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# FOUR WEEKENDS = BIG IMPACT

Region expects 42,000 people, \$4.1M to come through Milwaukee for big events

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is proud to bring three of its premier events to the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee in February and March, on Feb. 22-23, March 1-2, March 15-16 and March 22-23.

One of the 40 Regions of USA Volleyball, Badger Region is a nonprofit organization with the mission to promote initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences, and has more than 18,000 members across Wisconsin.

In addition to the hundreds of additional playing opportunities that are run through the Region each year, the Badger Region itself will host four weekends of competition.

"We are preparing and looking forward to holding the largest volleyball event the state of Wisconsin has seen and we couldn't be more excited," said Badger Region Executive Director and Commissioner Jennifer Armson-Dyer. "The growth of boys and girls volleyball, both in Wisconsin and across the country, is phenomenal, and we can't wait to showcase outstanding athletes, coaches and officials in our upcoming events."

Attendance across all four events is expected to reach 42,000 and the economic impact from hotels, restaurants and shopping is anticipated to bring in more than \$4.1 million to the local area.

The Dale Rhode Memorial Boys Tournament will take place Feb. 22-23 and will feature 150 boys teams ages 11-18 from around the Midwest competing at the 11th annual event. Attendance is expected to surpass more than 5,000 for the weekend, with spending to reach almost \$500,000.

The event is in memory of longtime Badger Region coach, adult player, official and board member Dale Rohde who dedicated his life





#### DALE ROHDE MEMORIAL **BOYS TOURNAMENT**

DATE: FEB. 22-23 **TEAMS: 150 PEOPLE: 5,000 ECONOMIC IMPACT:** \$500,000

#### **BADGER REGION GIRLS QUALIFIER**

DATE: MARCH 1-2 **TEAMS: 120 PEOPLE: 4,500** ECONOMIC IMPACT: \$400,000

#### **BADGER REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

DATE: MARCH 15-16 & **MARCH 23-24** TEAMS: 850 (TOTAL) **PEOPLE: 32,000 (BOTH** WEEKENDS) **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** \$3.3 MILLION (TOTAL)

to helping grow the sport, especially on the boys side. The tournament began with just 23 teams in 2014 after Dale passed away after a battle with cancer.

The Badger Region Girls Qualifier will be held March 1-2 and will showcase the top girls 11-18s teams in the state. The 120 teams in eight divisions will be vying for a berth

in their respective age groups of the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships this summer. More than 4,500 participants and spectators will flock to Milwaukee for this high-level event, bringing in more than \$400,000.

Both the Dale Rohde Memorial and Girls Qualifier will take place alongside the Milwaukee Interna-

tional Auto Show operated by the Automobile Dealers Association of Metro Milwaukee. The volleyball tournament will take place in Exhibit Halls A-C while the auto show will be in Exhibit Halls D-E, which were expanded as part of the Baird Center's recently completed renovation.

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The Badger Region's marquee event, the Badger Region Championships, will be the largest event in its history, with more than 850 boys and girls teams from around Wisconsin competing in age divisions from 10-18 years old. With the expansion of the Baird Center, teams will compete on 55 courts on March 15-16 or March 22-23. Because of the record number of teams registered for the event and the desire to include all teams, the first weekend will also use two courts at the nearby Kern Center on the campus of the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE). More information will be sent to teams in the coming weeks. This will bring in close to 16,000 participants and spectators each weekend, with upwards of \$3.3 million in economic impact.

Tickets to each weekend's event will open the Monday before the scheduled dates of competition.

The Badger Region Championships is the largest youth volleyball tournament held in the state of Wisconsin each year. Last year, 2,400 matches were played as part of the Region Championships, with more expected this year thanks to an uptick in the total number of teams registered for the 2025 event.

This year, the Badger Region will be raising money for the Bryan Riesch Paralysis Foundation.

Questions? Email Badger Region Sr. Director of Programming and Communication Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 414-313-9055.

Learn more about Badger Region Volleyball by visiting www. BadgerVolleyball.org.



# ALL-STAR DETAILS ANNOUNCED

### How the All-Star process works

The best of the best are coming together in 2025 for the Badger Region High Performance All-Star program.

That means elite athletes from clubs around the state. Top coaches from colleges and clubs from around the Badger Region. And all topped with an international tournament experience not offered at any other level of junior volleyball.

And that starts with our first round of announcements having to do with tryouts, training dates and overnight camps that lead up to the culminating USA All-Star Championships where Badger Region All-Star teams will compete against a full slate of other Region All-Star teams and All-Star teams from international delegations.

Teams being offered this year include Boys U19, U17 and U15. Girls teams being offered this year are U17, U15 and U13. (See birth year age definitions at right.)

Who should attend tryouts? The Badger Region HP All-Star program is for elite athletes who want to be considered for a spot on an international volleyball team representing the state of Wisconsin. All participants must be a current Badger Region member.

