2021 AVCA Club Awards Program

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is proud to continue the Club Awards program, which was launched in 2016 to honor achievements of Club coaches and Club Directors.

AVCA Club Awards Selection Committee will select ten deserving coaches (one per category):

- a Club Coach of the Year in each of the seven girls age divisions (12-18);
- a Beach Club Coach of the Year (regardless of gender);
- a Boys Club Coach of the Year (regardless of age); and
- a Club Director of the Year (regardless of gender, age, sport or size).

Any Honorable Mention selections will be made at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

**NATIONAL COACHES OF THE YEAR**

- Nominations for all award categories will be accepted starting Monday, May 17, 2021 and must be submitted by Monday June 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. ET.
- The nomination process is an online nomination form. Nomination forms can be accessed at www.avca.org/awards/avca-club-awards.html beginning May 17th.
- Only AVCA Club Directors can nominate for Club Coach(es) of the Year.
- Both AVCA Club Directors or AVCA Club Coaches can nominate for Club Director of the Year.
- **As with all AVCA awards, only active members may be named award winners.**
  - If you have any questions regarding membership status of club coaches or club directors, you can use our Membership Directory to search active memberships or email awards@avca.org.
- Nominations should be 500 words or less and describe why the nominee is deserving of this recognition. Please be as thorough as possible when listing the nominee’s accomplishments.

Considerations can include but are not limited to:

**AVCA Club Coach(es) of the Year**

1) Team success or improvement during the season (wins-loss record, tournament finishes, etc.). Statistical evidence is not required, but welcome if available
2) Individual player development
3) Coach’s role in the overall success of the club (education, mentoring, private lessons, recruiting coordinator, support of fellow coaches, etc.)
4) Coach’s contributions or broader impact on their team and/or others as it relates to the character development of athletes
5) **Professional and positive coaching demeanor and enforces team sportsmanship**

**Note:** Committee selections are **not** results-based, meaning nominations that include notable wins are still given equal consideration to nominations that do not include competition results. Club Directors may also provide character reference by an athlete or parent on the current team of the nominee.

**AVCA Club Director of the Year**

1) Overall success of the club’s teams (championships, qualifiers, power leagues, tournament wins, etc.)
2) Commitment by the Club Director to coaching development/support (coach training, professional development, feedback/evaluation mechanisms, etc.)
3) Contributions by the Club Director to the growth of volleyball (engagement in region, youth training, boys’ or beach programming, introductory clinics/camps, etc.)
4) The culture and personality of the club that the Club Director has instilled

**Note:** Club size is not a consideration in the Club Director of the Year evaluations. The committee reserves the right to select additional coaches and/or directors to be named Honorable Mention.
NET WORKS and INNOVATION AWARD

- **Net Works Award**
  Nominees are coaches who have demonstrated heroic and/or selfless acts this year. Think of those who have volunteered, shown leadership at their club, their Region, their community and beyond. Volunteer work does not have to be limited to volleyball-related projects.

- **Innovation Award**
  Coaches who have found creative ways to connect with their teams, region colleagues, other clubs during the shutdown of activity and return to play. Examples are a coach who created a unique at-home training program, managed a service project with their players/staff, or found other ways to develop their teams virtually.

The nomination process for both is an online nomination form. Nomination forms can be accessed at [www.avca.org/awards/avca-club-awards.html](http://www.avca.org/awards/avca-club-awards.html) beginning May 17th.

- Many winners will be named for the Net Works Award and the Innovation Award. Please nominate any coach from your club that you feel meets the guidelines.
- Anyone (club director, coach, athlete, parent, etc.) may submit a nomination. AVCA membership for the nominee is required.

**SELECTIONS**

Selections for the 2021 AVCA Club Coaches of the Year and Club Director of the Year will be made by the AVCA Club Awards Committee. Club Directors will be notified via phone call should a coach from their club be selected.

The official announcement will be made via AVCA press release and all AVCA social media accounts during the month of July.

**AWARDS PRESENTATION**

The official presentation of the AVCA Club Director/Club Coach of the Year Award winners will take place on **Thursday, December 16th** at the Jostens Coaches Honors Luncheon at the **2021 AVCA Annual Convention** in Columbus, Ohio. Club Award Winners will be awarded Complimentary Full Convention Registration in order to aid their attendance at the Jostens Coaches Honors Luncheon.

Net Works and Innovation Winners will be announced in an AVCA press release.

*If you have questions, please contact Alice Rogers, AVCA Membership & Awards Specialist at alice.rogers@avca.org or (859) 287-2135.*