



THE BADGER BEACON

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january

• **Jan. 6-7:** Badger Region Power League kicks off its fourth year at locations around the state. The debut of the Badger Region Power League Watch List also is made.



* **Jan. 11:** The Badger Region hosts a Lunch & Learn focused on conflict resolution



february

• **Feb. 1:** Amanda Marek wins the 2024 Badger Region Championship logo design competition. Her logo (above) was chosen from among 24 submitted for the contest, and

Divisions include I AM VBC 14-Red, I AM VBC 15-Red and Wisconsin Juniors 18-1s.

• **Feb. 23:** Lunch & Learn with the Badger Region Hudl to help athletes and coaches with the recruiting, video editing process.



• **Feb. 27:** Lunch & Learn with the Badger Region focused on the High Performance All-Star program that began with tryouts later that week.



• **March 24:** Badger Region hosts a Milwaukee Dive vs. Milwaukee Gold men's VLA match and a Madison Embers vs. Milwaukee Mayhem women's VLA match at the Baird Center.

• **March 23-24:** Third week-end of the Badger Region Championships.

april

• **April 5-6:** Wisconsin

• **April 20:** UW-Eau Claire beats UW-La Crosse in the championships of the NCVF (college club) tournament in Kansas City, Mo.

• **April 21:** The Badger Region Boys HP All-Star program kicks off at the New Berlin SportsPlex with a boys training date.

• **April 28:** Francisco Torres Rivera earns his National official referee certification in Baltimore at the Girls 18-and-un-



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with Won80 founder Mark Horbinksi.



• **Jan. 19:** Badger Boys Series celebrates its 10th year in a row offering competition for boys ages 13 and under

• **Jan. 25:** Badger Region announces partnership with Team Snap as the official communication and fundraising platform for clubs.



the logo was used on apparel, newsletter and marketing for the 2024 event.

• **Feb. 1:** Lunch & Learn with the Badger Region and the SideOut Foundation in preparation for the Dig Pink event at the Badger Region Championships



• **Feb. 8:** Badger Region Board of Directors Meeting.

• **Feb. 10-11:** Second weekend of Badger Region Power League. Winners from Weekend No. 2 in the Elite

march

• **March 2-3:** Badger Region Qualifier and Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Tournament at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.



• **March 11-12:** First week-end of the Badger Region Championships for Girls 11s & 13s at the Champion Center in Appleton. All three week-ends of the event were Dig Pink events in 2024.

• **March 16-17:** Second weekend of the Badger Region Championships held in Milwaukee at the Baird Center and in Green Bay at the Resch Expo Center.

Volleyball Championships (college club) held at the Milwaukee Sting Center



• **April 6-7:** Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League and the announcement of the second annual Badger Region Power League All-League Teams. Winners included Eclipse 18-Solar, WI Juniors 15-Elite, Wisconsin Elite 15-Blue, Jr. Vikings 14-Blue and Adversity-WI 14-1.

• **April 7:** Badger Region officials who advanced to Regional certification: Mya Kapalko, Jeff Lehnerz, Justin Flasch, Kyle Krivitz and Heather Couey.

der National Championships.

• **April 26-28:** Eight Badger Region teams compete at the 2024 Girls National Championships 18-and-under championships in Baltimore, Md.

• **April 30:** Badger Region hosts a Lunch & Learn focused on the new summer tryout policy.

may

• **May 4:** Badger Region Adult Championships at the New Berlin SportsPlex

• **May 8:** Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

• **May 13:** Sixteen athletes named Badger Region scholarship recipients. Two additional athletes named Frisco Mo scholarship winners for community service

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• **May 22:** Commissioner/Executive Director Jennifer Armson-Dyer receives the Dr. Neville A. “Doc” Booth Commissioners Award at the USAV meetings.



• **May 24-29:** Fourteen Badger Region Adult Teams compete at Nationals in Columbus, Ohio.