This will be the first time the Region is offering a Boys U15 team that will travel the All-Star Championships. Last year, the Badger Region was the only Region to field a U15 boys team.

#### **Coaching rosters**

Boys U19: JW Kieckhefer (Carthage College)

Boys U19: BJ Bryant (St. Norbert College)

Boys U19: Mike Stevens (Benedictine University)

Boys U17: Mike Endsley (Wisconsin Lutheran College)

Boys U17: Curtis Madson (Concordia University Wisconsin)

Boys U17: Shane Reid (Milwaukee School of Engineering) Boys U15: Dylan Griffith (In-

ferno, Middleton High School) Boys U15: Cory Rabe (MKE



#### ALL-STAR PERKS

Not familiar with High Performance? Here's just a few of the great perks:

\* Expose athletes to high-level college (NCAA and NAIA) recruiters who attend the international tournament.

\* Offer a college-like sports experience where athletes learn what it is like to be treated like an elite-level athlete.

\* Be a part of independent travel experience led by highly certified Badger Region staff and HP Coaches

\* Gain exposure to elite level coaching provided by the Midwest's highest level club and college coaches.

\* Compete and train alongside other all-star caliber athletes from around the Badger Region.

\* Play against other all-star teams from around the country and the world

#### Sting)

Boys U15: Dustin Stueck (Bryant & Strattong College, MKE Sting)

Girls U17: Abbey Sutherland (University of Wisconsin-Green Bay) Girls U17: Amber Needham

(Former University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, Hometown VBC)

Girls U17: Samie Riley (Wisconsin Lutheran College)

Girls U15: Dan Dresen (UW-Parkside/Wisconsin Juniors)

Girls U15: Lisa Kain (One Wisconsin)

Girls U15: Kyle Krivitiz (Infer-

no Volleyball Club) Girls U13: Emily Riese (Fond du Lac Fusion VBC)

Girls U13: Maizie Wenger

(Fond du Lac Fusion VBČ) Girls U13: Joe Banske (Motion Volleyball)

#### Boys training dates

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 us at the All-Star tournament July 23-27.

The tentative boys training dates are as follows:

\* April 13 at the New Berlin SportsPlex

\* May 4 or May 17 at the New Berlin SportsPlex

\* June date (if needed) The athletes chosen for the travel teams will come together July 15-16 at Lakeland University.

#### Girls training dates

Coaches will pick 24-30 athletes per age group and bring them to one-day training sessions as follows. The tentative girls dates are: \* May 4: Training at the New

Berlin SportsPlex \* May 10: Training at the New

\* May 10: Training at the New Berlin SportsPlex

The coaching staff will narrow down their group of 30 to the 12 athletes who will be offered spots on the travel team after May 10. The 12 athletes chosen for the team and a handful of alternates will come together July 15-16 for an overnight camp at Lakeland University. Costs of the training dates and overnight camp will be announced soon.

### Registration for tryouts now open

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

#### To register, click here.

All-Star tryouts are the first step for any elite athlete interested in representing the Badger Region at the 2025 All-Star Championships taking place in Madison, Wis., this summer.

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 (boys only)

U17: Born in 2008-09

U15: Born in 2010-11

U13: Born in 2012-13 (girls only)

Can't make an in person tryout? The Badger Region will allow athletes to send in a highlight video on a case-bycase basis. Registration for tryouts is still required. Email brian@badgervolleyball.org for details on video tryouts.

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

# What makes All-Star Championships so unique?

Every two years, the age definitions for what athletes are eligible for are updated by the FIVB – the international governing body of the sport of volleyball. These age definitions govern High Performance All Star programs across all Regions and USA Volleyball because the culminating event that takes place in late July is, in fact, an international tournament and therefore makes the age definitions consistent throughout the world.

Therefore, the Badger Region must abide by these age definitions, which don't allow for age waivers. Every athlete in the Badger Region is eligible for our High Performance All Star program for at least four (or five) years – so make sure to take advantage of this time when it's your turn.

U19: Born in 2006-07 (boys only)

Ú17: Born in 2008-09

U15: Born in 2010-11

U13: Born in 2011-12 (girls only)

\*Note, these are not the same age definitions as used by USA Volleyball, as the All-Star program is an international program and must follow FIVB age regulations.

### Are there other divisions other than those listed above?

Yes, there are. However, due to numbers, space, costs and previous interest in other age levels, the Region elects to only enter teams in the divisions listed above.

### Why are the age divisions set up like this?

The FIVB sets up the birth-year based age definitions. In the US, age definitions are set up mostly by "grade in school." However, other countries do not have the same school systems as the U.S., thus making the birth-year based age definitions a more level playing field. In addition, (think Olympics) in many international competitions, a team (or athlete) must qualify for an international championship in the first year of the cycle and then compete for the title in the second year of the cycle. We do not have to qualify for the USA All-Star Championships, but the model is set up in the two-year cycles just like other international events.

