



# THE BADGER BEACON

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## Input sought: Region seeks feedback on beach events

We know it's Halloween and fall is in full effect here in Wisconsin.

But that doesn't mean we can't start thinking about next summer, right?

The Badger Region is looking for feedback from athletes and parents on the topic of the Badger Region Beach Volleyball Championships.

The 10-question survey will take most people less than five minutes to finish. [To access the survey, click here.](#)

The Region is seeking input from both athletes, parents and beach coaches/directors.

The data gathered from the survey will help us shape the 2025 Badger Region Beach Championships. That includes the date, the location and other logistics related to the event.

The survey also touches on other beach programming in the Badger Region including camps, clinics and other tournaments.

You do not have to be beach expert or even a beach participant to take the survey. We just want to hear your thoughts.

Have questions about beach volleyball or the survey, email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).



## Boys Open House, VLA match a hit

Wednesday night was a great event for volleyball in the Badger Region. Not only were fans able to join us for our annual boys open house, but they were treated to a high level match between Madison Inferno and Milwaukee Gold from the Volleyball League of America. In addition, our officials received some top-notch mentoring from some veteran officials. Thank you to everyone who came out to support.



## Volunteer meeting

Are you interested in being a volunteer at Badger Region events? Maybe you're interested in helping the Region develop content or share our message on social media.

If so, join us for a Badger Region Ambassador meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3.

We will discuss what options are available, what the role of Badger Region Ambassador is all about and what is required in advance of attending an event.

For a link to the virtual Meeting, email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).

# Region to host coaching event at WIAA tourney

Heading to Green Bay for the WIAA Boys and Girls State Volleyball Tournament?

Then make sure to visit the Coaches Education and Networking sessions planned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Resch Expo Center located adjacent to the site of the state volleyball championship tournament.

Some of the scheduled speakers and attendees include Ryan Theis (Marquette University women's volleyball head coach), BJ Bryant (St. Norbert College men's and women's head coach) and Jenny Johnson (Director of Education at USA Volleyball).

"When we started thinking about re-shaping coaches education for the upcoming year/season, we knew we wanted to get back to more in-person offerings and thought about how and where we might attract a large group of coaches at one time," said Badger Region Director of Education Scott Spiess. "Having a presence at the WIAA state tournament makes sense for a lot of reasons. It's the celebration of a season where state champions are crowned, but also an event well attended by aspiring coaches, veteran coaches and everyone in-between; many high school coaches also coach club volleyball or may be thinking about it. Much like the officials short-

age, we can't have teams and state champions without quality coaching. The Badger Region wants to let ALL volleyball coaches know that we can be a resource for them and help connect them with many more (USAV, AOC, AVCA to name a few)."

"We felt it was important to bring coaching education and information to the WIAA Boys and Girls State Tournament to meet people where they're at and show them that we want to be a partner to promote and further volleyball in the state of Wisconsin," said Badger Region Executive Director Jennifer Armson-Dyer. "We're all in it for the same reason - to improve the

game and also give the student-athletes the best possible experience. We also wanted to bring in some big names to speak to give coaches a wide range of information that would fit where they are at and the information they would want to know. We hope everyone stops by to say hi, meet our staff and our panel and speak with Dr. Jenny Johnson from USA Volleyball, who is an incredible person and resource in coaching education."

There is no fee to attend the networking event or Q&A sessions. Food will be served throughout the day.

Have questions? Email [scott@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:scott@badgervolleyball.org).

## BADGER REGION VOLLEYBALL "STATE OF THE GAME"

Join us for a one-of-a-kind networking opportunity! Hear from marquee volleyball minds, meet Badger Region staff, and learn about resources available to you!

Visit us upstairs in the Resch Expo:  
840 Armed Forces Dr,  
Ashwaubenon, WI 54304



**Ryan Theis**

Head Coach  
Marquette University



**B.J. Bryant**

Head Coach  
St. Norbert College

NO TICKET  
REQUIRED



**Dr. Jenny Johnson**

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SERVICES  
USA VOLLEYBALL

**ALL COACHES + OFFICIALS  
WELCOME!**

**BREAKFAST, LUNCH, APPS,  
REFRESHMENTS ALL DAY!**



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**BADGER  
REGION VOLLEYBALL**

**Thursday, November 7**

10:00AM - 12:00PM: MEET & GREET AND Q&A

12:00PM: SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH

12:30PM - 2:00PM: FEATURE PRESENTATION WITH DR. JENNY JOHNSON, RYAN THEIS, AND B.J. BRYANT

2:00 - 4:00PM: MEET & GREET AND Q&A



# Lunch & Learn focuses on sportsmanship

Three years ago, the Badger Region partnered with Won80, an organization dedicated to sportsmanship and the role it plays in athletics and character development. And the positive feedback we have gotten from this partnership have flowed in.

As a benefit to members (clubs, parents, fans, officials and athletes), the Badger Region will work to coordinate Won80 with clubs who are interested in receiving a free sportsmanship presentation from founder Mark Horbinski, a longtime teacher, coach and official in Wisconsin for over 30 years.

Horbinski's grassroots movement called Won80 is on a mission to lead a return to sportsmanship through awareness, education and inspiration. His presentations encourage participants to focus on their own behaviors and action that will in turn allow everyone to positively impact teammates, teams and communities alike.

Won80's sportsmanship summits (many of which are about 60 minutes in length) are hands-on, high energy and engaging. They also contain relevant topics that coincide



with thought-provoking and empowering messages. Horbinski also is able to work with clubs to collaborate and customize his presentations for specific groups.

To help spread the message of positive sportsmanship, Mark joined staff members Brian Sharkey and Sara Voigt last week in a lunch & learn that were broken down into

the following topics:

1. [Introduction: What are we seeing with sportsmanship](#)
2. [Handling poor sportsmanship between two athletes \(on different teams/across the net\)](#)
3. [Managing poor sportsmanship within one's own team](#)
4. [Keeping parent behavior in check](#)

## 5. [Keeping fans under control and off the official's back.](#)

Click each link above to check out the 5-10 minute video edited from the full Lunch & Learn discussion held on Facebook Live.

Have questions regarding sportsmanship or want to learn more about Won80? Email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).

# Coaching application now open for All-Star program

The Badger Region is seeking coaches for positions within the High Performance All-Star program for the 2025 season.

[To apply for a coaching position, click here.](#)

Applications are due by Friday, Dec. 20.

Coaches are required to attend their respective age group/gender's tryout, participate in the one-day training sessions, work the overnight camp and coach at the 2025 USA All-Star Championships in Madison this summer.

Coaching applications are required for any individual interested in working at a:

- \* Training date
- \* Overnight camp
- \* All-Star Tournament

All of the above listed are paid opportunities. All coaches are



independent contractors who must sign an independent contractor agreement and agree to the Region's All-Star Expectations and Philosophies.

If you are interested in volunteering at a tryout for the Badger

Region High Performance All-Star program, please email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).

All levels of coaches are encouraged to apply. That includes college coaches, high school coaches and club coaches. The only requirements are that the individual has a membership, SafeSport, background screening and IMPACT certification.

Coaches not selected for camp or travel team obligations will still benefit from networking and observation opportunities with experienced HP All-Star coaches in the Badger Region.

The potential schedule for this year's All-Star program is as follows:

- \* Feb. 28 (possible girls tryouts at the Baird Center in Milwaukee prior to the Badger Region Girls Qualifier)

\* March 21 (possible boys tryouts at the Baird Center in Milwaukee prior to the Dale Rohde Memorial)

\* One-day training sessions (two weekend dates in April or May at sites to be announced)

\* Overnight camp will fall two days between July 13-18 at a college or university to be named soon.

\* July 23: Report/practice date in Madison

\* July 24-27: Competition in Madison.

