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# Badger Region makes additions to its roster

The Badger Region has welcomed three new staff members to its ranks starting at the end of February.

The three new hires will serve the region as a Communication Coordinator, Operations Coordinator and Independent Investigator. Let's meet them:

### **Alex Phan** (Communication Coordinator)

Alex brings over five years of experience in social media and communications, having previously worked in the marketing department at Russ



Darrow, where he specialized in reaching audiences on a large scale. His expertise will be instrumental in strengthening Badger Region's communication strategy and expanding its reach.

Alex is a self-taught volleyball player who discovered his love for the game during his senior year of college in 2017. Determined to grow quickly, he sought out guidance from some of the best Badger Region alumni, accelerating his development and deepening his understanding of the sport. His rapid progression led him to coaching roles within just a year, including with UW-Milwaukee's men's and women's club teams.

Since then, Alex has become a respected player, coach, and volleyball advocate in Wisconsin. He currently coaches at Arrowhead High School and works with Milwaukee Dive, one of Milwaukee's teams that participates in the Volleyball League of America (VLA).

You'll find Alex at volleyball events all across the Midwest, whether working, coaching, or competing. As an adult player, he captains MKE Phantoms, representing

Badger Region at USAV Adult Nationals. In the summer, you'll catch him on the grass courts, competing and embracing the volleyball community that shaped him.

As a part-time staff member, Alex's focus will be in the realm of social media and producing content for the Badger Region website, newsletters and other publications.

### Micaela **Encarnacion** (Operations Coordinator)



where she played on the NCAA Div. III Women's Volleyball and Softball teams. She served as team captain for

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# Wisconsin teams earn bids at Badger Region Qualifier



The Badger Region held its annual qualifier at the Baird Center and featured 110 teams competing for the right to play in USA Volleyball's National Championships this summer. Bid earners are headed to the following sites for their season finales:

11s-13s: Kansas City, Mo. 14s-17s: Dallas, Texas 18s: Salt Lake City, Utah

11-National Bid: MKE Sting 11-Gold

12-National Bid: MKE Sting 12-Gold 12-American Bid: MKE Sting 12-Bck 12-American Bid: I AM VBC 12-Red

13-National Bid: MKE Sting 13-Gold 13-National Bid: MKE Sting 13-Black 13-American Bid: MKE Sting 13-White 13-American Bid: Madtown 131 National

14-National Bid: FC Elite 14-Navy 14-American Bid: Madtown 141 National 14-American Bid: MKE Sting 14-Black 14-Freedom Bid: MKE Sting 14-White 14-Freedom Bid: MKE Sting 14-Silver

14-National Bid: MKE Sting 14-Gold

15-National Bid: MKE Sting 15-Gold 15-American Bid: I AM VBC 15-Red 15-American Bid: Madtown 151 National 15-Freedom Bid: MKE Sting 15-Black 15-Freedom Bid: FC Elite 15-Navy

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16-National Bid: FC Elite 16-Navy 16-American Bid: MKE Sting 16-Black 16-American Bid: MKE Sting 16-Gold 16-Freedom Bid: I AM VBC 16-Red 16-Freedom Bid: South Shore Slam 16-National

17-National Bid: MKE Sting 17-Black 17-National Bid: Sting United 17-Red \*17-USA Bid: Madtown 171 National 17-American Bid: MKE Sting 17-Silver 17-American Bid: MKE Sting 17-White 17-Freedom Bid: Wisconsin Ice 17-National 17-Freedom Bid: FC Elite 17-Navy

18-National Bid: MKE Sting 18-Gold 18-National Bid: MKE Sting 18-Black \*18-USA Bid: MVP 18-Blue Smack 18-American Bid: Wisconsin Juniors 18-1s 18-Freedom Bid: FC Elite 18-Navy 18-Freedom Bid: Madtown 181 National

USA Bids were brought over from previous National Qualifiers by MKE Sting 17-Black and 18-Black. Both teams ended up qualifying in a higher division (National), and the USA Bid got re-assigned in the Region.

# Look for the Perfect Pass at Championships

Fox Valley Performance (FVP) is excited to partner with the Side-Out Foundation to participate in The Perfect Pass, a new Club Dig Pink campaign at Badger Region Championships.

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.

FVP teams will be participating in the Perfect Pass Challenge on the weekends of March 15-16 and March 22-23.

If your team receives the Perfect Pass Challenge cards, please take photos and share on social media! Don't forget to tag #perfectpasschallenge #digpink and #sideoutfoundation. And MOST importantly, scan the QR code on the card and sign your team up to take the challenge!

Side-Out also encourages your team to share the information on the Perfect Pass cards with your friends, family and community so that more people living with metastatic breast cancer may benefit from Side-Out's research.

Help FVP reach their goal of raising \$7,500 through the Perfect Pass Challenge. Click this link to

Interested in getting your club involved? Reach out to our Side-Out rep, Amy Markland at amy.markland@side-out.org to learn more about how your club can give back to the community, and enhance your players volleyball experience.



