

Under Armour High School All-America Program
2011 AVCA Awards Packet



Online Nominations open Friday, October 21, 2011 @ 8:00 am (ET)
and run through Monday, October 31, 2011 @ 5:00 pm (ET).



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2011 Under Armour HSAA Postseason Awards Timetable

The following is a list of the awards deadlines and timetables established by the AVCA. It has been outlined so that you will be able to monitor all of the deadlines, enabling your student-athletes to be eligible for postseason honors.

AWARDS TIMETABLE

Friday, October 14 – Head Coach Membership Deadline

- Head coaches must be AVCA members by this date in order for their student-athletes to be eligible for the AVCA Postseason Awards Program. This includes new members as well as renewals. Contact Member Services at 866-544-2822 or by email at members@avca.org if you have any questions about your membership.

Friday, October 21 – Online Nominations of student-athletes OPEN

- Nominations will be accepted online beginning at 8:00 am (ET).

Monday, October 31 – Online Nominations of student-athletes CLOSE

- Nominations will be accepted online through 5:00 pm (ET).
- High School Coach of the Year nomination forms due at 5:00 pm (ET)

Friday, November 11 – Victory Club Form Deadline

Sunday, November 13 – Awards Committee Conference Call

Monday, November 14 – Coaches of Under Armour All-Americans Notified

- Coaches of the 48 student-athletes named as Under Armour High School All-Americans notified via phone call from an AVCA staff member.
- The AVCA press release on Wednesday, 16 will serve as the official notification to the 52 Honorable Mention selections.

Wednesday, November 16 – 2011 Under Armour High School All-America Teams officially announced via AVCA press release

- 48 student-athletes named as Under Armour All-American (24 per a First and Second Team.) First Team – notified and invited to participate in Under Armour All-America High School Volleyball Match to be held the Saturday of the NCAA Division I Women's National Championship.
- This press release will serve as the official notification to the 52 Honorable Mention selections.

Friday, November 18 – Deadline for coaches to notify the AVCA of All-Americans' attendance in San Antonio.

Wednesday, December 14 – Under Armour First Team All-Americans arrive in San Antonio.

Thursday, December 15 – Under Armour First Team All-Americans practice and Skills Challenge preliminaries @ Webster Gymnasium in San Antonio

Friday, December 16 – Under Armour All-America High School Volleyball Match and Skills Competition @ the Alamodome in San Antonio

Saturday, December 17 – Under Armour First Team High School All-Americans depart from San Antonio

Monday, January 2 – 2012 Thirty Under 30 Nominations Open on AVCA Website at 8:00 am (ET)

Tuesday, January 31 – 2012 Thirty Under 30 Nominations Close on AVCA Website at 5:00 pm (ET)

Important Information for the Future of the AVCA's High School All-America Program

It is the goal of the AVCA to provide comprehensive recognition opportunities for our members and their student-athletes. In the first year of the Under Armour partnership with this awards program, the AVCA selected 24 student-athletes per a First and Second All-America Team. In 2009, the AVCA expanded this awards program to include 52 Honorable Mention selections in addition to the 48 First and Second Team selections bringing the total number of honorees to 100. It is the desire of the AVCA to continue the expansion of this awards program in future years. Member participation in the form of nominating your student-athletes is critical to this possibility becoming a reality.

It is important to the AVCA that our awards programs present opportunities that are reflective of our membership. We realize that many high school coaches do not have one of the top 24, 48 or 100 student-athletes in the country. Do not let this deter you from nominating your seniors for this opportunity. If the AVCA high school membership shows a vested interest in this awards program in the form of increased volume of nominations received, the AVCA can warrant an expansion of this program in the next 1-3 years.

As with everything we do to accomplish our mission, member participation is vital. The AVCA encourages you to nominate your seniors this year and give them the opportunity to have their name in the conversation.

Please contact Amanda Brungs, AVCA Manager, Awards, Membership & Event Support with questions about the Under Armour High School All-America Program.

