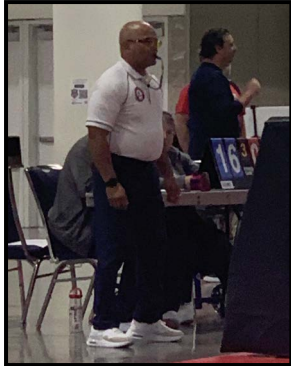




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Region officials join athletes at USA All-Star Championships

The Badger Region was fortunate enough to have six amazing officials be selected to participate in the 2023 USA All-Star Championships in Fort Lauderdale.

Only delegations who send teams to the elite event are allowed to nominate referees and scorers for the tournament. This year, the Badger Region delegation included the following six officials (from left):

- * Alexis Sheldon
- * Jim Arts
- * Erin Stalker
- * Julie Voeck (head official)
- * John Nelson
- * Max Nuon

Congratulations to all of the officials and thank you for representing the Badger Region so well!

We look forward to the 2024 event in Des Moines, Iowa, next year.



New site to offer apparel for refs

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.



2023-24 memberships now available

Officials can now purchase their 2023-24 memberships in the Badger Region and USA Volleyball. [Click here.](#)

The memberships and the associated insurance and benefits will not go into effect until Sept. 1, 2023. Once active, the membership will go through Aug. 31, 2024.

Why should you purchase a membership now?

1. It won't slip your mind during the busy high school season
2. It allows you time to complete a background screening and SafeSport training
3. You don't want to miss out on any updates from the Badger Region office

Save the dates for Badger Region's marquee events

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.



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Summary of rule changes for 2023-25

USAV 4.3.3.1a: Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered side to side on the front and back of the jersey. Numbers are recommended to be placed on the upper half of the jersey. Numbers may not extend below the player's waist and may not be tucked into the uniform bottom.

USAV 5.1.2.1, added: Judgment decisions are not subject to protest. A protest related to a judgment decision may result in a penalty (red card) being assessed to the coach.

USAV 5.2.3.4: During the match, the coach may give instructions to players on the court while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to and including the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. The coach must not obstruct the view of the line judges.

USAV 5.3.1: One assistant coach at a time may stand to give instructions to the players on the court but has no right to intervene in the match. During play, the assistant coach may give these instructions while standing or walking within the free zone in front of his/her team's bench from the extension of the attack line up to and including the warm-up area, without disturbing or delaying the match. The assistant coach must not obstruct the view of the line judges.

New for 14-and-under age groups:

New USAV 12.4.4a: Once the serving action is initiated, including an underhand serve, if the server tosses the ball and then catches it or allows it to fall to the floor, this is considered a service tossing error, including a ball that touches the server as it falls.

USAV 12.4.4b: After a service tossing error, the referee must authorize the service again (re-serve) and the server must execute it within the next 8 seconds.

Rule 12.5.1: The players of the serving team must not prevent their opponent, through individual or collective screening, from seeing the service hit and the flight path of the ball. Should either be visible to the receiving team, this is not a screen.

USAV 12.5.2: A player or group of players of the serving team make(s) a screen by waving arms, jumping or moving sideways, during the execution of the service, or by standing grouped, and in so doing hides both the service hit and the flight path of the ball until the ball reaches the vertical plane of the net.

Rule 14.3: In blocking, the player may place his/her hands and arms beyond the net, provided that this action does not interfere with the opponent's play. Thus, it is not permitted to touch the ball beyond the net before an opponent has executed an attack hit.

Rule 14.6.1: The blocker touches the ball in the OPPONENT'S space before the opponent's attack hit.

New USAV 19.2d: When two Liberos are used, both Liberos can be in uniforms different from each other and from the rest of the team.

USAV 24.2.7d: During the match, the coach or captain may request verification of the number of team substitutions or time-outs. If incorrect information is provided by the 2nd referee and the team acts directly upon this misinformation resulting in an illegal substitution (per USAV 15.9.1) or an excessive time-out, the referee's error will be corrected with no penalty or sanction assessed to the team. If an illegal (excessive) substitution does not result, the substitution may still be withdrawn prior to the next serve without sanction or penalty

Important dates to know for all officials

Membership season begins: Sept 1st (You can purchase your membership now if you want)

Modules available: October 1st

Badger Region Champs assigning: Assigning for the 2024 Champs starts Sept 1st

* Badger Power League assigning: Assigning for 2024 starts Sept 5th

* Badger Region Qualifier/Dale Rohde assigning: Assigning starts Sept 10th

Have questions about any assigning procedures or dates? Contact Sara Voigt at sara@badgervolleyball.org.

