



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## OFFICIALS TRAINING IN ACTION



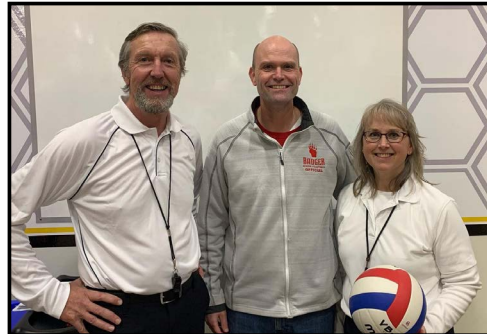
From left, Aaron Como, Carter Peterson and Jason Peterson worked mostly with officials mentor Teague Prichard, right.



Whitney Heiden, left, and Maia Pelli, right worked with Badger Region Board President and officials mentor Jim Momsen, center.



Marlon Pitchford, left, and Scott Maserloff, right, worked with officials mentor Sara Voigt, center.



Chris Cronin, left, and Sally Karlin, right worked with officials mentor Shane Hubred, center.

Nine officials were trained on Friday, Dec. 16, at the Milwaukee Sting Center as part of the Badger Boys Series.

The new officials worked

with four different mentors to ref the boys 12s and boys 13s competition that was taking place on the courts.

Another ref training oppor-

tunity will take place Friday, Jan. 20, at the Sting Center.

Interested in joining in on the fun? Contact Sara Voigt at Sara@badgervolleyball.org.

## Officials: Set goals, look for ways to improve

As we head into the start of the club season it's good to be prepared not just with the uniform and whistle, but also have some goals for improvement throughout the club season. Officials are always learning and growing so here are some helpful ways to improve your game.

Read the rulebook and always have it with you. Badger Region just sent out a large number of rulebooks to officials who have purchased their memberships and paid the \$25 ref fee. It does take an hour or two to read the abridged version and you won't retain everything however it will help when you need to go back to navigate and find a specific rule.

Be open to mentoring and critiquing yourself during and after matches with honest feedback. The game can be a great teacher so open yourself up to mentoring and even play back a recording of yourself officiating a match and go through it by yourself or with a mentor. Act on critiques if you see a pattern and don't be afraid to ask questions and reach out to fellow officials.

Be a mentor and use what you have learned to teach new officials. Teaching others is a great way to learn and reaffirm skills.

Attend officials clinics and use those opportunities to learn from others, get to know your colleagues and ask questions. You can learn a good deal of information from clinics and they often bring a different way of thinking and some things you've never thought of before. Officials of all levels are excellent resources.

Watch officials from different sports either on TV or in person. This is obviously not to learn the rules of volleyball, but it can be used to watch how other officials carry themselves. You can also watch how officials interact with coaches and athletes before and during a match/game or how they handle conflict and diffuse high-stress situations. Take these helpful tidbits of information and apply them to your craft.

## NOTES FROM THE BADGER REGION OFFICE

\* The Badger Region has created a handbook just for officials. This document outlines policies that officials must follow in order to ref and score in the Badger Region. It is a great reference for officials new and old. For details, [click here](#).

\* For a link to the USA Volleyball Rulebooks and Interpretations, [click here](#).

\* Looking for an opportunity to advance from Provisional to Regional certification this year? [Here is a link to the Officials Regional Advancement Request form](#). The form will be available until Dec. 31.

\* Officials should use the Badger Region Card Reporting Form on the Badger Region website when issuing sanctions at Badger Region-sanctioned events. To report a violation, [click here](#).

\* At the most recent Badger Region Board meeting, board members voted in favor of raising the ref pay at Region-hosted events (Badger Region Championships / Dale Rohde Memorial Boys Event, Badger Region Qualifier, Badger Region Power League) to the following pay scale:

\* Provisional- \$31

\* Regional- \$33

\* JN/National- \$36

Questions? Email sara@badgervolleyball.org.



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## How do you prepare yourself for tournaments?

A common question from new officials is: "What advice do you have for getting through my first tournament?"

