

# court connection

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## A Note from North Country Region

LAURA BUSH, REGION COMMISSIONER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP

Dear Friends,

Hope you feeling hopeful as each state in our Region is reopening at various stages. A lot has occurred within our Region and throughout the globe since the last *Court Connection*. It has been sobering, motivating, heartbreaking, and empowering to see the spectrum of images that have been shared. If you are interested in one volleyball player's response to all that has occurred, then check out [@coureproject](#) on instagram.

The slowdown of volleyball and of the economy has placed many of our Region clubs and individual members in financial hardship. To assist and support our membership, North Country Region will be participating in the Region Volleyball Association (RVA) **41 United need based grant program**. To fund the grant, the RVA is promoting a **one-of-a-kind** t-shirt to sell for a limited amount of time. More information can be found to the right of this letter. Hope you participate and hope we are able to assist as many members as possible.

Your Region staff has dedicated our efforts to assisting our members and the volleyball community by creating resources about the guidelines and requirements to assist facilities and volleyball players as all return back to action.

**COVID 19 Resource Page** - Synthesized and comprehensive information to assist you. The page is updated regularly so that it remains relevant. [CLICK HERE](#) to access page.

**Coach Resources Page** - You requested and we answered! The page is dedicated to assisting the self-coached, to small groups, and onto teams. [CLICK HERE](#) to access page.

**USA Volleyball Beach National Championships** - Do have a desire to play on the beach this summer? USA Volleyball has adopted very liberal requirements to participate in this summer's Beach Junior National Championships. Get some sun and have some fun!! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Please continue to let us know how to assist and serve throughout the summer and as we all prepare for the fast approaching fall.

Very Sincerely,  
Laura

## This Just In

GET THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP



You can make a difference by joining a united effort to support our Region's volleyball clubs and members who have been financially harmed during these times. Under USA Volleyball, the 40 Regions have united efforts to create a **40 Regions, 1 Family, 41 United** t-shirt campaign. This is a one of a kind t-shirt that is available for a limited amount of time. Proceeds from the sale of the **41 United** t-shirts will be distributed equally across all 40 Regions for each Region to distribute through a **need based grant (APPLY HERE)** to our Region clubs and our Region members. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)

## Social Media Connection

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP



@northcountryregionvolleyball



@NCRVolleyball



@ncrusav

Connect with North Country Region via social media. Daily updates and shares with the volleyball community, Olympians, online coach clinics, and FUN! It's an adventure! Come join and share your volleyball adventure.



## The Car Ride Home

### A PLACE FOR VOLLEYBALL PARENTS

North Country Region's website has a section dedicated to **YOU**, the parent! With the assistance of local sports psychologists, leaders in sports, USA Volleyball and club directors, the North Country Region staff collects, updates and provides resources to better serve the entire membership.

## North Country Region - USA Volleyball Your Membership Value



**NorthCountry**  
REGION VOLLEYBALL

### JUNIOR PLAYER MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Facebook: @NCRVolleyball  
Instagram: @NorthCountryRegionVolleyball  
Twitter: @ncrusav



ALL adults working with juniors **MUST** pass a USAV approved background screening (NO other screens accepted)

SafeSport training and mandatory certification required for all adults

Consistent Verification of Required Credentials

Adults = individuals who have regular contact with junior level/minor age athletes, including but not limited to, Coaches, Officials, Club Personnel, & 18-year-old teammates

#### SAFETY



Member of USA Volleyball - the National Governing Body of Volleyball in the US

USAV Secondary Sports Accident Insurance Coverage at all Sanctioned Activities

Full-Time Local Region Staff Support

Court Connection Newsletter

Partner Perks including United Airlines Flight Discounts

#### SERVICE



IMPACT Certified Coaches Providing Instruction

USAV Academy Online Officiating Training

On-Site Officiating Training Clinics Taught by Credentialed Officials

On-Court Officiating Training Scrimmages

AVCA Recruiting Tip of the Week

#### EDUCATION



Participate in USAV National Championships

Participate in USAV National Qualifiers & Region National Bid

Participate in other USAV & Region Sanctioned Events

Participate in USAV & Region Sanctioned Beach Events

Participate in Region High Performance

Participate in USAV High Performance National Pipeline

#### OPPORTUNITY



Engagement with World-Class Volleyball Athletes, Coaches & Officials

Access to Members Only Online Webinars

North Country Region YouTube Channel Volleyball Workouts & Skills Training Videos

