

Badger Region Volleyball Association

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DALE ROHDE MEMORIAL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Dates: Feb. 22-23

Schedule: [Click here](#)

Teams: 150 boys teams competed in the 11th annual tournament dedicated to the life of Dale Rohde, a longtime Badger Region official, coach, board member and supporter of boys volleyball in Wisconsin.

Economic impact:

5,200 people bringing in \$500,000+ to the City of Milwaukee

Friday Night: On Feb. 21, the Badger Region hosted a men's VLA semi-professional exhibition match between Milwaukee Dive and Chicago Sweed.

Officials: 80 for both days

More information: For more information, [click here](#).



BADGER REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates: March 15-16 and March 22-23

Results: Week 1: [Click here](#). Week 2: [Click here](#)

Teams: 850 teams over both weekends

Officials: 178 week one; 181 weekend two.

Economic impact: 32,000 people and over \$3.3 million injected into the Milwaukee economy

Donations: Donate to the Bryon Riesch Paralysis Foundation ([click here](#)) in honor of former player Badger Region athlete Nathan Higgins. Donate to the Murphy Family from Madtown VBC ([click here](#))

More information: For more information on the event, [click here](#).



BADGER REGION GIRLS QUALIFIER

Dates: March 1-2

Schedule/Results: [Click here](#).

Teams: 120 girls teams competing to qualify for the 2025 USA Girls Junior National Championships in either Salt Lake City (18s), Dallas (14s-17s) or Kansas City (11s-13s)

Officials: 73 refs over both dates

Economic impact:

5,000 people bringing in \$500,000+ to the City of Milwaukee

Friday Night: On Feb. 28, the Badger Region High Performance All-Star tryouts were held for girls U17 and U15 took place. A separate Girls U13 and Boys 15-19s tryout took place at a later time.

More information:

For more on things like number of bids per age division, [click here](#).

LOOKING BACK ON OUR EVENTS

BADGER REGION STAFF SHARES THEIR HIGHLIGHTS OF FOUR WEEKENDS OF TOURNAMENTS

The best part of the four weekends of events was the coming together of the volleyball community in such a positive environment. While there were Negative Nellys out there, the overwhelming positive feedback we got, was amazing.

I was motivated by the dozens (if not hundreds) of individuals who took time to say, "thank you for all that you do for volleyball in Wisconsin." That means a lot to me.

I was motivated by the return of paralyzed athlete Nate Higgins giving a moving speech on the final weekend. It was awesome.

We spend months planning, preparing and bringing the events to the facility. We juggle so much -- car shows, St. Patrick's Day parades, All-Star, donations, and much more. Then when the first whistle sounds, we sit back and let the officials, coaches and athletes take it from there. We got you here, you bring it home. Then, when the last whistle sounds, and we joke with that last official in the gym, it's time to start planning for next year!

Brian Sharkey

I have so many favorite moments from these events. When one of our Licensed Athletic Trainers Jen Hubbard saved a player's life by alerting them to a potential blood clot in their leg, which they then went to an emergency room to get treated.

Talking with the dedicated security and guest services staff at the Baird Center and thanking them for their work. Seeing the coaches and club directors and being able to catch up on business but also families.

And honestly, packing up the Uhaul that fourth weekend. There are so many moving parts to these events and sometimes it's just waiting for the other shoe to drop, of what's going to go wrong. But outside of a few instances, they all went spectacularly. That's a credit to the preparation and expertise of our amazing staff.

Jen Armson-Dyer

I enjoyed the amount of people that were happy to be there and play. It was fulfilling to see the amount of teams competing and the amount of individuals there to support their athletes. My truly favorite moment is being able to see how much club volleyball has evolved and experiencing everyone in the same place because they love the game of volleyball.

Micaela Encarnacion

I'd just give a shout out to all the work crews that laid or picked up courts, groups that worked admissions, our athletic trainers, and guest tournament staff. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

It was cool to see all the people experiencing BRC for the first time. The number of new (and experienced) officials, new clubs/teams from all corners of the state, and even as a staff experiencing the event being almost twice as big on a single weekend as we've ever encountered, and it all went off well.

Another moment would be the inclusion of the WVC matches during the BRQ weekend. It's always hard for the college club teams to find gym time, so to be able to offer them courts while also being a part of a larger convention center event was gratifying and I know the teams were appreciative. A number of athletes were able to intermingle to watch older/younger siblings play and see that there is another volleyball opportunity available to them after high school.

Scott Spiess

It's hard to narrow down my favorite moments from our incredible four-event weekend, but if I had to choose, these three stand out the most.

First, witnessing the Badger Region staff in action was nothing short of amazing. This small but mighty team worked seamlessly together, tackling every challenge with precision and dedication. The amount of planning, coordination, and teamwork that went into executing these events--especially with a record-breaking number of teams and families--was truly inspiring. It's incredible to think that just five core team members (seven if you include Micaela and I) made it all happen so smoothly.

Second, seeing so many athletes walk through those doors, weekend after weekend, to compete was an unforgettable experience. Having never played club volleyball myself, I was in awe of the sheer passion, energy, and joy these athletes brought to the court. Watching them give their all, celebrate with friends, and make their families proud was something really special.