In addition to a coaching salary, staff will receive per diem for food, a Badger backpack, free hotel and lots of Badger Region apparel and swag items.

Have questions? Email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org) or call 414-313-9055.

**USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION**  
**For use during the 2024-2025 Season**

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	18 & Under <sup>1</sup>	18 & Under <sup>2</sup>	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under <sup>3</sup>	14 & Under <sup>4</sup>	13 & Under <sup>5</sup>	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Aug	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Sept	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Oct	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Nov	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Dec	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Jan	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Feb	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Mar	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Apr	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
May	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
June	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017

<sup>1</sup> Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005 and a high school student in the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

<sup>2</sup> **Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are eligible to compete in 17 & under. (This exception is based on recruiting concerns for 11<sup>th</sup> grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

<sup>3</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010, OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade during the current academic year are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.

<sup>4</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

<sup>5</sup> **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6<sup>th</sup>) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.

# Resources for athletes, clubs looking to fill rosters

We are about a month away from the 15-and-older tryouts and the official start of the club volleyball season.

If you are a club or athlete still looking for opportunities to train and compete, we encourage you to use the following resources.

\* List of clubs looking for athletes, [click here.](#)

Athletes can use this site and reach out to clubs to get an idea of their needs in advance of setting up a tryout. Clubs can fill out an online form to be listed on the site.

\* List of athletes looking for clubs, [click here.](#)

Clubs can use this site to reach out to athletes who are searching for a club. Athletes who still need a place to play can fill out an online form to be listed on the site.

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

## 'Second Chance' tryouts Nov. 20

The Badger Region will host its 15-and-older "Second Chance" tryouts from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the OAW Indoor Sports Complex located at 5330 S. Racine Ave.

At the Second Chance tryouts, the Badger Region, with the help of athletes from Milwaukee Gold and Milwaukee Dive, will run athletes through a clinic designed to help them improve their skills and showcase their talents to club directors

who will be in attendance.

Club directors from Milwaukee area clubs who are still looking for athletes will be allowed to make offers to athletes via email or phone calls after the conclusion of the Second Chance tryout.

In years past, the Second Chance tryout has average 50-60 athletes participating in the tryout with 10-12 clubs in attendance. Most athletes who attend the tryout receive an offer by the end

of the week.

Registration for the Second Chance tryouts will open Nov. 17.

Athletes looking for a club will also be allowed to put their name on the Badger Region website's list of Athletes Seeking Clubs after Oct. 5, too. [Check out those lists, here.](#)

Have questions about the Second Chance Tryouts? Contact Brian Sharkey at [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).

## Region seeks volunteers for events, content

With a full slate of events scheduled for the 2024-25 season, the Badger Region is looking for your help.

Don't know service rotations or how to train your setters to play defense? That's OK. Almost ALL of our volunteers are off the court.

For the upcoming season, ambassadors will be used in a variety of ways:

- \* Helping at team check-in at a Badger Region-hosted tournament
- \* Assisting at an All-Star tryout or Youth Clinic handing out t-shirts and helping

direct traffic

\* Handing out Badger Region swag prizes at events

\* Taking photos for social media and our website at our big events

\* Helping manage our medals and trophies at our marquee tournaments

And, maybe if you're not able to help in person, we are always looking for e-ambassadors. Those individuals are the ones who might help write articles for our newsletters or share all our posts on their own social media platforms. Ambassadors are rewarded with Badger Region t-shirts, backpacks, and other cool merchandise for being a part of our team.

[To register as a Badger Region ambassador/volunteer, click here.](#)

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



## Tryouts ahead

Athletes 15-and-older will be able to try out for clubs in the Badger Region on Nov. 16 (the weekend after the conclusion of the WIAA state tournament). The first commitment date is 7 p.m. Nov. 18 for athletes who receive an offer on Nov. 16 or 17.

### Next year's tryouts

Looking ahead to the following season: Retention will take place starting July 1 and go through July 13 (one week after the final day of nationals).

Next year, summer tryouts can take place starting July 19, 2025. The first commitment date is Aug. 1 for the 2025-26 season. Tryouts and offer acceptances can go up to 11:59 p.m. Aug. 17, the day prior to the 2025 high school season.

Clubs do not have to have summer tryouts. Contact your club about specific dates/plans.

Have questions about tryouts? Email us at [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org).



## Wisconsin in the NTDP



**Badger Region was well represented at the boys National Team Development Program training in Colorado Springs in mid October. Individuals invited to the camp were, from left, Carthage College men's coach JW Kieckhefer, Aleksey Mikhailenko, Logan Mainka, Caden Van Buren, Lincoln Myers and Cole McCoy.**



## Hortonville benefits from boys grant

We have completed our boys volleyball pilot program at Hortonville High School. We had 20 students participate with all 20 starting and ending the season. The team was open to all students grades 9-12 and we played primarily a JV/Frosh schedule. The program and the district appreciates the support for our program here.

With the grant, the program was able to purchase uniforms, volleyballs, and carts. We had tremendous community support and our middle schools are now working to create programs at that level. With the high number of underclassmen (17/20) that participated and with support from the other FVA schools, Hortonville is planning to offer a full program next year with a Varsity and JV program and if numbers are greater, a freshmen team too.

Thank you again for supporting the boys program here at Hortonville High School.

# Karch Kiraly to lead U.S. Men's National Team

USA Volleyball has announced that Karch Kiraly will transition to head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team for the 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Quadrennial.

Kiraly transfers to the post with the current coach, John Speraw, having been named USA Volleyball's president and CEO on October 1. Speraw served for 12 years as the Men's National

Team head coach.

"I am thrilled that Team USA's greatest winner will be moving

from the U.S. Women's Team to lead the U.S. Men into LA 2028," Speraw said. "I have complete and total trust in Karch's process. He has a relentless work ethic, brilliant intellect and is a selfless teacher."

Kiraly transfers to the U.S. Men's National Team from his role as head coach of the U.S. Women's

National Team where he has served since September 2012. Most recently, he led the U.S. Women to the silver medal at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. In 2021, he helped the U.S. Women win their first Olympic gold medal in Tokyo. He also coached the team to an Olympic bronze medal in Rio 2016 and to its first World Championship win in 2014.

"Chances to collaborate with some of the best people and players on the planet – and to represent our country while striving for incredibly difficult goals like Olympic gold medals – are precious beyond words," Kiraly said. "For one-quarter of my life, I've poured everything I have into the U.S. Women's Team; first as an assistant, then as head coach. Now, it's time for new adventures and new challenges."

The U.S. Women have won three Volleyball Nations League trophies (2018, '19 and '21) and the 2015 Grand Prix under

Kiraly, who compiled a 327-81 record in his 12 years as head coach. Prior to becoming the head coach, he served as an assistant coach for four years under Hugh McCutcheon and helped the U.S. Women win the 2012 Olympic silver medal.

Kiraly takes over a U.S. Men's Team that won the bronze medal at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and is ranked No. 3 in the world.

"I am thrilled beyond words at the opportunity to coach the U.S. Men's National Team," Kiraly said. "I've watched with respect and admiration for everyone in the program as they've pursued excellence, both in training and in competition. This opportunity shines even brighter as I fondly recall the nine seasons I spent as a player with the program."

Kiraly is considered one of the greatest volleyball players ever. He won two Olympic gold medals in indoor volleyball (1984, 1988) and one in beach volleyball (1996).

He was selected the greatest volleyball player of the 20th century by the FIVB and has been inducted into several halls of fame, including the International Volleyball Hall of Fame (2001), the United States Olympic & Paralympic Hall of Fame (2008) and the UCLA Hall of Fame (1992).

"All of us at USA Volleyball recognize that our record of success in the sport began when Karch led Team USA to the gold medal in 1984," Speraw said. "I think it is fitting that when Karch steps onto the court at the LA Olympics, he will be competing with the men's team one more time."