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AVCA High School Senior All-America Postseason Awards Committees

The following coaches have been chosen to participate on the 2011 AVCA Postseason Awards Committees. The chair of each region serves on the National Selection Committee. **Committee members are still being finalized. If your state is not currently listed with a representative and you are interested in serving on you region's selection committee please contact Amanda Brungs at amanda.brungs@avca.org. State representatives must be active AVCA members.**

2011 GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ALL-AMERICA REGION REPRESENTATIVES

Region 1

MA – Rob Slavin, Sacred Heart High School **(Chair)**

MA – David Starin, Lowell Catholic High School

CT – Laurie Larusso, Darien High School

ME – Todd Brophy, Mount Desert Island HS

NY – Kathy McGeehan, East Hampton High School

NH – State Rep Needed

RI – State Rep Needd

Region 2

MD – Karen Kart, Our Lady of Good Counsel

PA – Tony Crisafulli, North Star High School **(Chair)**

VA – Dan Lizette, Norfolk Collegiate School

NJ – Mike DeCastro, Immaculate Heart Academy

NJ – John Titus, Parsippany High School

NJ – Lee Clowers, Mount Olive High School

NJ – Dave DeNure, Morris Knolls High School

DC – State Rep Needed

DE – State Rep Needed

Region 3

AL – Amy Patterson, Saint James Academy

AL – Jimmy Latta, Guntersville High School

FL – Joy Becker, Leon High School **(Chair)**

GA – Donna Fleming – Columbus High School

NC – Jenna Hinton, Wake Forest-Roles

NC – Suzie Pignetti, Charlotte Latin School

SC – Alexis Glover, Wando High School

SC – Carrie Christian, Nation Ford High School

TN – Stevie Spain, Harding Academy

Region 4

So. TX – Al Bennett, Westlake High School **(Chair)**

OK – Chris Holtz, Bixby Public Schools

OK – Doug Rippy, Norman High School

No. TX – Susan Kaufman, Trinity High School

So. TX – Melinda Kirst, Lockhart High School

AR – Michelle Smith, Bentonville High School

MS – Christina Stevens, Lake Cormorant High School

LA – State Rep Needed

Region 5

OH – Tracey Kornau, Lakota West High School **(Chair)**

KY – William Smith, Bethlehem High School

KY – Todd Garvey, Mercy Academy

KY – Anne Mudd, Washington County High School

IN – Marybeth Lebo, LaPorte High School

MI – Jason Johnson

WV – Shawn Martz, Musselman High School

Region 6

IA – Rick Brooks – Johnston High School

IL – Liz Tortorello-Nelson, Latin High School

MO – David Harris, Helias High School

WI – Kyle Yackley, Kenosha Bradford High School **(Chair)**

WI – Scott Marita, Tremper High School

Region 7

NE – Gwen Egbert, Papillion-La Vista South HS **(Chair)**

MN – Scott Jackson, Wayzata Senior High School

ND – Josh Wastvedt, Central Valley School

SD – Deb Thill, Mitchell High School

Region 8

CO – Rebecca Tomlin, Elbert High School

CO – Sally Moos, Cherry Creek High School

UT – Deanna Meyer, Lone Peak High School

KS – Pat Dorshorst, Decatur Community High School

(Chair)

KS – Nancy Dorsey, St. James Academy

WY – Wenett Martin, Wright High School

NM – State Rep Needed

Region 9

CA – Erika Murphy, Tahoe Truckee School District **(Chair)**

CA – Chris Tigno, San Mateo High School

CA – Dave Jones, La Jolla High School

CA – Rob Georges, Valley Christian

CA – Eduardo Neibla, Calexico High School

CA – Pamela Buzo, Tokay High School

CA – Rhonda DeRuiter, Clovis West High School

AK – Gary Steinfort, Chugiak High School

AZ – Lisa Barlow, Tempe Preparatory Academy

NV – Amy Fisher, Faith Lutheran High School

Region 10

MT - Jeff Carroll, Billings Senior High School **(Chair)**

OR – Rosie Honl, Crook County High School

WA – Kara Peterson, Black Hills High School

HI – Charles Spencer, Kamehameha

HI – David Babino, Hananlani Schools

ID – Jeffrey Barrows, Timberline High School

AVCA Postseason Student-Athlete Awards Information

The AVCA All-America postseason awards program is in its sixth year. The AVCA is in its fourth year of the program with Under Armour. The AVCA is proud to honor deserving student-athletes by selecting an All-America team comprised of 48 female high school senior student-athletes (24 per a first and second team). The Under Armour High School All-America program selection committee is comprised of 10 high school coaches from across the nation. Prior to the national committee making the final selections, AVCA representatives from each state participate in regional evaluation of the candidates.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

There are no restrictions regarding how many student-athletes one team may nominate, as there are no restrictions on the number of student-athletes that one team can place on the Under Armour High School All-America Team. Please use your professional judgment to only nominate those student-athletes who legitimately have a chance to earn honors.

