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Alexis “Lexi” Sheldon, left, and Mark Berman show off their new National Referee patches at the Girls 18s Junior National Championships in Phoenix.

NEW NATIONAL OFFICIALS

Sheldon, Berman advance at G18s

Congratulations are in order for the recent advancement of Alexis Sheldon and Mark Berman, both of whom earned their National Referee certifications while attending the Girls 18 Junior National Championships in Phoenix April 21-23.

The process of earning National Certifi-

cation follows an intense process of mentoring, testing and officiating at the highest levels that USA Volleyball has to offer.

Sheldon is also the Score Liaison to USAV for the Badger Region.

Make sure to congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

HOW SHOULD THE OFFICIAL HANDLE THIS SITUATION?

Scenario: The Bears are playing the Packers in a key match to go to the gold final. The match is being officiated/scored by the Packers B team. At 10-11, the coach from the Bears is concerned about the score and requests a score check. The visual and the scorebook match. The Bears are adamant that both are wrong as they are keeping stats on their sideline. The R1 comes off the stand, checks the book — nothing to report — the match carries on. After the match the coaches come to the tournament director and ask what they should have done. What are their options?

Response: The official was spot on. Noticing there was controversy with the scorebook, the official correctly came off the stand, cleared the coaches from the table area outside the 3-meter line (this helps deescalate from the start), and assessed the situation first by listening to the coach to understand



the concern, then acknowledging you understand it and let the coach know you will work with the table crew to discuss and resolve. This is where we hope the work crew’s coach is in the table area for situations like this.

The scorer is the “official” score, not the visible but in this case they matched.

The official checks the scoresheet, particularly reviewing the exit scores, to ensure that there are no duplicate exit scores. Once the scoresheet review is completed, the official explains to the coach what was reviewed and the scorebook is the official score and that is what we have to go with. This is where the “art” of the game comes in as explaining the outcome in a calm and understanding way to the coach pays big dividends. If the coach disagrees with the outcome, the captain can protest. If this happens, the official should send a work crew player to the championship desk and let them know there is a protest on court X regarding the scoresheet.

For protests, the R1 goes near the officials stand and waits until the protest committee comes to you. Do not re-try to figure out the scoresheet or engage in conversation with the coach. Instruct the scorers and second referee to not discuss anything with either coach, or each other, until the protest committee arrives. Once all complete, regain your composure and continue officiating a great match with a clear mind.

What’s a situation you ran into at a recent event? Email it membership@badgervolleyball.org and look for a response in a future Ref Bulletin.

NCAA DIV. III NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Carthage College hosted the NCAA Men’s Div. III National Championships April 22-23 in Kenosha and it featured a handful of Badger Region officials on the work crew. The full cadre included (top row from left) Phil Coughlin, Krystian Krzyzak, Dean Hoskin, Scott Prox — Badger Region, Alex Grycowski — Badger Region, (front row from left) Barbara Zvonek, Jung Park and Julie Voeck — Badger Region. Congrats to all.



SAVE THESE DATES IN 2023!

The Badger Region will be hosting one of its marquee events (the Badger Region Championships) the following dates in downtown Milwaukee in 2023: March 11-12,

March 17-18, and March 25-26.

Fill out your [interest survey here](#).

More dates for other Badger Region events will be announced soon.