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Board approves changes to tryouts

Region clubs allowed to offer a summer tryout

The Badger Region Board of Directors met Nov. 20, and voted to allow an additional tryout and commitment period to take place in the summer starting with the 2024-25 club volleyball season while maintaining the October and November tryout and commitment periods that are currently in place.

The following motion was approved by the Board 11-1 and will be effective July 1, 2024. The Badger Region will allow clubs to open tryouts to all ages and gender of athletes on the second Saturday after the conclusion of the final day of the USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships (GJNC) or Boys Junior National Championships (BJNC) (whichever is later). All tryouts must be completed by 11:59 p.m. CT the Sunday before the start of the WIAA season. If an athlete receives an offer from a club, it must be

honored until 7 p.m. CT Aug. 1. Any offer made after that time is at the discretion of the club. Summer tryouts must be concluded once high school season begins. If a club holds a tryout during the regular fall tryout period, they may do so the first Saturday in October for athletes 14-and-younger, or the Saturday after the conclusion of the WIAA state volleyball tournament (15-and-older). Clubs must honor their

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Sixty-one girls from all over the state of Wisconsin took part in the National Team Development Program Accelerator on Nov. 19 at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

Region hosts NTDP Accelerator



The coaching cadre for the Nov. 19 Accelerator included many Badger Region HP All-Star coaches.

Over 100 athletes participated in USA Volleyball's National Team Development Program (NTDP) Accelerator Sunday, Nov. 19, at the Milwaukee Sting Center. To be a part of this elite experience, club directors had to nominate athletes from their program (or other programs) to be part of the evaluation date. Coaches from around the midwest, including many Badger Region HP All-Star coaches assisted USA Volleyball staff at the event. Want to know more about the NTDP and the Accelerator that made at stop in Wisconsin last month, see more on Page 5.

Dec. 10 officials meeting now online

Due to popular demand, the Badger Region has decided to make the December 10 officials meeting a Zoom meeting and not in person.

The meeting will still be at 12:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, as scheduled. You will need to register for this Zoom meeting even if you already registered for the in-person. Below is the link to register for the Zoom meeting.

[To register for the meeting, click here.](#)

After registering, officials will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

All officials (new or experienced) are required to attend at least one meeting prior to the start of the 2023-24 season.

The Dec. 10 meeting is the final meeting of the year.

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offers until the Monday after the tryout period at 7 p.m. Any offers made after 7 p.m. are at the discretion of the club.

Clubs can offer a retention offer to those athletes who played for their club that season for the following club season to athletes starting on July 1 through seven days after the final day of the GJNC or BJNC (whichever is later).

Details

The second Saturday after the last day of the GJNC and BJNC would allow a minimum of at least eight days for an athlete to recover from the end of their season. It will also allow some time for athletes and families to consider possible retention offers they may have received, and mirrors tryout policies from neighboring regions.

The policy allows clubs to host tryouts for all ages and genders during the summer tryout period while still retaining the fall tryout periods. Clubs may choose to host tryouts during any or all of the available periods. The updated policy does not mandate that a club hold tryouts during the summer tryout period; this is up the discretion of each individual club.

The Aug. 1 commitment date allows a longer tryout period and will allow athletes to attend multiple tryouts possibly over two weekends. This gives athletes and families to try out at

multiple locations and not have to race from club to club on just one day of tryouts. The Aug. 1 deadline gives clubs and athletes two weeks before the high school season starts.

Moving the retention period to July 1



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who want to know what club they will train with and compete with after their high school or middle school seasons.

If a club chooses to host a tryout in the summer period, they can then advertise for available team openings for the fall tryout periods. Allowing a summer tryout gives clubs additional planning time to organize their resources to prepare for the upcoming club volleyball season.

Timeline

These policies will go into effect for the 2024-25 season, with the applicable dates below for

the coming season

1. Retention will open July 1, 2024, for the 2024-25 season the last day of the 2024 GJNC / BJNC will be July 11.

2. The last day a retention offer can be signed will be July 18.

3. The first allowed dates for tryouts will be July 20

4. The first commitment date will be Aug. 1. Any offers made after this date are at the discretion of the club.

5. The last allowed date of summer tryouts will be Aug. 18.

6. WIAA (high school) season starts Aug. 19

7. Fall tryouts can start Oct. 5 for 14-and-under (Commitment date: Oct.7)

8. Fall tryouts can start Nov. 16 for 15-and-older (Commitment date: Nov. 18)

More details about how official commitments will be made and other logistical adjustments will be published once they are finalized.