Players from Fox Valley Performance getting ready for their Perfect Pass with their Challenge cards. Pictured from left to right: Natalie Weyenberg, McKenna Mileski, Makaelyn Clark, Elizabeth Jacobs, Taylor Russell, Emma Tesch, Adia Munn

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both squads during her tenure with the Redhawks.

On her next step in her academic and professional journey, Micaela served as the graduate assistant for the UW-Parkside women's volleyball team. While at Parkside, the Schaumburg, Ill.- native earned her Master of Science Degree in Sport Management.

The following year, Micaela was the Assistant Director of Volleyball Operations at Marquette University, during which time she also served as a site director for the Badger Region Volleyball Association and Wisconsin Juniors Volleyball Club for various events, assisting with both AES and Sports Engine.

The American Volleyball Coaches Association honored Micaela with one of 20 Diversity Awards at the AVCA Convention in Tampa, Fla., in 2023. The year prior, she was selected as one of 200 NCAA student athletes nationally to participate in a four-day NCAA Career in Sports Forum in Indianapolis.

As the part-time Operations

Coordinator in the Badger Region, Micaela, who has been involved with volleyball since the fifth grade, will assist athletes, coaches, officials and administrators with memberships and organizational assistance and communication.

# **Monica Shipley** (Independent **Investigator**)

A longtime volleyball coach, volleyball parent and supporter of our sport, Monica is joining

the Badger Region as the Independent Investigator.

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grievances that are filed within Badger Region and provide reports to the Badger Region Ethics and Eligibility committee, who

will be in charge of adjudication.

Monica conducted criminal and national security investigations for 23 years as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigations. During her two decades in the Bureau, she served in multiple roles including Informant Program Coordinator, Foreign Language Program Coordinator for the FBI Milwaukee Office, Media Coordinator for the Milwaukee Office, Coordinator for the Citizens' Academy and New Agent Development Program Coordinator, among other positions.

Her background in law enforcement, investigations and compliance is going to be a huge asset for the Badger Region moving forward.

The Cedarburg native will work closely with Executive Director / Commissioner Iennifer Armson-Dyer and Badger Region Board President Holly Jablonowski to provide unbiased, neutral interviews and research conducted by a trained investigator to ensure fairness and due process throughout the entire Ethics and Eligibility process.

### About the **Badger Region**

The Badger Region region is one of the 40 regions of USA Volleyball (USAV), which is recognized by the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) as the National Governing Body (NGB) of volleyball in the United States. USA Volleyball provides the highest level of child protection training and standards in the industry, as mandated by Congress.

Essentially, Badger Region Vollevball Association is the Wisconsin chapter of USA Volleyball and the premier volleyball authority in the state. Whether you are a junior player or an adult, an official or a fan, a parent or a coach, we believe our organization can provide you with a high-quality and educational experience in the volleyball world. We prioritize child safety, safe and welcoming environments, and skills for a life-long volleyball experience.

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization as recognized by the State of Wisconsin and the IRS.

# Region's Adult Championships to be May 3

The annual Badger Region Championships will take place Saturday, May 3, at the New Berlin SportsPlex.

# To register an adult team for the event, click here.

For this event, one-event memberships for adult players will be allowed. However, if the team is playing in the USA Volleyball Open Championships a few weeks later, a full membership must be purchased.

# To register for adult nationals, click here.

USA Volleyball does not accept one-event memberships at its Open Championships.

Have questions about adult volleyball? Contact Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

# Five things to know about Region Championships

We are just a few days away from the Badger Region Championships that will take place in downtown Milwaukee and will feature over 850 teams over two weekends of competition. The event is slated to be the largest ever indoor volleyball tournament in the state. The first weekend will use the Baird Center, 400 W. Wisconsin Ave., and MSOE's Kern Center for courts. The second weekend will all be at the Baird Center.

Here are five very important things to know:

### **Tickets**

\* March 15-16 click here \* March 22-23 click here

Tickets go on sale the Monday before the following weekend's event. Tickets are non-refundable.

#### Waves

\* Weekend 1 (March 15-16) Tentative Wave Assignments for Saturday Pool Play:

8:00 a.m. Wave: 17-Open, 17-Club, 17-Badger, 14-Open,



14-USA, 14-Club, 13-Open, 12-Open, 12-Club, 12-Wisconsin, and 12-Badger.

2:30 p.m. Wave: 18-Open, 18-Club, 18-Badger, 17-Wisconsin, 14-Wisconsin, 14-Badger, 13-USA, 13-Club, 13-Wisconsin, and 13-Badger.

\* Weekend 2 (March 22-23)

Tentative Wave Assignments for Saturday Pool Play:

8:00 a.m. Wave: Girls 11-Club, 11-Badger, 15-Open, 15-USA,

15-Badger, 16-Open, 16 USA as well as Boys 12's, 14's, 16's and 17's.

2:30 p.m. Wave: Girls 15-Club, 15-Wisconsin, 16-Club, 16-Wisconsin, 16-Badger as well as Boys 13's, 15's, and 18's.

