



# REGION REF BULLETIN

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## Fourteen officials seek Regional Advancement

Fourteen Badger Region officials have expressed interest in advancing to a “Regional level Official.” Regional Official certification is a significant milestone. It is the highest official’s certification level Badger Region can offer. Regional candidates are paired up with Coach Mentors for 2 matches as the R1 and two matches as the R2. Additional training opportunities occur before championships via zoom and off court training during championships.



Teague Prichard



Sara Voigt

Other coach mentoring opportunities may be available depending on officials availability.

Have questions? Questions reach out to Sara Voigt and Teague Prichard.

For National refs: A National Official “Hub” is now available via USAV and a National dues link is open and available on the Hub. Mark your calendar for Feb. 23 for a live online Zoom National Clinic. The event is open to all and will be recorded for on-demand viewing. Registration is required through USAV Academy (opening soon)

2022 JN and National official candidates: Updates are available on USAV website for process, materials, dates, fees, etc. Badger Region will be offering assistance on process and materials. [USAV Web site](#) has great information for officials: rules, casebook, etc



## APPEARANCE MATTERS

Ever hear the saying “dress for success”? Or how about “first impressions are important”? Keep these things in mind when you arrive for your reffing assignments. As soon as you enter the facility, coaches, players and fans are observing you and making judgements. You will convey your professionalism if you arrive looking the part. Appropriate attire includes:

- \* Navy “dress” slacks
- \* No athletic or yoga pants
- \* “Certified Volleyball Officials” polo
- \* Plain white polo shirt is acceptable
- \* White athletic shoes
- \* Black belt

Some facilities are cold, so you might want to purchase the “certified volleyball officials” jacket. This is the only outerwear approved to be worn during a match.

A great resource can be found on the Badger Region website at <https://badgervolleyball.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/New-Officials-Checklist.pdf>

*Thank you to official Patti Dawson for this week’s tips on the front page of the Ref Bulletin*

## Update on reffing at Region Championships

Wanting to know if the Region has finished making assignments for the Badger Region Championships the weekends of March 19-20, March 26-27 and April 1-2?

For the most part, the answer is, “yes.”

With multiple events (college matches, officials advancement and other tournaments in the area) taking place those weekends, there will be lots of opportunities to officiate.

Let’s all work together to make sure all of the events in the Badger Region are staffed accordingly.

The Region is starting a waiting list of officials who would like to be contacted if another official drops out for whatever reason.

If you would like to be added to the waiting list for Badger Region Championships for any or all weekends, email Sara Voigt at [sara@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:sara@badgervolleyball.org).

## So what does a typical USAV season look like?

The vast majority of USAV officials transition to USAV mid November; after the WIAA season is over and NCAA women’s conference play is winding down. November and December are “prep” months for USAV, competing modules, updating calendars, exams, and watching the NCAA post season.

USAV tournaments typically run January, February and end in March with Badger Region Championships. Many officials “end” their USAV season after Champs. Several current and aspiring Junior National and National officials continue their growth opportunities here and in other states April through July.

## REFEREE REMINDERS



### \* Zebra web reminder:

Please maintain your zebra web calendar. If you take an assignment through a different assigning platform, remember to block those dates on your Zebra web. The Region has had a record number of declines this season.

### Reporting sanctions:

The Badger Region is working to track when

officials are administering red or yellow cards at Badger Region-sanctioned events. Officials are encouraged to report their violations and bookmark the form by [clicking here](#).

**Scholarships:** Are you a senior in high school who plans to graduate in 2022? Then you are eligible for a Badger Region Scholarship. The Region scholarships are

open to any senior (athlete, official or coach). To apply for one of the Region scholarships, [click here](#).

### \* Do teams SWITCH sides at Badger Region events?

Teams do not switch sides in a match, unless there is a clear or unfair advantage of being on one side versus another. This is based on individual courts — not the tournament as a whole.



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## Give outstanding crews shoutouts they deserve

Each week in the Badger Beacon newsletter, the Badger Region recognizes junior work crews who are at the head of the class when it comes to how they executed their duties as a junior work crew.

