

2017-18 NCVBCA Team Academic Award



The North Carolina Volleyball Coaches Association (NCVBCA) has partnered with AVCA to bring you the first-ever **NCVBCA Team Academic Award!**

NCVBCA will honor boys' and girls' high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the 2017-18 school year.

Through this partnership, all eligible teams that meet the minimum GPA requirement and nominate their team will receive **BOTH** the NCVBCA Award and the AVCA Award. Head Coaches must be current NCVBCA and AVCA members.

Online nominations will be accepted through Friday, June 29 at 5:00 pm ET. ALL NOMINATIONS must be entered through AVCA's website.

Minimum GPA Requirement

In order for a team to earn the 2018 NCVBCA and AVCA Team Academic Awards, 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 (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 to 3.3 or 3.30. E.g., 3.28 does not equal 3.30; 4.09 does not equal 4.10.

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 girls, spring season for boys/beach).

- Only High School 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.

- Freshman/transfers that enrolled in the spring, and athletes who were on the roster but could not compete due to injury would not be included in the nomination.

Online Nomination Materials/Process

Head coaches must be current

1. **NCVBCA and AVCA members.** AVCA member login and password will be required to begin the nomination process.

Online nomination form must be filled out completely. The entire NCVBCA and AVCA Team Academic nomination process is submitted online. **YOU ONLY HAVE TO COMPLETE ONE NOMINATION FOR BOTH AWARDS.**

2. 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).
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. An explanation of the institution's GPA scale. For example: 4.0 = A, 3.0 = B, 2.0 = C, 1.0 = D
6. The head coach must describe his/her academic philosophy and how the team maintains success in the classroom.

Frequently Asked Questions

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: 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: 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, 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 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: 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
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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: 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!

**If you have questions, please contact
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