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COMMISSIONER CORNER

Hello NCR Friends:

Welcome Back to what appears to be a full season of volleyball across the Region! Our staff is thrilled to serve our membership and to continue to offer safe, fair, and economical volleyball programming and tournaments.

NCR Court Connection was on hiatus for the 2020-2021 season. Like everyone, we were managing an ever evolving pandemic and needed to make adjustments so that we could focus on essentials. The Region Newsletter was not essential. What was essential was being available to our members, reducing costs, communicating Covid protocols, providing volleyball opportunities, and remaining committed to see all of this through with you.

We made significant adjustments:

- all staff work remotely
- add business partners who value a non-profit, member based organization
- reach out personally to members across the entire Region
- attend the Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota state high school volleyball championships
- participate in the USA All Star Championships with two boys teams comprised of USA Volleyball members from North Country, Badger, and Iowa Regions (teamwork!)

There is more, which will be shared over the course of 2022.

Let's have a great season!

Laura Bush

NCR Executive Director/Region Commissioner

NORTH COUNTRY REGION NEWS

NEW MEMBERSHIP SPECIALIST



The Region is fortunate to have been able to add an additional full time staff member in August 2021. **Mariah Twedt** will serve as the Region's membership specialist. She is smart, engaging, solution oriented, and an all around wonderful addition for the staff and NCR membership. Learn more about Mariah on the [NCR staff page](#).

THE WHISTLER NCR OFFICIALS' NEWSLETTER



Beth Modaff, NCR Officials' Coordinator has created a newsletter for current and soon to be USAV - NCR certified officials. Click on the image to learn more!

2022 Tournament Information



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Under the guidance of USA Volleyball, our clubs and teams can be assured that when they compete, the competition level is **APPROPRIATE**, play is **FAIR** and opportunities are **LIMITLESS**

- athletes are playing at their appropriate age level and are following the eligibility rules set forth for the sport of volleyball by USAV
- officials, coaches and athletes receive ongoing training on the rules of the sport of volleyball as provided by USAV
- because of the rigorous standards that NCR members are held to, our teams are able to register for non-USAV tournaments - thus providing additional playing opportunities
- however, because teams participating in our tournaments are required to meet such rigorous standards, NCR does NOT allow non-USAV teams to compete
- only USAV member athletes, coaches and officials are directly connected to USA Volleyball thus providing them with access to opportunities to play, coach or officiate at the highest levels of our sport if that is their personal goal



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Girls 18s [April 22-24](#) [Phoenix, AZ](#)

Adult Open [May 27-June 1](#) [Orlando, FL](#)

Girls 11-17s [June 23- July 4](#) [Indianapolis, IN](#)

Boys [June 30- July 7](#) [Las Vegas, NV](#)

Beach Tour Championships [TBA](#)

MINNESOTA SELECT BOYS USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championship Bound

Maple Grove, MN - Minnesota Select registered several girls and boys teams to compete in the Winter Volleyball Championships January 15-17, 2022 in Chicago Illinois. With consistent and heady play, **MN Select Boys 17 National** and **MN Select Boys 16 National** each earned a bid to compete in Las Vegas, Nevada at the USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championship in the USA Division.

As Boys Volleyball continues to grow in popularity and participation, the Region and Tournament Director partners have expanded boys competitive opportunities. The 2023 season will provide each of the 40 Regions to host a Boys Region Qualifier which will provide additional opportunities for boys teams to earn a bid to compete at the coveted USA Volleyball Boys National Championships.

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