



# THE BADGER BEACON

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## EVENTS 2023



**Dates:** Jan. 7-8, Feb. 11-12, April 1-2  
**Locations:** Center Court (Waukesha), Champion Center (Appleton), RecPlex (Pleasant Prairie), Stoughton Enhancement Academy, UW-Parkside (Somers), Wisconsin Products Pavilion (West Allis), Milwaukee Sting Center (Menomonee Falls), New Berlin SportsPlex  
**Facts:** 178 different teams representing 32 different clubs played 1,372 matches.

Results: [Click here](#)



**Dates:** March 11-12, March 18-19, March 25-26  
**Location:** Wisconsin Center  
**Facts:** Boys: 101 teams, G18s: 33 teams, G17s: 60 teams, G16s: 93 teams, G15s: 103 teams, G14s: 116 teams, G13s: 79 teams, G12s: 60 teams, G11s: 29 teams  
**Weekend No. 1 results:** [Click here](#)  
**Weekend No. 2 results:** [Click here](#)  
**Weekend No. 3 results:** [Click here](#)



**Dates:** Feb. 25-26  
**Locations:** Milwaukee Sting Center (Menomonee Falls), Wisconsin Products Pavilion (West Allis), UW-Parkside (Somers), Wisconsin Center (Milwaukee)  
**Facts:** 115 teams representing 28 clubs took part in the event. A separate G11s qualifier took place at the Wisconsin Center on March 17.  
**Results:** [Click here](#)



**Dates:** March 11 or March 12  
**Location:** Wisconsin Center (Milwaukee)  
**Facts:** 103 teams from Illinois and Wisconsin took part in the ninth year of the event  
**Results:** [Click here](#)

## 2023 Badger Region events were ones for the record books

By Jennifer Armson-Dyer  
 Badger Region Executive Director / Commissioner

Well, we did it. We ALL did it. The players, coaches, club directors and administrators, parents and supportive adults, officials, scorers, mentors, volunteers, boards of directors and Region staff. We all came together to complete the largest indoor events season that Wisconsin has ever seen.

In this special edition of the Badger Beacon, put together by the wonderful Brian Sharkey, you'll learn just how extensive this season was. From the number of teams registered in each event - which broke records - to the number of officials and amount of matches played - which

also broke records. While we're starting to plan for the future, it's also important to look back upon what we accomplished.

There are various reasons people join club volleyball. For the youth players, maybe it's to spend some more time with friends, be active

and healthy, learn teamwork and hard work and overcome obstacles. For coaches, it could be the love of the game, the excitement of teaching and seeing that 'a ha' moment catch with a player, and the passion and competition surrounding the sport. For officials, maybe it is a continuation of playing days and the love of the game, to earn some extra money or to help grow the game in a positive manner.

Whatever the reason, even if you don't think about it while joining, you're part of this. Part of your team, club, community, Badger Region and USA Volleyball. The not-so-fun administrative part at the start of the season (membership, background screens, paperwork, SafeSport training) put the strongest athlete safeguards in the sport in place in order for vol-



# Champs really is a team effort

It's not just the Badger Region staff that makes our Region Championships happen. Teams who set up courts, crews who tape and clean the courts, athletic trainers, ticket takers and much more make this such a great event. And we'd like to thank all of them.

\* **Set-Up Work Crews:** Bortulin Family (Southwest VBC), Vasold Family (River City VBC), Gerthony Lapierre

\* **Court crews** - Waukesha Fusion HS Boys Volleyball, Glendale Scout Troop 393, Kettle Moraine HS Boys Volleyball, Lakeland University Men's Volleyball, Wisconsin Lutheran College Men's Volleyball, and I AM Volleyball

\* **Ticketing** - Wisconsin Lutheran College Women's Volleyball, Scott Blackmon

\* **Misc Help** - Scott Blackmon

\* **Athletic Trainers** - Jennifer Hubbard, Jon Hubbard, Gail Bonofiglio, Gregg Everts, Emily Garcia, Kathy Hickey, Angela Lubach

\* **Ballroom Tournament Desk** - Christina Lehner, Kaitlyn Beguhl, Kyle Lehman, Jessica Rose

**National anthem singers:** Zofia Sielaff, Calleigh Mills, Layla Mathias and River City 15-Black

\* **NetLynx Net Systems:** Phil Weiskircher, Mel Conter, Kim Hansen, Hector Rubio, Tori Gorrell

## Teams win photo shoots

This year, the Badger Region partnered with Com-It Photography to award winners of the American Cancer Society fundraising competition a free photo shoot.