The Badger Region appreciates all of the time spent by the tryout committee, board members, club directors and others during this several year process. Numerous surveys of families and clubs, club director listening sessions and almost two years of planning went into the decision made by the Board of Directors.

We understand that with change comes questions, which we will help facilitate. Please send any questions to membership@badgervolleyball.org.

Lunch & Learn offers ways for parents to be involved in club

In what ways can parents contribute in a positive manner to their son or daughter's team, club or even Badger Region Volleyball?

Those questions and more were answered this week at the monthly Lunch & Learn that was broadcast

on Facebook Live by the Badger Region.

To view the Lunch & Learn, [click here](#).

During the 50-minute broadcast, staff members offered ways parents can help their clubs by being in-

involved in communication, athlete preparation (making sure athletes are hydrated and eating right), actively participating as officials, scorers or chaperones, assisting other parents who are new to club volleyball and much more.

The Region also explained how to become an official or an ambassador to give back to the sport. For questions about how to be a better sports parent for your club or the Region, email membership@badgervolleyball.org.



Keep up to date on all things volleyball via the many channels of the Badger Region

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E.S.P. program recognizes sportsmanship

Wristbands given to adults being great role models

Sportsmanship isn't a suggestion for the way every player, coach and fan should act on and off the court. It is the expectation.

To reward those exceeding expectations, the Badger Region wants to recognize you.

The 2023-24 marks the eighth year of the "Enthusiastic. Supportive. Positive." program that highlights volleyball enthusiasts, specifically fans in the stands.

Last season, tournament directors throughout the Region distributed close to 250 wristbands at events and tournaments, and we're looking to hand out hundreds more.

Then, at the Badger Region Championships in March, anyone (adults/spectators only) who was awarded a wristband throughout the year, will be eligible to

win Badger Region gear such as T-shirts, water bottles, mini volleyballs and other cool swag.

So, what do you have to do to get a wristband? Support your team! Be positive! Show character that would make your mother proud!

Get a little crazy. Go the extra mile. Recognize the good in your team and others. Get excited when even your opponent makes an amazing save or play.

Don't cheer against another team. Don't taunt or heckle officials, coaches or players. Don't give your club or team a black eye with any "in your face" cheers.

Tournaments directors, Badger Region staff, referees and board members are watching.

If you get one of our colorful "ESP" wristbands, come to the Championship Desk at the Badger Region Championships for prizes. Anyone with a wristband gets one entry into the raffle. At certain points throughout the day, names will be drawn for the prizes.

The only rule: You must have your wristband on at the time of the raffle to receive your gift.

The ESP program is designed for recognition of adults or other individuals who are "outside the

lines." Winners do not have to be Badger Region members.

If you have someone like an athlete, coach or official who is deserving of recognition, please fill out a nomination form for the "Caught Doing Good" program (see below).

If you are a tournament director running a Badger Region/USA Volleyball-sanctioned event in 2023-24 and would like to request a package of wristbands for distribution at your event, contact Program Director Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.



Nominate a coach, player or ref for special honor

'Caught Doing Good' now in its third year

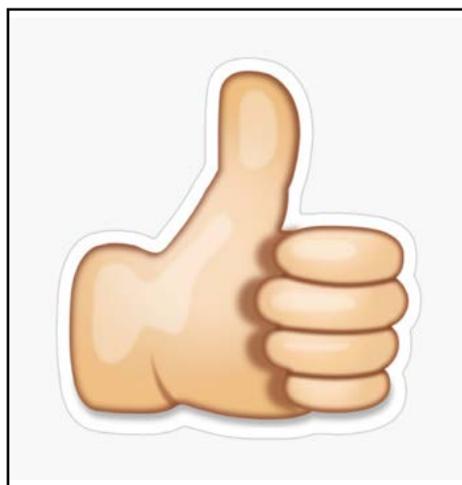
The Badger Region knows there are great people who play, coach or officiate our great sport in the state of Wisconsin.

Now is the time to take a second to recognize him or her for their outstanding character, leadership or contribution to the Badger Region or others in the volleyball community.

[To nominate an individual for "Caught Doing Good," click here.](#)

The 2023-24 season marks the third year of the "Caught Doing Good" program in the Badger Region.