• **May 26:** Scorer Chair Erin Stalker earns the USAV Silver Pen Award

june

• **June 1:** Kyleigh (Block) Neave, Breit Nelson, Bonnie Stalker and Patti Dawson win their respective elections for a seat on the Badger Region Board of Directors.

• **June 2:** Badger Region announces fifth annual AVCA/ Badger Region Coach of the Year and Club Director of the Year awards (Anne Frei, Sheila Green, Dan Dresen, Amy Wagner, Mary Blandino, Alexis Middleton, Mike Stevens)

• **June 11-12:** Badger Region hosts a pair of beach volleyball clinics at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee with the support of Tomas Goldsmith, owner of Volley-Life.

• **June 21-24:** Thirteen Badger Region teams compete at the Girls 11-13s Junior National Championships in Dallas, Texas.

• **June 24-July 5:** Thirty-four Badger Region teams compete at the Girls 14-17s Junior National Championships in Las Vegas, Nev.

• **June 27:** The Badger Region Board of Directors elected Holly Jablonowski as the new president of the board, following the retirement of Jim Momsen.



• **June 30:** OVC B15 takes second at USAV nationals in the 15 Open/USA division. Also: OVC B16s wins the 16-Club Division at nationals in Orlando. MKE Sting 16-3, Mamba 18s took second in their respective divisions. Epic 16-Black and Sting 17-1 took third in their divisions.

july

• **July 1-18:** Badger Region offers “Retention Period” for clubs and athletes who played during the 2023-24 season

• **July 5:** Anthony Chan earns his Junior National official certification in Las Vegas, Nev.



• **July 14-15:** Badger Region Girls and Boys High Performance All-Star Camp takes place at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside for the first time.

• **July 18-21:** Badger Region High Performance teams compete at the USA All-Star Championships in Des Moines, Iowa. All teams made their respective gold brackets.

The G19 and G15 teams took home third place in their respective divisions. The B19 and B17s team took fourth. The G17s team took fifth.

• **July 20:** The Badger Region allows summer tryouts to take place for the first time.

august

• **Aug. 3-4:** The Badger Region returns to Bradford Beach in Milwaukee for the Badger Region Beach Championships



• **Aug. 11:** The USA women’s indoor volleyball team wins the silver medal. The men win the bronze medal. And the women’s sitting team

wins the Gold Medal at the Paris Olympics.

• **Aug. 24:** Badger Region hosts a Player/Coach Clinic for middle school athletes and coaches at the New Berlin SportsPlex

september

• **Sept. 1:** Badger Region/ USA Volleyball begin their 2024-25 membership season.

• **Sept. 1-2:** Fiserv Forum hosts the collegiate volleyball showcase featuring the likes of Stanford, Wisconsin, Texas and Minnesota.

• **Sept. 3:** Badger Region renews its partnership with Won80 and owner Mark Horbinski who works with Badger Region clubs to educate coaches, parents and athletes on the importance of sportsmanship.



• **Sept. 3:** The Badger Region partners again with Frisco Mo to highlight boys high school volleyball better than it ever has in years past. The Region and Frisco Mo sponsored the weekly Top 10 coaches poll as well as all the awards, plaques and honors associated with the boys being named All-State.

• **Sept. 8:** Badger Region Board of Directors meeting



Sept. 14: Badger Region hosts youth clinic as part USA Volleyball’s Try Volleyball for Free initiative at St. Marcus School on Milwaukee’s north side.

october

• **Oct. 1:** Badger Region renews its partnership with

Art of Coaching Volleyball which offers 300 free premium memberships to Badger Region coaches.



Oct 5: Tryouts begin for athletes 14-and-under

• **Oct. 12:** The Badger Region runs its Second-Chance Tryout & Clinic at the New Berlin SportsPlex for athletes 14U who did not make a club during the tryout periods

* **Oct. 13:** Badger Region opens tournament registration to club directors for the first time in October.