If my son or daughter is no longer eligible for any of the Badger

#### **Different rule sets**

The USA All-Star Championships serves as an opportunity for athletes to play under international rule sets, and allows referees training to become international officials the opportunity to officiate under such rules.

What are some of the key rule differences?

\* The libero CANNOT serve. The libero is designated for the match

 $\ast$  Substitutions are limited (A team only gets six subs per set – except for the Girls U13 division)

\* If the ball hits the ceiling it is out.

\* Only the head coach can stand.

\* We play best 3 out of 5 sets. Usually, two matches per day are played.

\* There is a technical timeout when the first team reaches 13 if a timeout isn't called prior to that. Teams must wait outside the court until they

are brought back into the court by the R2. \* Simultaneous contact by two players counts as two hits.

How does this impact athletes like those in the Badger Region High Performance All-Star program?

It is vital that some athletes be accomplished utility players. A middle who can hit on the right side. Outsides and right sides who can hit on both pins. Liberos who can be worked in as a back-up setter if needed. Outside hitters need to play all six rotations due to the lack of substitutions allowed in international events. All of these are considerations our coaches must look at when building their final rosters. Also, because of the program goals and the limited substitutions, there will not be equal playing time.



Region age divisions, what other options does he or she have?

Some of the highest-level athletes may receive invitation to the USA Volleyball National Team Development Program and participate in such events as NORCECA Championships, FIVB World Championships and other USAV-based programs. Since those programs are only for the most elite of athletes, we suggest looking into elite-level collegiate camps at schools around the country. Competing in beach and grass events will also make the athlete a much better, well-rounded player.

#### Madison is the site for the 2025 USA All-Star Championships? What do we know about this event?

The event starts July 23 with team check-in and practices at the Alliant Energy Expo Center and will feature four days of competition from July 24-27. There will be 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.

Athletes will find their own transportation to Madison and meet at the Expo Center the morning of July 23. The athletes will stay together in the Clarion Hotel (attached to the convention center) for the duration of the event. Athletes will be released to their parents the evening of July 27 at the conclusion of team competition, meetings and activities.

#### If an athlete makes the final roster that travels to Madison, what additional costs are there?

Final costs are still being worked on as hotel and tournament arrangements are still pending. Cost will include hotel (three to a room), a warmup shirt (to keep) as well program costs for jerseys, coaches, etc. The only other costs that athletes incur is the cost of food that they purchase at the grocery stores or at restaurants. Only a limited number of team meals are provided by the Badger Region.

#### What are some other perks of being part of the Badger Region All-Star team?

\* Athletes learn the rules and procedures of international volleyball competition

\* Film study and opponent scouting using film review

\* Mental health discussions and tools shared with athletes

\* Opportunity to work with elite coaches from around the Badger Region with ties to multiple colleges and universities

### Do parents have to come to the tournament?

The Badger Region staff and its coaches serve as chaperones for the event. If the parents attend the All-Star Championships, they are allowed to take their son or daughter back home (or to another destination) at the conclusion of the tournament, after giving written permission.

Parents are welcome to attend the event, but are asked to understand that the teams will be doing things as a group, so there are minimal, if any, chances to have "family time." This experience differs greatly from a traditional club tournament where players go with their family when the team isn't playing. During the All-Star Championship, it isn't a vacation. It is expected that the team remains together, preparing for matches and taking care of themselves with sleep, hydration and food. There may be opportunities for parents to help coordinate team meals or a few events or outings, but that would be for the entire group at a time determined by the coaches.

### **Badger Region Power League returns Feb. 8**

This year, the Region welcomes a record number of teams (206) to the Badger Region Power League.

For the Power League schedule, <u>click here</u>. The second weekend of the event will include teams playing at the following sites:

\* 12s: OAW in New Berlin (Feb. 9 only)

\* 14 Elite: Cedarburg Sports

Complex

\* 14 Select: WI Products Pavilion at State Fair (West Allis)

\* 14 Regional: RecPlex (Kenosha)

\* 16 Elite: Madtown

(Sun Prairie)

\* 16 Select: Cedarburg Sports

Complex

\* 16 Regional: Madtown (Sun Prairie) \* 18 Elite: RecPlex (Kenosha) \* 18 Regional: RecPlex (Kenosha) The Feb. 8-9 weekend

is the final weekend of BRPL competition for the Elite divisions. The All-League teams will be announced the following week for the 16s and 18s

division. Have questions about the Power League? Email us at membership@badgervolleyball.org. For more details, <u>click here</u>.

# 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 worldclass 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



**Russ Rose** 

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Mike Schall Head Coach, University of North Carolina



Head Coach.

DePaul University

Terry Liskevych AOC Founder, Former Team USA Head Coach, 3-Time Olympic Team Coach

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.

### Region seeks volunteers for its 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.

<u>To register as a Badger Re-</u> <u>gion ambassador/volunteer,</u> <u>click here.</u>

Events that the region needs help at:

\* Feb. 21-23: Dale Rohde

\* Feb. 28-March 2: Badger Region Qualifier

\* March 14-16 and March 21-23: Badger Region Championships

Questions? Email brian@ badgervolleyball.org.

