Falls. Teams from all around the state came in for this low-cost, low-stress format of teaching and learning. All while six new officials received live, on-court training that night.

Clubs participating in the event included I AM Volleyball Club, Milwaukee Sting, Fox Valley Performance (FVP), Milwaukee Volleyball Club, Southport VBC, Spike Milwaukee, Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA), and Motion Volleyball Players (MVP).

At the conclusion of the league, all boys received a free t-shirt as a way to promote boys volleyball in their communities.

Officials who joined the Region for the ref training included: Connor Raasch, Natalie Erdman, Casey Hironimus, Gabe Matyas, Evan Tavera and Greg Markle.



Keep your calendar up to date

We are all very busy this time of year however a priority for all officials is to make sure their calendar is current and accurate for the club season. It's tough as an assigner to see availability of officials, assign those officials to events only to get declined due to accepting assignments that are using a different assigning platform. We understand that family and work obligations are a priority and life happens so we appreciate those situations.

When assignments are declined because of double-booking, non-maintained calendars, etc are unacceptable and cause us to have to double our workload and delay communication to the tournament director. A helpful tip when accepting assignments from other events outside of the Badger Region sanctioned events is when that assignment is accepted, please immediately block your Zebra web calendar. This is not only helpful to us at the region office but also allows other officials to get those assignments immediately. If you have any questions at all during the club season always know you can reach out and keep that line of communication open.

Information for National/Junior National officials

National candidate applications due Feb. 15

Officials interested in advancement to National must submit completed applications to the USAV national office by Feb 15, 2023. USA Volleyball has a very detailed process with requirements, instructions and required forms that can be found on the

USAV officials web site. Badger Region's role in the application process is to confirm candidates are in good standing with the Region. USAV National office administers the selection process using several criteria.

Interested in Junior National Official Advancement?

Officials interested in Junior

National officials advancement should review the requirements and procedures on USAV Nationals website. Applications are due March 15, 2023 to the \Badger Region program specialist Sara Voigt. Let Sara (sara@badgervolleyball.org) know your interest in advancement ASAP as opportunities for coach mentoring are available. USAV facilitates the final selection process using several criteria.



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Rule reminders as we enter month two of the season

(Some brevity is taken so check rule book for full language)

* Players may touch the net, post, ropes outside of the antenna, provided it does not interfere with play.

* A player may cross the centerline with ANY body part as long as a body part is on or above the centerline and no interference or safety hazard is presented.

* Officials assign a side of the coin to each team. The captain who wins the toss can choose to serve, receive, or side. The coin is

tossed and caught, and the results are immediately revealed without turning the coin over.

* Same player makes the third and fourth team hits: Signal is "double contact"

* Time out administration: Only the referee who whistles to acknowledge the time-out request will show this signal; the other referee does not repeat the time-out signal unless it is necessary for clarification or communication purposes.

* The second referee will informally display the number of time-outs each team has used to the first referee at the beginning of the timeout. Neither referee displays the number of timeouts used at or above shoulder height at the end timeouts.

* The second referee whistles antenna faults on their side of the court.

* The serve: Both of the servers feet must be in contact with the playing surface (eg sport court) before the serve is authorized. Part of players foot/feet may be in contact

with the secondary surface/non playing area.

* Assistance coaches: Only one assistant coach at a time may stand to give instructions to players on the court and may do so while standing during play. Assistant coaches may not address the referee.

* The default protocol is for each team to remain on their respective side of the court throughout the match, including the deciding set. Exceptions (see rule 18.2.1)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 11-12: Badger Region Power League Weekend No. 2

Feb. 25-26: Badger Region Qualifier

March 11-12: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

March 17-18: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

March 25-26: Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

April 1-2: Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League

July 29-30: Badger Region Beach Championships at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee

How to maintain peace on the court

By Teague Prichard
Junior National Official

We all know how competitive volleyball matches can get. Here are some tips on maintaining the peace while effectively officiating and maintaining control of your court.

* Allow the game to progress as smoothly as possible. Your primary job is to have the match go as smoothly as possible with little interference from officials.

* Preventive officiating is important. Ensure the players on the bench are standing in the correct place, remove water bottles or other clutter that is close to the play area. Always know who the head coach and captain is on each of the teams to help you facilitate proper communication.

* Never "even up" when you have made a mistake. If you make a mistake, let it go and continue to do the best you can. Don't let complaints bother you or break your concentration. Some of the best matches will bring you the most complaints.

* Don't let players, coaches, and the crowd influence your decisions. Listen to any reasonable inquiry, but don't allow constant questioning about your calls.

* Read the rulebook, ask a clinician, or anyone that you feel can



give you the needed answer. Rules that commonly cause problems are time-out for injury, simultaneous contact by opponents, illegal improper requests for subs, libero player situations, and back court attacker/blocker rules. Read the book and use it as a reference. The referee is the final judge on everything, even scorekeeping issues.

