



Northern Wisconsin Stars Volleyball Club
Informational Meeting

Introduction to NW Stars

- 2005, the Northern Wisconsin Stars Volleyball Club was formed
- NW Stars is governed and operated under the guidance of a Board of Directors
- NW Stars is a member of the Badger Region of USA Volleyball

Mission Statement

- The mission of the Northern Wisconsin Stars Volleyball Club, Inc. is to provide area youth an affordable opportunity to develop their skills as volleyball players through quality coaching in a supportive and competitive environment.

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

Badger Region Information

One big volleyball family

Playing for your local volleyball club makes you a part of a MUCH, MUCH bigger network of volleyball players, coaches, directors, officials and more. Take a look of how we're all connected:

USA Volleyball



USAVolleyball.

USA Volleyball (USAV) is the National Governing Body (NGB) for the sport of volleyball in the United States and is recognized as such by the Federation International de Volleyball (FIVB) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC). The vision of USA Volleyball is to be acknowledged as the world leader in volleyball. USA Volleyball uses its 40 regions (like the Badger Region) to help implement its vision to players, coaches, sitting athletes, officials and other administrators of the sport.

USA Volleyball operates girls, boys, adult, High Performance and beach nationals to accommodate athletes of all ages and ability levels. It is also the source of numerous education resources such as IMPACT, CAP, SafeSport and officials training that is filtered down to the various member regions.

USAV is a separate organization from both the Junior Volleyball Association (JVA) and the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU). However, many (not all) of the athletes/coaches in JVA and AAU are also members of USAV.

USA Volleyball also oversees the teams that compete at the Olympics (men's, women's, sitting, beach).

Badger Region Volleyball Association

Badger Region Volleyball Association is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to providing a high-quality volleyball experience to its members. As seen in last week's Badger Beacon newsletter, the Badger Region is made up of a Board of Directors elected by its members, five staff members and numerous advisory board members. The Board votes on and enforces the policies enacted by USA Volleyball and those unique to the Badger Region.

The Badger Region staff works to develop programming to enhance the experience of the junior clubs, adult clubs, officials, tournament directors and other members that the Region serves. The Badger Region staff works as a liaison between the various members and USA Volleyball, helping with registration (via Webpoint) and education (for coaches, players and officials). It also looks for opportunities to assist in the growth of the sport, especially among under-served groups.

The Badger Region also operates its own High Performance team (that competes against National High Performance teams) and its own Premier Volleyball League (PVL) team that competes at the Adult Championships.



BADGER
REGION VOLLEYBALL

Junior/Adult Clubs

In the 2015-16 season, there were over 150 junior clubs registered in the state of Wisconsin (with about 20 of them being satellites of another club already established somewhere in the Badger Region) and about 20 adult volleyball clubs.

Each club is its own entity or business — many of which are non-profit organizations or other recognized IRS group. Philosophies on coaching, playing time, tournaments attended and costs to participate in a club are set at the club level.

The various clubs throughout the state are required to have IMPACT certified coaches with current background screenings, SafeSport trained coaches and have all athletes prepared to score-keep, linejudge and officiate matches if needed.

Directors work with tournament directors to relay schedules and other tournament information (i.e. costs, parking, concessions, etc.)

Costs for jerseys, tryouts, travel and such are often determined

Officials

Every official at a Badger Region-sanctioned tournament must be a member of USA Volleyball and have a current background screening.

Officials work closely with tournament directors and coaches to ensure that events run smoothly in accordance with the rules published in the Domestic Competition Regulations, the rulebook established by USA Volleyball.

Officials are assigned by the Region's Officials Assigner (Larry Schoenick) and work with the Officials Chair (Jim Mornsen) and Officials Rating/Training Chair (Julie Voeck)

Tournament Directors

Tournament directors organize, market and facilitate events throughout the state. To be a recognized Badger Region-sanctioned event, the director must ensure the tournament operates according to Badger Region tournament guidelines (see our website). Tournament directors must be members of the Region and have background screenings to perform their duties.

Tournament directors report

Club Team Information

Black and Blue Teams:

- 9-10 girls per team
- The final number of teams is subject to interest, and coach availability.
- Project Teams as of 8/27/2025 - check website for updated info

PROJECTIVE TEAMS FOR 25-26 SEASON

Team	Tomahawk Based	Minocqua Based
12	Unsure at This Time	Unsure at This Time
13u	X	Unsure at This Time
14u	X	Unsure at This Time
15u	X	X
16u	No Team This Season	X
17u	No Team This Season	X

Club Team Information

Age Definitions



USA VOLLEYBALL JUNIOR PLAYER AGE DEFINITION For use during the 2025-2026 Season

To determine the correct age division, please find the Month of Birth in the left column and then the year of birth in the same row. The heading of the column matching the Year of Birth is the correct age bracket.