• **Oct. 15:** Badger Region sponsors Dustin Bahn of Fox Valley Performance for AVCA Diversity Awards Program

• **Oct. 17:** Badger Region hosts a Lunch & Learn focused on sportsmanship with Won80 founder Mark Horbinski.

• **Oct. 30:** Badger Region hosts its annual boys open house at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee featuring a scrimmage between Milwaukee Gold and Madison Inferno VLA volleyball teams.

november

• **Nov. 1:** Badger Region opens survey of membership looking for feedback on beach events in Wisconsin.

• **Nov. 7:** The Badger Region hosts its first-ever Coaching Summit at the WIAA Boys & Girls State High School Volleyball Tournament at the Resch Expo in Green Bay.

• **Nov. 16:** Fall tryouts open for high school athletes.

• **Nov. 16-17:** The Wisconsin Volleyball Conference hosts its Leadership Summit in Madison, Wis.

• **Nov. 18:** Badger Region Board of Directors Meeting

• **Nov. 20:** The Badger Region runs its Second-Chance Tryout & Clinic at the OAW Sports Complex for athletes 15-and older who did not

make a club during the tryout period

• **Nov. 24:** Badger Region hosts an in-person officials meeting. Other follow-up meetings took place Dec. 8 and Dec. 10.

• **Nov. 27:** Badger Region partners with Brian Kenney’s Team Extreme, a company focused on team building

december

• **Dec. 6:** The Badger Boys Series begins for the 2024-25 season at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

• **Dec. 11:** AVCA names Mary Blandino (Milwaukee Sting) as the boys coach of the year and Cooper Kemnitz (Inferno) as the boys club director of the year.



• **Dec. 12:** Badger Region hosts an online Lunch & Learn for families new to club volleyball.

• **Dec. 12:** Board Member Curtis Madson (Metro Milwaukee) is named to the AVCA Board of Directors

Other programs and events that happened en masse:

• Six sportsmanship seminars with Won80 owner/founder Mark Horbinski

• Five Coaches Coaching Coaches (3C) education events led by Director of Education Scott Spiess

• Five high school grants handed out to schools who added boys programs this year (Waunakee, Madison Country Day, Hortonville, McFarland, Martin Luther)

• Three boys club volleyball grants handed out to clubs looking to start boys volleyball (CrossCourt, Up North and Crossfire VBC)

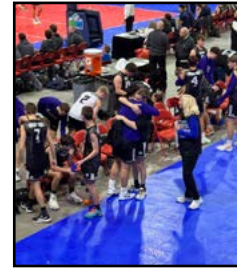
• Five individuals (athletes, coaches and officials) honored with Badger Region “Caught Doing Good” sportsmanship award

• Dozens of parents and spectators receive “E.S.P” (Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive) wristbands for great sportsmanship.



This is my son (Oakley Griggs — Senior, Germantown) walking off the court at state tournament after a battle against Sussex Hamilton. He was the last member of his team to walk off the court — the end of his high school career. Coach Dixon Seymour waited and walked with him when a friend/competitor (Michael Janssen) from a team Oakley played against over the years reached out to my son.
Loved sharing this memory.

Jenny Griggs



Watching my son (Tyler) play in the State Quarterfinals in Green Bay with the Indian Trail boys volleyball team. Here he is hugging fellow senior Ben Johnson.

Monica Sioco

YOUR BEST MOMENTS OF 2024

My favorite moment was watching my son (Jack Van Hoof) serve championship point to help the Ozaukee Volleyball Club B-16s win the AAU Club National Championship with a 14-0 record!

Chris Van Hoof



Homestead High School boys volleyball winning conference for the first time in 20 years.

Alla Palouiko

Appleton North knocking off #1 seed Kimberly (ranked second in state) in an epic 5 set sectional Final.

Sarah Berken



My submission is proposing to my fiancée at our 11s practice

Skylar "Choppy" Czaplewski

2024 Navy Pier National tournament with our 14-National Team. Such a surreal tournament last season. We had the biggest and most supportive fan section there—and tons of compliments because of the how the girls carried themselves. So proud of the girls.

