



# NW Stars Volleyball Club

## 2025-2026 Season

**What is club volleyball:** Club volleyball is associated with USAV Badger Region Volleyball and the Junior Olympic Volleyball Organization. The Junior season runs from November through June. Club volleyball is an excellent opportunity for volleyball players to grow their skills and play with a variety of players from around the area. It is also a financial and time commitment as practices and tournaments are held on the weekends; it is also a lengthy season. BOTH parents and athletes need to understand this commitment.

**Who is Badger Region (BR):** Badger Region Volleyball Association is the Wisconsin chapter of USA Volleyball and the premier volleyball authority in the state. USA Volleyball (USAV) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States. Majority of the rules we need to follow come from USA Volleyball and BR.

**Black and Blue Teams:** Teams are designed for girls who also wish to continue to compete and learn the game of volleyball. The goal is to offer as many teams as possible, but due to player interest, coaches, and gym space we typically will have 1 to 2 teams at each age level. Typically Black teams are based in Tomahawk and Blue teams are based in Minocqua.

**What are the Age Definitions:** USA Volleyball has determined the age definition, and is based on the players birth month and year. Visit this site to learn what age your daughter would be eligible for <https://badgervolleyball.org/juniors/>

**How many players on a team:** Typically 9-10 players on a team

**What is the season length:** Practices start in November and depending on the age of the teams the season will end early-March to late-March, maybe into April. Typically the older the team the longer they go. As a tentative tournament schedule will be available around Thanksgiving, the final tournament schedule won't be known till early-to-mid December.

**How many practices:** There are at a minimum 2 practices a week. If gym, coach and player availability allows a third practice may be held. Practices typically are 1.5-2 hours in length.

**When are practices:** In Tomahawk, practices are on Sunday afternoons (12pm-5pm) and Wednesday evenings (6pm-8pm). In Minocqua, due to having more gym space, practice could be on Sunday afternoons/evenings, and then any night during the week. Coaches up there typically ask for schedules from families to see what will work

**How many tournaments will be attended:** This is dependent on the age of the team. Typically the younger the team the less tournaments. A 12s age team may go to 4 tournaments where a 17s team may go to 7.

**How far will I need to travel to tournaments:** We try to stay "close" as much as we can. Close tournaments include: Wausau, Medford and Marathon. To get all the tournaments in, travel to Appleton, Green Bay, Eau Claire, and even the Dells. Anything related to tournaments, including gas, meals, hotels, etc are responsibility of families.

**What is the format of the tournaments:** Tournaments start in January. They are typically one day tournaments (Saturday or Sunday), with play starting at 8am, and going to 3-4pm in the afternoon. Typically the teams get to play 4 matches. Players will be required to be at the tournament at least 30 minutes prior to the start as there are warm-ups that happen prior. There are two day tournaments where you attend both Saturday and Sunday.

**Badger Region Membership Fees:** Membership fees will be required with Badger Region/USAV to participate in any sanction event, including NW Stars tryouts and practices. This fee is \$55 Go to [badgervolleyball.org](http://badgervolleyball.org) for more detailed information. Click on the blue MEMBERSHIP box and select junior memberships

**NW Stars Membership Fee:** The fees are based on a few different items, and varies from age to age, Ages 11u - 14u \$450-\$600; Ages 15u - 18u \$600-\$900 This pays for the following: uniform top, insurance, tournament fees, USAV membership for club, team equipment, other club expenses.

**Tryouts:** It is our goal to get every player on a team, but to keep the team to 9-10 players some players will not be offered a position on a team. A Player's placement on a team will be made based on their ability & attitude as displayed and evaluated at tryouts & according to positions needed. Many of the team spots will be offered at the end of each tryout session. **Players must first try out at their age level before trying out at an older age group.**

**Tryouts Dates:** Visit [www.nwstarsvolleyball.com](http://www.nwstarsvolleyball.com) to view the dates and times for tryouts.

**Tryout Registration:** To attend tryouts, two registrations must be completed.

1. NW Stars Registration [www.nwstarsvolleyball.com](http://www.nwstarsvolleyball.com)
  2. Badger Region Membership. It is advised to first choose the "25-26 Badger Tryout" Membership, this is a \$10 non-refundable charge. If the player is offered and then accepts then an upgrade to the 25-26 Junior Membership will need to occur; and the rest of the fee, \$45 will need to be paid at that time.
- \*\* To Register for any of the above, you must have a SportsEngine account. By starting either of the two registrations it will ask for you to sign-in or to create an account. Parents create their account, and then ADD children to their account. As you start to register for memberships you will be able to select which child you are registering.*

**Tryouts Cost:** To attend tryouts; two tryout fees must be paid

1. NW Stars Tryout Fee: one-time \$20 non-refundable fee for all tryout participants who pre-register for tryouts
2. 25-26 Badger Region Tryout Membership: one time \$10 non-refundable fee. Note, this fee is split into two charges; \$5 to USA Volleyball and \$5 Badger Region; you will see two different charges on your statement.

#### **Day of Tryouts:**

- Arrive 30 minutes prior to schedule tryout time to check-in and warm-up.
- Player to be dressed in gym clothes with knee pads, and bring water bottle
- Bring a copy of your Badger Region Card (you can show us it on a phone, does not need to be printed)
- Players will try on a jersey and then report back their size to the check-in table
- Players will receive a paper tryout number; this number should be pinned to their back (pins provided)
- Parents can come in to help with check-in, but they will not be allowed in the gym

**Offer Process:** Players will receive an email within 24 hours to state if they have been offered a spot on a team. The player has till 7:00pm on Monday, October 6th for Middle School Age and Monday November 17th for High School age, to accept that offer, if they do not, then the Club may withdraw an offer that is not accepted by the Commitment Date. If you (player or parent) accept an offer, either verbally or written, you are committed to that Club until the end of the Junior Volleyball season. Players who are not receiving an offer will also receive a communication.

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