North Country Region Rally Together Blog

Eligible for NCR Awards and All-Region Team Consideration

Eligible to Pursue Officiating for Pay

#### GROWTH

**MENTAL**

**HEALTH**

**WELLNESS**

**WEBINAR**

**June 6, 2020** - North Country Region hosted a mental health webinar for the volleyball community. Brigitte Graywater, licensed school psychologist and head coach at Valley City State, led the discussion. Topics: Returning from Injury; Transitioning to College, Managing Tough Conversations; Coping Skills. The recording of this webinar (60 minutes) can be accessed [HERE](#).

North Country Region will continue to host online events to serve and assist our members.



## Junior Club Director ***HUB - IMPORTANT INFORMATION***

**At the March 29th North Country Region Board of Directors Meeting, the Board of Directors approved the following tryout policies effective September 1, 2020.**

**NEW** (added 3/29/2020) Should a high school season be cancelled, tryouts can occur two weeks after USA Volleyball approves sanctioning.

*Junior Girls born after September 2006 (14 and under and generally 8th grade or younger)*

- **(Revised 5/18/2020)** First tryout may be held the last Sunday of October if not in conflict with the junior player's respective State High School Sport's Governing Body policies.

*Junior Girls born between September 2005 and September 2000 (15 and Above/generally 9th grade and older)*

- First tryout may be held the day after a State's High School Tournament is complete (in the state in which the club is located) or until the date permitted by a particular State's High School Association's, rules, whichever is later.

*Junior Boys*

- (added 5/17/2018) All age divisions: The first tryout for forming of teams may be held the first Sunday after Labor Day or after.

## **Membership Management System (MMS) Update**

USA Volleyball will make the transition from Webpoint to SportsEngine starting September 1, 2020. Emails have been and will continue to be emailed to club directors from USA Volleyball to connect your club to the SportsEngine HQ. USA Volleyball clubs are not required to have a SportsEngine website.

### **ADVANTAGES**

- **streamline membership process**
- **reduce the number of platforms that a member has to utilize**
- **roster a team ONCE for USA Volleyball and Advanced Event Systems(AES)**
- **background screen, SafeSport, IMPACT, officiating, and more are easy to track and verify**
- **training is available**
- **privacy protection**

While the Region understands that change is rarely looked forward to, we will be right there with you as all of us make this transition. NCR Staff has and continues to receive training on the system and is preparing resources and services to assist club leadership and individual members.

Taking advantage of all that USA Volleyball offers to ease all that we each do has been a goal of the Region starting April 2018. The SportsEngine MMS furthers our goals about transparency, accuracy, reduce the use of paper, and continue to keep the safety of all participants as the highest priority.



## Official News

### ***Growing and Supporting Officials***

## The Official Highlight

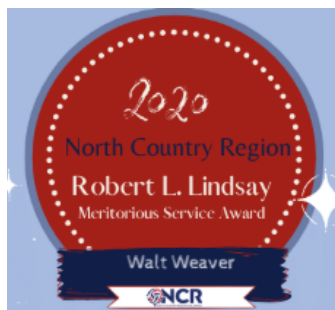
### USA VOLLEYBALL

Pati Rolf, USA Volleyball Director of Officials, has scheduled seven online meetings with Region Officials' Chairs, Commissioners, and Official Coordinators on the following topics: National Standard of Online Course Content, Diversity and Recruiting, Zero Tolerance Policy, Nationals Officials Review, In Good Standing, Best Practices, and USAV Score Chair.

USA Volleyball Academy - USA Volleyball has contracted with a learning management system (LMS) to host USA Volleyball officiating courses and educational courses. All Regions have experienced the frustration when the system is overloaded with users. The expectation is that the new LMS will have enhanced capabilities to ease the use of the information and not be stalled due to number of users.