### **BADGER REGION TEAMS OF THE WEEK**

Jan. 28: Congratulations to the Spike Milwaukee Boys 17s team for being selected as the Badger Region Team of the Week. The team won the 17 Open/USA Division at the Boys Winter Championships in Chicago on Jan. 20 and then took fifth in the Brew City Battle in Milwaukee on Jan. 26.

Send your nominations to brian@badgervolleyball.org or tag us on Facebook or Instagram.



Feb. 4: Congratulations the Southwest Spikers 14s team. In their first tournament of their season at the 608 Jr's Freeze Fest #1 onJan. 25, they won the 14s pool winning four matches without dropping a set all day. They also received praise from the first official they had that day with their work team duties and a great looking score sheet!



# Seniors: Apply now for Badger Region scholarships

The Badger Region will award \$500 to up to five male and 10 female student athletes who participated with a Badger Region recognized-club during the 2024-25 club volleyball season. These individuals can also have been assistant coaches or officials in the Region.

Two additional winners will receive a Badger Region / Frisco Mo Do-Good Scholarship for volunteer work in their community. And three additional winners will get a Fine Designs scholarship.

The deadline to apply is April 25, 2025. Winners will be announced in mid May.

To apply for a Badger Region scholarship, click here.



#### **REF SHOUTOUTS**

#### Heat wave

Heat 14 Flame was an AWESOME work team. Excellent score team caught illegal substitution in one instance and illegal libero serving in another. Really on the ball.

From official Larry Schoenick

#### **Patience wins**

Hey Badger Region it's Aaron Como! I hope the start of the season is going well. I'm coaching 12s for RVA this year, and we had a tournament at Center Court on Sunday. I wish I could remember the young woman's name, but I wanted to call out the official that worked our court. She was awesome, very patient with the youngsters and had a good balance of calling stuff she had to call but also letting the little ones play. We were on Court 1. I told her how much I appreciated her, so I just wanted to take a moment and let you know she did a great job.

**Editor's note:** This ref shoutout is for Molly Dalton from the RVA Tournament in Waukesha on Jan. 19.

#### Knowing the 10s

From a coach: I wanted to mention that whoever the officials were that you scheduled at Madtown on Court 2 on Jan. 19 were absolutely amazing at the 10's level and were clear and concise in their understanding and explanation of 10s.

**Editor's note:** Those officials were Michael Shay and Jason Pickett. Thank you for the kind words.



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## Hudl, Balltime team up to elevate future of volleyball

Hudl is a part of over 27,000 volleyball organizations at every level and over 400,000 users across Hudl and Volleymetrics.

Outside of Hudl, one company especially has skyrocketed its impact on the sport almost overnight—and that's Balltime. Their rapid innovation, especially in AI, is redefining the speed of analytics in the sport.

Now Balltime and Hudl are combining the best of both worlds to continue accelerating the growth of this sport under the Hudl umbrella.

#### **Meet Balltime**

In 2022, Dan Banon and Tom Raz formed Balltime with a clear mission: transform how volleyball teams analyze their performance. As former volleyball players and coaches from the highest levels of competition—in both beach and indoor play—they saw a need for a lightweight, quickturn solution that teams could use everywhere, from tournaments to practices, across every surface. They collaborated with some of the biggest names in the sport, including Phil Dalhausser, Carli Lloyd, Zoe Fleck, Taylor Crabb and Stein Metzger, to build something truly revolutionary.

The result? AI technology that delivers unprecedented insights: jump heights, serve speeds, ball trajectories and interactive 3D visualizations—all within just one hour of a match or practice ending. Their deep understanding of the sport is woven into every feature, creating a product that speaks directly to the needs of players and coaches.

Balltime's impact is clear, now serving over 3,800 indoor and beach volleyball teams and supporting more than 40,000 athletes. Their technology is trusted by Division I colleges and LOVB, the new professional U.S. volleyball league.

#### One platform

The goal is to create the most comprehensive volleyball platform in the world.

As volleyball enters the next wave of growth, it's time to connect the sport at every level. More video. More data. More insights. Faster than ever and all on a platform that can scale from youth to the pros.

Today's volleyball landscape is fragmented. Athletes and coaches work with different tools for video, stats, recruiting, and development—often missing critical moments and insights along the way or simply not having the time to do it all. By bringing Balltime into the Hudl family, we're taking a major step toward our vision: creating the most comprehensive volleyball platform in the world.

This isn't just about having great tools; it's about making them work seamlessly together. Imagine walking into any gym, tournament, beach or court-at any level—and seeing the whole picture. Smart cameras automatically capture and stream matches. AI breaks down every point instantly. Player performance and load data are captured in real time. Scouting reports generate automatically for both teams and opponents. Highlights instantly update athlete reels, connecting them with recruiters through the world's largest volleyball recruiting network.