And lastly, the feedback we received from coaches, referees, athletes, families, and club directors meant the world to me. Hearing how much people appreciated the photos, videos, and increased social media presence was both heartwarming and validating. Starting this journey with the region during such a chaotic time was a whirlwind, but I wouldn't change a thing. If I could do it all over again, I'd do it exactly the same way.

Alex Phan



It was so great seeing the look on athletes' faces when they walked into the court area at the Baird Center and they saw how much bigger everything was with the 55 courts. The kids were so excited and for many it was their season ending event so we wanted to make this special for them.

Teams cheering, parents smiling, everyone enjoying themselves; isn't that what it's all about? All of the hard work that is put into our events is well worth it. Congratulations to everyone who participated, and we hope to see you back next year!

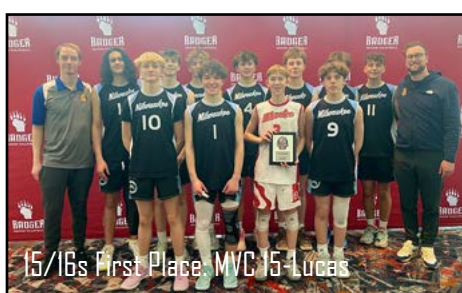
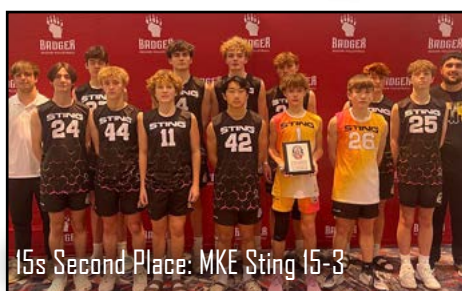
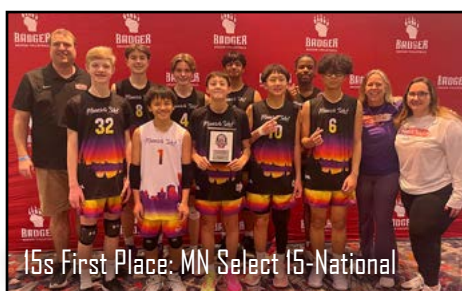
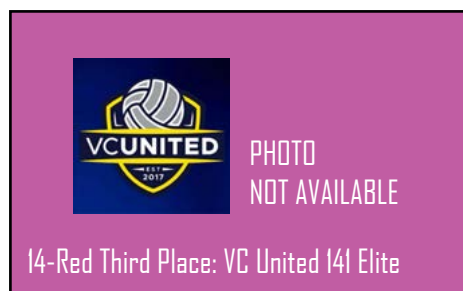
Sara Voigt

1) I love 7:00 a.m. when the doors open and I see the kids and families come into the Baird Center. Many of them are coming in for the 1st time and you can see the excitement in their faces. The facility with 50+ courts starts out empty - and in about 30 minutes the place is buzzing and volleyballs are flying as the 300,00 Square Feet fills up

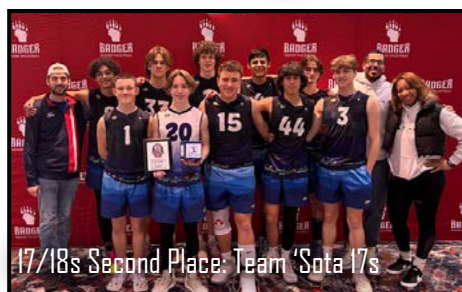
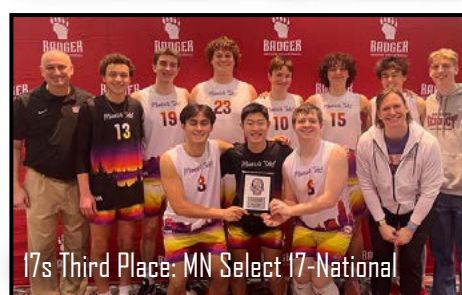
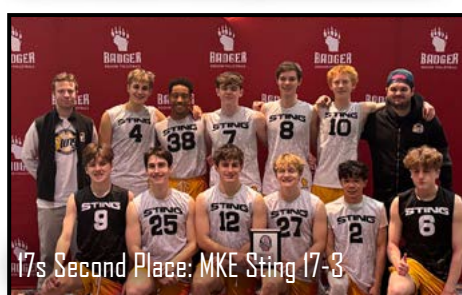
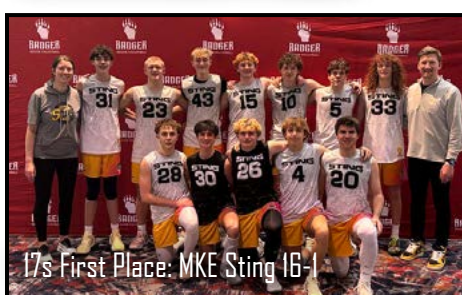
2) I love seeing all the Wisconsin clubs all in one place. Seeing all the different uniforms and seeing clubs from every corner of the state in one event. There are a lot of big events with a lot of clubs, but this one the only big event all from Wisconsin.