"Karch will not only bring his experience, skills and knowledge of the game to a team riding high going into a new Olympic & Paralympic quad, but he can also be a part of the game where he began his career with USA Volleyball as a Men's National Team player," said USA Volleyball Board of Directors Chair Dave Gentile.



# WHY BADGER REGION?

When you purchase a home, vehicle or big appliance, you want to know all the facts and how far your dollar will go. So it only seems logical to look at all of the great events, learning opportunities, training programs and member benefits that clubs, players, coaches and officials receive when they become members of the Badger Region and USA Volleyball. Everyone has their own answer to "Why Badger Region?" What's yours?

## EVENTS

- \* Opportunities to play in "local" one-day events hosted by Badger Region clubs and facilities



- \* Opportunities to play in the Badger Region Power League
- \* Opportunities to earn a Badger Region Championship for boys or girls
- \* Opportunities to earn a spot in the Girls Junior National Championships by playing in the Badger Region Qualifier

## ADMINISTRATION

- \* Policies and procedures for all clubs to be consistent
- \* Guidelines and handbooks for running tournaments
- \* Mentoring and training for new club directors
- \* Templates for club and

## PLAYERS

- \* Free 8-and-under memberships
- \* Developmental league memberships
- \* Framework for middle school and youth leagues
- \* Scholarships to high school seniors
- \* High Performance training with access to high-level recruiting opportunities
- \* Second-chance tryouts for athletes
- \* Sand clinics, tournaments throughout the state
- \* Player/club matching assistance



## SAFETY

- \* Strongest, most in-depth background screening in youth volleyball
- \* Education (through SafeSport) for child protection
- \* Parent participation program to get more adults trained in SafeSport and refereeing
- \* Code of conduct that is universal for all events
- \* Baseline coach risk management training



- parent handbooks
- \* Templates for tryouts and club acceptance forms
- \* Personalized feedback to uniform and jersey questions
- \* Partnerships with TeamSnap, Sports Imports, Hudl and others that benefit all clubs and athletes

## OFFICIALS

- \* The only referee and scorer training available is through USA Volleyball
- \* Free training for clubs to train their athletes.
- \* Free training for refs who are still in school
- \* Free online training modules for all
- \* Ability to earn money and advancement



## COACHES

- \* Free baseline IMPACT training
- \* Free Art of Coaching premium membership to online content
- \* Continuing education for coaches
- \* AVCA tips of the Week
- \* Coaches Coaching Coaches classes

## USA VOLLEYBALL

- \* National governing body recognized by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC)
- \* Connection to Team USA and the other national teams
- \* Administrative framework along with insurance coverage



**ALL OF THIS AND SO MUCH MORE IS 'WHY BADGER REGION!'**



# GET TO KNOW THE BADGER REGION

Whether you're a longtime coach or official or you're a parent of a new athlete, the Badger Region is here for you. The mission of the Badger Region is to promote initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences.

That could be competition and training. That could be education and training. That could be grassroots or High Performance programs. We encourage all our members to take time to get to know the folks who handle the day-to-day operation of the Region (staff) and set the Region's policies (board of directors).

Have questions? Email us at [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org).

## BADGER REGION BOARD



**HOLLY JABLONOWSKI**

**Role:** Southeast Rep/President

**Elected:** 2016

**Favorite part about Badger Region:** My favorite part about being part of Badger Region is it's something that you can be involved in for your entire life. There is programming and opportunities from youth all the way to adult. And, we're a pretty kick butt region that many other regions look to for advice and model after.



**SCOTT BLACKMON**

**Role:** Coaches Rep/Vice President

**Year elected:** 2019 as VP, 2004 as at-large rep

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** I have watched this Region grow so much since arriving on this board. In my time I have watched this region grow from one person's home, to a two-person office about half the size of a volleyball court, to where we are at now; a five-person staff and an office large enough for full Board meetings and individual offices.

The growth has been slow, steady and nothing short of amazing. I could not be more proud of our staff and this region.



**BEAU RATH**

**Role:** Badger Region Treasurer

**Year appointed:** February 2022

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** Seeing and participating in discussions with the board and staff truly discussing what is best for volleyball in the state of Wisconsin and what Badger Region can do to help further these initiatives.



**CURTIS MADSON**

**Role:** Metro Milwaukee Rep/Secretary

**Year elected:** 2018

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The best part of being part of the Badger Region all of the different opportunities it provides and supports such as our Power Leagues, Badger Boys Series, Qualifier, Championships, Beach, High Performance and many more.

## BADGER REGION STAFF



**JENNIFER ARMSON-DYER**

**Role:** Executive Director / Commissioner

**Year hired:** Hired 2009 as the membership services coordinator, promoted to Director of Operations in 2011 with a title change to Executive Director and Commissioner in 2019.

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The people and their successes. I love watching the littles get serves over, teams winning or coming back from being down, a player having success after doing what a coach asks, a tournament coming together after months of planning, the smiles after a successful clinic or an official getting their advancement or doing really well in a tough match. Volleyball has made such a huge impact on my life that I love being able to give others opportunities to have the same.



**BRIAN SHARKEY**

**Role:** Sr. Director Communications & Programming

**Year hired:** 2014

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The volleyball community is amazing and has given me so much that I am proud to give back to the athletes, coaches and officials who make all of what we do possible. Not going to lie, volleyball defines a large portion of who I am, and I'm super excited to be enjoying this journey in the Badger Region.



**SCOTT SPIESS**

**Role:** Director of Operations & Education

**Year hired:** 2017

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The people. The staff & board helping all members make the connection to USA Volleyball. The clubs and coaches providing opportunities for kids to play. The athletes and officials showing their love for the game.



**KELLY LEHMAN**

**Role:** Director of Events

**Year hired:** 2018

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The competitions!!! Competing/Coaching/Spectating/Officiating the game of volleyball is fun for all age levels and all skill levels. The Badger Region has amazing events that accentuate that enjoyment for tens of thousands of people in our state every year.



**SARA VOIGT**

**Role:** Director of Officials and Youth Development

**Year hired:** 2015

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** My favorite thing about Badger Region is meeting new people and sharing my love for volleyball.

## BADGER REGION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)



**JON ELLMANN**

**Role:** At Large Rep

**Elected:** 2023

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The People: Staying connected with all of the amazing coaches, directors, and administrators in the region is not only fulfilling and fun, but also a professionally enriching experience. It's tank filling to give back to a region that provides so much to so many.



**JASON WHEELOCK**

**Role:** At-Large Rep

**Elected:** 2023

**Favorite part about Badger Region:** Being part of the Badger Region and on the Board of Directors gives me another way that I can help kids fall in love with the sport that has given me everything. I can share my thoughts and concerns on a wide variety of issues with the sole purpose of giving kids the best experience they can have in the sport of volleyball. I also enjoy working alongside such passionate and dedicate individuals that make up the Badger Region Board of Directors as well as the Executive Committee.



**BREIT NELSON**

**Role:** Northwest Rep

**Year elected:** 2021

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The best part of being a part of Badger Region is the community and connections. The volleyball world is tight-knit, and the Badger Region is a great example of that. I love being part of an organization that works to support athletes, coaches, and clubs through events and programs designed to build skill, and game IQ and promote a strong sense of teamwork. I also really like the emphasis we've put on sportsmanship in efforts to create a positive environment for everyone involved in a game we all love!



**AMY REAVES DALEY**

**Role:** Northeast Rep

**Year elected:** 2022

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The camaraderie amongst other coaches, directors, and the region staff, as well as the strong reputation the region has for talented teams/athletes.



