



2026 AVCA Men’s National Collegiate Awards Packet

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All nomination links and any updates to the Postseason Awards program or timeline will be published on <https://www.avca.org/award/avca-mens-national-collegiate-all-america-nominations>

AWARDS CHANGES: Throughout the awards packet, all new changes for the 2025 season are highlighted in yellow.

AVCA National Collegiate Men's Postseason Awards Timetable

The following is a list of the awards deadlines and timetables established by the AVCA. It has been outlined so that you will be able to monitor all deadlines, enabling your student-athletes to be eligible for postseason honors.

AWARDS TIMETABLE

Tuesday, March 31 - Head Coach Membership Deadline

Membership deadline (head coaches) in order to be eligible for the AVCA Postseason Awards Program (This includes new members as well as renewals). Call the AVCA and speak with Lauren Miller in Member Services if you have questions regarding your AVCA membership at 866-544-2822 or e-mail members@avca.org.

Monday, April 20 – National Ranked Teams Released

List of nationally ranked teams emailed to member head coaches for compiling statistics versus nationally ranked teams for All-America consideration.

Tuesday, April 21 thru Tuesday, April 28 – Student-Athlete Nominations Accepted

Nominations will be accepted online beginning at 8 a.m. ET on April 21 through 5 p.m. ET on April 28.

Tuesday, April 27 – NACOY Nominations Due

Nominations for the AVCA Men's National Collegiate National Assistant Coach of the Year are due to the AVCA Office via online nomination form.

Tuesday, April 28 – NCOY & NACOY Ballot Emailed

AVCA National Coach of the Year and National Assistant Coach of the Year ballot emailed to member head coaches. **pending Conference Coach of the Year press releases*

Thursday, April 30 – NCOY & NACOY Final Ballot Due

AVCA National Collegiate National Coaches of the Year final ballot due to AVCA by noon ET.

Wednesday, May 6 – AVCA National Collegiate All-Americans and NOY announced via PR

Thursday, May 7 – AVCA National Collegiate Coach of the Year and Assistant Coach of the Year announce via PR

Friday, May 8 – AVCA National Player of the Year announced at NCAA Social in Los Angeles

AVCA Men's National Collegiate Awards Committee

The following coaches have been chosen to participate on the 2026 AVCA Men's National Collegiate Awards Committee

Jonathan Winder (chair)

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Big West

David Kniffin (UC Irvine)

Brad Rostratter (UC San Diego)

Conference Carolinas

Sam Albus (Lees-McRae)

Derek Sullivan (Belmont Abbey)

EIVA

Brian Baise (Harvard)

Danny Goncalves (NJIT)

MIVA

Dan Friend (Lewis)

Nickie Sanlin (McKendree)

MPSF

John Hawks (UCLA)

Jonathan Winder (Pepperdine)

NEC

Karl France (Fairleigh Dickinson)

SIAC

Devin Walker (Central St)

GLVC

Ryan Thompson (Missouri S&T)

ECC

Thiago Lopes (St Thomas

Aquinas)

2026 NCAA Division/Conference Alignments

The following list provides a breakdown of NCAA men's volleyball sponsoring schools by division and conference. (If your school is listed in the wrong division or conference, please contact the AVCA immediately.)

Division I - 30

Ball State University
Brigham Young University
Cal State Northridge
Fairleigh Dickinson University
George Mason University
Grand Canyon University
Harvard University
Purdue University, Fort Wayne
Lindenwood University
Long Beach State University
Long Island University
Loyola University Chicago
Manhattan College
Merrimack College
New Jersey Institute of Technology
Northern Kentucky University
Ohio State University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Queens University of Charlotte
Sacred Heart University
Saint Francis University
Stanford
UC Irvine
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
UCLA
UMES
University of Hawaii
University of Southern California

Division II - 44

American International College
Barry University
Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Benedict College
Catawba College
Central State University
Concordia University Irvine
Daemen University
Dominican (NY)
D'Youville
Edwards Water College
Emmanuel College
Erskine College
Fort Valley State University
Jessup University
Kentucky State University
King University
Lees-McRae College
LeMoyne-Owen College
Lewis University
Lincoln Memorial University
Maryville University
McKendree University
Menlo College
Missouri S&T
Mount Olive College
Newberry College
North Greenville University
Quincy University
Roberts Wesleyan
Rockhurst University
Roosevelt University
Southern Baptist University
St. Thomas Aquinas
Thomas More
Tusculum University
UC Merced
University of Charleston
University of Jamestown
University of Puerto Rico at Bayamón
University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez
University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras
Vanguard University