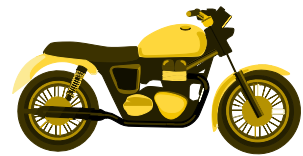
## AWARD WINNER RECOGNITION

BY NCR STAFF





## *International Volleyball Hall of Fame* **Looking for Motorcycle Enthusiasts**



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June 9, 2020

Dear Friend,

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame will hold its inaugural Nationwide Charity Motorcycle Ride this September to benefit the IVHF and Our Military Kids, a 501(c)(3) charity organization who works to empower military kids with sports, arts and other activities while their parents are deployed or recovering from severe injuries sustained in combat.

Charity motorcycle rides will be held at several locations throughout the U.S. on September 12<sup>th</sup> or September 13<sup>th</sup> (at the discretion of the ride host) including Orlando (FL), Houston (TX), and Holyoke (MA) thus far.

**Today, we are looking to identify "Ride Leaders" in at least three other locations to assist in organizing a charity ride in their area and truly make this ride nationwide.**

Those interested in becoming a ride leader for this great event should contact George Mulry ([George.mulry@volleyhall.org](mailto:George.mulry@volleyhall.org)) by June 15, 2020 for more information.

Working together, we can celebrate the long history and partnership between volleyball and the U.S. Armed Forces, and show our support to the kids of our military heroes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George R. Mulry".

George R. Mulry  
Executive Director



**CONTACT: CHAD BRAEGELMANN**  
**HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH**  
**2019 NSIC COACH OF THE YEAR**  
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# 2020 ST. CLOUD STATE VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

## HUSKIES SKILLS CAMP

**WHAT: DAY CAMP**  
**WHEN: JULY 27-29, 2020**  
**AGES: GRADES 4-9**  
**PRICE: \$195**

## ELITE POSITIONAL CAMP

**WHAT: DAY/RESIDENT CAMP**  
**WHEN: JULY 23-25, 2020**  
**AGES: GRADES 9-12**  
**PRICE: \$345**

**CONTACT: MARCI TAUMALOLO**  
**ASSOCIATE HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH**  
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**MORE INFO:**  
[www.scsuhuskiessportcamps.com](http://www.scsuhuskiessportcamps.com)

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# GUSTAVUS **SPRING & SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMPS 2020**

**LIL' GUSTIES SPRING CLINIC SERIES**  
APRIL 18, APRIL 26, & MAY 3 | GRADES K - 5

BRAND  
NEW!

**LIL' AND MIDDLE GUSTIES DAY CAMP**  
AUGUST 3 - 6 | GRADES K - 5 AND 6 - 8

**ADVANCED POSITIONAL TRAINING CAMP**  
JULY 26 - 28 | GRADES 9 - 10

**ELITE COLLEGE PREP CAMP**  
JULY 29 - 31 | GRADES 11 - 12

**LEARN MORE AND REGISTER AT: [WWW.GUSTAVUSVOLLEYBALLCAMPS.COM](http://WWW.GUSTAVUSVOLLEYBALLCAMPS.COM)**





## Skills + Position Camps

These camps are designed to offer a balance of training between the general skills of the game, and training on the skills for each specific position. In addition to skill and position training, both camps will include contests and team competition.

Attacker training will focus on all aspects of attacking including approach, arm swing, shot selection, off-speed and position specific attacks. There will also be work on blocking as well.

Setter training will focus on all aspects of setting from basic footwork, form and technique to advanced concepts including attacking, deception, and emergency skills.

Libero training strives to create master ball-handlers. We will cover every first contact skill from basic passing and setting form to emergency defensive skills like overhand digging, sprawls and extensions.



Terry Culhane, SMSU Head Coach, AB-Tier Wisconsin Head Coach



**Follow us!**  
SMSUVolleyball

## Intermediate Skills + Position Camp

**JULY 13-16, GRADES 6-11** (Starting Fall 2020)  
Check-in July 13, 12:30-1:30pm in RA Facility  
Monday 1:30-4:30pm, 6:30-9:00pm  
Tuesday 9:00am-noon, 2:00-5:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm  
Wednesday 9:00am-noon, 2:00-5:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am-12:30pm

This camp will include a lot of work on the fundamental skills of volleyball, along with covering the foundational concepts in each position training group. It is a great camp to re-establish your basic skills while learning some position concepts that will help you take your game to the next level. All meals included for Resident and Commuter campers.