NOMINATION RULES & REQUIREMENTS

The general requirements for nominating a student-athlete for AVCA postseason honors are:

- The student-athlete must meet all eligibility requirements as listed in the rules adopted by her respective institution;
- **The student-athlete must have completed her senior year of eligibility;**
- **The student-athlete must be nominated by her institution;**
- **Head coaches must be using maxpreps.com, a free service to coaches, to upload team and individual statistics versus all opponents for the entire season;**
- The student-athlete must have participated in **2/3 (66.7%)** of all sets (not matches) during the current season at the time of the nomination deadline;
- **AVCA Two-Thirds Participation Waiver:** Student-athletes who fail to participate in two-thirds of all sets (not matches) during the current season due to Institution approved participation in Olympic, Pan American, World Championships or World University Games are eligible for Under Armour/AVCA All-America consideration if all other nomination requirements are met. All regular deadlines, policies and procedures remain in effect. No statistical information may be substituted. The official participation documents must accompany the nomination.
- All deadlines and guidelines must be met for a nomination to be considered;
- **The student-athlete's head coach must be a member in good standing of the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Head coaches have until October 14, 2011 to become a member or renew their membership to ensure compliance.**

TERMS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

Failure to meet the above stated rules and requirements may result in the disqualification of a student-athlete from AVCA postseason awards consideration.

ALL-AMERICA NOTIFICATION

If your student-athlete is selected as an Under Armour High School All-American, you will be notified on Monday, November 14 via a phone call from the AVCA Office staff. Head coaches - providing a number where you can be reached away from your home or office is most helpful. Please be accessible at the number you provide on this day.

First-Team: Under Armour First Team All-Americans are invited to participate in the Under Armour All-America High School Volleyball Match and Skills Competition to be held the Friday of the NCAA Division I Women's National Championship in San Antonio, Texas. The All-American's high school head coach is also invited and the AVCA will offer a complimentary AVCA Convention weekend registration package. The AVCA will provide First Team selections with round trip transportation to San Antonio, three nights of hotel accommodations, one match ticket for the NCAA Division I Women's Semi-Final Matches and a daily per diem.

In the event there are First Team selections unable to participate, the AVCA will begin making arrangements to replace the First Teamer with a Second Team selection based on position needed.

AVCA Postseason Awards Statistical/Selection Criteria



The AVCA receives all stats from MaxPreps – a free nationwide high school sports Web site.

To request your free login visit www.maxpreps.com.

Your Source for High School Volleyball

One of the criteria used by the postseason selection committees will be statistics. The committee realizes the great diversity of statistics which will be presented by the candidates. **It will be just one of the criteria used.** All calculations should be made using the interpretations founding the NCAA Volleyball Statistics Manual and the statistics explanation form included in this packet. All statistical data will be considered; however, the importance of each shall be left to the judgment of the selection committees. Nominees with incomplete statistics and/or supporting information **will be severely disadvantaged and potentially eliminated during the selection process.**

IMPORTANT: The statistical minimums listed below are meant to serve as guidelines, not as firm requirements, for All-America nominees.

STATISTICAL CRITERIA

A. Attack

1. Kills per set
 - a. Middle Blockers – 2.75
 - b. Outside Hitters – 3.25
 - c. Right Side – 2.0
2. Hitting efficiency

B. Set (for setters only)

1. 5-1: Assist per set – 11.00
2. 6-2: Assist per set – 5.50

C. Serve

1. Aces per set

D. Pass (service reception)

1. Is candidate a primary passer?
2. Reception errors

E. Digs

1. Digs per set

F. Blocks

1. Block Solos – 1 point
2. Block Assists – 1 point
3. Blocks per set
 - a. Middle Blockers – 1.00
 - b. Outside Blockers – 0.40
 - c. Right Sides – 0.50

G. Team schedule with results

1. Regular season competition
2. Post season competition

SELECTION CRITERIA

A. Middle Blockers

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Hitting efficiency
 - b. Kills per set
 - c. Blocks per set
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Passing
 - b. Digging

B. Outside/Opposite Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Hitting efficiency
 - b. Kills per set
 - c. Digging
 - d. Passing
2. Secondary Consideration
 - a. Blocking

C. Total Points per Set

1. Kills + Block Solos + (1/2) Block Asst + Aces/set

D. Setters/Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Assists per set
 - b. Kills per set
 - c. Hitting efficiency
 - d. Blocking
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Team attack percentage
 - b. Digging

E. 5-1 Setters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Assists per set
 - b. Team attack percentage
 - c. Blocking
 - d. Digging
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Individual hitting efficiency

F. Libero

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Digs per set
 - b. Reception errors per set
 - c. Receptions per set

AVCA Statistical Guidelines and Definitions

Coaches should ensure that keepers of team statistics are using these definitions and guidelines. It is important to note if a player is a primary passer. The definition of a **primary passer** is a player who is one of your best passers AND takes a strong role in your service reception formations. They should actually pass a large percentage of your team's service receptions and be prominent in most all rotations for service reception.