Kaitlyn Ceasar

As a coach, there are moments that define your career, but as a father, there are moments that define your life. In 2024, I got to experience both. Leading our 18 Black team (graduating high school seniors) to the AAU Premier National Championship game alongside my son and his teammates was more than just coaching — it was watching a dream we'd all shared come to life.

As our team stepped onto the championship court(it was surreal),

players from rival clubs throughout the state rallied behind us. In a touching display of sportsmanship, they even volunteered to shag balls during warm-ups, transforming competitors into supporters.

Standing there with our amazing coaching staff, watching my son and his teammates battle the #1 seed to three sets, I witnessed the true spirit of our sport — how rivalries fade when it matters most, and how Wisconsin's volleyball community stands as one.

These athletes had written down their goal at the end of 2023, and together, made it happen.

Our first-year program didn't just reach the championship game going an incredible 12-1 at national's — we experienced the pure, unifying power of volleyball, and I got to share it all with my son, Ezekiel.

That's a moment our entire coaching team, and especially this proud father, will carry forever.

Tony Jalan



So, you're new to club volleyball?

Join us for a Lunch & Learn designed specifically for new parents and athletes

We are just a few weeks away from the start of the competition season for many of the teams in the Badger Region. And with that comes a lot of nervous athletes, parents and family members who are all part of the club volleyball experience.

Don't worry, we here at the Badger Region Volleyball Association are here to help.

The Region recorded a Facebook Live event last week to make the start of season go smooth for everyone who might be new to the club volleyball landscape. [To see the archived video, click here.](#)

So, what did we talk about?

Some of the topics included: What a membership gets you, what does it mean to be a Badger Region member, and who handles what in the Badger Region office.

We also dove into the expectations of things your club handles vs. the Region vs. USA Volleyball. Our agenda also will touch on officiating responsibilities and interacting with referees.

And we'll walk new parents and athletes through the day in the life of a tournament: What to bring, what not to bring, how to navigate the tournament schedule, costs of participating (and spectating) and much more.

It's going to be an educating discussion. Come and join our staff for this great event. See you soon!



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New Dig Pink experience coming to club volleyball

The Badger Region is excited to partner with the Side-Out Foundation to launch The Perfect Pass, a new Club Dig Pink campaign. The Perfect Pass harnesses the power of the volleyball community to tackle two critical challenges in breast cancer research: funding and patient participation. Through this program, volleyball teams nationwide commit to raising funds and, more importantly, expanding awareness of research opportunities for metastatic breast cancer (MBC) patients.

Clinical research is vital for advancing cancer treatment, yet connecting patients with innovative research opportunities remains a significant challenge, especially in communities underserved by major



cancer centers.

The Perfect Pass offers a unique solution by activating volleyball's vast community networks. Participating teams distribute pink ribbons with information cards at tournaments, challenging other teams to join the fundraising effort while helping spread awareness about Side-Out's research program through their personal and community connections.

Interested in getting involved? Reach out to learn how your club can engage, give back, and enhance the player experience.

[Click here to get started.](#)





Art of Coaching coming to MKE

The full slate of 2025 Art of Coaching clinics are now open for registration, including the Milwaukee event April 26-27 co-sponsored by the Badger Region. There are three ways to attend the world-class clinics – in person, streamed live online, and on demand.

Each clinic will give participants a variety of viewpoints on how to best coach volleyball from some of the game's top coaches, with specific clinics available for boys coaches, high school coaches, middle school coaches and club coaches.

Clinicians at the Milwaukee event include:

- * Ryan Theis — Marquette University
- * Marie Zidek — DePaul University
- * Mike Schall — University of North Carolina
- * Russ Rose — former Penn State University
- * Terry Liskevych — former Olympic coach

If you'd like to attend the clinic in person, use code BADGER100 at checkout to save \$100 per coach. You can save even more by registering in a group.

