



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## More news & notes for the 2023-24 season



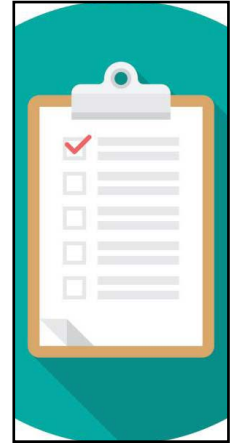
**Assigning reminders:** We realize many of you are knee-deep into your high school and/or college seasons but if you have some spare time please try and update your availability for the 2024 club season. All Badger Region events will start to be assigned starting next week. If there are certain dates you know you can do, please reach out to [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org). These events are assigned assuming all officials accepting will have the USAV/Badger Region annual requirements completed by Jan. 1.



Currently region staff is working with clubs all around the state to set up scrimmages in the month of December. These scrimmages will be used for new official mentoring as well as advanced officials mentoring. Once the dates are secured a sign up form will be sent out to all officials.



Badger Region will be having a new application process for all officials looking to advance for Regional certification. Regional ratings will take place April 6-7 during our last weekend of BRPL. The new venue and later date will allow officials to work with region staff to schedule plenty of mentoring both as an R1 and R2. We will also be offering multiple locations to possibly help reduce travel for those officials driving from different parts of the state. Stay tuned for more information about advancement and mentoring opportunities not only for Regionals but also for Junior National and National candidates.



New officials certification requirements will be emailed to all new officials this Friday. If you know of anyone who wants to be an official, please email Sara at [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org) and those individuals will be added to the new officials contact list.

Have questions about these items or anything pertaining to the 2023-24 season? Email [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).

## Information from the previous Badger Ref Bulletins

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.

\* Reminder starting this year officials DO NOT need to play the annual \$25 ref/scorer fee. As we update our new website with information for the 2023-24 season, this will be removed. Just ignore it for now if you come across it.

\* Save the dates for in-person Badger Region officials pre-season meetings (location TBD)

\* November 19th Noon to 2 p.m.

\* December 10th Noon to 2 p.m.

Zoom dates may be scheduled to follow.

The 2023-25 USAV rule books have been ordered and will be disbursed to all officials who complete requirements to be assignable in 2023-24. See Page 2 of this week's Ref Bulletin for a look at some of the rule changes.

The Badger Region website is currently being updated with new forms and links for

the new club season. We appreciate your patience while we get everything set up for you for 2023/24.

What did you do on your summer vacation? Did you go on any adventures that you'd like to share with your fellow officials? Maybe you picked up a new hobby or fixed up your home. Share your story with [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).

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/>



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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 1

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

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

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

\* **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.