Sunday Only - a.m. Start - Girls 10's

### Apparel

Fine Designs will be on site all dates. To order in advance and skip the lines, <u>click here</u>.

### Visiting the tournament

Coaches can check in on the Friday before their event. If they choose to check in Saturday morning or early Saturday afternoon, it must be done on the first floor entrance located in the North Building at Kilbourn and 4th St. (Vel R. Phillips Ave.)

### How many courts?

On the first weekend of the event, there are 55 courts at the Baird Center and two courts at the Kern Center.





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The Badger Region Beach Championships returns to the shores of Lake Michigan on Saturday, Aug. 2.

The event will again take place at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee.

The event will be hosted by the Badger Region, Juniors Volleyball Club and Good Times Volleyball Hub.

More details will be coming out the near future.

# The Dale breaks records - again

The 11th annual Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Tournament took place Feb. 15-16 at the Baird Center in Milwaukee. The event had 150 teams (up 14 from the year prior). The original tournament in 2014 had just 19 teams.

12s First Place: I AM VBC 11-1 12s Second Place: MKE Sting 11-1 12s Third Place: MKE Sting 12-2

13s First Place: MKE Sting 13-2 13s Second Place: MKE Sting 12-1 13s Third Place: MVC 13-Sean

14-Red First Place: Madison Elite 14s 14-Red Second Place: Inferno 14 Blaze 14-Red Third Place: VC United 141 Elite

14-White: First Place: MVC 14-Michael 14-White Second Place: MKE Sting 14-1

14-White Third Place: Sky High 14-1

15s First Place: MN Select 15-National 15s Second Place: MKE Sting 15-3 15s Third Place: Heat 15-Blue

15/16s First Place: MVC 15-Lucas 15/16s Second Place: CrossCourt 16s 15/16s Third Place: MKE Sting 15-2

16s First Place: MKE Sting 15-1 16s Second Place: Mamaba 16-Black 16s Third Place: MVC 15-Dixon



16/17s First Place: 1W 17-National 16/17s Second Place: Spike Milwaukee 16s

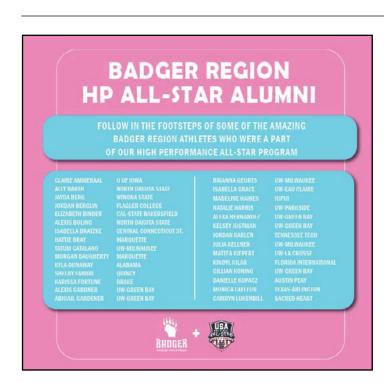
16/17s Third Place: MVP Boys 16-Blue Smack

17s First Place: MKE Sting 16-1 17s Second Place: MKE Sting 17-3 17s Third Place: MN Select 17-National

17/18s: RVA Boys 18-Navy 17/18s Second Place: Team 'Sota 17s 17/18s Third Place: Illinois Juniors B18-Select

18s First Place: MVC 18-Jake 18s Second Place: MKE Sting 17-1 18s Third Place: Team 'Sota 18-1

For full results, click here.





# Badger Region Family injured in accident

On Feb.16, 2025, the lives of the Murphy family changed forever. Charlie (13), Georgia (12), Jojo, and Quin were on their way home from a volleyball tournament in Chicago when a driver attempting to pass on the other side of the road did not see their car and hit them head-on.

The accident was devastating. Charlie and Georgia were med-flighted to Chicago-area children's hospitals, while Jojo and Quin were taken to another hospital, and Jojo was later transferred to another. This has left their family physically separated in 4 different hospitals, each fighting their own battles to heal, with separate care teams and individual family members being at every location helping them.

### Meet Charlie & Georgia

Charlie (13) is kind, funny, and full of creativity. He has a heart of gold, a natural charisma that draws people in, and a love for bike riding, video games, and hanging out with his friends.

Georgia (12) is fun, kind, and full of energy. She is a dedicated volleyball player for Madtown 121 National Team who loves spending time with her friends and teammates. Her passion for Volleyball and her bright personality make her an amazing friend. She loves all things girly from skincare, hair, make-up to all the fun!

### Their Parents - Jojo & Quin

Jojo and Quin are amazing parents who are deeply rooted in Middleton/Cross Plains, and St. Francis community in Cross Plains, WI. Quin works as a general contractor, and Jojo is an office manager. They are the kind of people who give so much, and now they need our help.

### Their Injuries & Recovery Journey

The family sustained severe injuries, and their recovery will be long.



Charlie & Georgia – Both remain medically sedated as they recover from surgeries, with more ahead. They are in critical but stable condition and are in the best possible care. Georgia had a succssful surgery Feb. 19.

Quin – Multiple broken bones: pelvic, leg, ankle, and internal injuries. He has been transferred out of ICU and is doing better but has a long healing process and more surgeries ahead.

Jojo – Suffered five broken bones in her back, a fractured sternum, wrist, and finger, along with cuts and bruises. She remains incredibly strong for her family and is expected to be fitted for a back brace today before being transferred out of ICU soon.