KILLS – any attack that lands for a point

Also award a KILL when:

- ...a free ball crosses the net and lands on the floor
- ...a set, intentional or not, crosses the net and lands on the floor
- ...an attack is blocked out of bounds or in the net
- ...when an opposing blocker is in the net, or has a centerline violation
- ...a dig attempt that crosses the net and lands on the floor for a point
- ...an attack followed immediately by an official's called blocking error (see blocking error)

ATTACK ATTEMPT – any overhead contact of the ball designed to score

ATTACK ERROR – any overhead contact of the ball that

- ...is hit out of bounds
- ...is hit into the net leading to a four-hit violation
- ...hits the antenna
- ...is blocked down by the opposition on the same side of the attacker leading to a point
- ...makes a centerline violation
- ...is called for an illegal contact

ATTACK PERCENTAGE – (Kills – Errors) / Total Attacks

e.g. (10 kills – 2 errors) / 16 total attacks = 8/16 = .500

ASSIST – awarded to the player who passes the ball to a teammate who attacks the ball for a kill

- ...an assist is generally the second contact in a play sequence, followed immediately by a kill on the third contact
- ...an assist can be awarded off a dig (first contact), provided the attack comes on the second contact

SERVICE ACE – is awarded when

- ...a serve lands untouched on the opponent's side
- ...the receiving team has overlapped or is out of rotation
- ...if the passer is whistled for a reception error
- ...the serve is passed, but cannot be kept in play

SERVICE ERROR – is awarded when

- ...the server foot faults
- ...the serve doesn't advance past the net, is out of bounds, or hits the antenna
- ...the server is out of rotation (service error is charged to the person who should have served)
- ...NOTE: A ball that hits the net but continues over to the opponent's side and remains in bounds is not a service error

RECEPTION ATTEMPT – is awarded when

- ...a Team B player attempts to receive a Team A player's serve

RECEPTION ERROR – is awarded when

- ...the serve hits the floor near a player
- ...player passes the ball, but it can't be kept in play
- ...player is called for a lift
- ...NOTE: For every service ace, there must be a corresponding service error. When a service aces falls between two players and the scorer cannot judge fault, a Team Reception error is recorded. Team Reception errors also occur when the receiving team is out of rotation.

AVCA Statistical Guidelines and Definitions Continued

DIG – is awarded when a defensive player keeps a bona fide attack in play with a pass

...a dig is only awarded off an attack attempt from the opposing team

...thus, a dig is NOT awarded when Team A continues to play off a Team B block attempt as it is not an attempt

...a dig is NOT awarded on a serve attempt, as this is a serve reception

BLOCKS – are awarded when a player blocks the ball to the opposition's court leading directly to a point without a successful dig

...SOLO – when only one blocker is up

...ASSIST – when more than one blocker is up, awarded to all contributing blockers regardless if only one person blocks the ball. Generally, a block assist occurs with two blockers, but may occur occasionally with three blockers. However, all three blockers must go up at the same time and provide an overlap.

...a block solo and block assist cannot be recorded on the same play. During the same rally, only one team block (block solo or block assists) can be awarded

...a block (solo or assisted) is not credited if the opposing team successfully digs the block attempt

TEAM BLOCKS – team blocks are calculated by adding the total number of block solos and adding to half the total of block assists

e.g. Block solos = 4, Block assists = 12; TEAM BLOCKS = 4 + (12/2) = 10

BLOCKING ERROR – is awarded when

...blocker is in the net or steps over the center line

...back row blocker

...blocker is called for reaching over the net\

...NOTE: Blocking error is not given for poor technique. In general, a blocking error only is given after a referee's call. Also, a kill is awarded to the opposing attacker on a blocking error if an attack was occurring at the time of the block error.

TOTAL POINTS – calculated by adding kills, block assists divided by 2, block solos and service aces

e.g. In a single game, Player A gets 8 kills, 3 block assists ($3/2 = 1.5$), 2 block solos and 1 service ace = 12.5 total points in that game

...Total Points Per Game for season = (kills + $\frac{1}{2}$ block assists + block solos + aces) / total games played

OTHER HINTS

...every service ace must have a corresponding reception error. Conversely, every reception error must have a service ace

...every assist must have a corresponding kill

...overpasses are NOT reception errors

...since blocks must come off an opponent's attack attempt, Team B's offensive attack from Team A's overpass should be recorded as an attack (kill if Team B's execution leads directly to a point). This situation appears often as a block or directional attack at the net. However, blocks can only be awarded on an opponent's attack, not overpass.