If you can't make it in person, use code BADGER50 at checkout to save \$50 per coach on virtual access.

To register and for more details, [click here](#).

The Art of Coaching Volleyball was founded on the belief that there's no one "right way" to coach volleyball. AOC clinics include a unique panel of presenters—all with diverse backgrounds and experiences, and all eager to demonstrate their unique coaching styles and points of view—so you can find what works best for you.

Whether you're a new coach or a seasoned veteran, you're guaranteed to leave with dozens of new ideas to try in your gym next season.

Registration now open for Region's All-Star tryouts

Registration is now open for the Badger Region High Performance All-Star teams

[To register, click here.](#)

Cost of tryouts is \$40 and includes an HP All-Star t-shirt. The tentative dates for tryouts are as follows:

* **Feb. 28:** Tryouts for Girls U17 and U15 at the Baird Center (day before Badger Region Qualifier)

* **March 14:** Tryouts for Girls U13 at the Baird Center (day before the young girls weekend at Badger Region Championships)

* **March 21:** Tryouts for all boys at the Baird Center (day before the boys weekend at Badger Region Championships)

Age definitions are as follows:

U19: Born in 2006-07

U17: Born in 2008-09

U15: Born in 2010-11

U13: Born in 2011-12

After tryouts, 24-30 athletes per group will be selected to two one-day training sessions in April/May. At the conclusion of the two sessions, 12 athletes per team will be chosen to attend an overnight camp in July and to represent Wisconsin at the 2025 USA All-Star Championships in Madison July 23-27.

Coaches and additional information will be announced in late January.

No Badger Region HP All-Star events will conflict with summer tryouts in the Badger Region in 2025.

Questions? Email brian@badger-volleyball.org.

Region seeks volunteers for events

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@badger-volleyball.org.

Tools 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@badger-volleyball.org.

Chicago suburb to host Volleyball Nations League

The world's premier volleyball competition is returning to the United States in 2025 as two cities will host preliminary rounds of the Volleyball Nations League.

VNL annually brings together the best teams and players from around the world for four weeks of competition. Eighteen teams in each

gender will play 12 matches during three weeks of preliminary competition. The top teams then play each other for gold, silver and bronze in the VNL Final Round.

The top men's teams return to the Chicago area in 2025, as the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates, Ill., will host a men's preliminary phase June 25-

29, 2025. The city last hosted the VNL in 2019.

Elite players from the United States, Poland, Brazil, Italy, Canada and China will compete in Hoffman Estates over five days. With the U.S. and Poland competing, VNL Chicago will host two of the three medalists from the 2024 Olympic Games. [For tickets, click here.](#)

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WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- * COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
- * INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR



APPLY NOW

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
JAN. 13, 2025**

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 ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under ³	14 & Under ⁴	13 & Under ⁵	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

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

² **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 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

³ **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 (8th) 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.

⁴ **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 (7th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

⁵ **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 (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.

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Camp Information

Volleyball Camps wants YOU!

**Registration Opens November 15 for
2025 Summer Volleyball Programs**

All Skills Camps

Session 1: June 29 - July 1
Session 2: July 6 - July 8
Session 3: July 13 - July 15
Session 4: July 17 - July 19
Session 5: July 22 - July 24

Position Camp

Middle School & High School
July 22 - July 24

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!'

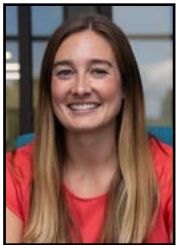
GET TO KNOW THE BADGER REGION

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.

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.

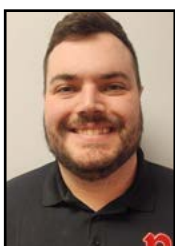


TJ ABSHIRE

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.



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

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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.

2025 USA All-Star Championships

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. The competition dates for the events are July 24-27.

Have questions? Email kelly@badgervolleyball.org for more information.

