



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## Rulebooks now available

New USAV rulebooks (also known as the DCR) are in that are good through the 2023-25 season.

The Badger Region will be disseminating these at the in-person officials meetings and mailing to those who we may miss those events. Please

email Sara Voigt (sara@badgervolleyball.org) when you have purchased your annual USAV membership and she will put a rulebook aside for you.

For a link to an online edition of the DCR, please [click here](#).

## What all officials need to know about social media

Nowadays, referees' decisions on court, either right or wrong, may be quickly and widely exposed through digital and social media. Most of the time, referees' decisions are only partially or even wrongly reported. The growth of social networking has changed communications standards. As officials we are already subject to sometimes harsh criticism and judgment. Below are some helpful tips when using social media.

Protect your privacy and confidential information

Never share your private phone or email address

Protect your professional environment and do not risk your reputation

It is recommended not to use personal email addresses to create personal accounts

Keep in mind that all Internet activity is stored indefinitely and is accessible to any user, who might take even a simple photo out of

context

Referees are free to express their point of view about any subject they might consider appropriate. However, they should never forget that their job consists of applying fairness through officiating, and don't give an idea that decisions on court are influenced by something different than pure judgment

We strongly recommend referees not post and comments about clubs, coaches, leagues, other referees or any other potential volleyball entity, to avoid any suspicion of biased judgment

Always take a moment and think before posting on social media while you're officiating in a competition. Remember you are there to officiate. We strongly suggest not to post videos or photos of minor athletes

Make sure that all opinions you share on any social media platform are personal and do not in any way reflect those of anyone you represent. Do not post anything that could be construed as bullying of other officials, coaches or players.



## Information from the previous Badger Ref Bulletins

\* Officials can purchase their 2023-24 memberships in the Badger Region and USA Volleyball. [Click here](#). Once active, the membership will go through Aug. 31, 2024.

\* Starting this year officials DO NOT need to play the annual \$25 ref/scorer fee.

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

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

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

Zoom dates may be scheduled to follow.

\* 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.

\* 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.

\* 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 Power League. 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.

\* Badger Region and USA Volleyball officials should start using a new website to order approved apparel for upcoming seasons. The website is: <https://vbofficials-gear.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.