* Your job as a referee is to

watch and judge, do not coach. Be consistent.

* What is a catch/throw or double hit? It all depends on the level of play of the teams. Allow play on both sides of the net and call what is different.

* Just breathe and relax. Officials should always be learning and making mistakes are a part of the learning process.

WHY BADGER REGION?

A RUNDOWN OF BENEFITS FOR BADGER REGION PARTICIPANTS

ATHLETE PERKS

* Ability to participate in the Badger Region Championships, Badger Region Qualifier, Badger Region Power League, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series, Dale Rohde Memorial Tournament

* Ability to participate in youth clinics, beach events, grass tournaments, etc.



* Participate in USA Volleyball's National Qualifiers, Bid Tournaments and National Championships
 * Represent Badger Region through the National Team Development Program
 * Represent Badger Region at the USA All-Star Championships
 * Eligible for Badger Region / Frisco Mo Scholarships

* Communication via the Badger Beacon newsletter
 * Free NTDP Academy access for athlete training
 * Free memberships for athletes 8-and-under
 * Player/club matching assistance at the start of the season
 * Directory of summer volleyball camp opportunities
 * Badger Region / AVCA Recruiting Tips of the Week, webinars
 * Chance to be on the Badger Region / Frisco Mo Watchlists



CLUB PERKS

* Policies and procedures for all clubs to be consistent
 * Guidelines and handbooks for running tournaments
 * Mentoring, training for club directors
 * 24/7 service and help before, during and after your season
 * Templates for club, parent handbooks and tryouts/club acceptance forms
 * Personalized feedback to uniform and jersey questions
 * Partnerships with sponsors such as Molten, Sports Imports, Art of Coaching, AVCA and others
 * Advocacy at the National level

ATHLETE-SAFETY PROTOCOLS

SAFESPORT TRAINING

The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Volleyball. Badger Region and USA Volleyball have a **ZERO TOLERANCE** for abuse and misconduct. This includes not only on-court safety, but also off-court safety in any part of USA Volleyball's programs.



USA Volleyball is committed to creating safe and fun environments for youth. This includes, but is not limited to, providing training, educational materials and resources for our regions, clubs, coaches and parents. [\(Click for details\)](#)

BACKGROUND SCREENINGS

All adult staff members require a full background screening that includes the following:

- * Social Security Number validation;
- * Name and address history records;
- * Two independent Multi-Jurisdictional Criminal Database searches covering 50 states plus DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico;
- * Federal District Courts search for each name used and district where the individual currently lives or has lived during the past seven years, going back the length of time records are available and reportable;
- * County Criminal Records for each name used and county where the individual currently lives or has lived during the past seven years, going back the length of time records are available and reportable for each county searched;
- * National Sex Offender Registry database search of all available states, plus DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico;
- * Multiple National Watch Lists;
- * SafeSport Disciplinary Records;
- * Comprehensive International Records search for U.S. citizens who have lived outside of the United States for six consecutive months in any one country, during the past seven years;
- * Motor Vehicle Records of at least a 3-year history in the state of licensure; (if driving is required for position).

COACH PERKS

* IMPACT certification
 * Coaches Coaching Coaches opportunities
 * High Performance coaching opportunities
 * Coaching vacancies list
 * Art of Coaching Volleyball membership (limited number available)
 * Badger Region / AVCA Coaching Tips of the Week
 * Eligible for Badger Region / AVCA awards

REFEREE PERKS

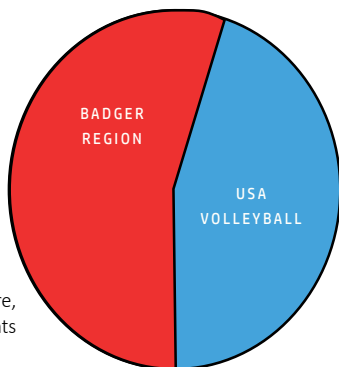
* Training opportunities exist in the classroom, scrimmages, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series etc.
 * Mentoring and advancement opportunities throughout the year
 * Dedicated full-time staff dedicated to assigning, training, recruiting and working with officials in the Badger Region office

* Communication via the Badger Region Ref Bulletin
 * Once certified, officials can earn \$30 (or more per match)
 * At Badger Region hosted events, rates are as follows:
 * Provisional: \$31/match
 * Regional: \$323/match
 * Junior National: \$36/match
 * National: \$36/match



MEMBERSHIP COSTS BREAKDOWN

\$30 of the full \$55 membership stays in the Badger Region to pay for coaching education, officials education, youth clinics, grants, scholarships, equipment, programs, services (Sports Engine, rostering, eligibility), tournaments, clinics, High Performance, region infrastructure, staff and supplies for Region events and much more.



\$25 of the full \$55 membership goes to the USA Volleyball National office to pay for sport accident and liability insurance, training materials created for the purpose of national coaching/officiating, national database and membership services (Sports Engine) and National Office staff and office needs.

