



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## Caught doing good

### Franco Marcos lends a helping hand to new ref

Earlier this year, the Badger Region launched the “Caught Doing Good” recognition program. While this is not a national award, it gives members a chance to be recognized for going above and beyond.



This week’s honoree is longtime official, coach and player Franco Marcos. While he wears many hats, Marcos was nominated for this award for his service to the refing community.

Here is part of the writeup: *“Throughout this entire club season (even beginning last fall), Franco Marcos has gone above and beyond for helping (unofficially) mentor me (no payment, no benefits) as I returned to refing USAV volleyball. Countless phone calls, texted questions as well as on-the-job training and advice. I would not be able to feel confident as a ref had it not been for Franco (and a few others like Eileen Alt, Bart Wagner and*



**Franco Marcos celebrates at point at a University of Wisconsin women’s volleyball match.**

*Dan Wong). Franco has given me many tools and guidance and for that I am grateful.”*

The write-up goes on to quote former President John F. Kennedy:

*“We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.”*

If you are interested in still nominating someone for an award, there is still time!

**[To nominate someone for a “Caught Doing Good” honor, fill out this form on the Badger Region website.](#)**

The Badger Beacon will continue to recognize those “Caught Doing Good” over the next few weeks of newsletters.

Have questions? Email [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org). Recipients and nominators of Caught Doing Good will receive prizes from the Badger Region.

## NFHS: Behavior campaigned planned in high school sports

As the 2021-22 school year draws to a close, there is some good news to report on the officiating front, and next steps to take before action begins again this fall.

In a survey by NFHS Director of Officiating Services Dana Pappas, 28 of 36 participating state associations reported an increase in the number of registered officials from 2020-21 to 2021-22. Overall, in these states, there was a six percent increase in the number of registered officials this past year, as compared to a nine percent decrease between 2018-19 and 2020-21.

Since the Officials Consortium ended about two months ago, the NFHS has started to implement next steps identified by the 60-plus leaders in attendance – with the end goal being to retain individuals currently officiating high school sports and recruit others to the profession.

Among those next steps will be a broad-scale nationwide campaign that addresses behavior and respect. While sportsmanship is always front and center in high school sports, this emphasis will go beyond the general tenets of sportsmanship.

For the NFHS Voice that discusses the behavior campaign, [click here](#).

## NEW NATIONAL SCORERS



**Patti Dawson, left, and Erin Stalker were awarded their National Scorer certificates at the 2022 Open National Championships in Orlando, Fla., May 27-June 1.**

## NEWS FROM THE BADGER REGION OFFICE:

### Story ideas?

Have an idea for the Badger Region Ref Bulletin? Please let us know so we can provide great features, profiles and news to our refs throughout the summer.

Currently, we are looking for families who officiate together or were inspired by a family member to get involved in officiating.

If you are willing to be a part of the story, email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org) and he will contact you with some questions that you can answer.

Thanks in advance!

### Patches

USA Volleyball has sent a new supply of **officials patches** to the Badger Region office.

If you recently advanced to a new level of officiating and did not receive your patch, please send us a reminder at [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org).

If you have lost your patch, one can also be sent to you as a replacement. If you are in need of a USAV Rulebook (DCR), TAG U R IT tags or any other

officiating needs, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

### Save the dates

The Badger Region will be hosting one of its marquee events (**the Badger Region Championships**) the following dates in downtown Milwaukee in 2023: March 11-12, March 17-18, and March 25-26.

Fill out your [interest survey here](#).

More dates for other Badger Region events will be announced soon.