In the past, some examples of folks Caught Doing Good were of coaches who took on multiple teams in the wake of situations at their clubs. There have also been coaches who have gone above and beyond to lead by example and be amazing role models for the young men and young



women in their care.

Some athletes have been recognized by their coaches or fellow teammates for their amazing show of sportsmanship, leadership and character on and off the court.

Just because a coach or athlete receives an award does not mean they are the best

coach in the Badger Region or the best athlete. It means they are doing things the right way, and in ways we can all learn from.

Nominees for "Caught Doing Good" will be eligible to win awesome prize packs from the Badger Region including Molten packs or volleyballs, Badger Region apparel or other Badger Region-branded items such as fanny packs, coolers or mugs. Winners will also be featured in future Badger Region newsletters.

"We want to recognize the people on the court who are models of behavior for the rest of us," said Program Director Brian Sharkey. "It's much friendlier on our end to celebrate the positive stories than have to reprimand those that don't have their priorities in order."

Only Badger Region members (coaches, club directors, tournament directors, athletes, administrators, athletic trainers, etc.) are eligible for Caught Doing Good awards.

Have questions about Caught Doing Good? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org or call 414-313-9055.



Greetings Badger Region Nation!

The Side-Out Foundation is thrilled that the Badger Volleyball Region will be partnering with us at the Badger Region Championships in March! Teams will be able to raise funds for the Foundation and the money raised will be used to further the mission to bring hope to people living with metastatic breast cancer. We will have exciting news to share about our amazing research program in upcoming Badger Beacon issues provided by Side-Out.

Did You Know...

The Side-Out research program is available to anyone living anywhere with metastatic breast cancer (MBC) anywhere in the U.S.. Once a person is diagnosed with MBC, they talk to their oncologist about enrolling with Side-Out to receive their personalized Precision Medicine Report.

We are thankful to be collaborating with the Badger Region in March. Wishing all of your teams a wonderful Thanksgiving with loved ones.

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Forty-nine boys took part in the National Team Development Program Accelerator on Nov. 19 in Menomonee Falls

Coaches sought for All-Stars

The Badger Region is seeking coaches to help fill the ranks of its 2024 High Performance All-Star program.

Applications for any coach who wants to work a training date, camp or travel team are required.

[To apply for one of the coaching positions in the Badger Region HP All-Star program, click here.](#)

All camp and travel coaches are paid. Expectations for these coaches are to attend tryouts, attend training dates/camps and possibly travel with teams to Des Moines, Iowa, for the 2024 USA All-Star Championships.

Tryouts and training dates are yet to be announced.

Coaches looking to volunteer at tryouts or who want to come to training dates to observe practices, should sign up by emailing brian@badgervolleyball.org.

Questions? Contact Brian Sharkey at the email address above or call 414-313-9055.

What is an NTDP Accelerator?

NTDP. HP. USAV. It all sounds like alphabet soup if you aren't familiar with USA Volleyball's programming that was re-branded in 2020.

As you know, as a member of the Badger Region Volleyball Association, you are also a member of USA Volleyball, the national governing body of the sport as recognized by the USOPC (United State Olympic and Paralympic Committee) and the FIVB (the international governing body of the sport of volleyball).

(Lots of letters, we know.)

Right around the time of COVID, the National Team Development Program (NTDP) was launched by USA Volleyball.

The program (in essence) re-

placed the National High Performance program (HP), which had been around for years. NTDP is now the pipeline for elite athletes and coaches to be recognized and become eligible for elite camps and national teams run by USA Volleyball.

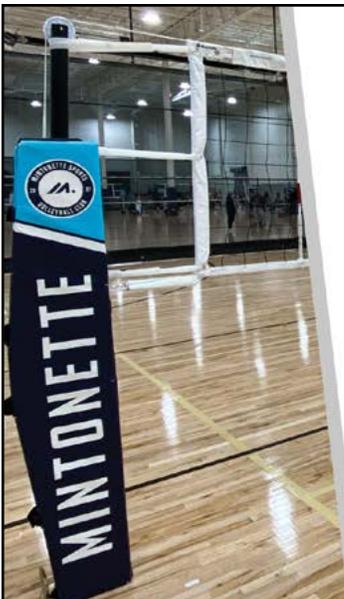
Prior to COVID, athletes would try out for National Teams, A1, teams, A2 teams, continental teams, etc. through massive tryouts the day before National Qualifiers. Sometimes there were over 300 athletes at these tryouts, thus making the tryout process so difficult and inefficient. It left USAV asking how do they compare athletes in Las Vegas to those who tried out in Indianapolis. It was impossible.