### How You Can Help

This journey will require months of recovery, physical therapy, home modifications (wheel chairs and ramps), and extensive medical care. Quin's work as a general contractor requires manual labor, which he won't be able to do for months. With both parents unable to work, the

family needs financial support to cover living expenses, medical bills, and ongoing care for at least the next six months.

### Ways to Support

Donate – Every contribution, no matter the size will help ease the financial burden so they can focus on healing. <u>To donate to the</u> <u>GoFundMe set up for the Murphy Family,</u> click here.

Donate Locally - Lake Ridge Bank - Cross Plains Branch (Main Location), 2615 Westview Ct, Cross Plains, WI 53528 -- Any Lake Ridge Bank location will accept cash or check donations and ensure they go directly to the Murphy family's account.

Pray – Their faith is strong, and they need prayers for strength, healing, and the skilled hands of their medical teams.

Share – Please share this with your community to spread awareness and increase support

# 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 courtesy of the apparel partner that the Badger Region is a partner with.

The deadline to apply is April 25, 2025. Winners will be announced in mid May, following the Board of Director meeting on

May 14

Requirements to apply:

- 1. Being a current Badger Region member
- 2. Getting a letter of recommendation from a club director, coach or mentor official
- 3. Have proof of acceptance into a post secondary school
- 4. Be an active official, athlete or coach in the Badger Region

for the 2024-25 membership season.

Have questions? Email Sr. Director of Programming and Communications Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 414-313-9055.

To apply for a Badger Region scholarship, click here.

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# 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 (Inferno, 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

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Boys U15: Dustin Stueck (Bryant & Stratton 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 (Wis-

consin 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 VBC)

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 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-by-case 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

U17: 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 Region

### 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
- \* 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.



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.



# Chicago area to host men's VNL

Exciting news for volleyball enthusiasts! The Volleyball Nations League (VNL) is coming to NOW Arena from June 25-29. This prestigious international tournament will showcase the men's national teams mfrom the USA, Poland, Brazil, Italy, China, and Canada—just a short drive away!

The NOW Arena is thrilled to offer Badger Region Volleyball members and clubs an opportunity to experience this world-class event with group discounts:

- 1. Save 10% on tickets for groups of 10 or more.
- 2. Plus, you have the option to turn this event into a fundraising opportunity for your club—earn \$5 back per ticket sold!

Bringing a group has never been easier! Forget about collecting checks and placing a bulk order.

Once you connect with a group sales representative, a custom page will be created for your group. Simply share the link with your members, and they can purchase their tickets directly—effortless and efficient!

If you're interested in bringing your club or group to this incredible event, please fill out the form at <u>vnlgroups.com</u>. A group sales representative will reach out to assist you in securing your seats and setting up your custom page.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to watch world-class volleyball while supporting your club!

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL MATCH SCHEDULE

# Clinic for boys 11-14 coming to Concordia

Concordia University Wisconsin will host a free boys volleyball clinic for middle school-age boys on Saturday, March 29.

The event will take place after the 1 p.m. men's NCAA Div. 3 match between CUW and Edgewood College R. John Buuck Fiendhouse on the Concordia campus, 12800 N. Lake Shore Drve in Mequon. The clinic is temporarily scheduled to take place at 2:30 p.m. and wrap up by 4 p.m.

To register for the clinic, click here: https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/Baa04f8qL9dbVr7Cn1u-2ae1z4

Any current Badger Region member can participate in the free clinic. If an athlete does not have a current membership, a \$10 one-event membership can be obtained by clicking here.

The clinic will be led by Badger Region High Performance All-Star coach Curtis Madson, who is also a Badger Region Board member.

This is the fifth youth clinic run by CUW and the Badger Region over the last few years, resulting in close to 80 young boys learning and helping to grow the sport of volleyball.

# Fiserv Forum to host Marquette/Wisconsin match Sept. 17

Fiserv Forum will host an NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball match between in-state rivals Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin on Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025, in downtown Milwaukee.

Tickets for the match at the home of MU men's basketball and the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks will go on sale in late spring or early summer. Any questions can be directed to the Marquette Ticket Office by calling 414-288-4668 (GOMU) or email.

"We are excited to be back at

Fiserv Forum and showcase the high level of volleyball being played in this state," said now former Marquette head coach Ryan Theis. "Our match two years ago at the venue was record setting and the event is something our student-athletes and coaches will always remember. We are looking forward to another great turnout celebrating one of the fastest growing sports in the nation and our amazing fans at Marquette."

Theis announced on Feb. 17 that he is leaving Marquette to become the next head coach at the University of Florida. The Golden Eagles and Badgers played in front of 17,037 fans at Fiserv Forum on Sept. 13, 2023, still an NCAA attendance record for an indoor regular season game. It remains a state record for attendance at a women's sporting event and ranks as the 15th-most attended NCAA women's volleyball match ever (including NCAA tournament play).

The 2024 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship title match drew 1.3 million viewers on network television (ABC), while the tournament itself was the most-consumed ever as more than 1.3 billion minutes were watched across all ESPN platforms.

The two perennial NCAA tournament participants each advanced to NCAA regional competition last fall and the Badgers captured a national championship in 2021.