We're building a truly connected ecosystem that serves everyone in volleyball. The needs of a youth club team are different from the pros, but the fundamentals remain the same: teams need instant access to clear video, accurate stats, and meaningful insights as fast as possible. By combining the best of Hudl, Balltime and Volleymetrics, we're creating a platform that scales to meet every team where they are.

This matters deeply to us here at Hudl because we believe every athlete deserves their shot. Whether it's a young athlete watching their first game film, a club athlete putting together their recruiting highlights, or a professional athlete refining their game—we're building tools that support that athlete's journey.

Parents can follow their athlete's development on Hudl and never miss a moment with livestreaming. Coaches will make data driven decisions that impact their team and athlete's progress instantly. And recruiters can find the right talent more effectively. We see a future where every athlete gets the shot they deserve.

More details, click here.



# MARQUETTE VOLLEYBALTES

JULY 7- 10	YOUTH (GRADES 3RD- 6TH)
JULY 7-10	ALL SKILLS (GRADES 7TH - 9TH)
JULY 7 & 9	SERVER (GRADES 7TH - 12TH)
IULY 8 & 10	PASSING (GRADES 7TH - 12TH)
JULY 12-13	COLLEGE PREP (GRADES 9TH - 12TH)
JULY 25	COACHES CLINIC
JULY 26-27	TEAM CAMP (HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS)
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# USAV approves children of coaches on benches

At USA Volleyball, we know that coaching is more than just leading a team—it's a passion, a commitment, and often, a family effort. We also understand that parenting can bring unexpected challenges, and sometimes, childcare options just aren't available. That's why we're excited to announce a meaningful update that allows rostered adult staff to have their child (age 8 & under) on the bench in these situations.

In the past, every individual in the bench area had to be rostered, which created difficulties for coaches and staff with young children. After working with our insurance team, we're pleased to introduce a waiver that makes it possible for coaches to have their child with them when needed—without the prior restrictions.

To ensure compliance with insurance guidelines, every bench member must be a current USA Volleyball member. To support this, we are offering a FREE 8U membership for children of rostered staff. With this waiver, children will not need to be rostered in the event management system, making it easier for parents who find themselves in a bind.

#### Details & How to Use the Waiver

\* Effective Date: February 6, 2025



\* Applicable Events: USAV national championships and national qualifiers (Badger Region will be supporting this initiative.)

#### Steps to Use the Waiver:

Register the child in your region with the 8U membership. Keep a screenshot or physical copy of the child's membership card during the event. If your region does not offer an 8U membership, contact RegionSupport@usav.org.

Upon arrival, present the Child on the Bench Waiver Form (attached) and the child's USAV membership card (digital or physical) at the tournament director/championship desk. Once reviewed and approved, keep the waiver form with you.

Before each match, show the approved waiver form (and membership card if requested) to the R1 official.

#### Acknowledgement

The designated area for the child includes:

\* Sitting ont he bench

\* Secured via babywearing by the parent/legal guardian

- \* In a carrier (on or behind the bench)
- \* In a stroller (behind the bench)
- \* Held by the parent/legal guardian

The child must remain in the allowable area once the official signals the start of warm-ups. For safety reasons, the child may not be on the court or playing surface at any time.

The rostered adult is responsible for supervising the child at all times. Any game interruption caused by the child may result in Delay Sanctions per the USA Volleyball Rules Book (Rule 16: Game Delays)

We are committed to supporting our parent-coaches and believe this small but important step will make a big difference for many families in our volleyball community. If you have any questions, please reach out to RegionSupport@usav.org.



## Thank you clubs who have completed ref training

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# 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 2529, 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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# 2025 USAV UNIFORM GUIDELINES

🔹 CREATED BY THE BADGER REGION. DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE 2023-2025 USA VOLLEYBALL DCR (RULEBOOK) 🏜

#### **UNIFORM**

\* A player's uniform consists of a jersey and shorts or athletic sports pants.

\* The color and design for the jerseys and shorts or athletic/sports pants must be uniform for the team (except for the Libero).

\* It is forbidden to wear uniforms of a color different from that of the other players (except for the Liberos), and/or without official numbers.

\* Compression pads (padded injury protection devices such as elbow pads and knee pads and compression sleeves) may be worn for protection or support. The color of the compression pads does not need to be the same for the team members, nor does the color need to match the predominant color(s) of the uniform.

\* For nationally sanctioned competition, uniforms must be identical except for sleeve length and the Libero players.

\* Socks, sport shoes, knee pads, an compression pads are not part of the uniform.

\* Uniform bottoms of different lengths are allowed, as long as the colors match.

\* The shoes must be light and pliable with rubber or composite soles.

#### **LIBERO UNIFORM**

\* The Libero must wear a jersey that clearly contrasts with, and has a different dominant color from, the jersey of their teammates.

\* The Liberos' uniform bottom does not need to match their teammates uniform bottoms.

\* The Libero jersey number shall meet all Jersey Number specifications.