Enter Scouts and Accelerators.

National Scouts (most of whom are high-level collegiate coaches) now help USAV identify talented athletes deserving of spots in the National Team Development Program. For athletes not discovered by these National Scouts, USAV created Accelerators to allow clubs and Regions to nominate elite athletes they thought were deserving of consideration for NTDP camps and possible national teams down the road.

USA Volleyball rotates the location of these Accelerators, and Regions are not guaranteed the opportunity the host.

Have questions about NTDP, HP or All-Star programming? Email brian@badgervolleyball.org.



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Region to host 2025 All-Star event

Madison chosen for elite tournament

The Badger Region Volleyball Association and the Madison Area Sports Commission (MASC) are proud to announce that Madison and the Alliant Energy Center have been selected to host the 2025 USA Volleyball All-Star Championships. The event will feature All-Star teams from across the country composed of boys and girls players, ages 13-19, as well as officials from around the nation.

Madison was selected from various sites around the country by the participating programs. It will be the first time a Wisconsin city has hosted this prestigious event since 2010, when it was held in Wisconsin Dells.

"We are very proud to be hosting this event in Madison, in partnership with the Madison Area Sports Commission," said Badger Region Volleyball Executive Director and Commissioner Jennifer Armson-Dyer. "Wisconsin is a hotbed of volleyball at all levels, and to be able to bring this event to our local community is very rewarding. We're looking forward to showing the juniors volleyball community what Madison is about."

The event will take place in late July 2025 at the Alliant Energy Center and will feature four days of competition across nine divisions of both boys and girls volleyball ages 13-19. More than 100 participating teams will come from the 40 regions of USA Volleyball along with international teams. In the past, teams from Canada, Puerto Rico, Australia and New Zealand have attended the event.

Not only will players, coaches and spectators travel from around the nation to Madison, but officials will as well. Each participating region sends experienced and up-and-coming officials to work the event and be mentored by world-class officials to gain experience officiating high-level volleyball and making important connections to further



The Badger Region brought home two gold medals from the All-Star event in Tulsa in 2022. The event will be in Madison in 2025.



their careers.

"Hosting this prestigious tournament in Madison -- one of the epicenters of volleyball has long been a goal of ours," said Jamie Patrick, VP of MASC. "We look forward to continuing our partnership with Badger Region Volleyball to welcome athletes and their fans to compete, cheer and enjoy volleyball and activities in the indelible Madison."

The All-Star Championships started in the early 2000s as an elite-level event designed to showcase regional All-Star teams along with national training teams from USA Volleyball, the national governing body of volleyball in the United States, in multiple age divisions. Previously known as the High Performance Champion-

ships, the USA Volleyball All-Star Championships are now run by the Regional Volleyball Associations and it is endorsed by USA Volleyball as a "pipeline" event to the National Team Development and Olympic programs.

Badger Region has been a participant in this event since its beginning, capturing 15 medals, including most recently a bronze medal by the U13 girls team last July in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and a gold medal by the U17 boys and U17 girls teams in 2022 in Tulsa, Okla. The 2024 All-Star Volleyball Championships will be held in Des Moines, Iowa in mid-July. Information about the Badger Region Volleyball tryouts for the 2024 teams will be announced in January.

For more information on the event as details emerge, please visit the Badger Region website at www.BadgerVolleyball.org or contact us at membership@badgervolleyball.org.

Badger Region

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is one of the 40 Regions of USA Volleyball. A 501c3 nonprofit organization, Badger Region's mission is to promote

initiatives for safe, structured and fun life-long volleyball experiences. Badger Region is one of the nine largest regions in the country, with more than 16,000 members across the state of Wisconsin. Our membership ranges from introductory and grassroots teams at 10 and under through semi-professional adult teams associated with the Volleyball League of America. We provide educational opportunities for players, coaches, club directors, tournament directors, officials and fans, and prioritize child safety and safe, welcoming environments. Please visit www.BadgerVolleyball.org to learn more about Badger Region Volleyball.

About the Madison Area Sports Commission:

The Madison Area Sports Commission (MASC) is the greater Madison area's official sports marketing organization. Launched by Destination Madison in 2010, MASC is charged with elevating the recognition and awareness of the impact of sports tourism on the regional economy while serving the unique needs of the sports tourism business. For more information about the organization, visit madisonsports.org.