Response (and good reminders for veteran officials):

\* **Be prepared** and control what you can control. The "off court" preparation is key to getting through your first tournament.

Once on the court and live play, everything seems to flow smoothly.

Hints for preparation:

\* Be prepared for long days, mentally and physically

\* 8 matches a day is common and "recovery" to start day 2 is really important.

\* **Get there early**, factor weather, if a new site, parking can be challenging

\* **Find the tourney director/host**. Get any ground rules, format, etc.

\* **Pack your own healthy lunch and snacks**. Some but not all tour-

naments provide officials lunches, but packing your own ensures you get what you like and pack foods that you can eat "quick"

\* **Look the part**: clean, pressed officials uniforms and clean crisp signals. Gyms can be cold or hot, bring layers and extra shirt.

\* It's winter, **get your car ready**, extra windshield wash fluid.

\* **Hydration is key**, the day before and evenly throughout the day and early hydration is more

important. Water is the best, sugar drinks not so much for a long day

\* Use your time wisely. Eight minutes in between matches goes fast

\* Know and be able **adjust to the level of play**: 12's or 18s -- boys or girls.

\* Know the rules

\* Be a great team player and help out where needed and be a facilitator of the game.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Jan. 7-8:** Badger Region Power League Weekend No. 1

**Jan. 20:** Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center

**Feb. 11-12:** Badger Region Power League Weekend No. 2

**Feb. 25-26:** Badger Region Qualifier

**March 11-12:** Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

**March 17-18:** Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

**March 25-26:** Badger Region Championships in downtown Milwaukee

**April 1-2:** Final weekend of the Badger Region Power League

**July 29-30:** Badger Region Beach Championships at Bradford Beach in Milwaukee

## REF TRAINING AT PARKSIDE



New officials were trained last week at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

## The 'Sport Court' rule explained

The player retrieving the ball over a non-playable area must be in contact with the playing surface when contact is made with the ball.

Meaning: a player cannot jump and leave the sport court and then play the ball when it is over a non-playable area (often times the concrete). The player must have some body part in contact with the sport court when contacting the ball over the non-playable area.

## Donations sought for referee-starter kits

The Badger Region wants to thank the experienced officials who have donated to the ref-starter kits being put together for new officials in Wisconsin.

Your generosity is appreciated.

That being said, the Region is continuing to collect gently used officiating items that can be used to build starter kits for new officials just starting off

Some of the suggested things

we are collecting include:

- \* Line judge flags
- \* Referee carrying bags
- \* Yellow/Red cards
- \* Officials polos (maybe you have certain colors you don't like to wear or sizes that you never fit into in your closet)
- \* Writing utensils and erasers
- \* Correction tape
- \* Coolers/lunch boxes
- \* Ball pumps

- \* Electronic whistles
- \* Net-height chains

All new officials will receive a flipping coin, cooler and some other Badger Region swag. We just want to make it as easy on possible for new referees to get started.

If you want to donate to our ref-starter kits, you can drop off materials to the Badger Region Office (2831 N. Grandview Blvd., Suite 105, in Pewaukee).



# WHY BADGER REGION?

## A RUNDOWN OF BENEFITS FOR BADGER REGION PARTICIPANTS

### ATHLETE PERKS

\* Ability to participate in the Badger Region Championships, Badger Region Qualifier, Badger Region Power League, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series, Dale Rohde Memorial Tournament

\* Ability to participate in youth clinics, beach events, grass tournaments, etc.