All teams in the Badger Region Championships were eligible for this opportunity, and one winning team was selected per weekend of the big event. Winners of this year's photo shoots were Junior Red Knight 16-Red (Weekend No. 1), Onalaska VBC 12s (Weekend No. 2) and Junior Red Knight 15-White (Weekend No. 3).

The Badger Region also coordinated a rummage sale of donations that came in from athletes, clubs and the Region office that raised over \$2,000 additional for the American Cancer Society.

Thank you to all of those who contributed online by purchasing from the rummage sale. All leftover items from the rummage sale (as well as many lost and found items) were donated to Global Giving.

### Thank you to all our vendors and partners

There's always more than just volleyball at the Badger Region Championships.

This year, the Region would like to thank the following vendors and partners who were on site or contributed behind the scenes to this year's event.

\* Fine Designs (tournament-branded apparel)

\* Slunks (custom designed shorts and apparel)

\* Molten (volleyballs)

\* WKP apparel and Frisco Mo (staff apparel)

\* Samyon Abramov (health products)

\* Com-It Photography

\* Wisconsin High School Volleyball Officials Association

\* Sports Imports

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leyball in the state of Wisconsin to grow and flourish in a high-standards environment.

Joining your team or community at the start of the season when you're a little nervous to step out onto the court in whatever role you're serving - even a parent sitting along the wall at that first practice - culminates in the giant celebration that is Badger Region Championships. Even if it's not the last event for you, it's the state championships against your peers from neighboring schools and towns and communities. It's all of the moving pieces coming together

in a way that highlights the cheers and smiles despite the outcomes on the court. It's the learning moments and takeaways from losses, the overcoming adversity and teammates picking one another up with positivity. THAT is what we all did together this club season in Wisconsin.

Thank you to all of those people who make these events happen both behind the scenes and in the forefront. Our vendors, our facility managers and site directors, our amazing Licensed Athletic Trainers, our club partners, our officials who do an often thankless job (we appreciate you!), our High

Performance Coaches, our Region ambassadors and our Board of Directors volunteers. These events could not happen without your boots on the ground and we acknowledge the hard work you put in to provide a positive event experience that reflects well on Badger Region.

A special thank you to the Badger Region staff: Kelly Lehman (Tournament Director, scheduling and tournament guru), Scott Spiess (Operations Manager, logistics, ticketing and court coordinator), Brian Sharkey (Program Director, HP coordinator, communications, marketing and "many

other duties as assigned") and Sara Voigt (Program Specialist, officials coordinator and assigner). The jobs that all of you do and the details that each of you handle go unnoticed by a majority of people, but those in the Arena know and appreciate it. Thank you for being the type of people I want to go to work with every day.

So read on for more specific details, and just know, we couldn't do it without you. And we wouldn't want to.

I can't wait to see what 2024 brings!

Jen

# Officials deserve recognition for Champs

Thousands of volleyball matches being played means hundreds of officials are needed to be on site and ready to adjust their schedules if courts start running behind, a fellow officials fall ill or have a fender bender on the drive, or an official is just looking for mento-

ring for future advancement. This year, Badger Region Championships had over 90 officials on site helping in some way. Thank you to them and officials assigner Sara Voigt for making the event run so smooth.

**Champs Officials**  
 Adams, Katherine  
 Albon, Meagan  
 Alt, Eileen  
 Arts, James  
 Baird, Michael  
 Barschdorf, Noah  
 Baumeister, Cynthia  
 Blank, Becky  
 Blocksom, Rich  
 Brice, Matt  
 Butschlick, John  
 Chan, Anthony  
 Collar, Patrick  
 Como, Aaron  
 Couey, Heather  
 Crowder, Larry  
 Dahmen, Randy  
 Dawson, Patti  
 De Shaney, Guy  
 Duvall, Lexy  
 Flasch, Justin  
 Galarza, David  
 Gasper, Rebecca  
 Gianniou, Izzy  
 Gille, Nancy  
 Grycowski, Amy  
 Guzman, Idalis  
 Heiden, Whitney  
 Heltemes, Dennis  
 Hubred, Shane  
 Huening, Dave  
 Janan, Ezekiel