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Logo contest launched for 2024 Championships

If you are creative and interested, the Badger Region wants you to design a logo for the 2024 Badger Region Championships.

What's your inspiration? This year, the event will be taking place in Green Bay, Appleton and downtown Milwaukee across three weekends in March. Let's celebrate our sport across the state and make the 2024 Championships logo something that all Badger Region members can get behind.



The deadline for submission of the logo is Dec. 15, 2023. You can send your samples as PDFs or JPGs for consideration in the contest. But all final images must be sent as .eps files. Send your files as an .eps to brian@badgervolleyball.org.

The images must be able to be reproduced in black and white and in four-color formats. The logo will become property of the Badger Region if it is chosen as the logo of choice for the 2024 Badger Region Championships. The Badger Region logo must be incorporated into the design of your Championships design.

Winners will receive Badger Region apparel, an Amazon gift card, a Molten volleyball, a Badger Region backpack and other Badger Region swag.

We look forward to seeing all the great submissions!



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USA Volleyball age-definition chart

	18 & Under ¹	18 & Under ²	17 & Under	16 & Under	15 & Under ³	14 & Under ⁴	13 & Under ⁵	12 & Under	11 & Under	10 & Under	9 & Under	8 & Under
July	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Aug	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Sept	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Oct	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Nov	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Dec	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Jan	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Feb	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mar	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Apr	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
May	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
June	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016

¹ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2004 and a high school student in the twelfth (12th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.

² **Female Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2005, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are waived to compete in 17 & under. (This age waiver is based on recruiting concerns for 11th grade girls previously required to participate in girls 18's qualifiers and the 18's GJNC.)

³ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009, OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2008 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8th) grade during the current academic year **are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division**. This exception is based on the net height difference of 7'4 1/8" to 7'11 5/8" between the 14 and Under Division to the 15 and Under Division.

⁴ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2009 (14 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the seventh grade (7th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 13's age group.

⁵ **Male Only** - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2010 (13 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the sixth grade (6th) during the current academic year are eligible for a Region approved waiver to compete in the boys 12's age group.

USAV introduces national ranking system

USA Volleyball is excited to announce its new National Rankings System for junior club teams.

The USA Volleyball National Rankings System will use a variety of algorithms to rank girls and boys member club teams at USA Volleyball-sanctioned events. Rankings will be updated weekly.

“We are pleased to offer a new benefit to member clubs and sanctioned events,” said Jamie Davis, USA Volleyball President and CEO. “We have worked hard to make sure this ranking system adds excitement and cache for club teams. In moments, players and coaches can see how their club teams stack up against others across the country in their divisions.”



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The Rankings System relies only on head-to-head match results and the relative strength of teams competing against each other.

Tracking results across the entire season and emphasizing quality wins over highly ranked opponents will produce a robust ranking that showcases the top teams across the country.

The system does not overreact to any single match outcome. A single upset victory alone is unlikely to dramatically alter the rankings. Teams can improve their rankings by winning consistently over time.

All USA Volleyball-sanctioned matches are valued equally in determining the rankings, whether from national tournaments, regional tournaments, local tournaments or other USA Volleyball-sanctioned play.

To see current rankings and find out more, visit go.usav.org/nationalrankings.

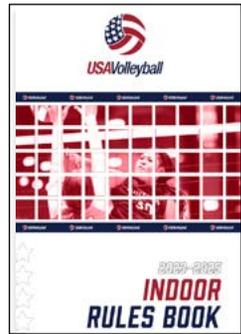
Rulebooks now available

New USAV rulebooks (also known as the DCR) are in that are good through the 2023-25 season.

The Badger Region will be disseminating these at the in-person officials meetings and mailing to those who we may miss those events.

Coaches and clubs will not receive hard copies of the rulebook this season as they are available on the USA Volleyball website for download.

For a link to an online edition of the DCR, please [click here](#). Questions? Email sara@badgervolleyball.org.



Send in your questions about uniforms for approval

The Badger Region Volleyball Association wants to make sure your team's jerseys are compliant with all rule sets and changes that have gone into effect.

To do so, the Region's Ref Chair is encouraging club directors or coaches to send images if there is any concern that numbers are not contrasting enough with the dominant color of the jersey or if a jersey is not contrasting for libero purposes.

The photos of the jerseys should

not be of any junior athlete in uniform.