Big West

Cal State Northridge (DI)
Long Beach State (DI)
UC Irvine (DI)
UC San Diego (DI)
UC Santa Barbara (DI)
University of Hawaii (DI)

Conference Carolinas

Barton College (DII)
Belmont Abbey College (DII)
Emmanuel (DII)
Erskine College (DII)
King University (DII)
Lees-McRae College (DII)
Mount Olive College (DII)
North Greenville (DII)

ECC

American International College (DII)
Dominican (NY)
Roberts Wesleyan
St. Thomas Aquinas

EIVA

George Mason (DI)
Harvard University (DI)
New Jersey Institute of Technology (DI)
Pennsylvania State University (DI)
Princeton University (DI)
University of Charleston (DII)
Sacred Heart University (DI)

GLVC

University of Jamestown (DII)
Maryville University (DII)
Missouri S&T (DII)
Rockhurst University (DII)
Roosevelt University (DII)
Southwest Baptist University (DII)
Thomas More (DII)

MIVA

Purdue University, Fort Wayne (DI)
Lewis University (DII)
Lindenwood University (DI)
Loyola Chicago (DI)
McKendree University (DII)
Northern Kentucky (DI)
Ohio State University (DI)
Queens University of Charlotte (DI)
Quincy University (DI)

MPSF

Brigham Young University (DI)
Concordia University Irvine (DII)
Grand Canyon University (DI)
Menlo College
Pepperdine University (DI)
Stanford (DI)
UCLA (DI)
UC Merced (DII)
University of Southern California (DI)
Vanguard University

NEC

Daemen University (DII)
D'Youville (DII)
Fairleigh Dickinson (DI)
Long Island University (DI)
Manhattan College (DI)
Saint Francis University (DI)
UMES (DI)

SIAC

Benedict College (DII)
Central State University (DII)
Edward Waters College (DII)
Fort Valley State University (DII)
Kentucky State University (DII)
LeMoyne-Owen College

Independents

Barry University (DII)
Catawba College (DII)
Jessup University (DII)
Lincoln Memorial University (DII)
Merrimack College (DI)
Newberry College (DII)
Tusculum University (DII)
University of Puerto Rico at Bayamón (DII)
University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (DII)
University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras (DII)

AVCA Postseason Student-Athlete Awards Information

The 2026 AVCA Men's National Collegiate volleyball postseason awards program is in its 36th year. The AVCA is proud to honor deserving student-athletes annually by selecting All-America teams (12 student-athletes per a first and second team) highlighted by the selection of the AVCA National Collegiate Player of the Year and the AVCA Newcomer of the Year. The AVCA National Collegiate All-America Team selection committee is comprised of fourteen members and the AVCA committee chair. To ensure representation, these individuals represent the eight conferences for men's volleyball.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

The postseason student-athletes awards nomination procedure is an online process. Detailed instructions will be sent at a later date. Your team must be finished with regular season play before you can complete the process.

There are no restrictions regarding how many student-athletes one team may nominate, as there are no restrictions on the number of student-athletes that one team can place on the AVCA All-American teams. Please use your professional judgment to only nominate those student-athletes who legitimately have a chance to earn honors.

Please note that one spot on the 24-member AVCA National Collegiate All-America Teams will be designated for the libero position.

NOMINATION RULES & REQUIREMENTS

The general requirements for nominating a student-athlete for AVCA postseason honors are:

- The student-athlete must meet all eligibility requirements as listed in the rules adopted by his respective institution.
- The student-athlete may be in his first, second, third or fourth year of eligibility.
- The student-athlete must be nominated by the head coach of his institution.
- **Athletes are required to have played in 2/3 of the sets played in order to be nominated.**
- All deadlines and guidelines must be met for a nomination to be considered.
- The student-athlete's head coach must be a member in good standing of the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Head coaches have until **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**, to become an active member or renew their membership to ensure compliance.

TERMS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

Failure to meet the above stated rules and requirements may result in the disqualification of a student-athlete from AVCA postseason awards consideration.