Jalan, Tony  
 Jonas, Joey  
 Jones, Rick  
 Kaczmarek, Kristin  
 Kapalko, Mya  
 Klatt, Aliina  
 Kolash, Ron  
 Kosoris, Michael  
 Krivitz, Kyle  
 Lambert, Anthony  
 Landolt, MacKenzie  
 LeCaptain, Bill  
 Lehnerz, Jeff  
 Little, Peter  
 Marcos, Franklin  
 Masloroff, Scott  
 Miedema, Gary  
 Momsen, Jim  
 Moser, Laurie  
 Nelson, Emily  
 Nelson, John  
 Nevoraski, Bill  
 Ocker, Jace  
 Petersen, Bill  
 Peterson, Carter  
 Peterson, Eric  
 Peterson, Shane  
 Phelps, Sally  
 Prichard, Teague  
 Rath, Beau  
 Reynolds, Mickey  
 Roob, Parker  
 Roob, Ryan



Roob, Tyler  
 Roth, John  
 Schewe, Jerry  
 Schlieder, Tim  
 Schoenick, Larry  
 Schumann, Scott  
 Scott, Jeff  
 Selner, Joseph  
 Sheldon, Alexis  
 Spearo, Phillip  
 Stalker, Bonnie  
 Tavera, Evan  
 Tirado, Jackson  
 Tomczyk, Dan  
 Torres Rivera,

Francisco  
 Torres, Luis  
 Tuskiewicz, Chad  
 Wagner, Josh  
 Wang, Monica  
 Wasserstrass, John  
 Watts, Randy  
 Williams, Andy  
 Witty, Jody

**Worked all 3 weekends**

Becky Blank  
 Jeff Scott

Justin Flasch  
 Kyle Krivitz  
 Scott Schumann  
 Teague Prichard  
 Joe Selner  
 Dan Tomczyk  
 John Wasserstrass  
 John Nelson  
 Emily Nelson  
 Bonnie Stalker  
 Rick Jones  
 Gary Miedema  
 Patrick Collar  
 Rich Blocksom  
 Bill Nevoraski  
 Heather Couey  
 Jerry Schewe

**Score monitors**

Erin Stalker  
 Sharon Terry

**Lead Refs**

Felix Madera  
 Jim Momsen

**Mentors**

Craig Madson  
 Felix Madera  
 Jim Momsen

Teague Prichard  
 John Nelson  
 Alexis Sheldon  
 Andy Williams

**New Provisional Officials**

Carter Peterson  
 Jason Peterson  
 Tony Janan  
 Ezekiel Janan  
 Ryan Roob  
 Parker Roob  
 Katherine Adams  
 Mya Kapalko  
 Aliina Klatt  
 Scott Masloroff  
 Monica Wang  
 Philip Spearo

**New Regional Officials**

Emily Nelson  
 Rebecca Gasper  
 Rich Blocksom  
 Gary Miedema  
 Chad Tuskiewicz  
 Guy DeShaney

## Ambassadors did behind-the-scenes work at 2023 events

A new program under the Badger Region umbrella has been a huge success when it comes to customer service that the Region can offer.

This year, the Badger Region launched what it has called its Ambassador program where members and volunteers from throughout the state have come together to assist the Region in a variety of ways.

This year, a dozen ambassadors helped out in some way at the Badger Region Qualifier, Power League and Championships.

Some of the tasks this amazing crew assisted with included:

- \* Taking photos during awards presentations
- \* Taking photos and videos for social media
- \* Coordinating the organization and hand-



**Kristin, Emma, Kim and Brian getting ready to hand out medals.**

ing out of medals and plaques

- \* Answering questions at information tables at tournaments at open houses
- \* Handle check in of teams at tournaments or

athletes at High Performance All-Star tryouts

\* Doing Badger Region giveaways at events

In addition to the in-person ambassadors, we'd like to thank the many "communication and e-ambassadors" that the Region uses to help write content for newsletters and our website and well sharing materials we post on our social media.

This year, our ambassadors included: Wendy Dole, Amy and Ken Cimbalknik, Amy Daley, Kristin Higgins, Kim and Emma Ellingham, Lydell Tapp, TJ Abshire, Curtis Madson, Holly Jablonowski and Marty Gooding

If you are interested in being an ambassador in the future, email [brian@badgervolleyball.org](mailto:brian@badgervolleyball.org).

