



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## Board approves ‘In Good Standing’ policy for refs

The Badger Region board of directors approved in May an “In Good Standing” policy for all officials to be assignable, receiving mentoring and be eligible for advancement moving forward.

The criteria listed below must be met on an annual basis. If a referee cannot meet these criteria, he or she may apply to the Officials Chair for a one-season waiver to become inactive, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

- \* Annual USAV Full Membership
- \* Annual USAV background screen
- \* Annual Safesport Training
- \* \$25 annual Badger Region Ref/Scorer fee
- \* Complete and submit annual Independent Contractor and W-9 forms

\* Completion of all required USAV modules assigned by Badger Region

\* Attend the Badger Region officials’ pre-season meeting (in person or online) or a new referee clinic.

\* Conduct themselves with an appropriate level of professionalism and are not under review or hold sanctions from the Badger Region Ethics & Eligibility Committee.

\* Official has been assigned to and has or will be working two separate Badger Region-hosted events (Badger Region Championships, Badger Region Power League, Badger Region Qualifier, Dale Rhode) or WVC events or other single day-approved events. An official can also meet requirements by working in a mentoring role at two events.

— The official does not have to work both days of a two-day event.

— The two days need to be from two separate events.

If an official does not officiate or mentor (as assigned by the Badger Region Assignor) at least two Badger Region tournaments in a season, they will be considered to have been



inactive for that season (and until they have officiated a tournament in a subsequent season). If an official is inactive for two successive seasons, the official will be required to repeat the certification process, beginning with clinic attendance and practical evaluation before being reinstated and officiating for the Region again. Failing to meet one or more of the following Good Standing criteria will result in “Conditional” status which will affect tournament officiating fees and possibly eligibility to receive assignments. Conditional officials are not considered to be in good standing.

### Good standing for advancement

To be considered for advancement AND in good standing in the Badger Region, the referee must meet the criteria outlined below. If a referee cannot meet these criteria they will not be eligible for advancement.

- \* Annual USAV Full Membership
- \* Annual USAV background screen
- \* Annual Safe Sport Training
- \* \$25 annual Badger Region Ref/Scorer fee
- \* Complete and submitted annual IC/W9 forms

\* Complete and submit annual Independent Contractor and W-9 forms

\* Official has been assigned to and has or will be working two separate Badger Region-hosted events (Badger Region Championships, Badger Region Power League, Badger Region Qualifier, Dale Rhode) or WVC events or other single day-approved events. An official can also meet requirements by working in a mentoring role at two events.

\* Maintain certification as a USAV Scorer.

\* Attend the Badger Region officials’ pre-season meeting (in person or online) or a new referee clinic.

\* Conduct themselves with an appropriate level of professionalism and are not under review or hold sanctions from the Badger Region Ethics & Eligibility Committee.

### Rationale

\* Important in order to prevent officials from just using the region to become certified and not officiate region events.

\* Perception is that our officials pool increases but the number of “assignable officials” does not.

\* Help the region retain officials to use in region events

\* Officials mentoring can only be scheduled for those officials working Badger Region sanctioned events. Mentors can be scheduled for officials during these events to help make those officials better. All mentors are scheduled by the officials assignor and paid for by Badger Region. Our goal is to make our region officials better and help them towards advancement.

\* This is common in most regions and helps unify policies region to region.

*Have questions about the “In Good Standing” policy? Contact a member of the Badger Region Board of Directors.*

## New site to offer ref apparel

Badger Region and USA Volleyball officials should start using a new website to order approved apparel for upcoming seasons.

The website is: <https://vbofficialsgear.com/>

The website states that it is taking pre-orders now for mid-June deliveries.

Items available on the website include certified volleyball official jackets, polos (shortsleeve and longsleeve) and pants.

The website also shows that it will begin selling accessories in the future.



## Additional enhancements for Badger Region officials on their way in 23-24

In addition to the increase in pay at Badger Region-approved events (approved in May) at Badger Region-hosted events (approved last year), the Badger Region will be rolling out additional perks for officials in the 2023-24 season.

Some enhancements will be based on years of service, number of tournaments worked for the Region and others TBA.

Have ideas for additional enhancements? Email [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org).



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Lexi Sheldon, center, is shown with USA Volleyball's Director of Officials Development Pati Rolf, left, and Christina Fiebich, the first female referee from the United States to officiate Sitting Volleyball at the Paralympics.

## Sheldon named Ref of the Year

Alexis Sheldon, the Badger Region Score Chair and longtime official in the Badger Region, was named the 2023 Referee of the Year recently.

The national award was presented on Wednesday, May 24, at the USA Volleyball Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet in Dallas, Texas, prior to the Open National Championships taking place later in the week.

While in Dallas, Sheldon also completed the 2023 USAV Sitting Volleyball Endorsement Course.

Sheldon, a native of Janesville, Wis., earned her National Referee certification at the Girls 18s Junior National Championships in Phoenix last year.

For a full list of award winners announced by USA Volleyball, [click here](#).



## Nominations being sought for those 'Caught Doing Good'

The Badger Region is looking forward to opportunities to feature athletes, coaches, officials and fans in the pages of our newsletter and on our website and social media.

Here's where you can come in. You can also nominate someone for our Caught Doing Good program.

This is for those fans, coaches, officials, players, etc. who go above and beyond.

They are the ones who stay after practice and clean the gym. They are the ones who put in the extra half hour to help after practice if someone needs added training. They are the ones you go to get stuff done.

Let's recognize the folks who are doing things the right way and setting a great example for athletes at all events. And let's encourage one another to pay it forward and discourage poor sportsmanship or behavior on the court or off.

To fill out a CDG nomination and see previous winners, click

here: <https://badgervolleyball.org/caught-doing-good/>.

All winners and the folks who nominated them will get Badger Region apparel and other swag.

The deadline for nominations will be April 30, 2023.

Questions? Email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).