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KVCA Announces its 2011 Region Recognitions

LEXINGTON, Ky. (October 20, 2011) – The Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association (KVCA) announced its fifth-annual Region Players and Region Coaches of the Year today. All recipients will be honored at the 2011 KHSAA State Tournament at Bellarmine University, in ceremonies directly preceding the State Championship match on Oct. 29.

Dale Grupe of Henry Clay High School is the only coach who received a third consecutive Region Coach of the Year award in 2011; he has now won the Region 11 award in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Sue Stone of Caldwell County has won the award for the fourth time, having also been honored in 2007, 2008 and 2010. Sheila Yokley of Edmonson County High School, Becky Houston of Holy Cross High School in Covington, Matt Thomerson of Holy Cross High School in Louisville and Tim Whitis of Lone Oak High School are being honored for the second time, having won the award in 2009 and 2010, respectively.

Four players, Ashley Castle (South Floyd), Lynsey Hazelwood (Holy Cross-Louisville), Courtney Smith (Greenwood) and Taylor Snyder (Newport Central Catholic) are receiving Region Player of the Year honors for the second consecutive season. Recognitions were voted on by KVCA member coaches.

2011 KVCA Region Players and Coaches of the Year

| Region | Player of the Year | School | Coach of the Year | School |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Region 1 | Rachel Englert | Lone Oak | Tim Whitis | Lone Oak |
| Region 2 | Jessie Stone | Caldwell County | Sue Stone | Caldwell County |
| Region 3 | Jessica Peak | Apollo | Adam Huff | Trinity (Whitesville) |
| Region 4 | Courtney Smith | Greenwood | Sheila Yokley | Edmonson County |
| Region 5 | Beth Cecil | Bethlehem | David Hibbard | Marion County |
| Region 6 | Lynsey Hazelwood | Holy Cross (Louisville) | Matt Thomerson | Holy Cross (Louisville) |
| Region 7 | Katie George | Assumption | Kenneth Norris | Seneca |
| Region 8 | Jordan Wiese | Oldham County | Brian Jones | North Oldham |
| Region 9 | Heidi Thelen | Notre Dame | Becky Houston | Holy Cross (Covington) |
| Region 10 | Taylor Snyder | Newport Central Catholic | Vicki Fleissner | Newport Central Catholic |
| Region 11 | Jordan Strickland | Henry Clay | Dale Grupe | Henry Clay |
| Region 12 | Erin Cottrell | Southwestern | Skip Cottrell | Southwestern |
| Region 13 | Vanessa Wiseman | Corbin | Liberty Roberts | Corbin |
| Region 14 | Kayla Rankin | Perry County Central | Michelle Pray | Perry County Central |
| Region 15 | Ashley Castle | South Floyd | Keith Smallwood | South Floyd |
| Region 16 | Jordan Hensley | Ashland Blazer | Darrell Adkins | Russell |