**KYLEIGH NEAVE**

**Role:** At Large Rep

**Elected:** 2024

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** I love being a part of Badger Region because all staff and board members focus on making volleyball fun and competitive. They work hard to gather feedback in order to better their indoor and outdoor events in order to allow for more athletes to play the game of volleyball. I appreciate that the Badger Region prioritizes coaching education for coaches and finds creative ways to teach volleyball to those who are new to the sport!



**PATTI DAWSON**

**Role:** Official's Rep to the board

**Year hired/elected/appointed:** 2024

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** Best part of being part of the Badger Region is growing such a wonderful game is the best state in the country with the best people and being able to represent my fellow officials on the board.



**BONNIE STALKER**

**Role:** Southwest Rep

**Year appointed:** 2022

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** Best part about being a part of Badger Region is being around other people who love volleyball, all ages and walks of life. I meet new people, make new friends, connect with old friends and can make a positive impact on the lives of the younger generation.



**BRIAN RUSHMER**

**Role:** Junior Rep

**Year elected:** 2019

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The best part of the Badger Region is the people. I love that so many great people come together for the same goal for our sport. Volleyball has provided so much for me in my life that anything I can do to help create those opportunities for others I will.



**DAN HABECK**

**Role:** Independent Board Representative

**Appointed:** 2024

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The best part of being a part of the Badger Region is contributing to the continued growth of the game.

# What is the importance of the Badger Region?

What is the Badger Region?

If you were to compare it to the structure of the U.S. government, USA Volleyball operates at a federal level and the Regions would operate at the state level. Regions have to follow the lead of USA Volleyball on lots of policies, but can set up the infrastructure at the local level that is best for each part of the country.

When someone has a concern, they contact their Region office.

If there are athletes that want to play and just compete at the local level, the Region can direct them to those resources. If they want to travel the country and compete on the national stage, Regions can point athletes and coaches to those types of opportunities, too.

Regional Volleyball Associations, like the Badger Region, are the grassroots, localized, customer-support hubs throughout the country.

USA Volleyball sets the standards, structure and the framework that the 40 Regions of USA Volleyball operate within.

USA Volleyball is also the only entity in the United States that can send a team to the Olympics, NORCECA or other FIVB Championship Events.

The Regions work very closely with the clubs because the clubs are working with athletes, coaches and officials in the community.

Regions are on the ground level where that 10-year-old gets his first serve over the net, or where an official advances to her next level or where a coach receives mentoring that helps them guide future ballers.

[For a sitdown with the Badger Region staff and board president Holly Jablonowski on what makes the Badger Region tick, click here.](#)



## BADGER REGION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



**JIM MOMSEN**

**Role:** Past President

**Year appointed:** Official since 2003, Board Member (SE Rep) 2008-2015), Vice President 2015-2019, President 2019-2024.

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** Meeting and working with all the great and passionate people that are a part of the Volleyball Community.



**JULIE VOECK**

**Role:** Past President

**Year hired/elected/appointed:** 2019, for this position

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** Seeing this amazing organization continue to grow volleyball in Wisconsin. It has been great being part of this experience. I love being at the Badger Region events and interacting with Badger Region members, staff and officials.



**JOHN NELSON**

**Role:** Officials Liaison to USAV

**Appointed:** 2023

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The best part of being part of Badger Region is getting to be around very good volleyball and work with so many great people.



**ALEXIS MIDDLETON**

**Role:** Grassroots chair

**Year appointed:** 2018

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The best part about being part of the Badger Region is being around so many people who deeply care about the game, training and mentoring athletes and growing the game in the region.



**ERIN STALKER**

**Role:** Scorekeeping Liaison to USAV

**Year appointed:** 2023

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The community and support throughout the region and our determination to excel in the development of our officials and scorers.

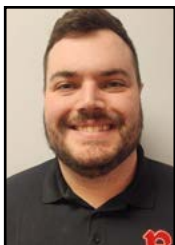


**TJ ABSHIRE**

**Role:** Adult Chair

**Year appointed:** 2018

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The best thing about being part of Badger Region is seeing people enjoy the sport of volleyball through various stages of their life. From Juniors, to Adults to Seniors, there is truly a level of play for all within the Badger Region; my involvement has allowed me to get to know people of all ages and to help them transition to new opportunities to play the sport that they love as they get older.



**MIKE STEVENS**

**Role:** Junior Boys Rep

**Elected:** 2022

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** The camaraderie and support we all show each other. At the end of the day, we're a tight-knit region and we know each other fairly well. We celebrate each others' successes and do our best to help each other where possible.



**BRAEDEN MELTON**

**Role:** Junior Girls Chair

**Elected:** 2022

**Best part about being a part of Badger Region:** To be a part of such a strong group of directors, coaches, admin, and players is truly one of the greatest privileges I've had in my volleyball journey. With common goals, we all work greatly to create a positive and productive experience for anyone who is in our Region or crosses paths with it.

## USA Volleyball names John Speraw as new president and CEO

USA Volleyball has announced that it has hired John Speraw to serve as its president and Chief Executive Officer, starting on Oct. 1.

Prior to becoming the eighth CEO of USA Volleyball, Speraw has served as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team since 2013 and has been part of the team's leadership for almost two decades.

"My journey with USA Volleyball began in 1997 as an assistant coach for the World University Games team," Speraw said. "Reflecting on the teams, players, staff and experiences over the years, I am filled with immense gratitude. To now be entrusted with the opportunity to lead USA Volleyball as president and CEO is both a profound honor and deeply humbling.



"This journey has deepened my passion for this organization—representing our country, advancing the sport, and elevating the experience for everyone involved. I am sincerely grateful to the USA Volleyball Board of Directors for this honor and responsibility. I am ready to lead. I am ready to serve."

Speraw's coaching and leadership roles within USA Volleyball bring a unique blend of executive vision, recognition of the diverse and complex ecosystem of the sport and expertise in the international scene.

His strategic vision of the sport's evolution is critically important as USA Volleyball prepares for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympics in Los Angeles and the 2032 Games in Brisbane, Australia.

Speraw is also the founder of First Point Volleyball, an organization dedicated to supporting the growth of boys' and men's volleyball across the country.

"The search group composed of key USA

Volleyball Board members concluded that John's overall sport acumen, demeanor, energy, leadership skills and vision for the future of the sport were clearly aligned with the Board's expectations for the next generation of USA Volleyball," said USA Volleyball Board of Directors Chair Dave Gentile

"Along with the full Board and staff, I look forward to working closely with John over the next several years as he prepares the organization for LA28 and beyond. We are also confident that John's leadership will always have the mission and role of USA Volleyball as the National Governing Body of the sport of volleyball at the forefront of all we do."

Besides coaching the U.S. Men's Team, Speraw has been the head men's volleyball coach at UCLA since 2012 and guided the Bruins to the NCAA Division I-II National Championship in 2023 and 2024.

# Are your program's jerseys compliant?

The Badger Region Volleyball Association wants to make sure your team's jerseys are compliant with all rule sets and changes that have gone into effect.

To do so, the Region's Ref Chair is encouraging club directors or coaches to send images if there is any concern that numbers are not con-

trasting enough with the dominant color of the jersey or if a jersey is not contrasting for libero purposes. The photos of the jerseys should not be of any junior athlete in uniform.

Reminder: All numbers must clearly contrast with the color of the jersey, regardless of the color of the outline of the number.

If your team plans to attend a USA Volleyball Boys or Girls Qualifier or National Championship, the Region can also help direct you as to the proper channels you must go through to get jersey waivers.

[To submit your jerseys for approval, click here.](#)

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

## Save the dates: Age divisions set for Region's marquee events

It's going to be an exciting time at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee in February and March of 2025.

That is when and where the Badger Region will host four weekends of competition in the upcoming year. And with the expansion of the Baird Center, the facility will be able to hold more than 50 courts every weekend. That means for the Badger Region Championships, we will be back under one roof and all in two weekends.

