



REGION REF BULLETIN

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 19-23: USA All-Star Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Aug. 13: Badger Region Beach Championships hosted by Juniors Volleyball Club at Bradford Beach (Milwaukee)

Aug. 15: Start of the WIAA high school season

Oct. 1: Tryouts in the Badger Region for athletes (boys and girls) who are 14-and-under

Nov. 3-5: WIAA State Volleyball Tournament at the Resch Center in Green Bay

Nov. 12: Badger Region tryouts for athletes (boys and girls) who are 15-and-older

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



Hubred, Torres-Rivera earn Junior National officials rating

The Badger Region is proud to announce that it has two more Junior National officials in its ranks

At the 2022 Girls Junior National Championships held in Indianapolis, Ind., last week, both Shane Hubred and Francisco Torres-Rivera both advanced to the level of Junior National official.

Hubred and Torres-Rivera were part of a class of 63 other candidates who advanced from across the country.

A USA Volleyball Junior

National referee is authorized to officiate all USA Volleyball-sanctioned competition within any of the USA Volleyball regions, including

Qualifier and Bid competition, and is qualified to officiate at the USA Junior National Championships and the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships.

If you are interested in being considered for advancement to Junior National official status, email Teague Prichard at teagueprichard@gmail.com.



Nationals is in reach

By Jerry Schewe
Badger Region Official

“Have you ever considered working at the USAV Junior National championships?”

That seems to be a popular question among referees after they attain Regional certification. I had not given it much thought because of the time commitment (a travel day before and after and at least four days of competition), but it worked out this year and I decided to give it a shot. After all, the worse that could happen is my application is rejected.



There were so many thoughts that went through my mind when I received the acceptance email. I was thrilled to be going, but what did I just get myself in to?

I quickly discovered that the Badger Region does a fantastic job of educating, mentoring, and preparing officials for all levels of play. Whereas some officials from other regions appeared confused or overwhelmed, the only issue I had was getting comfortable with transitioning as an R2 since we don't have many opportunities to practice that during the USAV season. But, after 28 matches as an R2, even that is beginning to feel natural.

The 2023 championships will be in Minneapolis (ages 11 – 13) and Chicago (ages 14-17). I highly recommend giving them a shot.

FALL REFFING OPPORTUNITIES:

Fall provides excellent opportunities to continue your volleyball officiating growth. Resources and opportunities available:

* **WIAA - High School Volleyball website**

Easy registration, pre-season video required. Several volleyball officials associations host training clinics. Season typically starts late August to post season play late October.

* **Professional Association of Volleyball Officials (PAVO) website**

Individuals join PAVO through a local board which are responsible for holding clinics providing examination opportunities both in the classroom and on the volleyball court, and promoting their certified members to the local hiring entities (schools and conferences). PAVO offers on-line training modules. Geared more towards college.

* **Scrimmages.** Mid August clinics and trainings are in full swing, but some schools will host scrimmages in preparation for the coming season.