Kelly Lehman

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11-National Bid: MKE Sting 11-Gold



12-National Bid: MKE Sting 12-Gold



12-American Bid: MKE Sting 12-Black



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: MKE Sting 14-Gold



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



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

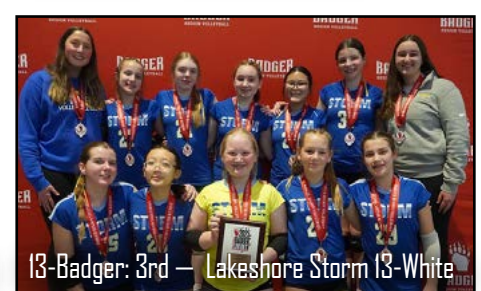
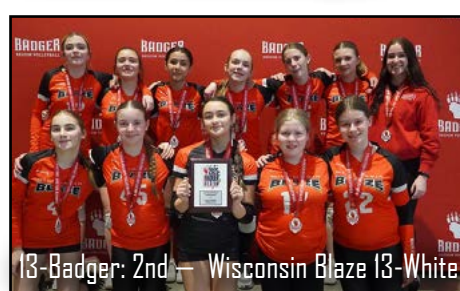
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14-Open: 1st — Wisconsin Elite 14-Elite



14-Open: 2nd — Milwaukee Jrs 14-Is



14-Open: 3rd — Wisconsin Ice 14-National



14-USA: 1st — Coulee Region Power 14s



14-USA: 2nd — IW Bay 14-Crimson



14-USA: 3rd — 14 Rally



14-Club: 1st — WI Premier 14-Teal



14-Club: 2nd — Madison Ignite 14-Royal



14-Club: 3rd — IW Bay 14 Onyx



14-Wis: 1st — West Bend Jrs 14-Select



14-Wis: 2nd — Epic 14-Royal



14-Wis: 3rd — Wisconsin Elite 14-Silver



14-Badger: 1st — Waupaca Fire 14-White



14-Badger: 2nd — Hartford VBC 14-Black



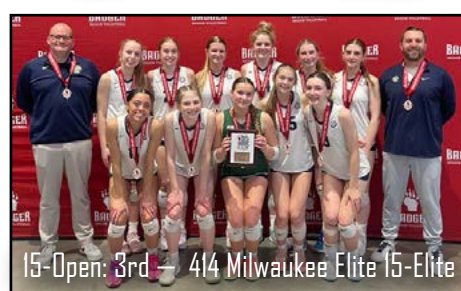
14-Badger: 3rd — JAG VBC 14-Gray Regional



15-Open: 1st — WI Juniors 15-Is

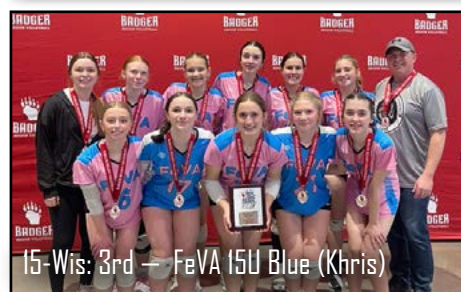
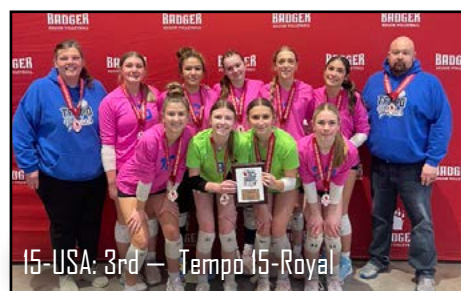


15-Open: 2nd — FC Elite 15-Blue

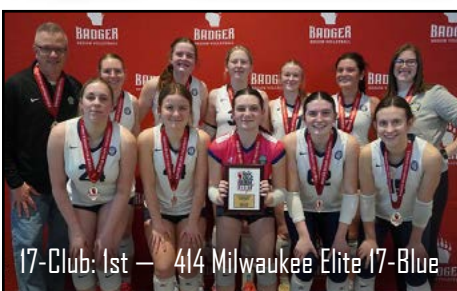
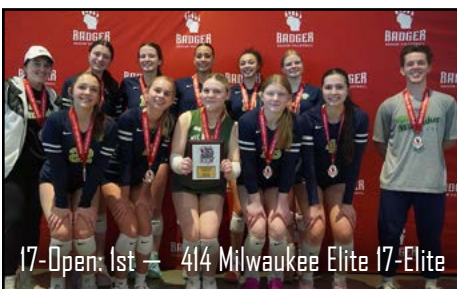


15-Open: 3rd — 414 Milwaukee Elite 15-Elite

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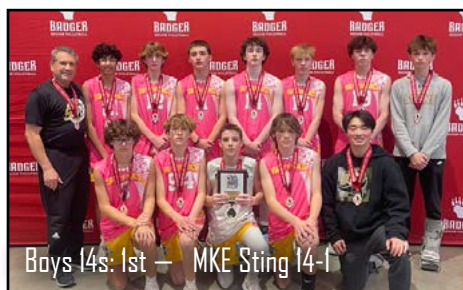
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