AVCA Postseason Awards Student-Athlete Nomination Checklist

Complete the following information checklist for each student-athlete you wish to nominate for AVCA Postseason honors. This information is provided as a means of ensuring that you have met the stated qualifications.

CHECKLIST

- ✓ Head coach has until **October 14, 2011** to become an AVCA member or to renew their membership to ensure compliance.
- ✓ Head coaches are uploading team and individual statistics versus all opponents for the entire season using maxpreps.com, a free service to coaches.
- ✓ Nominee has played in **2/3 (66.7%)** of all **sets** (not matches) during the current season at the time of the nomination deadline.
- ✓ Submitted nominations on-line by **5:00 pm (ET) on Monday, October 31, 2011**.
- ✓ Email team schedule and results, or upload to online nomination, including postseason standings/results for the season to the AVCA office by **5:00 pm (ET) on Monday, October 31, 2011**. **Since this information is already entered in MaxPreps, you can copy this information directly from your team's MaxPreps page and copy it into a Word document to post to your online nomination.**

DEADLINES

All nominations must be submitted via the on-line process at www.avca.org by **5:00 pm (ET) on Monday, October 31, 2011**.

- ✓ Team schedules and results, including postseason standings/results must be emailed to the AVCA Office at awards@avca.org or uploaded to the online nomination by **5:00 (ET) on Monday, October 31, 2011**. **Since this information is already entered in MaxPreps, you can copy this information directly from your team's MaxPreps page and copy it into a Word document to post to your online nomination.**

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step-by-step instructions regarding the on-line student-athlete nomination process will be emailed to head coaches and can be found on the AVCA Web site at www.avca.org closer to the opening of the nomination period.

IMPORTANT: All head coaches must have up-to-date AVCA memberships and know their personal information required to login to the AVCA Web site to access the online nomination process.

**AVCA
HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR
2011 NOMINATION FORM**

CRITERIA

**team success during current season;
team improvement from previous season;
fulfillment of team potential; and
professional manner and attitude of the coach.**

Co-National High School Coaches of the Year will be selected by the AVCA and invited to coach in the 2011 Under Armour All-America High School Volleyball Match. The AVCA will provide the Co-National High School Coaches of the Year with roundtrip transportation to San Antonio, hotel accommodations and a complimentary AVCA Convention registration.

Name of Coach Nominated For This Award: _____

Institution: _____ **State (required):** _____

Nominated By (Optional): _____

2011 Record: _____ **2010 Record:** _____ **Years at current institution:** _____

Additional Comments: _____

Completed High School Coach of the Year nomination forms should be mailed or e-mailed by Monday, October 31 @ 5:00 pm (ET) to the AVCA Office at awards@avca.org or:

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AVCA Victory Club Awards

The AVCA Victory Club Award recognizes member head coaches who have reached milestones of 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 or 1,000 wins. The awards are presented to AVCA members for victories at their **current level** of coaching.

Victories when coaching boys or girls should be counted separately. Only victories as a head coach will be counted. If you feel last year's certificate presented to you was in error, please check the appropriate box below. The AVCA must receive this form from you in order to present the award during the Victory Club Tailgate Party, held in conjunction with the 2011 AVCA Annual Convention in San Antonio.

- **New for 2011! The AVCA will host the Victory Club Tailgate Party on Thursday, December 15, prior to the semi-final matches, at the Grotto on the famous San Antonio River Walk. This celebration is dedicated specifically to the recipients of the AVCA Victory Club Award! Join us for a drink and let us cheers to your accomplishments!**

Name: _____
(as it is to appear on the award)

School/University: _____ State _____
(where you were employed at the time of the milestone; as it is to appear on the award)

Year: _____
(milestone was achieved)

Association or Division: NCAA I NCAA II NCAA III NAIA NCCAA 2-YR HS
(circle one)

No. of years coaching **HS boys**: _____ Milestone Achieved: _____

No. of years coaching **HS girls**: _____ Milestone Achieved: _____

No. of years coaching **college men**: _____ Milestone Achieved: _____

No. of years coaching **college women**: _____ Milestone Achieved: _____

Is this a correction from last year's award certificate?

Yes _____ No _____

Will you be attending the Victory Club Tailgate Party at the 2011 AVCA Annual Convention in San Antonio?

Yes _____ No _____

DEADLINE: Must arrive at the AVCA Office by **Friday, Nov. 11, 2011 at 5:00 pm (ET)**.

RETURN TO:

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