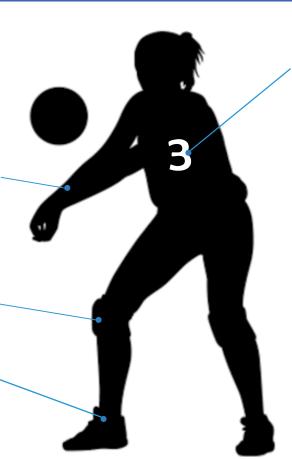
\* When two Liberos are used, both Libros can be in uniforms different from each other and from the rest of the team.

#### HEADBANDS/ WRISTBANDS

\* No restrictions.

#### UNDERSHIRTS, UNDERGARMENTS AND TIGHTS

If undergarments, including but not limited to T-shirts, boxer shorts, tights, leotards, body suits, bicycle shorts, sports bras, etc., are worn in such a manner that they are exposed, they will be considered a part of the uniform. In that case they must be similar and the same color for any team members (except the Libero) who wear such an undergarment



#### **JERSEY NUMBER**

- \* The players' jerseys must be numbered in a permanent manner from 1 to 99 using Arabic numerals.
- \* Duplicate numbers are not allowed.

\* Uniform numbers must be clearly visible and centered side to side on the front and back of the jersey.

\* Numbers are recommended to be placed on the upper half of the jersey and must not extend below the players waist or tucked into the uniform bottom.

\* Each jersey must use the same color and number height for all players, except the Libero's jersey, which may have different colored and sized numbers, provided it still meets the minimum size criteria.

\* The color and brightness of the numbers must contrast with the color and brightness of the jersey. Irrespective of any border around the number.

\* Color combinations including but not limited to purple/black, dark green/black, navy/black, white/ light yellow, or navy/maroon are not distinctive enough to comply with the rules.

\* The numbers must be a minimum of 10 cm (4") in height on the chest and a minimum of 15 cm (6") in height on the back. (It is recommended that the numbers be a minimum of 15 cm (6") in height on the front and a minimum of 20 cm (8") on the back.

\* The stripe forming the numbers shall be a minimum of 2 cm (3/4") in width throughout

#### MISCELLANEOUS

\* A single manufacturer's logo or trademark on the outside of the jerseys or shorts, provided that the

logo or trademark does not exceed 14.6 square cm (2.25 square inches) is allowed.

\* Sponsor logos are permitted provided they are identical on each uniform and do not obstruct the view of the uniform number.

#### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

\* Players may wear glasses or lenses at their own risk.

\* A head covering made from cloth or soft, non-abrasive fabric may be worn.

- \* Hats of any style are not permitted.
- \* A guard or brace, or headgear, are permitted; padding or a covering may be necessary.
- \* It is prohibited to wear a cast, even if padded.

\* A prosthetic limb(s) is permitted; sharp edges need to be wrapped or padded to ensure safety.

\* Jewelry may be worn provided its nature does not present a concern for safety, such as extremely long necklaces and/or necklaces with large medallions, or large hoop earrings.



# **2025 BEACH REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

## 2025 GT BEACH CLUB STARTS THE WEEK OF JUNE 16TH AT THE NEW BERLIN ALE HOUSE

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# Won80 talks FAVES and Supportsmanship

By Mark Horbinski Won80

Now that the third year of the WON80-Badger Region Volleyball partnership has reached its conclusion, it is a great time to reflect on the year gone by. Some of the highlights are summarized below.

Through the generosity of Badger Region Volleyball and the growing interest of the BRV clubs, the partnership has grown from six sponsored presentations in Year 1 to eight in Year 2, followed by ten this year.

The increase this year has allowed the WON80 positive sportsmanship messages to be heard by over 1000 student-athletes and coaches throughout the BRV.

As a result of being asked back by several clubs, the messages offered by WON80 have expanded. This year, four different messages were delivered to clubs. These presentations were tailored to the specific segment of the club - student-athletes, coaches, and parents. Topics included:

#### **My Coach Plays FAVEs**

Student-athlete presentation focused on being faithful, accountable, versatile and enthusiastic

#### **Becoming Your Own GOAT**

Student-athlete presentation focused on growth mindset, optimism, accountability and thoughtfulness

#### **Coaching with VIRtue**

Coaches presentation focused on





value, influence and respect

#### RISE with SUPPORTSMANSHIP

Parent presentation focused on

respect, influence, support and enjoyment

WON80 would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Badger Region Volleyball and the clubs for their continued support in spread-



ing the important message of positive sportsmanship throughout the region and the sport of volleyball. Winning should always be a target, but not the only one! If you are interested in bringing WON80 to your club or school, please reach out to Mark Horbinski at won80movement@gmail.com.