In addition to MU men's basketball games at Fiserv Forum, the building has partnered with Marquette to host the 2022 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship and will do so again with First & Second Round games on March 21-23 this spring

# Host families needed for exchange students

Have you ever considered hosting a foreign exchange student in your home?

What if we said there are foreign students who play volleyball looking to come to the United State to study here and are looking for host family?

Since 1985, Greenheart Exchange has placed over 25,000 international exchange students with host families in the USA. Greenheart provides a strong support system to its students and to its host families. Greenheart is looking for loving families to host 10-20 international volleyball players in Wisconsin and Minnesota!

Greenheart Exchange works with the U.S. Department of State to sponsor students who come to the USA to study or work on J-1 visas. Greenheart Exchange finds host families, host schools, and host

businesses for exchange visitors and works hard to make sure everyone has a great experience.

Greenheart Travel helps students and adults participate in high school abroad programs, summer language camps, teach and work abroad opportunities, TEFL courses, and/or Gap Year programs.

Hosting an international student is a rewarding and enriching experience for the students and for the hosts. Hosts learn about another culture, while also sharing their daily lives, values, foods, traditions, and holidays. It is an experience that broadens horizons and increases global awareness for everyone involved..

Interested? Contact Jessica Burros, Area Coordinator at 507-458-5151 or greenheartcoordinator@gmail.com for more. https://greenheartexchange.org

# Art of Coaching coming to MKE

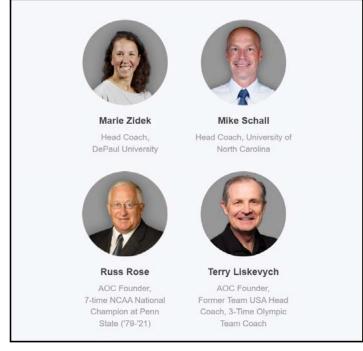
The full slate of 2025 Art of Coaching clinics are now open for registration, including the Milwaukee event April 26-27 co-sponsored by the Badger Region. There are three ways to attend the world-class clinics – in person, streamed live online, and on demand.

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:

- \* 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, <u>click here</u>.

The Art of Coaching Volley-ball 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.

We highly encourage all coaches to take advantage of free 30 day access to the Art of Coaching Volleyball premium trial membership. From now through March 14 you can register for a complimentary 30-day AOC Volleyball Premium Trial Membership (no additional commitment or credit card required!). AOC Volleyball is the country's top online source for coaches, offering over 1,600 drills and 4,000 resources for all levels.

Click here.

# 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.

To register as a Badger Region ambassador/volunteer, click here.

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

**Feb. 25:** Congratulations to the RVA 14-Pink team for being named one of two Badger Region teams of the week (we forgot to pick one last week). The team went 5-0 and won the Revolution Open VI. Great job, RVA!





March 4: Congratulations to our second Badger Region Team of the Week: South Shore Slam 16-National. The team participated in the Badger Region Qualifier over the weekend and secured the club's first bid in program history. How cool is that! Way to go, South Shore Slam!!!

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



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

**Facebook:** /BadgerRegionVolleyball

**Website:** www.badgervolleyball.org

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Instagram: @BadgerRegionVB

**YouTube:** ∕Badger RegionVolleyball

### REF SHOUTOUTS

### Very professional

A coach from the Minnesota Select boys team absolutely loved their ref Mya Kapalko who she had as a ref all day Saturday at the Dale Rohde. She was very professional and good with the teams. She called everything fairly and made each match on her court go smoothly.

### Jason Wheelock on Chris Cronin at the Dale Rohde

I want to give a shout out to our ref. He was calm, let things play out and admitted when he was wrong. He thought about his calls, it was the way things should be handled. He explained things to our players and player R2s. He did a great job.

### From a parent to Karlee Lois

We were playing on court 3 Sunday at the boys Epic snowball tournament in sturtevant. We had one of the most amazing refs - she was on top of everything! The court ran so smoothly! She was amazing. Just wanted someone to know! Keep up the great work!

### From Kristin Kaczmarek to Malayna Dins

She was wonderful to work with. I have really enjoyed working with some of these newer officials you have added. And I love seeing so many new female faces officiating.













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JULY 21-23: FIRST CONTACT CAMP GIRLS 5TH-12TH BOYS 5TH-8TH

JULY 28-29 POSITION SKILLS CAMP GIRLS 6TH-12TH JULY 21-23: NETWORK CAMP GIRLS 5TH-12TH BOYS 5TH-8TH

JULY 30-31 ELITE SKILLS CAMP GIRLS 9TH-12TH JULY 24, JULY 30, & AUG 6: SERVING CAMPS #1, #2, & #3 GIRLS 5TH-12TH BOYS 5TH-8TH

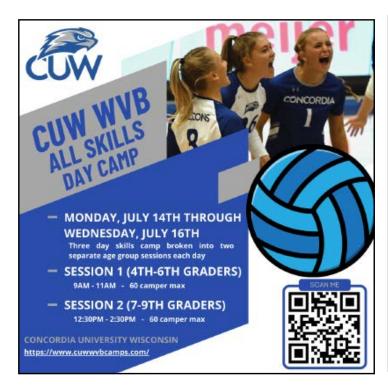
> JULY 30-31 COMPETITION CAMP GIRLS 5TH-10TH

