



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## Referee, scoring modules now available in 'USAV Academy'

Badger Region In-Training, Provisional and Regional officials modules are live and ready for viewing in the USAV Academy.

When selecting the appropriate modules for viewing, please select the modules under your "current" certification. If you want to view more than the minimum modules assigned under your certification that's great however please complete the modules listed under your certification first. They are not automatically assigned to you once you renew your membership. You must

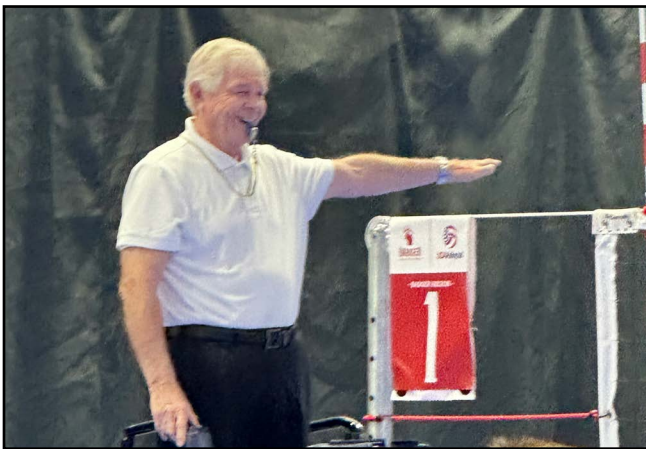
register for them separately in the academy under the appropriate certification.

How does one access the USAV Academy?

1. Log in to Sports Engine
2. Click on "household"
3. Click on your profile
4. Click "View Details" on the Badger Region tile
5. Click "USAV Academy" in the upper right corner

If you need help or have any questions, please reach out to Sara Voigt at [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).

## Ref-training begins



The Badger Region has been training new officials as part of the Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League in New Berlin. If you know an individual who wants to be a ref, there are still opportunities to train there this fall.

## Region opens its events to officials

The roll out of the Badger Region-hosted events has begun for referees and sign-ups for big tournaments in the Region has begun.

This year, the Badger Region will be giving officials the ability to sign up to officiate Badger Region-hosted events through AES. Zebraweb will still be used to solidify commitment.

Hotel rooms for those who need it and qualify for them will also be supplied. If you need assistance or have questions, please reach out to Sara Voigt at [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).

## John Nelson shares his 'JN' reffing experience

By John Nelson  
Junior National Official

When I started officiating many years ago I was an active duty Marine stationed in Yakima, WA. I played on a USVBA, now USAV, men's team and my coach was a USVBA National Official. My coach and another Junior National Official mentored me and during my second season I earned my Regional patch.

As a Marine I moved every three to four years and that meant going to different regions. Each time, I would move I kept my Regional patch but it meant having to prove my abilities as an official because each region can have a different process to get your Regional rating.

My solution to avoid this was to get my Junior National rating. Having a Junior National rating meant anywhere you went the region knew what level of evaluation you had been through to get your patch. I let the officials chair in my region know that I wanted to advance to Junior National and the region worked to put me in challenging matches and provided training to me to prepare me for the rating session.

In 1998, I traveled to Dallas to attend the Girl's Junior National Championships as a Junior National Referee candidate. We worked matches as R1 and R2 with other candidates and were debriefed after each match by our raters who were all National Officials. I earned my Junior National patch there and still remember many of those that earned their patches there. It is a time where lifelong friendships can be made and I feel fortunate that I still get to work with one of the others from that group.

When you travel to a tournament outside of the region as a Junior National official, tournament directors



may not know you but they know the rating process you have been through and know what level of matches you can handle. Having your Junior National may mean a little extra pay per match, and it can open the door to some different very fun tournaments. In your region it gives you additional experience to be a mentor to younger officials. Over the years, I have had so many great mentors that one of the things I wish to do is to spend more time in the region working with young officials to help them gain experience. It can also be a way to get college assigners to see you work and open the door to college assignments.

As I start year 34 as a USAV official, I feel that tough things can still happen in your matches but upper level officials many times make them seem easy to deal with because of the training they have been through. As a younger official have you had what you thought would be a tough match seem easy because you had a Junior National or National official as a partner. Are you ready to become that partner to make the match go smoother?

*Look for more stories from Junior National Refs in the coming weeks.*



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Oct. 9:** Badger Region Last Chance Tryout clinic from 3-5 p.m. at the New Berlin Sports Plex.

**Oct. 23:** Final day of the Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League

**Nov. 1:** Boys 15-and-older open house at Pius XI High School

**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

**Dec. 16:** Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center

**Jan. 7-8:** Badger Region Power League Weekend No. 1

**Jan. 20:** Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center

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

**Feb. 25-26:** Badger Region Qualifier (sites TBA)

**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



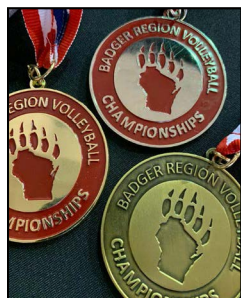
# WHY BADGER REGION?

## 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: \$30/match  
 \* Regional: \$32/match  
 \* Junior National: \$34/match  
 \* National: \$35/match

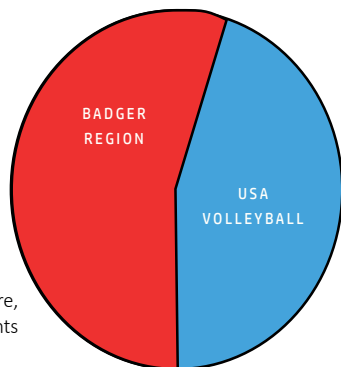


### MEMBERSHIP COSTS BREAKDOWN

\$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.