Check out the dates and some of the details of some of the Badger Region's marquee event slated for 2025. All dates and age divisions are subject to change.



### Badger Region Power League

- \* Jan. 11-12, 2025
- \* Feb. 8-9, 2025
- \* April 5-6, 2025

The new 12's Division will be Jan 12, Feb. 9, and April 5-6.

The Elite Divisions will only be Jan. 11-12 and Feb. 8-9.

### Badger Region Championships

- \* **March 15-16, 2025:** G12, G13, G14, G17, G18
- \* **March 22-23, 2025:** G10s, G11s, G15s, G16s and all boys

### Badger Region Girls Qualifier

\* **March 1-2:** Featuring bid divisions for Girls 11s-18s. The 2024 event featured 110 teams in Madison

### Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Tournament

\* **Feb. 22-23:** Featuring over 130 boys teams from across the upper Midwest. The 2024 event featured 130 teams in Madison.

Also to note, the Dale Rohde Tournament and Badger Region Qualifier will coincide with the

Milwaukee Auto Show taking place in the adjacent halls of the Baird Center. How cool is that!?

### Badger Boys Series

The Badger Boys Series dates are Dec. 6 and Jan. 17 at the Milwaukee Sting Center. This program is designed for boys U12 and U13 teams that is low-cost, low-travel and low-stress. It is also used as a Badger Region officials training opportunity.

Have questions? Email [kelly@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:kelly@badgervolleyball.org) for more information.



## Keep up to date on all things volleyball via the many channels of the Badger Region

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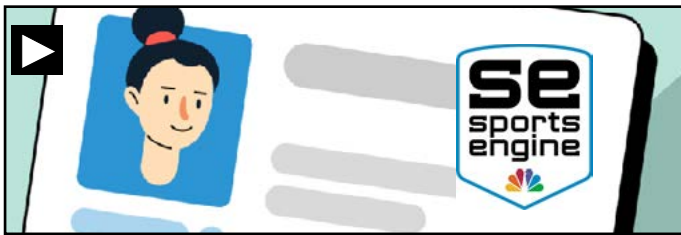
# DO YOUR HOMEWORK BEFORE TRYOUTS

With changes to Badger Region policy set by the Board of Directors, families have expressed interest in finding information out about clubs, tryouts and membership in advance of the summer tryout period (which could start as early as July 20, 2024, for the 2024-25 season).

Below you can click on each icon to bring you to a short two-minute tutorial to get your questions answered about tryouts, membership, clubs and forms required to participate in most Badger Region programs and events.

Staff finds these to be the most common questions we get at our various open houses that we host throughout the year.

Best of luck in the coming season, and let us know if you have any questions. Go Badger Region!



## MEMBERSHIP

- \* WHERE DO I BUY A MEMBERSHIP AND HOW?
- \* WHICH MEMBERSHIP IS RIGHT FOR MY ATHLETE?
- \* WILL I NEED A TRYOUT MEMBERSHIP?



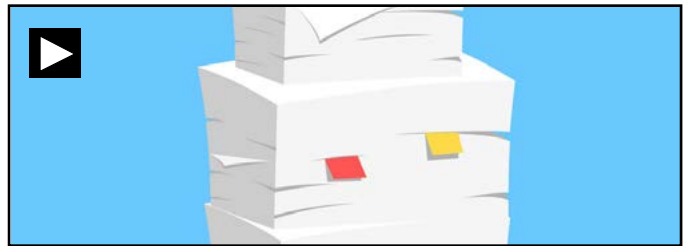
## TRYOUT POLICY

- \* WHAT ARE THE NEW TRYOUT POLICIES
- \* WHAT DATES ARE THERE TO BE AWARE OF FOR TRYOUTS AND RETENTION?



## INFO. ON CLUBS

- \* WHERE DO I FIND OUT WHEN A CLUB IS HOSTING A TRYOUT?
- \* WHERE IS A LIST OF CLUBS IN THE REGION?



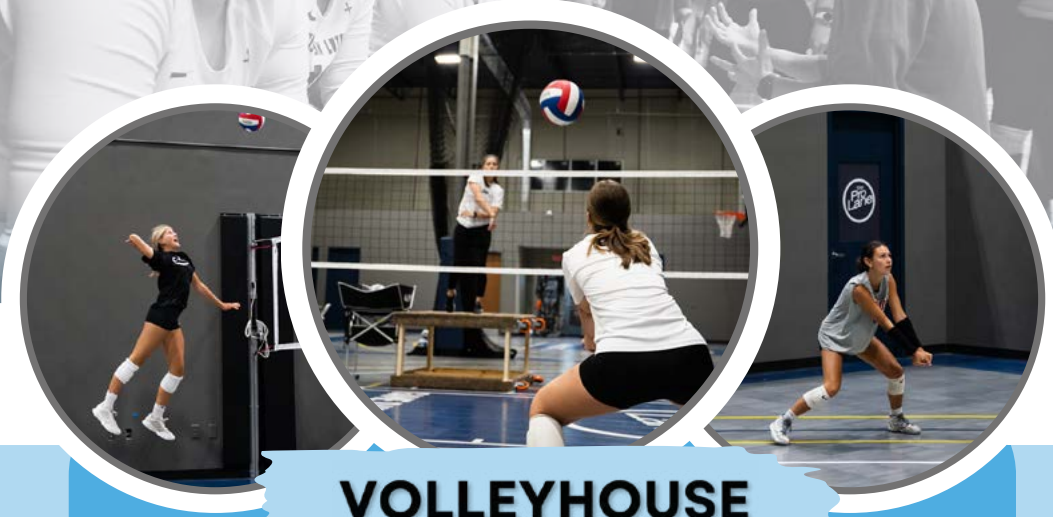
## FORMS & MORE

- \* WHAT FORMS DO I BRING TO TRYOUTS?
- \* WHERE DO I FIND MY MEMBERSHIP CARD OR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER?

Have questions? Email us at [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org)



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# E.S.P. program recognizes sportsmanship

## Wristbands given to adults being great role models

Sportsmanship isn't a suggestion for the way every player, coach and fan should act on and off the court. It is the expectation.

To reward those exceeding expectations, the Badger Region wants to recognize you.

The 2023-24 marks the eighth year of the "Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive." program that highlights volleyball enthusiasts, specifically fans in the stands.

Last season, tournament directors throughout the Region distributed close to 250 wristbands at events and tournaments, and we're looking to hand out hundreds more.

Then, at the Badger Region Championships in March, anyone (adults/spectators only) who was awarded a wristband throughout the year, will be eligible to

win Badger Region gear such as T-shirts, water bottles, mini volleyballs and other cool swag.

So, what do you have to do to get a wristband? Support your team! Be positive! Show character that would make your mother proud!

Get a little crazy. Go the extra mile. Recognize the good in your team and others. Get excited when even your opponent makes an amazing save or play.

Don't cheer against another team. Don't taunt or heckle officials, coaches or players. Don't give your club or team a black eye with any "in your face" cheers.

Tournaments directors, Badger Region staff, referees and board members are watching.

If you get one of our colorful "ESP" wristbands, come to the Championship Desk at the Badger Region Championships for prizes. Anyone with a wristband gets one entry into the raffle. At certain points throughout the day, names will be drawn for the prizes.

The only rule: You must have your wristband on at the time of the raffle to receive your gift.

The ESP program is designed for recognition of adults or other individuals who are "outside the

lines." Winners do not have to be Badger Region members.

If you have someone like an athlete, coach or official who is deserving of recognition, please fill out a nomination form for the "Caught Doing Good" program (see below).

If you are a tournament director running a Badger Region/USA Volleyball-sanctioned event in 2023-24 and would like to request a package of wristbands for distribution at your event, contact Program Director Brian Sharkey at [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).