Reminder: All numbers must clearly contrast with the color of the jersey, regardless of the color of the outline of the number.

If your team plans to attend a USA Volleyball Boys or Girls Qualifier or National Championship, the Region can also help direct you as to the proper channels you must go through to get jersey waivers.

Have questions? Email sara@badgervolleyball.org.

if YOU THINK AN ATHLETE HAS A CONCUSSION

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- 1** Remove the athlete from play.
- 2** Keep the athlete out of play the day of the injury.
- 3** Obtain permission from an appropriate health care professional to return an athlete to play.

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GIRLS 18S



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Girls Junior
Nationals

April 26-28

Baltimore,
Maryland

2025: Salt Lake City,
Utah

ADULTS



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Open
National
Championships

May 24-29

Columbus, Ohio

2025: Denver, Colo.

GIRLS



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Girls Junior
Nationals

G11-13s: June 21-24
Dallas, Texas;

G14-17s: July 3-11
Las Vegas, Nev.

2025: 11-13s: Kansas City
2025: 14-17s: Dallas

BOYS



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Boys Junior
Nationals

June 26-29
Dallas, Texas

2025: Minneapolis



USA All-Star
Championships

July 18-22

Des Moines, Iowa

2025: TBA

Dates and locations for a majority of the 2024 Boys Bid Tournaments and Girls National Qualifiers can also be found on the events page at www.usavolleyball.org.

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2022 MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION POLICIES

In September 2022, the U.S. Center for SafeSport (the Center) published the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) with Mandatory Components that NGBs, PSOs, and the USOPC were required to adopt. USA Volleyball adopted its 2022 MAAPP on 11/1/2022.

This document is based on the minimum mandatory components of the Center's Model MAAPP. Every Organization may choose to go beyond these minimum requirements and set standards that are stricter. Additionally, Adult Participants must be familiar with their respective Organization's policies and be aware of all requirements.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

REMEMBER:

- If you have Regular Contact with or Authority over a Minor Athlete, or if you are an employee or board member of an NGB, PSO, LAO or the USOPC, you are required to complete the SafeSport Trained Core and subsequent Refresher Courses.
- Adult Participants who also are medical providers obligated to complete training can take the Health Professionals Course in lieu of the SafeSport Trained Core.
- Adult Participants must complete training:
 - Before Regular Contact with a Minor Athlete begins; and
 - Within the first 45 days of initial membership or upon beginning a new role subjecting the adult to this policy

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IN-PROGRAM CONTACT

As the equation illustrates, all three components (Adult Participant, Minor Athlete, and Related to Participation in Sport) must be present for the MAAPP to apply. If one component is absent, then the interaction or activity would NOT be considered In-Program and thus not covered by the MAAPP.



ADULT PARTICIPANT: Any adult (18 years of age or older) who is:

- A member or license holder of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC;
- An employee or board member of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC;
- Within the governance or disciplinary jurisdiction of an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC;
- Authorized, approved, or appointed by an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC to have Regular Contact with or Authority over Minor Athletes.

MINOR ATHLETE: An amateur athlete under 18 years of age who participates in, or participated within the previous 12 months in, an event, program, activity, or competition that is part of, or partially or fully under the jurisdiction of, an NGB, PSO, LAO, or USOPC.

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Common examples of activities Related to Participation in Sport:



REGULAR CONTACT

Ongoing interactions during a 12-month period wherein an Adult Participant is in a role of direct and active engagement with any Minor Athlete(s). Some examples of NGB/PSO/LAO members who MAY have Regular Contact with Minor Athletes include:

- Coaches
- Adult Athletes on teams with Minor Athletes
- Volunteers in positions of Regular Contact (e.g., locker room monitors, parent chaperones)
- Athletic Trainers
- Health Professionals
- Officials

REMEMBER: NGB/LAO/PSO/USOPC Staff and Board Members are required to complete the SafeSport Trained Core/Health Professionals Course and subsequent Refreshers regardless of whether they have Regular Contact with or Authority over Minor Athletes.

AUTHORITY

When one person's position over another person is such that, based on the totality of the circumstances, they have the power or right to direct, control, give orders to, or make decisions for that person.

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REQUIRED PREVENTION POLICIES



In addition to the above three exceptions there is an overarching Emergency Exception that applies in all areas of the MAAPP.

