

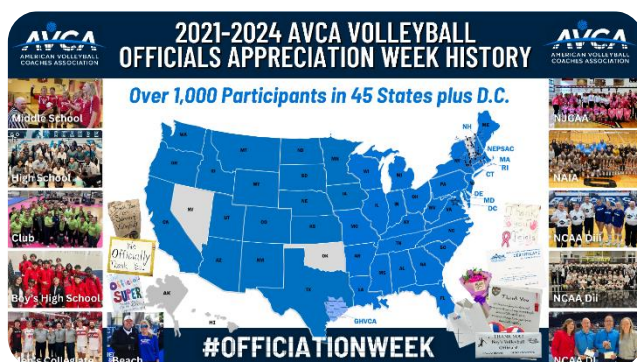
2021-2024 AVCA Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week | #OFFICIATIONWEEK

Now in its 4th year, #OFFICIATIONWEEK has become a proud annual tradition among high school boys and girls, club, beach, and college men's and women's volleyball teams from 45 states plus D.C. A cumulative total of more than 1,000 participants have engaged via 4 steps: (1) choose a match during #OFFICIATIONWEEK; (2) coordinate with the opposing coach/team to present a small token of appreciation to officials before the match; (3) take pictures including officials, coaches and both teams; and (3) post to social media tagging #OFFICIATIONWEEK and @AVCAVolleyball.

The events are hosted by the AVCA High School Leadership Council. While the athletes, coaches and teams plan and lead the individual official's appreciation events, the national campaign's success is also credited to AVCA's Affiliate Program Partners; high school athletic associations; intercollegiate athletic conferences; public and private high schools and universities; and USA Volleyball Regions who encouraged their teams to participate.

Fall 2023, brought the addition of an #OFFICIATIONWEEK Toolkit for each event with more ideas to get involved like banners/posters, customizable certificates for officials, goodie bags, PA announcements and more. Webpages were created with resources on becoming an official, sportsmanship, and officials appreciation for high school and college.

- [Additional Resources: High School](#)
- [Additional Resources: College](#)



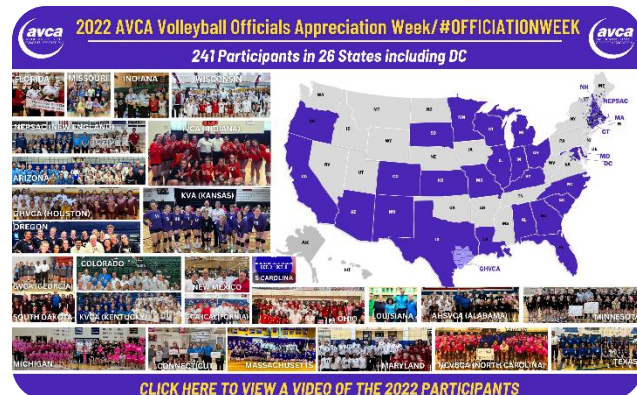
2021 AVCA Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week

#OFFICIATIONWEEK was started by the AVCA in the fall of 2021, in response to the national shortage of high school volleyball officials. This 1st event was promoted to girls high school teams.

2022 AVCA Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week: 241 Participants | 26 States

The 2nd Annual AVCA #OFFICIATIONWEEK held September 30, to October 8, grew vastly from its first year to include 241 participants in 26 states. While it was marketed to girls teams, participants included girls, boys, beach and women's volleyball.

- [2022 AVCA Highlights Video](#)
- [2022 AVCA Participants List](#)



2023 AVCA Men's & Boys Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week: 122 Participants | 23 States

The 1st annual AVCA Men's and Boys #OFFICIATIONWEEK kicked off as a tremendous success with 122 participants from 23 states. Participants included: Middle School (3); High School (88); Club (4); Beach (2); NCAA DIII (12); NCAA DII (2); and NCAA DI (11).

- [2023 AVCA Men's & Boys Highlights Video](#)
- [2023 AVCA Men's & Boys Participants List](#)



[2023 AVCA Girls & Women's Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week: 600 Participants | 44 States](#)

A RECORD-BREAKING 600 teams and organizations in 44 states participated in #OFFICIATIONWEEK from September 29 to October 7, 2023! This marked the first #OFFICIATIONWEEK with participants from nearly every division involved, including: Middle School (4); High School Girls (451); High School Boys (1); Club (11); Beach (1); NJCAA (18); NAIA (5); NCAA DIII (27); NCAA DII (43); and NCAA DI (29).

- [2023 AVCA Girls & Women's Highlights Video](#)
- [2023 AVCA Girls & Women's Participants List](#)
- [2023 AVCA Girls & Women's Toolkit](#)

[2024 AVCA Boys, Men's & Beach Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week: 98 Participants | 34 States](#)

In spring 2024, 98 participants from 34 states took part in the AVCA Boys, Men's & Beach #OFFICIATIONWEEK. 2024 marked the first official beach volleyball #OFFICIATIONWEEK, and the 2nd Annual Boys and Men's. Spring 2024 #OFFICIATIONWEEK included participants from the following divisions: Middle School (4); High School (43); Club (18); Beach (9); NJCAA (2); NAIA (4); NCAA DIII (5); NCAA DII (6); NCAA DI (12); in addition to international volleyball programs.

- [2024 AVCA Boys, Men's & Beach Highlights Video](#)
- [2024 AVCA Boys, Men's & Beach Participants List](#)
- [2024 AVCA Boys, Men's & Beach Toolkit](#)

[Good Sportsmanship has the Power to Inspire](#)

#InspireSportsmanship is a new campaign launched March 2024, through the AVCA High School Leadership Council that spotlights stories of girls and boys volleyball players, coaches and teams displaying exceptional sportsmanship. The campaign is an extension of #OFFICIATIONWEEK's efforts to promote sportsmanship through respect and appreciation of officials.

Unsportsmanlike acts spread further and faster than acts of kindness, humility, and corporation. That is why it is more important than ever to teach and spotlight good sportsmanship to inspire others.

As of April 2024, the AVCA is proud to have received 30 stories of inspirational sportsmanship in volleyball from throughout the nation. These stories along with others submitted in the future will be showcased in the Affiliations eNewsletter, AVCA website, and social media in partnership with the AVCA's Signature Affiliate, Affiliate and Membership Organization high school partner associations.

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