\* Participate in USA Volleyball's National Qualifiers, Bid Tournaments and National Championships  
 \* Represent Badger Region through the National Team Development Program  
 \* Represent Badger Region at the USA All-Star Championships  
 \* Eligible for Badger Region / Frisco Mo Scholarships

\* Communication via the Badger Beacon newsletter  
 \* Free NTDP Academy access for athlete training  
 \* Free memberships for athletes 8-and-under  
 \* Player/club matching assistance at the start of the season  
 \* Directory of summer volleyball camp opportunities  
 \* Badger Region / AVCA Recruiting Tips of the Week, webinars  
 \* Chance to be on the Badger Region / Frisco Mo Watchlists



### CLUB PERKS

- \* Policies and procedures for all clubs to be consistent
- \* Guidelines and handbooks for running tournaments
- \* Mentoring, training for club directors
- \* 24/7 service and help before, during and after your season
- \* Templates for club, parent handbooks and tryouts/club acceptance forms
- \* Personalized feedback to uniform and jersey questions
- \* Partnerships with sponsors such as Molten, Sports Imports, Art of Coaching, AVCA and others
- \* Advocacy at the National level

### ATHLETE-SAFETY PROTOCOLS

#### SAFESPORT TRAINING

The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Volleyball. Badger Region and USA Volleyball have a **ZERO TOLERANCE** for abuse and misconduct. This includes not only on-court safety, but also off-court safety in any part of USA Volleyball's programs.



USA Volleyball is committed to creating safe and fun environments for youth. This includes, but is not limited to, providing training, educational materials and resources for our regions, clubs, coaches and parents. ([Click for details](#))

#### BACKGROUND SCREENINGS

All adult staff members require a full background screening that includes the following:

- \* Social Security Number validation;
- \* Name and address history records;
- \* Two independent Multi-Jurisdictional Criminal Database searches covering 50 states plus DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico;
- \* Federal District Courts search for each name used and district where the individual currently lives or has lived during the past seven years, going back the length of time records are available and reportable;
- \* County Criminal Records for each name used and county where the individual currently lives or has lived during the past seven years, going back the length of time records are available and reportable for each county searched;
- \* National Sex Offender Registry database search of all available states, plus DC, Guam, and Puerto Rico;
- \* Multiple National Watch Lists;
- \* SafeSport Disciplinary Records;
- \* Comprehensive International Records search for U.S. citizens who have lived outside of the United States for six consecutive months in any one country, during the past seven years;
- \* Motor Vehicle Records of at least a 3-year history in the state of licensure; (if driving is required for position).

### COACH PERKS

- \* IMPACT certification
- \* Coaches Coaching Coaches opportunities
- \* High Performance coaching opportunities
- \* Coaching vacancies list
- \* Art of Coaching Volleyball membership (limited number available)
- \* Badger Region / AVCA Coaching Tips of the Week
- \* Eligible for Badger Region / AVCA awards

### REFEREE PERKS

- \* Training opportunities exist in the classroom, scrimmages, Badger Region Youth Fall Volleyball League, Badger Boys Series etc.
- \* Mentoring and advancement opportunities throughout the year
- \* Dedicated full-time staff dedicated to assigning, training, recruiting and working with officials in the Badger Region office
- \* Communication via the Badger Region Ref Bulletin
- \* Once certified, officials can earn \$30 (or more per match)
- \* At Badger Region hosted events, rates are as follows:
  - \* Provisional: \$31/match
  - \* Regional: \$323/match
  - \* Junior National: \$36/match
  - \* National: \$36/match

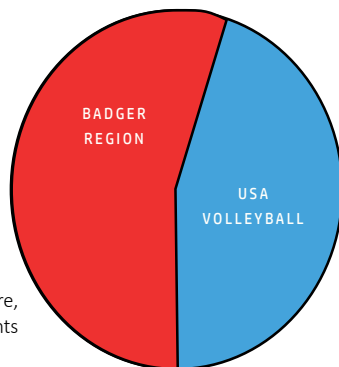


### MEMBERSHIP COSTS BREAKDOWN

\$30 of the full \$55 membership stays in the Badger Region to pay for coaching education, officials education, youth clinics, grants, scholarships, equipment, programs, services



(Sports Engine, rostering, eligibility), tournaments, clinics, High Performance, region infrastructure, staff and supplies for Region events and much more.



\$25 of the full \$55 membership goes to the USA Volleyball National office to pay for sport accident and liability insurance, training materials created for the purpose of national coaching/officiating, national database and membership services (Sports Engine) and National Office staff and office needs.