MAAPP EXCEPTIONS:

In the MAAPP, there are multiple areas where exceptions have been built into the Required Prevention Policies to address common relationships and situations that occur throughout the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Movement, if an exception applies to a specific policy, it will be listed as a possible exception, along with any additional requirements. The exceptions follow:

- EMERGENCY:**
- CLOSE-IN-AGE:** When an Adult Participant does not have Authority over the Minor Athlete and is no more than four years older than the Minor Athlete.
- PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT (PCA):** When an Adult Participant is a Personal Care Assistant and has met the following requirements:
 - The Minor Athlete's parent/guardian must provide written consent to the Organization for the PCA to provide care/work with their Minor Athlete.
 - The PCA must complete the required training as defined in the Education & Training Policy.
 - The PCA must meet all screening requirements of the Organization.
- DUAL RELATIONSHIPS:** When an Adult Participant has a relationship with a Minor Athlete that is outside of the sport program. A parent/guardian must provide written consent to the Organization on an annual basis for this exception to be granted.

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ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS POLICY

- Policy Jurisdiction: All In-Program Contact.
- All one-on-one interactions between an Adult Participant and Minor Athlete **MUST** be:
 - Observable
 - Interruptible
- Exceptions to the One-on-One Interactions Policy:
 - Emergency Circumstances
 - Dual Relationships
 - Close In-Age
 - Personal Care Assistant who meets the requirements

MEETING AND TRAINING SESSIONS

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy when Minor Athletes are present.
- Individual Training Sessions:
 - Policy Jurisdiction: All In-Program Contact
 - Consent required from parent/guardian annually. Can be withdrawn at any time.
 - Parents/Guardians must be allowed to observe.
- One-on-One Interactions Policy Exceptions are allowed for In-Program meetings and individual training sessions. Meetings with licensed mental health care professionals and health care providers:
 - Policy Jurisdiction: All facilities that are partially or fully under the jurisdiction of the Organization.
 - Meetings do not need to be observable and interruptible if the following requirements are met:
 - Door is unlocked.
 - Another adult is present in the facility and is aware of the meeting.
 - Organization is aware of the meeting.
 - The provider obtains appropriate consent as required by law and ethical standards.

ATHLETIC TRAINING MODALITIES, MESSAGES, AND RIDDOWNS

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy.
- Must **ALWAYS** have a second Adult Participant in the room during treatment.
- Required consent from parent/guardian that needs to be documented at least annually.
- During treatment Minor Athlete's breast, buttocks, groin, and genitals **MUST** always be covered.
- Parents/Guardians must be allowed to attend treatment unless in a restricted area.
- No policy exceptions.

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LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy.
- The photographic or recording capabilities of any device (cell phones, cameras, tablets) cannot be used by any Participant in locker rooms or changing areas during In-Program activities.
- Adult Participants **MUST NOT** change clothes or behave in a way that exposes their breast, buttocks, groin, or genitals to a Minor Athlete.
- Adult Participants **CANNOT** shower with a Minor Athlete unless:
 - The Adult Participant is an athlete with no Authority over the Minor Athlete and there is no more than four years age difference (Close-in-Age Exception).
 - The Adult Participant and Minor Athlete are wearing swimwear and the shower is part of a pre- or post-activity rinse.
- Media and Championship Celebration recordings are allowed if they meet specific requirements.
- Monitoring must occur for all locker rooms and changing areas at sanctioned events and facilities partially or fully under Organization's jurisdiction.
- A semi-private or private area to change must be provided to all Minor Athletes at sanctioned events and facilities partially or fully under the Organization's jurisdiction.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Must be Open and Transparent, meaning that:
 - Communication between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete must include a parent/guardian, another adult family member of the Minor Athlete, or another Adult Participant.
 - This includes all communication started by a Minor Athlete.
- Only electronic platforms that can be Open and Transparent should be used.
- All team communication or communications with multiple Minor Athletes from an Adult Participant must copy or include another Adult Participant, or all the Minor Athletes' parents/guardians.
- All communication must be professional in nature.
- Organizations must honor a parent/guardian's request to discontinue communication with their Minor Athlete unless there is an emergency.
- One-on-One exceptions are allowed.



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TRANSPORTATION

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy, unless an exception exists or appropriate consent is obtained.
- In-Program transportation requirements are met if the Adult Participant is accompanied by another Adult Participant or at least two minors.
- One-on-One In-Program travel is permitted between an Adult Participant and a Minor Athlete when advance written consent is obtained from a parent/guardian on an annual basis. Can be withdrawn at any time.
- Written consent must be obtained from a parent/guardian annually for all transportation sanctioned by the Organization.
- One-on-One Exceptions are allowed.