JULY 24-25: ALL SKILLS CAMP GIRLS 5TH-12TH BOYS 5TH-8TH

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**JULY 7-10** 

YOUTH (GRADES 3RD- 6TH)

**JULY 7-10** 

ALL SKILLS (GRADES 7TH - 9TH)

**JULY 7 & 9** 

SERVER (GRADES 7TH - 12TH)

**JULY 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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2 DAYS A WEEK 120 MIN ON THE SAND PER DAY

1 CLASSROOM SESSION PER WEEK DAYS & TIMES VARY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

REGISTER WITH A PARTNER & BY GRAD YEAR 2025-2032

# Thank you clubs who have completed ref training

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Center Stars VBC

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**DASH Sports** 

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Eclipse

Elkhorn Volleyball Club

Epic Volleyball Club

Express Volleyball Club

FC Elite

Fennimore Impact

Features Volleyball Academy (FeVA)

Fond du Lac Fusion

Fox Valley Performance

Hartford VBC

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Ida Bay

Infinity Volleyball Crew

Junior Vikings Volleyball Club

JustAgame Volleyball Club La Crosse Velocity

Lakes Juniors VBC

Lakeshore Storm Volleyball Club

Legacy Elite VBC

Limitless Performance Volleyball Club

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Madison Inferno Volleyball Club

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Red Cedar Elite

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# SPECIAL EVENTS AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

**7 P.M. MARCH 25** 

BADGER REGION NIGHT!

**CUW VS. WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE** 

FREE ENTRY FOR **ALL BADGER REGION** ATHLETES.

2 P.M. MARCH 29

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LOCATION: 12800 N. LAKESHORE DR., MEQUON, WI **QUESTIONS: BRIAN@BADGERVOLLEYBALL.ORG** 

# Make sure your jerseys are compliant before ordering

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 dom-

inant 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 Vol-

leyball 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.





# 2025 VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

CAMP ONE - GIRLS ALL SKILLS I JUNE 25-27
GIRLS ENTERING 4TH-12TH GRADE

CAMP TWO - GIRLS ALL SKILLS II JUNE 30-JULY 2
GIRLS ENTERING 4TH-12TH GRADE

CAMP THREE - GIRLS COMPETITION - JULY 6-8
GIRLS ENTERING 6TH-12TH GRADE

CAMP FOUR - GIRLS ELITE POSITIONAL/ID CAMP - JULY 14-16
GIRLS ENTERING 7TH-12TH GRADE (INVITE ONLY)

CAMP FIVE - BOYS INDIVIDUAL & TEAM CAMP - JULY 30-AUG I
BOYS ENTERING 6TH-12TH GRADE

CAMP SIX - GIRLS INDIVIDUAL 6 TEAM CAMP - AUG 1-3
GIRLS ENTERING 6TH-12TH GRADE

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# 2025 USAV UNIFORM GUIDELIN

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.

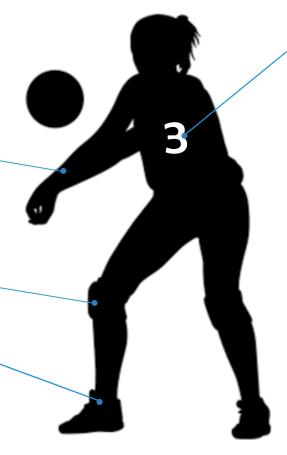
### LIBERO UNIFORM

- \* 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

# **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 iersev. 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

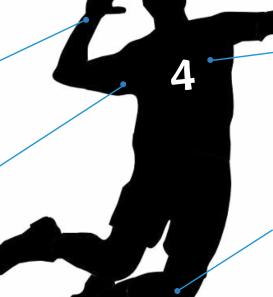
\* A single manufacturer's logo or trademark on the outside of the jerseys or shorts, provided that the

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.



\* No restrictions.



# AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT** 

- \* 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!

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# LOVB MADISON VOLLEYBALL



## **HOME SCHEDULE**

Jan 17	LOVB Madison vs LOVB Salt Lake*	8 PM	Wisconsin Field House, Madison
Jan 18	LOVB Salt Lake vs LOVB Houston*	6 PM	Wisconsin Field House, Madison
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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Saturday, February 1 | 2pm CLEVELAND Klotsche Center



Saturday, February 8 | 2pm Klotsche Center

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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 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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Open National Championships

May 23-28

Denver, Colo.

2026: TBA

**GIRLS** 



## **USAVolleyball**

Girls Junior Nationals

GII-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.

More online: www.badgervolleyball.org

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### **Badger Region Volleyball Association**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**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!!!

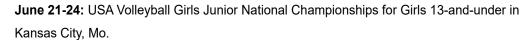
**March 29:** Free youth boys clinic at Concordia University Wisconsin at 1 p.m. after the Edgewood/Concordia men's volleyball match.

