

2017-18 AVCA Team Academic Award



The AVCA Team Academic Award honors volleyball teams at the high school and collegiate levels that are successful in the classroom.

Online nominations open Friday, June 1 at 8:00 am ET and will close Friday, June 29 at 5:00 pm ET.

Minimum GPA Requirement

In order for a team to earn the 2018 AVCA Team Academic Award, the entire team must achieve a minimum **TEAM cumulative grade point average** (GPA) of 3.30 (on a 4.00 scale), a 4.10 (on a 5.00 scale) or a 82.0 (on a 100 point scale) during the entire 2017-18 academic year.

- Include either semesters or all quarters.
- Do not include summer semesters when calculating the final cumulative GPA.
- DO NOT round up GPA ever. E.g., 3.28 does not equal 3.30; 4.09 does not equal 4.10; 81.9 does not equal an 82; **Even a 3.299999999 does not equal a 3.30!**
- Please see the "Frequently Asked Questions – General" section below for specific GPA reporting cases.

Eligible Teams/Athletes

When submitting a nomination, include any and all athletes who competed in at least one set of varsity competition during the traditional volleyball season (fall season for women/girls, spring season for men/boys).

- Only High School and Collegiate VARSITY teams are eligible for this award.
- In the event of a student-athlete transferring or quitting the team, his/her GPA must still be included in the nomination if he/she participated in any dates of competition during the traditional season. If the student-athlete's GPA is not available for the semesters (or quarters) after he/she left the team, use the GPA that is available, fill in 0.0 in the semesters (or quarters) after he/she left the team on the nomination form, then use the available GPA as his/her final cumulative GPA.
- Redshirt athletes, freshman/transfers that enrolled in the spring, and athletes on medical leave or who were on the roster but could not compete due to injury would not be included in the nomination.
- Please see the "Frequently Asked Questions – Athlete Scenarios" section below for specific situations.

Online Nomination Materials/Process

1. **Head coaches must be current AVCA members.** AVCA member login and password will be required to begin the nomination process.
2. Online nomination form must be filled out completely. The entire AVCA Team Academic nomination process is submitted online. (The AVCA no longer requires the registrar to sign off and mail in a copy of the nomination form.)

3. The nomination must be submitted with a minimum of SIX student-athletes, listed with first and last name. (See below for the eligibility requirements in order for an athlete to be featured on the nomination).
4. Each student-athlete's **individual final GPA's for both semesters** (or all quarters), **AND** each student-athlete's **final cumulative GPA** for the 2017-18 academic year
 - **Individual cumulative GPA** equals the average of the GPAs from either both semesters or all quarters specific to the academic year in question. Individual cumulative GPA is not reflective of the student-athlete's entire academic career at the institution – *unless this is the way in which the institution calculates GPAs*.
5. Report the TEAM's final Cumulative GPA, which must meet the minimum requirement.
 - **Team cumulative GPA** should be calculated by averaging each student-athlete's individual cumulative GPAs. If your institution calculates as an academic career GPA then use that for the team cumulative GPA.
 - If your institution calculates and reports the Team GPA to the athletic department using quality points/units, this Team Cumulative GPA is an acceptable average. Please note that on the "Grading System" section of the nomination form.
6. An explanation of the institution's GPA scale. For example: 4.0 = A, 3.0 = B, 2.0 = C, 1.0 = D
7. The head coach must describe his/her academic philosophy and how the team maintains success in the classroom.

Frequently Asked Questions – General

Q: My team achieved a 3.29999 GPA. Do we meet the minimum requirement?

A: Unfortunately, no. AVCA does not accept any nominations that have been rounded, no matter the decimal place. Please include the exact GPA to the decimal that your institutional calculates and reports on the students' official transcript. (This policy is in line with the official requirements for Co-SIDA as well).

Q: Do I report weighted or unweighted GPAs?

A: The entire team's GPAs should be calculated on the same grading scale regardless of honors/AP/IB/dual credit situations. Each student-athletes' GPA must be reported exactly as it would appear on the student's official transcript.

Q: How do I calculate my team's cumulative GPA for the single academic year if my institution only reports students' GPAs on a career basis?

A: All GPAs must be reported exactly as it would appear on the students' official transcript. Thus, the nomination would be in alignment with how your institution's registrar calculates and reports grade point averages. In this case, your team's cumulative GPA would then be calculated by averaging each student's academic career GPA, since this is the format in which your institution calculates and can verify individual cumulative GPAs.