# Nominate a coach, player or ref for special honor

## 'Caught Doing Good' now in its third year

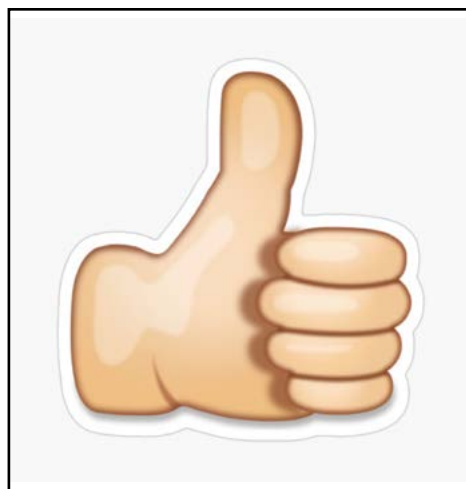
The Badger Region knows there are great people who play, coach or officiate our great sport in the state of Wisconsin.

Now is the time to take a second to recognize him or her for their outstanding character, leadership or contribution to the Badger Region or others in the volleyball community.

[To nominate an individual for "Caught Doing Good," click here.](#)

The 2023-24 season marks the third year of the "Caught Doing Good" program in the Badger Region.

In the past, some examples of folks Caught Doing Good were of coaches who took on multiple teams in the wake of situations at their clubs. There have also been coaches who have gone above and beyond to lead by example and be amazing role models for the young men and young



women in their care.

Some athletes have been recognized by their coaches or fellow teammates for their amazing show of sportsmanship, leadership and character on and off the court.

Just because a coach or athlete receives an award does not mean they are the best

coach in the Badger Region or the best athlete. It means they are doing things the right way, and in ways we can all learn from.

Nominees for "Caught Doing Good" will be eligible to win awesome prize packs from the Badger Region including Molten packs or volleyballs, Badger Region apparel or other Badger Region-branded items such as fanny packs, coolers or mugs. Winners will also be featured in future Badger Region newsletters.

"We want to recognize the people on the court who are models of behavior for the rest of us," said Program Director Brian Sharkey. "It's much friendlier on our end to celebrate the positive stories than have to reprimand those that don't have their priorities in order."

Only Badger Region members (coaches, club directors, tournament directors, athletes, administrators, athletic trainers, etc.) are eligible for Caught Doing Good awards.

Have questions about Caught Doing Good? Email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org) or call 414-313-9055.



# Region to host 2025 All-Star event

## Madison chosen for elite tournament

The Badger Region Volleyball Association and the Madison Area Sports Commission (MASC) are proud to announce that Madison and the Alliant Energy Center have been selected to host the 2025 USA Volleyball All-Star Championships. The event will feature All-Star teams from across the country composed of boys and girls players, ages 13-19, as well as officials from around the nation.

Madison was selected from various sites around the country by the participating programs. It will be the first time a Wisconsin city has hosted this prestigious event since 2010, when it was held in Wisconsin Dells.

"We are very proud to be hosting this event in Madison, in partnership with the Madison Area Sports Commission," said Badger Region Volleyball Executive Director and Commissioner Jennifer Armson-Dyer. "Wisconsin is a hotbed of volleyball at all levels, and to be able to bring this event to our local community is very rewarding. We're looking forward to showing the juniors volleyball community what Madison is about."

The event will take place in late July 2025 at the Alliant Energy Center and will feature four days of competition across nine divisions of both boys and girls volleyball ages 13-19. More than 100 participating teams will come from the 40 regions of USA Volleyball along with international teams. In the past, teams from Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia and New Zealand have attended the event.

Not only will players, coaches and spectators travel from around the nation to Madison, but officials will as well. Each participating region sends experienced and up-and-coming officials to work the event and be mentored by world-class officials to gain experience officiating high-level volleyball and making important connections to further



The Badger Region brought home two gold medals from the All-Star event in Tulsa in 2022. The event will be in Madison in 2025.



their careers.

"Hosting this prestigious tournament in Madison -- one of the epicenters of volleyball has long been a goal of ours," said Jamie Patrick, VP of MASC. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with Badger Region Volleyball to welcome athletes and their fans to compete, cheer and enjoy volleyball and activities in the indelible Madison."

The All-Star Championships started in the early 2000s as an elite-level event designed to showcase regional All-Star teams along with national training teams from USA Volleyball, the national governing body of volleyball in the United States, in multiple age divisions. Previously known as the High Performance Champion-

ships, the USA Volleyball All-Star Championships are now run by the Regional Volleyball Associations and it is endorsed by USA Volleyball as a "pipeline" event to the National Team Development and Olympic programs.

Badger Region has been a participant in this event since its beginning, capturing 15 medals, including most recently a bronze medal by the U13 girls team last July in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a gold medal by the U17 boys and U17 girls teams in 2022 in Tulsa, Okla. The 2024 All-Star Volleyball Championships will be held in Des Moines, Iowa in mid-July. Information about the Badger Region Volleyball tryouts for the 2024 teams will be announced in January.

For more information on the event as details emerge, please visit the Badger Region website at [www.BadgerVolleyball.org](http://www.BadgerVolleyball.org) or contact us at [membership@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:membership@badgervolleyball.org).

### Badger Region

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is one of the 40 Regions of USA Volleyball. A 501c3 nonprofit organization, Badger Region's mission is to promote

initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences. Badger Region is one of the nine largest regions in the country, with more than 16,000 members across the state of Wisconsin. Our membership ranges from introductory and grassroots teams at 10 and under through semi-professional adult teams associated with the Volleyball League of America. We provide educational opportunities for players, coaches, club directors, tournament directors, officials and fans, and prioritize child safety and safe, welcoming environments. Please visit [www.BadgerVolleyball.org](http://www.BadgerVolleyball.org) to learn more about Badger Region Volleyball.

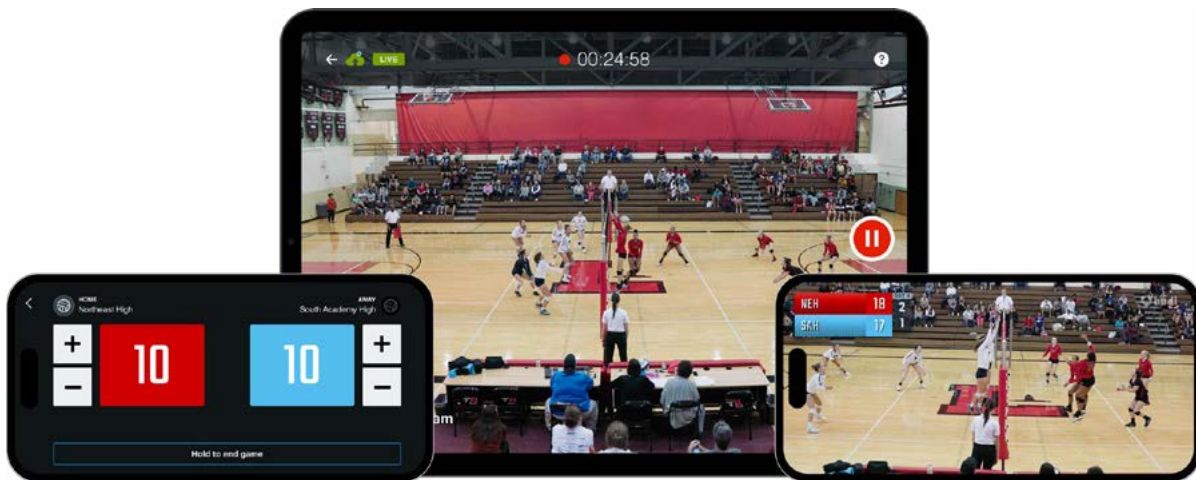
### About the Madison Area Sports Commission:

The Madison Area Sports Commission (MASC) is the greater Madison area's official sports marketing organization. Launched by Destination Madison in 2010, MASC is charged with elevating the recognition and awareness of the impact of sports tourism on the regional economy while serving the unique needs of the sports tourism business. For more information about the organization, visit [madisonsports.org](http://madisonsports.org).



