



## 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](mailto:members@avca.org).

#### **Monday, April 13 – 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 14 thru Tuesday, April 21 – Student-Athlete Nominations Accepted**

Nominations will be accepted online beginning at 8 a.m. ET on April 14 through 5 p.m. ET on April 21. **ALL REGULAR SEASON PLAY MUST BE COMPLETE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING NOMINATIONS.**

The All-American Selection committee has access to all VolleyMetrics match film and is no longer requesting VolleyMetrics set submissions for nominated athletes.

#### **Tuesday, April 21 – 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*

#### **Wednesday, April 29 – AVCA National Collegiate All-Americans and NOY announced via PR**

#### **Thursday, April 30 – NCOY & NACOY Final Ballot Due**

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

## 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)**

Pepperdine

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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)

#### **INDEPENDENT**

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 (DII)

## **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 36<sup>th</sup> 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

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- 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 21.**  
**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 21** 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

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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 21.**

Match-by-match statistics for each nominee must be uploaded on the online nomination pages or emailed to the AVCA ([awards@avca.org](mailto:awards@avca.org)) by **Tuesday, April 21.**

### NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

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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](mailto:members@avca.org) or 866-544-2822.***

The list of nationally ranked teams will be sent out via e-mail on Monday, April 13 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](mailto: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 **Tuesday, April 21**. 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.**