Q: My institution operates on semesters, but the nomination form lists quarters as the only available option?

A: Fall semester GPAs should be listed under “Term 1” and spring semester GPAs should be listed under “Term 2”. You may leave “Term 3” and “Term 4” blank.

Q: Can I include summer semesters in the Individual Cumulative GPA in order to meet the minimum GPA requirement?

A: No. Due to the nature of a summer semester as it relates to the standard academic year and timing of reporting varsity rosters, we cannot accept nominations that include summer semesters calculated into any and all student-athlete’s individual cumulative GPA.

Q: My institution calculates GPAs on a grading scale other than 4.0. What is my team’s minimum requirement?

A: Please see the chart below. If your institution operates on a scale other than 4.0, 5.0 or 100-pt, you must convert your student-athlete’s GPAs to a 4.0 scale to submit your nomination. You can find the complete conversion chart at <https://www.avca.org/awards/avca-team-academic-award.html>.

Grade Scale	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	100-point
Minimum Cumulative GPA	2.45	3.30	4.10	4.90	5.75	6.55	7.40	8.20	82
Conversion	GPA(0.75)	n/a	n/a	GPA/1.5	GPA/1.75	GPA/2	GPA/2.25	GPA/2.5	n/a

Q: I don’t have access to the nomination form or the nomination form says “You are not eligible to nominate.” Why is this?

A: In order to nominate your team for AVCA Team Academic Award, your head coach must have an active AVCA member for a high school or college. Once the head coach is active, head coaches and assistant coaches can access the nomination with their username and password.

- If you are a Head Coach or Assistant Coach, it could be that your head coach’s membership has expired. Please contact AVCA Member Services to check your membership status or renew your membership.
- If you are an SID/AD/Counselor, please contact your head coach to use their username and password to nominate.
- If you are an active AVCA member listed as a Club Director/Coach, please contact AVCA Member Services to switch your membership type in order to nominate.

Q: Can I still submit a nomination after the June 29th deadline?

A: No. However, if it is known in advance that a delay exists in obtaining the official GPA from the registrar’s office after the nomination deadline, please email betsey.mccamish@avca.org immediately to report your circumstance. In order for your school to be considered for late nominations, you must contact AVCA in advance of the June 29th deadline...NO EXCEPTIONS!

Frequently Asked Questions – Athlete Scenarios

Q: Which student-athletes do I include in my Team Academic nomination?

A: Any and all athletes who competed in at least one set of varsity competition during the traditional volleyball season (fall season for women/girls, spring season for men/boys). Redshirt athletes, freshman/transfers that enrolled in the spring, and athletes on medical leave or who were on the roster but could not compete due to injury would not be included in the nomination.

Q: What do I do if a student-athlete graduates or transfers after the fall semester?

A: The student-athlete must still be included in the nomination. His/her fall GPA should be recorded as normal. For his/her spring GPA, record it as “0.0”, however their spring GPA should not be calculated into the Team Cumulative GPA.

Q: What do I do if a student-athlete quits the team after the fall semester and BEFORE the spring semester, but is still taking classes at my institution in the spring semester?

A: The student-athlete must still be included in the nomination. His/her fall GPA should be recorded as normal. For his/her spring GPA, record it as “0.0”, however their spring GPA should not be calculated into the Team Cumulative GPA.

Q: What do I do if a student-athlete quits the team DURING the spring semester?

A: The student-athlete’s spring GPA must still be included in the nomination. If he/she quit school entirely and did not complete the semester, the spring GPA must be recorded as reported on their official transcript (semester or career). If the official transcript reports “Incomplete” with no GPA, you may enter 0.00 and not calculate this GPA into the Team Cumulative GPA.

Q: What do I do if a student-athlete studied abroad in the spring and will receive spring course credit at my institution?

A: All GPAs must be reported in alignment with how your institution’s registrar calculates and reports grade point averages. In this case, the student-athlete is receiving credit in the spring semester, thus you would record his/her spring GPA however your registrar reports it.

Q: What do I do if a student-athlete is completing their student-teaching or co-op on a Pass/Fail basis?

A: The student-athlete must still be included in the nomination. The semester in which he/she completed normal course-work should be record their GPA as normal. For his/her Pass/Fail semester, record the GPA as “0.0”, however this zero should not be calculated into the Team Cumulative GPA.

If you have questions, please contact Betsey McCamish at betsey.mccamish@avca.org or (859) 287-2135.