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Jan 18	LOVB Madison vs LOVB Omaha*	9 PM	Wisconsin Field House, Madison
Jan 29	LOVB Madison vs LOVB Houston	7 PM	Alliant Energy Center, Madison
Feb 28	LOVB Madison vs LOVB Omaha*	7 PM	Alliant Energy Center, Madison
Mar 1	LOVB Omaha vs LOVB Atlanta*	4:30 PM	Alliant Energy Center, Madison
Mar 1	LOVB Madison vs LOVB Austin*	7 PM	Alliant Energy Center, Madison
Mar 13	LOVB Madison vs LOVB Omaha	7 PM	Alliant Energy Center, Madison

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### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** tickets are \$4 each!

Saturday, February 1 | 2pm Klötsche Center



Saturday, February 8 | 2pm Klotsche Center

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# Dates/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.



#### **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. Click here for discounted car show tickets

#### **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 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 Championships, 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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Girls Junior	Open National	Girls Junior Nationals	Boys Junior	USA All-Star		
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April 25-27	May 23-28	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	July 3-6	July 24-27		
Salt Lake City, Utah	Denver, Colo.	G14-17s: June 25-July 3 Dallas, Texas	Minneapolis, Mn.	Madison,Wis.		
2026: TBA	2026: TBA	2026: TBA	2026: TBA	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.

More online: www.badgervolleyball.org Twitter: @BadgerRegionVB Facebook: Badger Region Volleyball Pinterest: BadgerRegionVD Instagram: BadgerRegionVB

#### Badger Region Volleyball Association

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**Feb. 22-23:** Dale Rohde Boys Tournament at the Baird Center in Milwaukee run side-byside with the Milwaukee International Auto Show. <u>Click here for discounted car</u> <u>show tickets</u>

**March 1-2:** Badger Region Qualifier at the Baird Center Milwaukee run sideby-side with the Milwaukee International Auto Show. <u>Click here for discounted car</u> <u>show tickets</u>



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 134-17 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.

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?

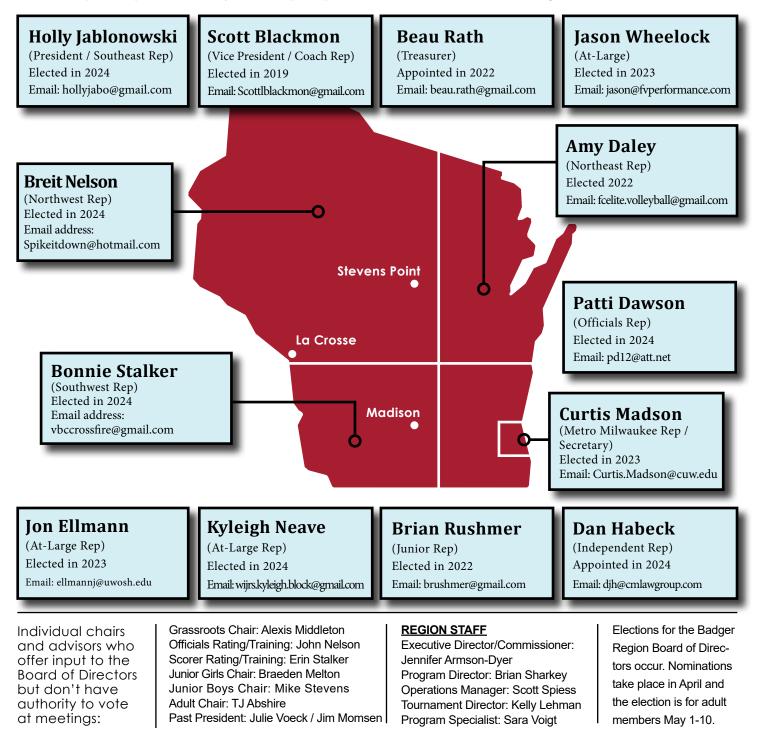
The Badger Region Volleyball Association is governed by a Board of Directors that must be elected by members on a regular basis. Area reps serve three-year terms, while members of the executive board serve fouryear terms.

