



REGION REF BULLETIN

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Rulebooks delayed; links to key documents available

Happy New Year, everyone! By now, in a “normal year,” the Badger Region staff would have most likely distributed rulebooks to its coaches and officials.

However, hard copies of the rulebook will not be available until spring according to USA Volleyball.

Frustrating? Yes. End of the world? No.

The good thing about the 2021-23

DCR is that there are only a handful of rule changes, modifications and clarifications.

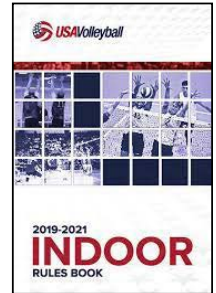
USA Volleyball has shared those items in a document that can be seen by [clicking here](#).

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.

To access a digital version of the 2021-23 DCR, [click here](#).

One of the biggest points of emphasis this year is allowing uniform bottoms of different style and cut to be worn by members of the same team as long as they are the same color (excluding the libero).

For a full explanation of this rule and other jersey interpretation rules, [click here](#).



Miss our start of season meeting? Recording now available online

Did you miss a start of season meeting for returning officials in either November or December? If so, don't panic.

A video recording of one of the virtual meetings has been posted on the Badger Region YouTube page.



Teague Prichard

To access the page, go to the Badger Region “Resources for Officials” page and click the link under “Clinics for Officials.”

The meetings led by Teague Prichard and Sara Voigt discussed everything from officials assigning and ZebraWeb to referee advancement and rule reminders and everything in between.



Sara Voigt

The meetings allowed the moderators to ensure all administrative elements, requirements, modules, assigning, are known and update of new rules, rule reminders, and points of emphasis.

Check it out by [clicking here](#).

One reminder that recently came up: Don't forget to have W9s in your backpack. Some tournaments may not have them readily available on site. Be proactive and bring one to the tournament director if needed.

Happy New Year.

REFEREE REMINDERS

*** Do officials need masks or e-whistles?** E-whistles are not required in any form but can be used. If they are used, they are sometimes difficult to hear, so be prepared to whistle again to stop play. Masks requirements are determined by the hosting facility, tournament director and/ or local government ordinances. Always be prepared to wear a mask if required. At any time, you can wear a mask independent of any policy. Officials are also encouraged to have hand sanitizer available.



*** USAV Academy online for officials:** USAV provides an amazing online catalog of official training videos. Videos are organized similar to an “online” degree, with modules organized by series level (100, 200, 300, etc). The system allows for tracking

of required modules and users can easily register and complete the whole series of modules. Badger Region has selected approximately 90 minutes of training content for the 2022 season based on your level of experience. The completion of these modules are required to stay in good standing with the Region as an official. Required modules are automatically loaded in your USAV Academy in the Sports Engine. You can also consider completing the full course of training outside of Badger Regions selections.

*** 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.

*** Do teams “shake hands before and after match?”** No. Badger Region is promoting the standard protocol but instead of going all the way to the net, players go to the 10 foot line of each respective side and wave.

*** Zebraweb 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 already this season.

Apparel reminder for officials at USAV events

Much like how athletes must be properly attired at events, so too must the officials. USA Volleyball offers the following reminders at Badger Region sanctioned events:

Navy blue pants (not cotton), pure white shoes and whites socks.

A PAVO/USAV polo-style shirt, long or short sleeves, that is one of the three approved colors. White is the default. Shirts can be ordered at the following link: <https://vboffi-cialsgear.com>.

Note: Supply is limited so orders will be delayed. In the interim, the “old” certified officials shirts or basic pure white with no noticeable logos are allowed until supply becomes more available.

Patch must be worn on the right side of the chest in a visible manner.

Only approved outerwear, white color with a certified official logo on the sleeve, can be worn. Non white USAV jackets, vests, etc., are not approved while officiating.