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 contrasting 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.





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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.

Nominate a coach, player or ref for special honor

'Caught Doing Good' now in its third year

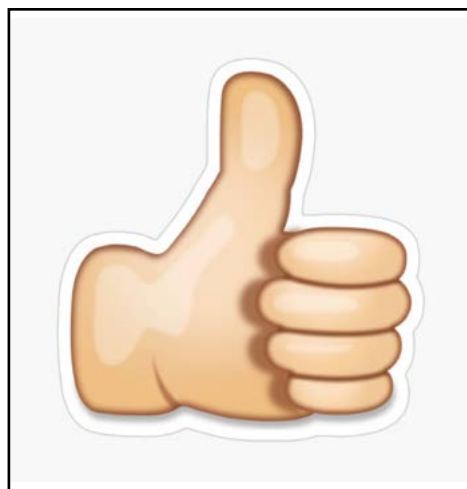
The Badger Region knows there are great people who play, coach or officiate our great sport in the state of Wisconsin.

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 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 or contact us at 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 to learn more about Badger Region Volleyball.

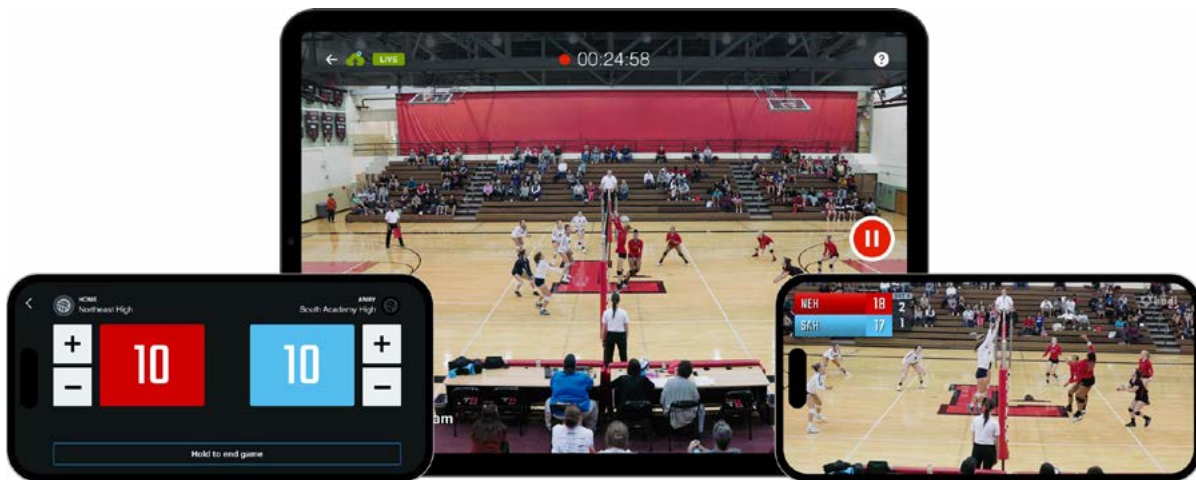
About the Madison Area Sports Commission:

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.



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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.

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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

Jan. 11-12: First weekend of the Badger Region Power League ([Schedule here](#))

Jan. 17: Second Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center for Boys 12s and Boys 13s

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 1-13: Retention opens heading into the 2025-26 season

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

July 19: First day of tryouts for the 2025-26 tryouts can take place in the Badger Region for all ages and genders.

July 16-21: National Beach Volleyball Championships in Virginia Beach, Va. ([Register here.](#))

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

Aug. 1: First commitment date for athletes who tried out during the summer tryout period.