	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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Aug	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Sept	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Oct	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Nov	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Dec	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Jan	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Feb	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Mar	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Apr	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
May	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
June	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
¹ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2006 and a high school student in the twelfth (12 th) grade or below during some part of the current academic year are eligible to compete in 18 & under.												
² Players in this age range that have graduated high school are ineligible only if they have been enrolled at a university, college, community college or junior college AND have been cleared to participate by that (volleyball) program.												
³ Players who were born on or after July 1, 2007, (who are defined as 18 & under by the USAV Age Definition) and are in the 11th grade for the current academic year are eligible to compete in 17 & under.												
⁴ Male Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011 OR players who were born on or after July 1, 2010 (15 years or younger) who shall neither have completed nor are in a grade higher than the eighth (8 th) grade during the current academic year are eligible to play in the 14 & Under division . This is because 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.												
⁵ Male Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2011 (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.												
⁶ Male Only - Players who were born on or after July 1, 2012 (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.												

Club Team Information

Season/Practice Info

What is the season length: Practices start late-November/early-December, and depending on the age of the teams the season will end early-March to late-March, maybe into April.

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.

Club Team Information

Tournament Info

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.

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.

Club Team Information

Fees

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 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 12u - 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

A tryout is an assessment of the athlete's ability and skill level, how well an athlete learns from instruction, and how well they play with others. Each club determines its own teams and members.

****It is mandatory to attend tryouts if you want to play on a competitive club team**

****Players must first try out at their age level before trying out at an older age group.**

Tryouts

Dates

- Sunday, October 5th
 - 13s - 10:00am - 12:30apm
 - 14s - 12:30pm - 2:30pm
 - Tomahawk Field House
- Sunday, November 16th
 - 15s - TBD
 - 16s - TBD
 - 17s - TBD
 - Tomahawk Field House
 - ** See website for updated Times **

Tryouts

Registration

1. NW Stars Registration 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.*

Tryout

Fees

NW Stars Tryout Fee: one-time \$20 fee to tryout for NW Stars, if registered by 10/1/2025 for Middle School Age and 11/12/2025 for High School age if after this date, the fee will go up to \$30. No on site registration, it must all be done online.

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.

Offer Process

- Players may not know if they made a team during the allotted time for tryouts
- Coaches will determine who they would like to have on their team
- An email will be sent within 24 hours to offer a spot on the team to a player
 - **Players have till 7pm on the Monday after tryouts to accept a position**
- Everyone will be notified no matter what within five days of the tryout

Registration

www.nwstarsvolleyball.com

SPORTSENGINE ACCOUNT REGISTRATION

You must have a SportsEngine account to register for USAV/Badger Region and NW Stars. If you have an account, can continue on to Badger Region Registration.

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.

1. Go to login.sportsengine.com
2. Enter the primary account holders information (parent information)
3. Fill out the requested information
4. Once Complete, click **Sign-up**
5. Navigate to your email to find the activation email, Click **Activate My Account**

Once you are logged on, you can continue to the USAV/Badger Region Registration step, and select the link to sign up for the membership

[Click here for more information on how to create your SportsEngine account](#)

USAV/BADGER REGION REGISTRATION

You must be a current registered member of USAV Volleyball to participate in Badger Region and USA Volleyball events. Whether you want to officiate at Badger Region tournaments, join a Badger Region club team, score at tournaments, coach a team or run a club, you must be a registered member.

[Click here to being Badger Region Registration](#)

Two Memberships to choose from which one should I pick?

25-26 Badger Tryout vs. 25-26 Badger Junior Player Membership

There will be two options to chose from when registering for USAV/Badger Region. When answering the question, "How Long will the Player be Participating"

- **Badger Tryout** This is \$10, valid for participation as a junior player in up to five tryouts, Recommended for those new to club volleyball or unsure if they will participate for the duration of the 25-26 season.
 - This membership can be upgraded to a full membership (for an additional \$45) at a later time
- **Badger Junior Player Membership** \$55, valid through Aug. 31, 2025, for all event participation. Recommended for athletes who have already accepted a retention offer or are CERTAIN they will participate during the entire 25-26 club season. [Select "athlete" and "season" in the Sports Engine quizzard.]

NW STARS TRYOUT REGISTRATION

There is a \$20 fee to tryout for NW Stars, if registered by 10/1/2025 for Middle School Age and 11/12/2025 for High School age if after this date, the fee will go up to \$30. No on site registration, it must all be done on-line.

[Scroll back to the top to select the correct registration based on age and location.](#)

If already signed into your SportsEngine account, the welcome page will appear and you will enter the information being requested and follow the prompts to continue on to each page.

If you are not signed into your SportsEngine account, you will be promoted to sign in, then the welcome page will appear.

The \$20 NW Stars tryout fee is separate from USVA Membership fee. The fee is nonrefundable, and will be due the day of tryouts.

Next Steps

Prepare for Tryouts

- Register with Badger Region
- Register with NW Stars

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



QUESTIONS