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## GIRLS 18S



**USAVolleyball**

Girls Junior  
Nationals

April 25-27

Salt Lake City, Utah

2026: TBA

## ADULTS



**USAVolleyball**

Open  
National  
Championships

May 23-28

Denver, Colo.

2026: TBA

## GIRLS



**USAVolleyball**

Girls Junior  
Nationals

G11-13s: June 21-24  
Kansas City, Mo.

G14-17s: June 25-July 3  
Dallas, Texas

2026: TBA

## BOYS



**USAVolleyball**

Boys Junior  
Nationals

July 3-6

Minneapolis, Mn.

2026: TBA



USA All-Star  
Championships

July 24-27

Madison, Wis.

2026: TBA

**Dates and locations for a majority of the 2025 & 6 Boys Bid Tournaments and Girls National Qualifiers can also be found on the events page at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).**

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The Badger Region Volleyball Association promotes initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences!

If you (or you or your organization) would like to advertise in a future Badger Beacon, contact Brian Sharkey at the phone number or email address above.

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## Badger Region Volleyball Association

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Nov. 6-9:** WIAA High School State Tournament in Green Bay

**Nov. 7:** Badger Region "State of Volleyball" summit at the Resch Expo Center in Green Bay (See Page 2 for details)

**Nov. 16:** First day 15-and-older tryouts can resume for clubs in the Badger Region

**Nov. 19:** Badger Region Board of Directors Meeting

**Nov. 20:** Second Chance Tryouts for girls 15-and-older at the OAW SportsPlex in New Berlin

**Jan. 11-12:** First weekend of the Badger Region Power League

**Feb. 8-9:** Second weekend of the Badger Region Power League

**Feb. 22-23:** Dale Rohde Boys Tournament at the Baird Center in Milwaukee

**March 1-2:** Badger Region Qualifier at the Baird Center Milwaukee

**March 15-16:** First weekend of Badger Region Championships at the Baird Center in Milwaukee

**March 19:** Free youth boys clinic at Concordia University Wisconsin at 1 p.m. after the Edgewood/Concordia men's volleyball match.

**March 22-23:** Second weekend of Badger Region Championships at the Baird Center in Milwaukee

**March 25:** Badger Region member night at Concordia University Wisconsin as the Falcons take on Wisconsin Lutheran College in men's volleyball at 7 p.m. Free for all Badger Region members!!!

**April 5-6:** Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League

**April 25-27:** USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for Girls 18 and under in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**May 23-28:** USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in Denver, Colo.

**June 21-24:** USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for Girls 13-and-under in Kansas City, Mo.

**June 25-July 3:** USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for Girls 13-17 in Dallas, Texas.

**July 3-6:** USA Volleyball Boys Juniors National Championships in Minneapolis.

**July 24-27:** USA All-Star Championships in Madison, Wisconsin!



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Have a great story idea or person you want featured in the Badger Beacon?  
Email Brian Sharkey at [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).



# How is the Badger Region Board structured?

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is governed by a Board of Directors that must be elected by members on a regular basis. Area reps serve three-year terms, while members of the executive board serve four-year terms.

Members, whether they are players, coaches, parents, directors, athletic trainers or officials, are encouraged to communicate with their respective representative if they

think policies or financial decision in the Region need to be changed.

Some policies enforced by Badger Region come from USA Volleyball, our sport's national governing body, so those can't be changed. But many others can.

The Board is advised by a 11 chairpersons (or experts) in various parts of the game, and five staff members (some of which have multiple responsibilities).

The state is divided into five parts geographically for representation. Plus, there are two at-large board members who you can approach if you don't feel comfortable with your current rep. And there is a rep dedicated just to issues that surround our Junior volleyball clubs and athletes.

You'll be hearing from each Board member twice a year in the form of a column in the Badger Beacon. Now, let's meet them:

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(President / Southeast Rep)  
Elected in 2024  
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**Scott Blackmon**  
(Vice President / Coach Rep)  
Elected in 2019  
Email: Scottblackmon@gmail.com

**Beau Rath**  
(Treasurer)  
Appointed in 2022  
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**Jason Wheelock**  
(At-Large)  
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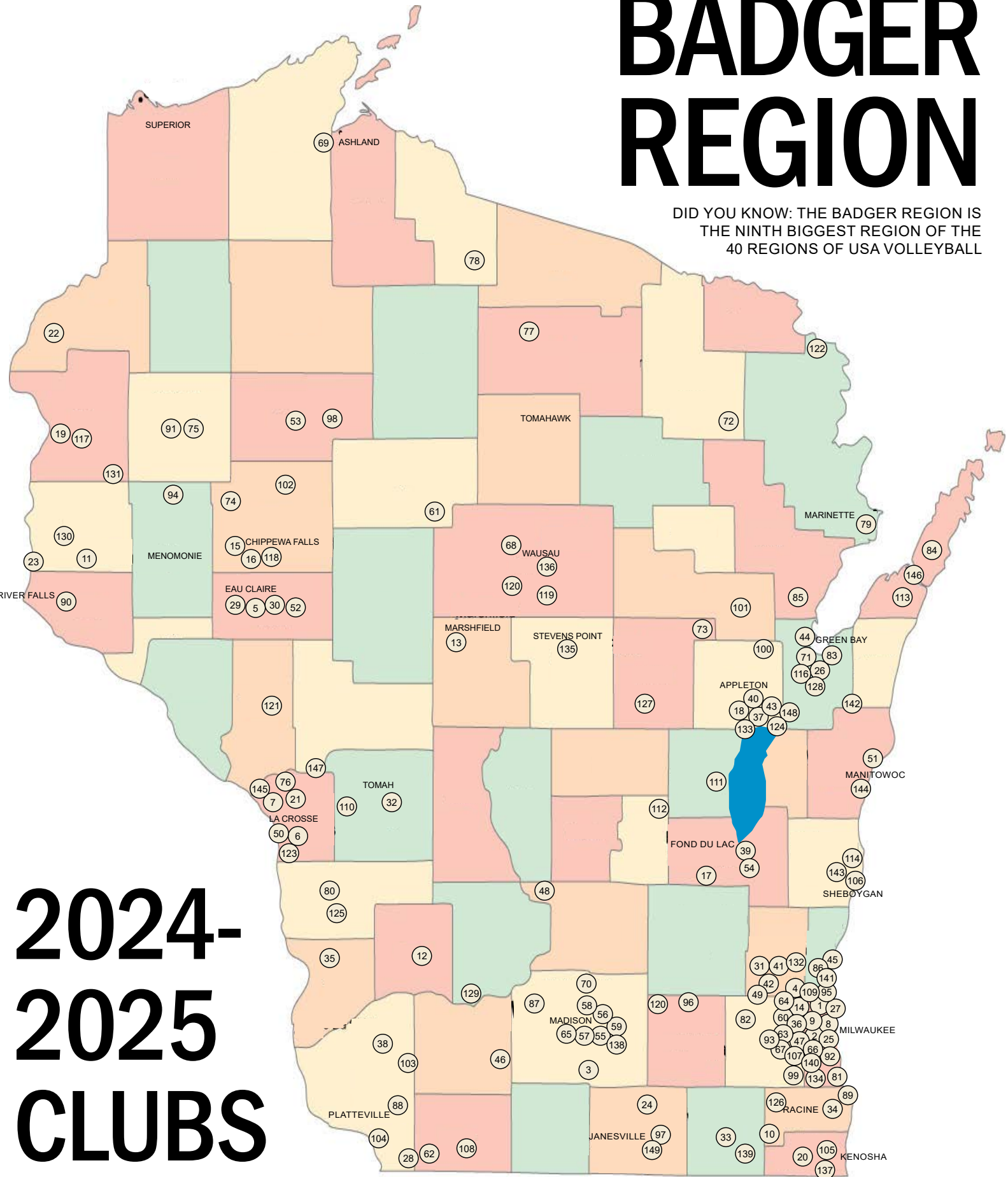
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Elections for the Badger Region Board of Directors occur. Nominations take place in April and the election is for adult members May 1-10.