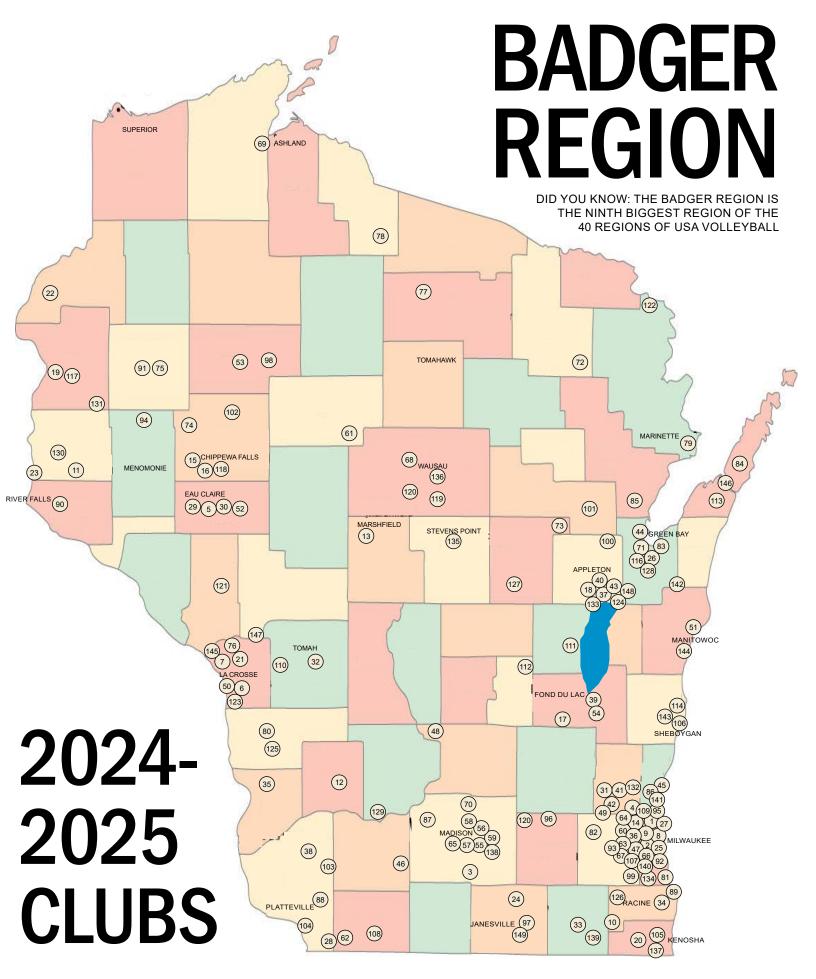
Members, whether they are players, coaches, parents, directors, athletic trainers or officials, are encouraged to communicate with their respective representative if they think policies or financial decision in the Region need to be changed.

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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3	Acers VBC	Oregon	72	Northern Lights WI Volleyball Club	Laona
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7	Amplify Volleyball	Onalaska	76		
8	Azuri Performance, LLC *	Milwaukee		Northside VBC	La Crosse
			77	NW Stars Volleyball Club, Inc	Tomahawk
143	B-Town Ballers	Sheboygan	78	Northwoods Extreme (formerly No. Extreme)	
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)	
18	Club Fox Valley	Appleton	88	Platteville Fusion	Platteville
19	ClubRedWI	St. Croix Falls	89	Racine Blaze	Racine
20	Club W *	Salem			
144	Cool City Select	Two Rivers	90	Rage Volleyball	River Falls
21	Coulee Region Power	Coulee	91	Red Cedar Elite	Barron
22	Crex Meadows	Grantsburg	92	Reinas De La Cancha	Milwaukee
22			93	Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA)*	
	Croix Attack VBC	Hudson	94	Ridgeland Reds	Ridgeland
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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
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28	Driftless Spikers	Hazel Green	100	Seymour Lightning Strikes	Seymour
29	Eau Claire Slam	Eau Claire	100	Shawano Storm	Shawano
30	Eau Claire Storm	Eau Claire	101	Small Town Storm	Cornell
31	Eclipse Volleyball Club	Hartford	102	Southern Heat	
32	Elevate VBC	Tomah			Livingston
33	Elkhorn Volleyball Club	Elkhorn	104	Southern Force	Kieler
34	Epic Volleyball Club *	Racine	105	Southport Volleyball Club *	Kenosha
35	Express Volleyball Club	Gays Mills	106	South Shore Slam	Sheboygan
36	Falls Focus	Menomonee Falls	107	Southwest Milwaukee VBC	Waukesha
37	FC Elite	Menasha	108	Southwest Spikers	Darlington
145	Features Volleyball Academy	La Crosse	109	Spike Milwaukee *	Wauwatosa
38	Fennimore Impact	Fennimore	110	Sparta Sparks	Sparta
39	Fond du Lac Fusion		111	Spiketown USA (Oshkosh)	Oshkosh
		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	110	St. Croix Select	Roberts
45	I AM Volleyball Club *	Grafton	117	Synergy Volleyball Club	Chippewa Falls
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51	Lakeshore Storm VBC	Manitowoc	123	Xtreme VBC	La Crosse
52	Laser VBC	Fall Creek	124	Valley Velocity	Appleton
53	Legacy VBC	Ladysmith	125	Viroqua Venom	Viroqua
149	Limitless Performance	Janesville	126	Waterford Wave	Waterford
54	Luminosity Volleyball Club	Fond du Lac	127	Waupaca Fire VBC	Waupaca
55	Madison Elite *	Madison	128		DePere
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			130	Western Wisconsin Smash	New Richmond
57	Madison Ignite	Madison	130		Clear Lake
58	Madison Starlings *	Madison		White Lightning Wisconsin Attack Volleyhall Club	Milwaukee
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60	Mamba Volleyball Academy *	Waukesha	133		Appleton
61	Medford Storm	Medford	134	Wisconsin Elite	Franklin
62	Midwest Elite Volleyball Club	Hazel Green	135	Wisconsin Flight	Stevens Point
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### **EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:**

- 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 **postgame for a group picture** with your program, **shoot free throws!**



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