LODGING

- Must follow One-on-One Interactions Policy.
- An Adult Participant **CANNOT** share a hotel room or otherwise sleep in the same room with a Minor Athlete during In-Program lodging except:
 - When there is a Dual Relationship and written consent is provided by a parent/guardian prior to the lodging arrangement.
 - When there is a Close-in-Age Exception and written consent is provided by a parent/guardian prior to the lodging arrangement.
 - When there is a Personal Care Assistant Exception, all PCA requirements have been met, and written consent is provided by a parent/guardian prior to the lodging arrangement.
- Written consent is required for all In-Program lodging at least annually.
- Adult Participants traveling with an Organization overnight:
 - Must agree to and sign the Organization's lodging policy annually.
 - Are assumed to have "Authority" and must comply with the Center's Education & Training Policy.

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RECOMMENDED POLICIES FOR KEEPING YOUNG ATHLETES SAFE

OUT-OF-PROGRAM CONTACT

- Adult Participants should not have Out-of-Program Contact with Minor Athletes, unless an exception exists, or appropriate consent has been obtained.
- Out-of-Program Contact should be avoided even if the contact is not one-on-one.

GIFTING

- Adult Participants should not give personal gifts to Minor Athletes unless an applicable exception exists (Close-in-Age or Dual Relationship).
- Gifts are permitted if distributed equally for all athletes.
- Gifts that serve a motivational or educational purpose are permitted.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO

- Photographs or videos of athletes should only be taken in public view.
- Must observe generally accepted standards of decency.
- Adult Participants should not share or post photos or videos of Minor Athletes unless proper consent has been obtained from the Minor Athlete and the Minor Athlete's parent/guardian.



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If you (or you or your organization) would like to advertise in a future Badger Beacon, contact Brian Sharkey at the phone number or email address above.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 8: Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center

Dec. 10: Final officials meeting to start the 2023-24 Badger Region season (online)

Jan. 6-7: First weekend of Badger Region Power League (Elite, Select and Regional Divisions) at sites throughout the state

Jan. 19: Second Badger Boys Series at the Milwaukee Sting Center.

Feb. 8: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting

Feb. 10-11: Second weekend of Badger Region Power League (Elite, Select and Regional Divisions) at sites throughout the state

March 2-3: Dale Rohde Boys Memorial Tournament (Madison Alliant Energy Center)

March 2-3: Badger Region Girls Qualifier (Madison Alliant Energy Center)

March 9-10: Badger Region Championships for Girls 11-12s (Champion Center in Appleton)

March 16-17: Badger Region Championships for Girls 13s Wisconsin/Badger Divisions and Girls 15s (Resch Convention Center in Green Bay)

March 16-17: Badger Region Championships for all Boys as well as Girls 14s (Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee)

March 23-24: Badger Region Championships for Girls 13 Open and 13 Club as well as all G16s, G17s and G18s (Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee)

April 6-7: Final weekend of Badger Region Power League at sites throughout the state (Select and Regional Divisions only)

May 8: Badger Region Board of Directors meeting



BADGER
REGION VOLLEYBALL

Have a great story idea or person you want featured in the Badger Beacon?
Email Brian Sharkey at brian@badgervolleyball.org.

How is the Badger Region Board structured?

The Badger Region Volleyball Association is governed by a Board of Directors that must be elected by members on a regular basis. Area reps serve three-year terms, while members of the executive board serve four-year terms.

Members, whether they are players, coaches, parents, directors, athletic trainers or officials, are encouraged to communicate with their respective representative if they

think policies or financial decision in the Region need to be changed.

Some policies enforced by Badger Region come from USA Volleyball, our sport's national governing body, so those can't be changed. But many others can.

The Board is advised by a 11 chairpersons (or experts) in various parts of the game, and five staff members (some of which have multiple responsibilities).

The state is divided into five parts geographically for representation. Plus, there are two at-large board members who you can approach if you don't feel comfortable with your current rep. And there is a rep dedicated just to issues that surround our Junior volleyball clubs and athletes.

You'll be hearing from each Board member twice a year in the form of a column in the Badger Beacon. Now, let's meet them:

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 Program Specialist: Sara Voigt

Elections for the Badger Region Board of Directors occur. Nominations take place in April and the election is for adult members May 1-10.