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATES

The AVCA recognizes the top player in his first year of NCAA competition. The nominee can be a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior but must be in his first year of competition for an NCAA program. Student-athletes following a redshirt year and transfers from a two-year or NAIA institution are eligible for the award. Only **one** player from each institution can be nominated.

ALL-AMERICA NOTIFICATION

If your student-athlete(s) is selected AVCA First or Second Team All-America or Newcomer of the Year, head coaches will be notified via a phone call from the AVCA staff. Head coaches providing a number how to be reached away from your home or office is most helpful. The AVCA needs to determine as soon as possible if your all-American(s) will be attending the awards presentation to receive his award.

NO "CO" AWARD WINNERS

The AVCA will not be selecting "co" winners of any award offering they provide. This includes National Coach and the Year and Player of the Year. All award selections will be awarded to a singular person.

Postseason Statistical Selection Criteria

The postseason selection committees will consider the criteria listed below when selecting the postseason honorees. The student-athletes will be compared with others of the same position and ranked using the statistics submitted. All calculations should be made using the interpretations found in the NCAA Volleyball Statistics Manual. All statistical data will be considered; however, the importance of each shall be left to the judgment of the selection committees.

IMPORTANT: *The statistical recommendations listed below are meant to serve as **guidelines based on historical averages, not as firm requirements.***

STATISTICAL CRITERIA

- A. Strength of Schedule**
- B. Performance Against Strong Competition**
- C. Attack**
 - 1. Kills Per Set
 - a. Middle Blockers – 1.40
 - b. Outside Hitters - 3.00
 - c. Right Side Hitters – 3.00
 - 2. Hitting Percentage (Kills-Errors/Attempt)
 - a. Middle Blockers – .370
 - b. Outside Hitters - .250
 - d. Right Side Hitters - .250
 - 3. Kill Percentage (Kills/Attempt)
 - a. Middle Blockers - .500
 - b. Outside Hitters - .400
 - c. Right Side/Opposite Hitters - .400
- D. Set (for setters only)**
 - 1. Team Hitting % - .250
 - 2a. Assists Per Set (5-1) – 9.50
 - 2b. Assists Per Set (6-2 or S/H) – 5.0
- E. Blocks (Per Set)**
 - 1. Blocks Per Set
 - a. Middle Blockers – 0.80
 - b. Outside Hitters – 0.3
 - c. Right Side Blockers – 0.35
 - d. Setters – 0.3
- F. Digs (Per Set)**
 - 1. Digs Per Set
 - a. Outside Hitters – 1.00
 - b. Right Side Hitters – 1.00
 - c. Libero – 2.00
 - d. Setters – 1.00
- G. Pass (Serve Reception)**
 - 1. Is candidate a primary passer?
 - 2. Reception Attempts Per Set
 - a. Liberos – 4.95
 - b. Outside Hitters – 3.75
 - 3. Reception Errors Per Set
 - a. Liberos – 0.25
 - b. Outside Hitters – 0.35
 - 4. Reception Percentage
 - a. Liberos – 0.95
 - b. Outside Hitters – 0.90
- H. Serve**
 - 1. Aces Per Set – 0.25

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A. Middle Blockers Consideration**
 - 1. Points Per Set (2.35)
 - 2. Hitting Percentage
 - 3. Kills Per Set
 - 4. Kill Percentage
 - 5. Blocks Per Set
- B. Outside Hitters Consideration**
 - 1. Points Per Set (3.75)
 - 2. Hitting Percentage
 - 3. Digs Per Set
 - 4. Blocks Per Set
 - 5. Kill Percentage
- C. Right Side/Opposite Hitters Consideration**
 - 1. Points Per Set (3.60)
 - 2. Hitting Percentage
 - 3. Blocks Per Set
 - 4. Digs Per Set
 - 5. Kill Percentage
- D. Setters Consideration**
 - 1. Team Hitting Percentage
 - 2. Assists Per Set
 - 3. Points Per Set (1.0)
 - 4. Blocks Per Set
 - 5. Digs Per Set
- E. Setters/Hitters Consideration**
 - 1. Team Hitting Percentage
 - 2. Individual Hitting Percentage
 - 3. Points Per Set (3.0)
 - 4. Assists Per Set
 - 5. Blocks Per Set
- F. Defensive Specialists/Liberos Consideration**
 - 1. Digs Per Set
 - 2. Reception Percentage
 - 3. Reception Attempts Per Set
 - 4. Reception Errors Per Set
 - 5. Service Aces Per Set

AVCA Postseason Student-Athlete Nomination Checklist

Complete the following information checklist for each student-athlete you wish to nominate for AVCA postseason honors. This information is provided as a means of ensuring that you have completed the requirements of the nomination procedure.