## Advanced Skills + Position Camp

**JULY 17-19, GRADES 8-12** (Starting Fall 2020)  
Check-in July 17, 12:30-1:30pm in RA Facility  
Friday 1:30-4:30pm, 6:30-9:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-noon, 2:00-5:00pm, 7:00-9:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am-noon, 1:30-4:30pm

This camp is for experienced players who are serious about wanting to take their game to a new level. It combines a fast-paced, high-repetition review of the foundational skills of volleyball, balanced with high intensity position-specific training and plenty of competition to create an action-packed camp. All meals included for Resident and Commuter campers.

## Young Mustangs

**JULY 27-29, Grade 4-6 & K-3** (Starting Fall 2020)  
Grades 4-6: check-in July 27, 8:30am in RA Facility  
Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-noon  
Grades K-3: check-in July 27, 8:30am  
Monday-Wednesday 9:00-10:30am

This camp is a great opportunity for young players to get introduced to the game of volleyball. Each student will be given basic instruction geared toward their level of experience. In addition to learning the skills there will be games and competition daily.

## Team Instructional

**JULY 20-23, VARSITY TEAMS**  
A representative can check-in your team  
Sunday, July 19, 7:00-8:00 pm (Optional)  
Check-in July 20, 8:00-8:30am  
Monday 9:00 am-4:30pm, evening 6:30-8:30pm  
Tuesday 9:00am-4:30pm, evening 6:30-8:30pm  
Wednesday 9:00am-4:30pm, evening 6:30-8:30pm  
Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm

This camp has been a huge hit with teams in the past, and coaches speak very highly of it. This varsity camp includes 36 teams from around the Midwest. Teams in attendance have included multiple state tournament participants as well as State Champions. The camp includes skill and position training, team practices run by the SMSU camp staff, and scrimmage sessions during the day. The evening session has also proven to be very popular, offering two hours of additional team competition on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Coaches are welcome to attend and assist in training free of charge. Help start your season on the right foot by being a part of this great camp!

## Boys Camp

**JULY 27-28, Grades 5-12** (Starting Fall 2020)  
Check-in July 27, 1:45pm in RA Facility  
Monday-Tuesday 2:00-4:00pm

This camp is in its third year! This is a great opportunity for boys to learn more about the game of Volleyball. We are looking forward to growing the game for boys in the area!

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**  
To register online or learn more, visit:  
[www.SMSUvolleyballcamps.com](http://www.SMSUvolleyballcamps.com)  
For additional information:  
Tyler.Boddy@SMSU.edu, 507-537-7383  
Terry.Culhane@SMSU.edu, 507-537-7125

## REGISTRATION FORM

Camper's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (entering Fall 2020) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Please print clearly as your confirmation will be sent via email.  
Email (sponse?) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
T-shirt size: (Circle one)

Adult Sizes (Gr 7 and up): S M L XL  
Sizes for Young Mustangs Campers ONLY (Gr. K-6):  
YS YM YL S M L XL

Positions: S OH MB DS RS  
Roommate Preferences:  
2 campers to a room, 4 campers to a suite.

SELECT YOUR CAMP(S)!	Full Payment	Deposit* (non-refundable)
Young Mustangs I (Gr. 4-6) July 27-29	\$80	
Young Mustangs II (Gr. K-3) July 27-29	\$50	
Int. Skills & Position, July 13-16, Resident	\$345	\$100
Int. Skills & Position, July 13-16, Commuter	\$285	\$100
Advanced Skills & Position Camp		
July 17-19, Resident	\$325	\$100
Advanced Skills & Position Camp		
July 17-19, Commuter	\$280	\$100
Boys Camp (Gr. 5-12) July 27-28	\$50	
TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (all camps)	\$	

If you pay the deposit now, you may pay the balance on the first day of camp.

Make Check Payable to: SMSU Volleyball Camps  
SEND TO: SMSU Volleyball Camps  
Business Services, Southwest Minnesota State University  
1501 State Street, Marshall, MN 56258

I understand the camp directors, instructors, or SMSU will not be held responsible for injuries while the hotel student is attending the camp. I authorize the directors to secure any emergency treatment deemed necessary. The camp directors, instructors, or SMSU will not be held responsible for the payment of this emergency treatment. Any hospital or doctor fees that are a result of camp injury will be the responsibility of the parent or camper's guardian. I also acknowledge the student is physically ready for the activity of the camp.

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only (Acct. 33-8003)  
Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_



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