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1	360 Volleyball Academy	Glendale	70	North Star Volleyball Club	DeForest
2	414 Milwaukee Elite	Milwaukee	71	Northeast Wisconsin Black Sheep	Green Bay
3	Acers VBC	Oregon	72	Northern Lights WI Volleyball Club	Laona
4	Adversity-Wisconsin VBC	Germantown	73	Northern Ignite	Clintonville
5	Air Volleyball Club *	Eau Claire	74	Northern Pride	Cumberland
6	A-Level Elite *	La Crosse	75	Northern Storm	Cameron
7	Amplify Volleyball	Onalaska	76	Northside VBC	La Crosse
8	Azuri Performance, LLC *	Milwaukee	77	NW Stars Volleyball Club, Inc	Tomahawk
143	B-Town Ballers	Sheboygan	78	Northwoods Extreme (formerly No. Extreme)	Mercer
9	Block Party	Wauwatosa	79	Northwoods Volleyball Club	Marinette
10	Burlington Elite Volleyball	Burlington	80	Norse Force	Westby
11	BW Heat B	Baldwin	81	Oak Creek K-Force	Oak Creek
12	Center Stars	Richland Center	82	Oconomowoc Volleyball Club	Oconomowoc
13	Central Wisconsin VBC	Marshfield	83	One Wisconsin - Bay *	Green Bay
14	Chargers Volleyball Club *	Menomonee Falls	84	One Wisconsin - Door County	Door County
15	Chippewa Valley Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls	85	One Wisconsin - Oconto Falls	Oconto Falls
16	Chippewa Valley Velocity	Chippewa Falls	86	Ozaukee Boys Volleyball Club	Cedarburg
17	Club Breakout	Waupun	87	Phoenix VBC (formerly Wisconsin Heights)	Mazomanie
18	Club Fox Valley	Appleton	88	Platteville Fusion	Platteville
19	ClubRedWI	St. Croix Falls	89	Racine Blaze	Racine
20	Club W *	Salem	90	Rage Volleyball	River Falls
144	Cool City Select	Two Rivers	91	Red Cedar Elite	Barron
21	Coulee Region Power	Coulee	92	Reinas De La Cancha	Milwaukee
22	Crex Meadows	Grantsburg	93	Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA)*	Waukesha
23	Croix Attack VBC	Hudson	94	Ridgeland Reds	Ridgeland
148	CrossCourt VBC*	Appleton	95	Rise MKE VBC (formerly Jr. Red Knights)	Milwaukee
24	Crossfire VBC (formerly Milton Aces)	Milton	96	River City Volleyball Club	Watertown
25	DASH Sports LLC	Milwaukee	97	Rock VBC	Janesville
26	DePere Diggers	DePere	98	Rusk Rage	Tony
27	Dominican Jr. Knights *	Whitefish Bay	99	Select Volleyball Program	Mukwonago
28	Driftless Spikers	Hazel Green	100	Seymour Lightning Strikes	Seymour
29	Eau Claire Slam	Eau Claire	101	Shawano Storm	Shawano
30	Eau Claire Storm	Eau Claire	102	Small Town Storm	Cornell
31	Eclipse Volleyball Club	Hartford	103	Southern Heat	Livingston
32	Elevate VBC	Tomah	104	Southern Force	Kieler
33	Elkhorn Volleyball Club	Elkhorn	105	Southport Volleyball Club *	Nenosha
34	Epic Volleyball Club *	Racine	106	South Shore Slam	Sheboygan
35	Express Volleyball Club	Gays Mills	107	Southwest Milwaukee VBC	Waukesha
36	Falls Focus	Menomonee Falls	108	Southwest Spikers	Darlington
37	FC Elite	Menasha	109	Spike Milwaukee *	Wauwatosa
145	Features Volleyball Academy	La Crosse	110	Sparta Sparks	Sparta
38	Fennimore Impact	Fennimore	111	Spiketown USA (Oshkosh)	Oshkosh
39	Fond du Lac Fusion	Fond du Lac	112	Spiketown Central (Berlin)	Berlin
40	Fox Valley Performance *	Appleton	113	Spiketown Door County	Door County
41	G-Force VBC	Germantown	114	Spiketown (Sheboygan)	Sheboygan
42	Hartford Volleyball Club	Hartford	115	Spiketown Reign (Wautoma)	Wautoma
43	Heat VBC *	Appleton	116	Spiketown Triton (Green Bay)	Green Bay
44	Howard Suamico Inferno VBC	Suamico	117	St. Croix Select	Roberts
45	I AM Volleyball Club *	Grafton	118	Synergy Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls
146	Ida Bay VBC	Sturgeon Bay	147	Team Rally	Holmen
46	Infinity Volleyball Crew	Barneveld	119	Team United VBC	Mosinee
47	Junior Vikings Volleyball Club	Milwaukee	120	Tempo Volleyball Club	Waterloo
48	Just A Game VBC	Wisconsin Dells	121	Tenacity Volleyball Club	Blair
49	Lake Country Pipe Hitters *	Hartland	122	UP North Volleyball Club	Niagara
50	La Crosse Velocity	La Crosse	123	Xtreme VBC	La Crosse
51	Lakeshore Storm VBC	Manitowoc	124	Valley Velocity	Appleton
52	Laser VBC	Fall Creek	125	Viroqua Venom	Viroqua
53	Legacy VBC	Ladysmith	126	Waterford Wave	Waterford
149	Limitless Performance	Janesville	127	Waupaca Fire VBC	Waupaca
54	Luminosity Volleyball Club	Fond du Lac	128	West Side Slam	DePere
55	Madison Elite *	Madison	129	Western Elite VBC	Spring Green
56	Madison Inferno *	Sun Prairie	130	Western Wisconsin Smash	New Richmond
57	Madison Ignite	Madison	131	White Lightning	Clear Lake
58	Madison Starlings *	Madison	132	Wisconsin Attack Volleyball Club	Milwaukee
59	Madtown Juniors	Sun Prairie	133	Wisconsin Blaze *	Appleton
60	Mamba Volleyball Academy *	Waukesha	134	Wisconsin Elite	Franklin
61	Medford Storm	Medford	135	Wisconsin Flight	Stevens Point
62	Midwest Elite Volleyball Club	Hazel Green	136	Wisconsin Ice VBC	Wausau
63	Midwest Penguins Volleyball	Waukesha	137	Juniors Volleyball Clubs	Pleasant Prairie
64	Milwaukee Sting VBC *	Menomonee Falls	138	608 Juniors	Madison
65	Milwaukee Sting United (Madison)	Madison	139	Lakes Juniors	Lake Geneva
66	Milwaukee VBC *	Milwaukee	140	Milwaukee Juniors *	New Berlin
67	Motion Volleyball Players *	New Berlin	141	Wisconsin Premier VBC	Mequon
68	MVP Club	Marathon	142	Wisconsin Shock	Denmark
69	North Bay Legends *	Ashland			



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- All volleyball athletes invited to participate in the **High Five Tunnel!**
- Volleyball programs, clubs, and teams will receive a video board and **PA announcement recognition!**
- Volleyball night attendees invited to come onto the floor **post-game for a group picture with your program, shoot free throws!**



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