CHECKLIST

- O Your team's regular season play has been **COMPLETED**.
- O Submitted nominations on-line by **5 p.m. ET (4 p.m. CT, 3 p.m. MT, 2 p.m. PT) on Tuesday, April 28.**
Must complete both pages of the on-line program: demographic info (p. 1) and statistics (p. 2).
- O A match-by-match statistical account to the nomination pages by **5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, April 28** A match-by-match listing of performances versus nationally ranked or division-specific teams is not necessary; however, an overall match-by-match report versus ALL opponents for each nominee is required. A computer-generated statistical reports may be used as long as the following conditions are met:
 - Computerized stats must include **all** required statistical categories.
 - The document **must be in a PDF format** and indicate the nominee's name and school without using special character, such as # or '.
- O The All-American Selection committee has access to all VolleyMetrics match film and is no longer requesting VolleyMetrics set submissions for nominated athletes.

DEADLINES

All nominations must be submitted via the on-line process at <https://www.avca.org/award/avca-mens-national-collegiate-all-america-nominations> by 5 p.m. (ET) on **Tuesday, April 28.**

Match-by-match statistics for each nominee must be uploaded on the online nomination pages or emailed to the AVCA (awards@avca.org) by **Tuesday, April 28.**

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

All head coaches must have up-to-date memberships and know their personal information needed to log in to the AVCA Web site. Those entering the nominations will need to have the head coach's log-in and password. ***If you need your AVCA log-in information, please contact AVCA Member Services at members@avca.org or 866-544-2822.***

The list of nationally ranked teams will be sent out via e-mail on Monday, April 20 and will also be available on the AVCA Web site at <https://www.avca.org/award/avca-mens-national-collegiate-all-america-nominations>

[Be prepared to compile your nominee's statistics against teams listed on the nationally ranked teams list for your division and vs. Division I-II teams only \(including Division II provisional teams\).](#)

AVCA Coaches Award Programs



The American Volleyball Coaches Association annually honors deserving coaches through its National Coach of the Year and Victory Club programs. Refer to the information listed below for specifics regarding each program. If you have questions, please call Brad Wilson at (817) 909-9595 or e-mail bradley.wilson@avca.org. Head coaches must be AVCA members in good standing to be eligible for either program.

The AVCA-member men's DI-II head coaches will vote for the National Collegiate National Coach of the Year and National Assistant Coach of the Year from an eligible pool of candidates. The Men's All-America Selection Committee will then use the voting results to narrow down the candidates and select an award winner for each 2026 National Coach of the Year and 2026 National Assistant Coach of the Year.

AVCA NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Eligible coaches include the conference coaches of the year the coaches that make the NCAA tournament, with the understanding that there may be some crossover from these pools. The head coach must be an active AVCA member to be featured on the ballot.

All AVCA-member head coaches will be asked to vote in a ballot (available **Tuesday, April 28-Thursday, April 30** (pending Conference Coach of the Year press releases)) based on the following criteria:

- 1) **AVCA member;**
- 2) **team success during current season;**
- 3) **team improvement from previous season;**
- 4) **fulfillment of team potential; and**
- 5) **professional manner and attitude of the coach.**

AVCA NATIONAL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

In order for an assistant coach to be featured on the ballot, that coach must 1) be an AVCA member and 2) be nominated using the online nomination form. The AVCA National Assistant Coach of the Year Nomination Form can be found online at <https://www.avca.org/award/avca-mens-national-collegiate-all-america-nominations>. This form must be received by the AVCA by **Monday, April 27**. All AVCA head coaches are eligible to nominate **ONE** of their assistant coaches **or** an assistant coach in their respective conference. Only one nomination per AVCA head coach will be accepted. Nominations will be submitted based on the following criteria:

- 1) **AVCA Member;**
- 2) **player development on and off the court;**
- 3) **essential part of the program's athletic success;**
- 4) **service to the community;**
- 5) **commitment to the coaching profession and professional development; and**
- 6) **represents program in professional and ethical manner.**