**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 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 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.

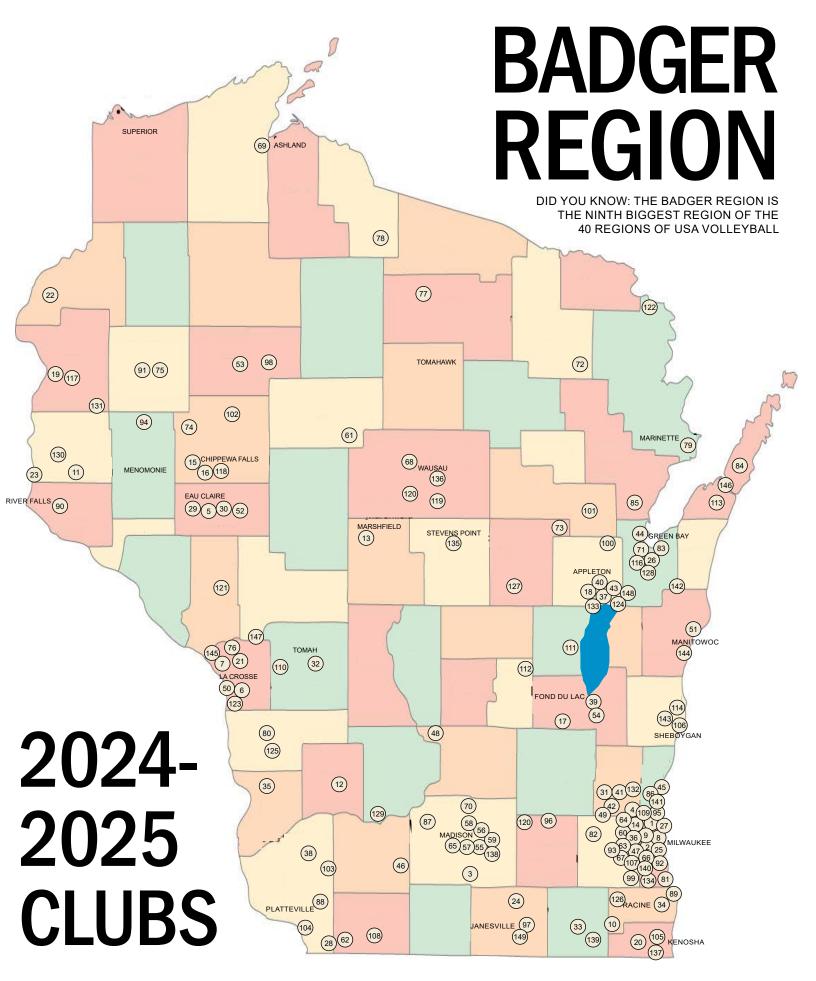
You'll be hearing from each Board member twice a year in the form of a column in the Badger Beacon. Now, let's meet them:

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Junior Boys Chair: Mike Stevens
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### **REGION STAFF**

