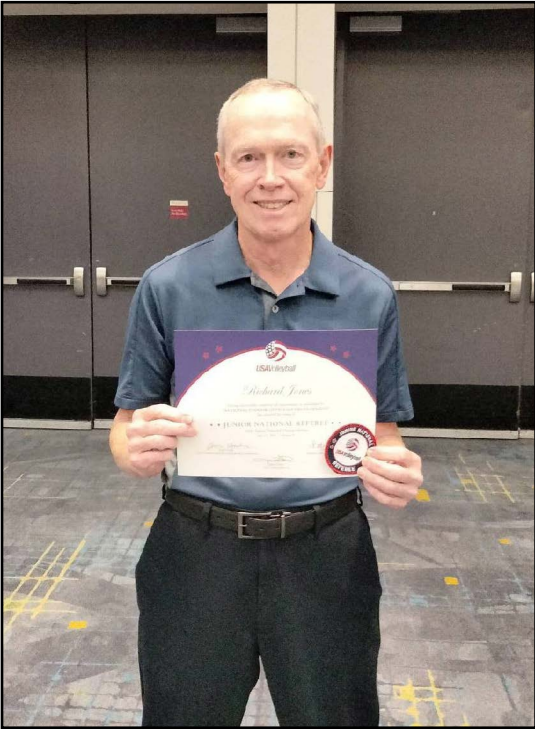




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Rick Jones earns Junior National

Janesville resident Rick Jones earned his Junior National referee rating at the 2023 Girls Junior National Championships in Chicago on July 5.

Jones attended a four-day “camp” prior to receiving three days of mentoring and evaluation while in the Windy.

Congratulations to Rick on this awesome achievement!

Rule differences: Beach vs. indoor

We are a few weeks into Wisconsin’s very limited season of beach volleyball and rather than only officiating in the gym, wouldn’t it be nice to officiate on the beach? Below are some basic differences between the indoor and beach game.

Court Size

To the Average Joe, the obvious difference in courts between indoor and beach volleyball is that the court on the beach is covered with sand. Ha! But players, especially those tricky ones looking to sneak a shot past the opposition, know that the beach volleyball court is 2 meters shorter and 1 meter narrower than an indoor court. That extra 3 feet missing from each end of the court on the beach means less space to cover for the two players per side, but it’s also less room for those carefully placed shots to stay inbounds and score.

The volleyball

Sure, they’re both round and they’re filled with air, but indoor and beach volleyballs are different by design. Indoor balls are heavier, allowing them to move faster and harder. Beach volleyballs are softer, lighter, and marginally bigger. With four fewer players per side on the beach, that bigger, floatier ball allows for those players to close distances and make some awesome plays.

Aside from taking place on the sand,

Save the date:

Badger Region Beach Officials training during Badger Beach Championships July 29th and 30th at Bradford Beach. Details and sign up information to follow.

We are very lucky to have well known beach volleyball official Bill Peterson with us at beach championships.

the most obvious difference between indoor and beach volleyball are the number of players on a team. Beach volleyball teams consist of two players. There’s no bench and there are no substitutions. Indoor volleyball has six players per team on the court, and they can substitute players multiple times per set.

If you are interested in even more rules specific to officiating beach volleyball check out the rule book link below:

USAV Beach Volleyball rulebook <https://indd.adobe.com/view/d11889fd-5c51-4551-a6b4-b545023bf4df>

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.



Save the dates for the Badger Region’s marquee events coming back in 2024

Badger Region Power League: Jan 6/7, Feb 10/11, and Apr. 6/7. This will be at sites throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Badger Region Qualifier and Dale Rohde: March 2/3. This will take place at the Madison Expo Center.

Badger Region Championships: March 9/10, March 16/17, and March 23/24. This will take place primarily at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee as well as one or two age groups will be Appleton the first weekend.