BADGER
REGION VOLLEYBALL

Have a great story idea or person you want featured in the Badger Beacon?
Email Brian Sharkey at 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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 Junior Boys Chair: Mike Stevens
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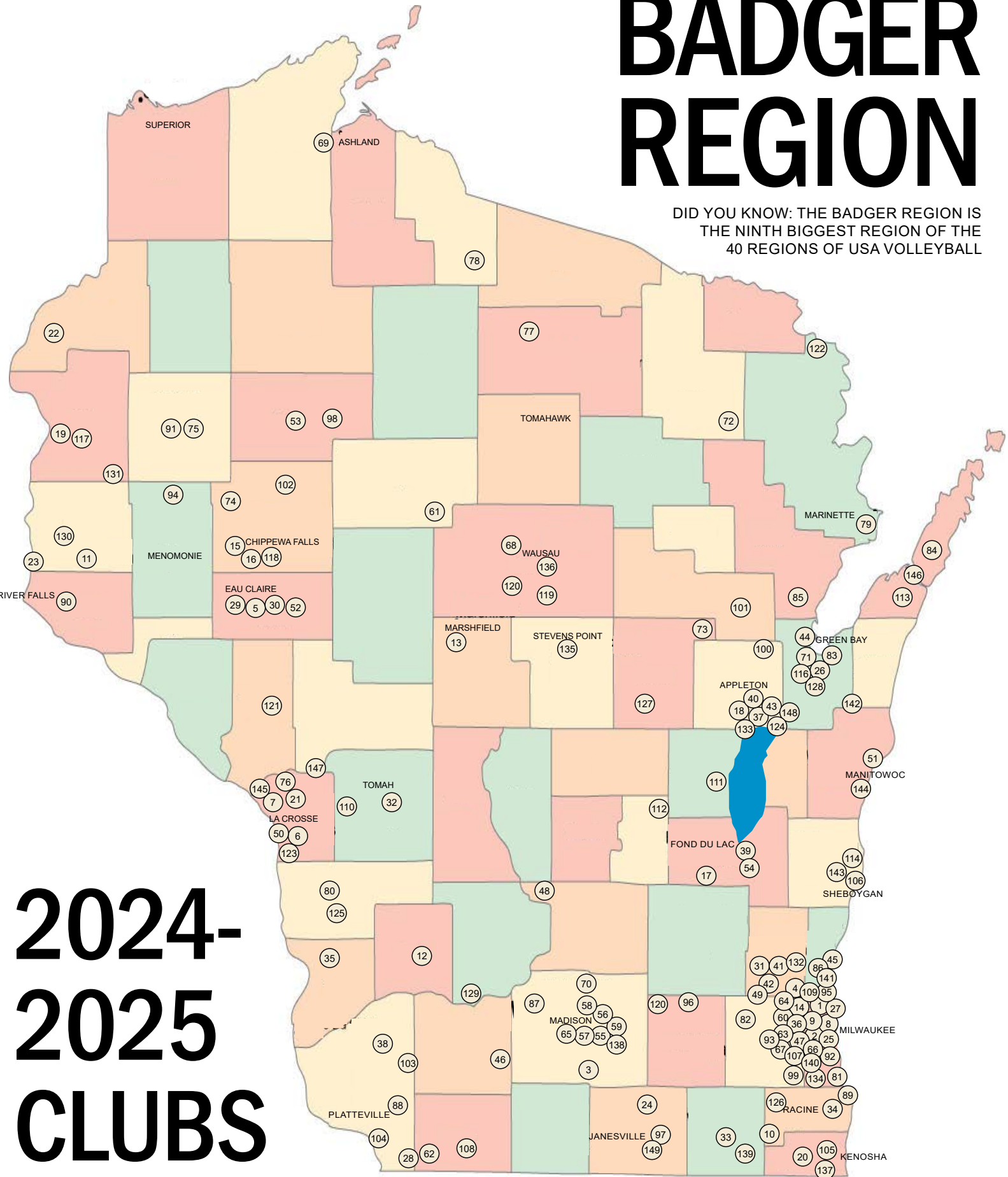
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 Program Director: Brian Sharkey
 Operations Manager: Scott Spiess
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 Program Specialist: Sara Voigt

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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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 *	Kenosha
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
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