# BADGER REGION CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



G11 CLUB 1ST PLACE:



G11 CLUB 2ND PLACE:



G11 CLUB 3RD PLACE:



G11 BADGER 1ST PLACE:



G11 BADGER 2ND PLACE:



G11 BADGER 3RD PLACE:



G12 OPEN 1ST PLACE:



G12 OPEN 2ND PLACE:



G12 OPEN 3RD PLACE:



G12 CLUB 1ST PLACE:



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G12 BADGER 1ST PLACE:



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G14 BADGER 1ST PLACE:



G14 BADGER 2ND PLACE:



G14 BADGER 3RD PLACE:



G15 OPEN 1ST PLACE:



G15 OPEN 2ND PLACE:



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G15 CLUB 3RD PLACE:



G15 WISCONSIN 1ST PLACE:



G15 WISCONSIN 2ND PLACE:



G15 WISCONSIN 3RD PLACE:



G15 BADGER 1ST PLACE:



G15 BADGER 2ND PLACE:



G15 BADGER 3RD PLACE:



G16 OPEN 1ST PLACE:



G16 OPEN 2ND PLACE:



G16 OPEN 3RD PLACE:

# BADGER REGION CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



G16 CLUB 1ST PLACE:



G16 CLUB 2ND PLACE:



G16 CLUB 3RD PLACE:



G16 WISCONSIN 1ST PLACE:



G16 WISCONSIN 2ND PLACE:



G16 WISCONSIN 3RD PLACE:



G16 BADGER 1ST PLACE:



G16 BADGER 2ND PLACE:



G16 BADGER 3RD PLACE:



G17 OPEN 1ST PLACE:



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# BADGER REGION CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



G18 OPEN 1ST PLACE:



G18 OPEN 2ND PLACE:



G18 OPEN 3RD PLACE:



G18 CLUB 1ST PLACE:



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# BADGER REGION CHAMPIONSHIP 2023



BOYS 15S 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 15S 2ND PLACE:



BOYS 15S 3RD PLACE:



BOYS 14S 1ST PLACE:



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BOYS 13S 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 13S 2ND PLACE:



BOYS 13S 3RD PLACE:



BOYS 12S 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 12S 2ND PLACE:



BOYS 12S 3RD PLACE:



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**YouTube:** /Badger RegionVolleyball

# DALE ROHDE MEMORIAL BOYS TOURNAMENT 2023



BOYS 18-RED 1ST PLACE: MKE STING 18-1 TOM



BOYS 18- RED 2ND PLACE: MVC 18-GREEK



BOYS 18S  
RED 3RD  
PLACE  
(TIE):

MVC 17-  
BRAD



MKE  
STING 17-1  
TAMARI



BOYS 18-WHITE 1ST PLACE: INFERNO 18-FIRE



BOYS 18-WHITE 2ND PLACE: OVC 17/18



BOYS 18S WHITE 3RD PLACE: RVA B18-NAVY



BOYS 17 RED 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 17 RED 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 17 RED 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 17 WHITE 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 17 WHITE 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 17 WHITE 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 16 RED 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 16 RED 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 18S  
RED 3RD  
PLACE  
(TIE):

MVC 17-  
BRAD



MKE  
STING 17-1  
TAMARI



BOYS 16 WHITE 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 16 WHITE 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 16 WHITE 1ST PLACE:

# DALE ROHDE MEMORIAL BOYS TOURNAMENT 2023



BOYS 15 RED 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 15 RED 2ND PLACE:



BOYS 15 RED 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 15 WHITE 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 15 WHITE 11TH PLACE:



BOYS 15 WHITE 11TH PLACE:



BOYS 13/14 RED 1ST PLACE:



BOYS 13/14 RED 2ND PLACE:



BOYS 13/14 RED 3RD PLACE:



BOYS 13/14 WHITE 1ST PLACE



BOYS 13/14 WHITE 2ND PLACE



BOYS 13/14 WHITE 3RD PLACE



BOYS 12/13 RED 1ST PLACE



BOYS 12/13 RED 2ND PLACE



BOYS 12/13 RED 3RD PLACE



BOYS 12/13 WHITE 1ST PLACE



BOYS 12/13 WHITE 2ND PLACE



BOYS 12/13 WHITE 3RD PLACE

# BADGER REGION POWER LEAGUE & QUALIFIER 2023

The Badger Region Power League had a handful of new features as part of this year's event.