If you have a junior work crew with an outstanding second referee, a pristine scorebook, or talented line judges who took pride in their duty as part of your refing crew, we want to highlight them.

To do so, send an email to [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org) with the name of the club/team, the date and location of the event and any other information to make the story better. These can come from any event (JVA, USAV or AAU) that you work. As long it is a Badger Region team, we will recognize them.

You can also text that information to Brian Sharkey at 414-313-9055.

### Caught doing good

In addition, the Badger Region has begun a recognition program that allows

any individual to “Catch Someone Doing Good.”

Did a coach truly show amazing sportsmanship? Was an athlete’s honesty about a touch call really catch your attention? Did a spectator clean up a coffee spill that wasn’t theirs?

This program is an extension of our Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive program that has been done in year’s past If you have someone you “Caught Doing Good,” [click here](#) to fill out a brief form.

### TAG UR IT

The TAG U R IT program is returning to the Badger Region to recognize top notch athletes who demonstrate great knowledge of officiating as a member of a junior work crew.

Athletes who show superior abilities as a second referee and who should consider a potential “side job” as an official are great candidates of the TAG U R IT program.



## POINTS OF EMPHASIS FROM REF RESOURCES

For the full listing of officiating guidelines and points of emphasis [click here](#). Emphasis added in bold by Badger Region Officials. This list represents only a small portion of topics

### SANCTION PROCEDURES

Referees must recognize the difference between emotions or reactions during competition and conscious decisions or actions that result in unsporting conduct.

For a player on court: The 1st referee directs the player being sanctioned to approach the 1st referee’s stand to acknowledge the sanction. The 1st referee displays the appropriate card(s) to the sanctioned player and verbalizes,

“This [warning (yellow card), penalty, expulsion or disqualification] is for your unsporting conduct.” If the sanction is a penalty (red card), the 1st referee then signals to award a point to the opponent and ensures the 2nd referee and scorer are aware of the penalty point.

For a team member on the bench: The 1st referee whistles to call the game captain to the stand and then displays the appropriate card(s) and verbalizes, “This [warning (yellow card), penalty, expulsion or disqualification] is for player (or coach) ‘X’. Please inform him/her of the [sanction].” The captain must go immediately to the bench to inform the team member, who acknowledges the [sanction] while the 1st referee displays the appropriate

card(s). If the sanction is a penalty (red card), the 1st referee then signals to award a point to the opponent and ensures the 2nd referee and scorer are aware of the penalty point.

For delay sanctions: The 1st referee calls the game captain to the stand and verbalizes, “This delay sanction is for [delay action],” while displaying the appropriate signal. The captain may inform the coach of the sanction for clarification purposes. If the sanction is a delay penalty, the 1st

referee then signals to award a point to the opponent and ensures the 2nd referee and scorer are aware of the penalty point.

For verbal warnings: Verbal warnings must be accompanied by a whistle and are issued through the game captain. Multiple warnings to the same team member during the same set/match are permitted for minor unsporting conduct.

For simultaneous sanctions to opponents: When individual sanctions are assessed to opponents for simultaneous unsporting acts, the team member from the serving team is sanctioned first, followed by the team member from the receiving team.

### HEAD COVERINGS

A waiver for a head covering worn for medical, religious, or cultural purposes is not required and need not be requested by tournament staff or referees. Hats of any style are not permitted.



## Rulebooks will not be printed in time for any 2021-22 competitions

As you know, USA Volleyball is the authoritative source for several officials resources. Rulebooks, guidelines and interpretations are available online. For the full list of officials resources, scoresheets, uniforms and more, [click here](#).

The 2021-23 DCR (rulebook) is available online. The Region learned on Feb. 14 that the rulebook will not be printed in time for the 2021-22 club volleyball season. To access a digital version of the 2021-23 DCR, [click here](#).

The new rulebook has only a handful of

rule changes, modifications and clarifications.

USA Volleyball has shared those items in a document that can be seen by [clicking here](#).

If you print out this document and fold it inside your 2019-21 DCR, that should get you through the winter and early spring part of your officiating schedule.

For a link to the 2021-2023 Indoor Officiating and Scoring Guidelines, [click here](#).

For the Critical Rules and Interpretations, [click here](#).