Executive Director/Commissioner: Jennifer Armson-Dyer Program Director: Brian Sharkey Operations Manager: Scott Spiess Tournament Director: Kelly Lehman 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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1	360 Volleyball Academy	Glendale	70	North Star Volleyball Club	DeForest
2	414 Milwaukee Elite	Milwaukee	71	Northeast Wisconsin Black Sheep	Green Bay
3	Acers VBC	Oregon	72	Northern Lights WI Volleyball Club	Laona
4	Adversity-Wisconsin VBC	Germantown	73	Northern Ignite	Clintonville
5	Air Volleyball Club *	Eau Claire	74	Northern Pride	Cumberland
6	A-Level Elite *	La Crosse	75	Northern Storm	Cameron
7	Amplify Volleyball	Onalaska	76	Northside VBC	La Crosse
8	Azuri Performance, LLC *	Milwaukee			
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9		Sheboygan	78	Northwoods Extreme (formerly No. Extreme)	
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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
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18	Club Fox Valley	Appleton	88	Platteville Fusion	Platteville
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22	Crex Meadows	Grantsburg	93	Revolution Volleyball Academy (RVA)*	
23	Croix Attack VBC	Hudson	94		
148	CrossCourt VBC*	Appleton		Ridgeland Reds	Ridgeland
24	Crossfire VBC (formerly Milton Aces)	Milton	95	Rise MKE VBC (formerly Jr. Red Knights)	
25	DASH Sports LLC	Milwaukee	96	River City Volleyball Club	Watertown
26	DePere Diggers	DePere	97	Rock VBC	Janesville
27	Dominican Jr. Knights *	Whitefish Bay	98	Rusk Rage	Tony
28	Driftless Spikers	Hazel Green	99	Select Volleyball Program	Mukwonago
29	Eau Claire Slam	Eau Claire	100	Seymour Lightning Strikes	Seymour
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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			
42	Hartford Volleyball Club	Hartford	114	Spiketown (Sheboygan)	Sheboygan
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44	Howard Suamico Inferno VBC	Suamico	116	Spiketown Triton (Green Bay)	Green Bay
45	I AM Volleyball Club *	Grafton	117	St. Croix Select	Roberts
146	Ida Bay VBC	Sturgeon Bay	118		Chippewa Falls
46	Infinity Volleyball Crew	Barneveld	147	Team Rally	Holmen
47	Junior Vikings Volleyball Club	Milwaukee	119	Team United VBC	Mosinee
48	Just A Game VBC	Wisconsin Dells	120	Tempo Volleyball Club	Waterloo
49	Lake Country Pipe Hitters *	Hartland	121	Tenacity Volleyball Club	Blair
50	La Crosse Velocity	La Crosse	122	UP North Volleyball Club	Niagara
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	West Side Slam	DePere
56	Madison Inferno *	Sun Prairie	129	Western Elite VBC	Spring Green
57	Madison Ignite	Madison	130	Western Wisconsin Smash	New Richmond
58		Madison	131	White Lightning	Clear Lake
	Madison Starlings *		132	Wisconsin Attack Volleyball Club	Milwaukee
59	Madtown Juniors	Sun Prairie	133	Wisconsin Blaze *	Appleton
60	Mamba Volleyball Academy *	Waukesha	134	Wisconsin Blaze Wisconsin Elite	Franklin
61	Medford Storm	Medford			
62	Midwest Elite Volleyball Club	Hazel Green	135	Wisconsin Flight	Stevens Point
63	Midwest Penguins Volleyball	Waukesha	136	Wisconsin Ice VBC	Wausau
64	Milwaukee Sting VBC *	Menomonee Falls	137	Juniors Volleyball Clubs	Pleasant Prairie
65	Milwaukee Sting United (Madison)	Madison	138	608 Juniors	Madison
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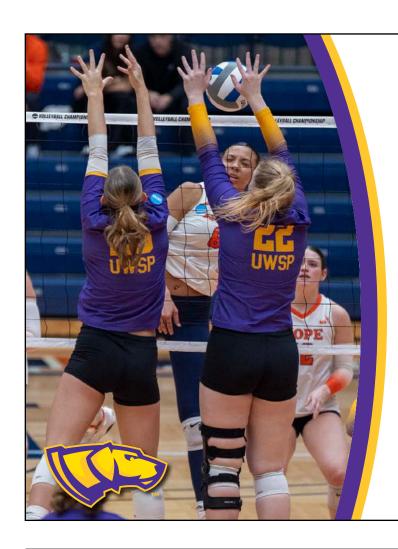
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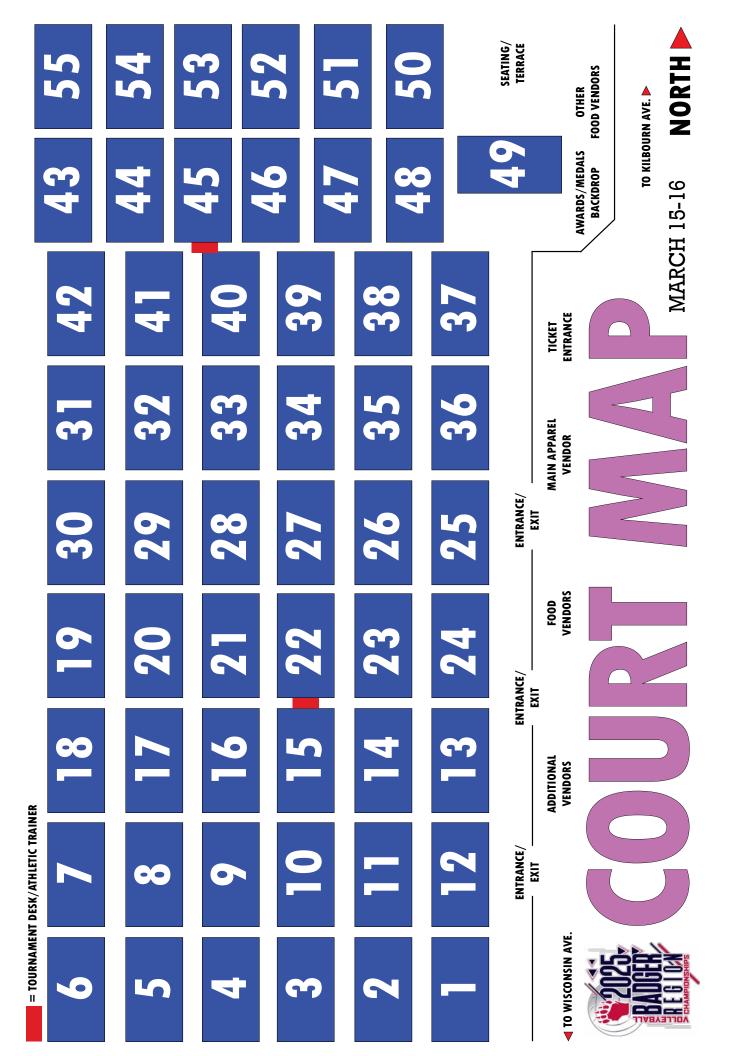
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