This year, the Elite Division played only two weekends to allow teams (usually National teams) the ability to travel more later in the season to destination events that are usually held in April. The Select and Regional divisions continued to play all three weekends, concluding April 1-2 at sites throughout Wisconsin.

First, coaches from all of the participating teams had the opportunity to nominate two individuals from their teams to the Power League Watchlist.

To see all of the Watchlist honorees that were unveiled just prior to the first weekend in February, [click here](#).

Coaches also then were given the opportunity to select Top Setters, Attackers, Defenders and Servers at the conclusion of their division's final weekend of competition. The Region also

named an All-Power League team.

For a look at the Elite Divisions award winners, [click here](#).

For a look at the Select and Regional Division award winners, [click here](#).

Congratulations to the top finishing teams in each of the divisions:

18-Elite Division First Place:

Wisconsin Juniors 18-1s

18-Regional First Place: Impact 17-Blue

16-Elite Division First Place: Wisconsin Juniors 16-1s

16-Select First Place: Infinity 16-Navy

16-Regional First Place: Madtown 152 Select

14-Elite Division First Place: I AM VBC 14-Red

14-Select First Place: Eclipse 14-Solar

14-Regional First Place: FVP G14-National

For all the results of the 2023 Badger Region Power League, [click here](#).



The Badger Region Qualifier held Feb. 25-26 featured a record number of teams participating this year. This year, we had the following bids that we were allowed to award:

G11s: 1 National Bid

G12-G13s: 1 National Bid, 2 American Bids

G14s-18s: 1 National Bid, 2 American Bids and 2 Freedom Bids

Since the event concluded, many teams have gone on to qualify for Girls Junior National Championships in other (higher) divisions at National Qualifiers throughout the country.

The Region also received re-allocated bids from USA Volleyball which has allowed us to award teams bids to GJNCs if they finished in the Top 8 at our event.

For full results from the Badger Region Qualifier, [click here](#).

Here is how this event operated:

**11s:** Two teams, match played March 17 at the Wisconsin Center for the one bid.

**12s:** Only 3 teams – 1 Pool of 3

**13s:** – 12 teams – 3 Pools of

4. 3rd place teams in each pool played a 3-team bracket on Saturday after pool. Top 2 from each pool played bracket on Sunday.

**14s:** 4 Pools of 4 on Saturday with top 2 teams advancing to Sunday play.

**15s & 17s:** 20 teams – Double Pools – Seeds 9-20 played in Preliminary 3 team pools. Winners of Pools and top 8 seeds will advance to secondary 3 team pools. Top 2 teams from secondary pools advancing to Sunday play.

**16's Division Format:** 26 teams – Play-In Matches followed by Double Pools – Seeds 15-26 will play a single elimination play-in match. Winners advanced along with Seeds 9-14 to play in Preliminary 3 team pools. Winners of Pools and top 8 seeds will advance to secondary 3 team pools. Top 2 teams from secondary pools advancing to Sunday play.

**18s:** 18 teams – 2 Pools of 4 and 2 Pool of 5 on Saturday with top 2 teams advancing to Sunday play.



## 2023: Nationals here we go!

### GIRLS 18S



USAVolleyball

### Girls Junior Nationals

April 28-30

Columbus, Ohio

2024: Baltimore, Maryland  
2025: Salt Lake City, Utah

### ADULTS



USAVolleyball

### Open National Championships

May 26-31

Dallas, Texas

2024: Columbus, Ohio  
2025: Denver, Colo.

### GIRLS



USAVolleyball

### Girls Junior Nationals

G11-13s: June 14-17  
Minneapolis, Mn.

G14-17s: June 28-July 6  
Chicago, Ill.

2024: 11-13s: Dallas  
2024: 14s-17s: Las Vegas  
2025: 11-13s: Kansas City  
2025: 14-17s: Dallas

### BOYS



USAVolleyball

### Boys Junior Nationals

June 29-July 6

Salt Lake City, Utah

2024: Dallas, Texas  
2025: Minneapolis



### USA All-Star Championships

July 19-23

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

2024: Des Moines, Iowa

Dates and locations for a majority of the 2023 and 2024 Boys Bid Tournaments and Girls National Qualifiers can also be found on the events page at [www.usavolleyball.org](http://www.usavolleyball.org).