



Boys High School Senior All-America Selection Guidelines

The AVCA Boys' High School Senior All-America program will be in its 18th year for the 2025-26 season. We are proud to honor deserving student-athletes by selecting an All-America team comprised of male high school senior student-athletes. The AVCA Boys' High School Senior All-America selection committee is comprised of high school coaches from across the nation.

NOMINATION PERIOD

The online nomination period for AVCA Boys' High School Senior All-America will open on **Tuesday, May 26 @ 8:00 am (ET)** and close on **Tuesday, June 2 @ 5:00 pm (ET)**.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

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 Boys' High School Senior All-America team. Please use your professional judgment to nominate those student-athletes who legitimately have a chance to earn honors. Online nomination instructions will be sent to you as a separate Word document.

Please Note: If your athlete was listed on the AVCA Boys' High School Senior All-America Watch List, you **DO** still need to nominate him during the online nomination period. Being on the watch list **DOES NOT** serve as his official nomination.

Non-senior athletes will be considered for AVCA All-American.

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 must be nominated by his AVCA member head coach. A head coach cannot nominate an athlete from another school: he/she can **ONLY** nominate his/her athletes;
- The student-athlete must have participated in **1/2 (50%)** of all sets (not matches) during the current season;
- **AVCA Participation Waiver:** Student-Athletes who fail to participate in one half of all sets (not matches) during the current season due to Institution approved participation in Olympic, Pan American, World Championships or Junior National competition are eligible for AVCA All-America consideration if all other nomination requirements are met. All regular deadlines, policies and procedures remain in effect. No statistical information may be substituted. The official participation documents must accompany the nomination.
- 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.

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.



AVCA Best and Brightest Student-Athlete Awards Information

The AVCA Best & Brightest Award is meant to honor individual High School Senior athletes who excel on and off the court.

In order to be eligible for the Best and Brightest Award, Senior athletes must earn at least a 3.5 Unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent, if using a different GPA scale) during their Junior year AND play in 50% of their Varsity team's sets during their Senior season.

Some additional tiers of recognition apply:

- **AVCA Best and Brightest First Team:** 3.8 Unweighted GPA or above
- **AVCA Best and Brightest Second Team:** 3.65 Unweighted GPA or above
- **AVCA Best and Brightest Honorable Mention:** 3.5 Unweighted GPA or above

AVCA National Coach of the Year

Members of the AVCA All-American Committee will select one coach as the 2024 AVCA National Coach of the Year. Each coach will be granted a complementary AVCA Convention Registration to receive their award in person.

Considered coaches must be nominated online using an online nomination form during the nomination period starting on **Tuesday, May 26 and ending on Monday, June 8**. Coaches must be active AVCA members in order to be considered. The winner will be announced on **Wednesday, June 24**.

ALL-AMERICA & COACH OF THE YEAR NOTIFICATION

A press release will be sent out on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, announcing the AVCA Boys' High School All-America team, Boys High School National Coach of the Year, and Boys High School Player of the Year.

Postseason Statistical/Selection Criteria

The postseason selection committee 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 statistical data will be considered; however, the importance of each shall be left to the judgment of the selection committees.

IMPORTANT: The statistical minimums listed below are meant to serve as GUIDELINES, NOT AS FIRM REQUIREMENTS, for All-America nominees.

STATISTICAL CRITERIA

A. Attack

1. Kills per set
 - a. Middle Blockers — 3.25
 - b. Outside hitters — 4.00
2. Kill Percentage (Kills/Attempt)

B. Set (for setters only)

1. Assist per set — 10.00

C. Serve

1. Aces per set
2. Errors per set
3. Service attempts

D. Pass (serve reception)

1. Is candidate a primary passer?
2. Reception attempts

E. Digs

1. Digs per set

F. Blocks

1. Block Solos — 1 point
2. Block Assists — 1 point
3. Blocks per set
 - a. Middle blocker — 1.25
 - b. Outside blocker — 0.50

G. Strength of Schedule

H. Performance Against Strong Competition

SELECTION CRITERIA

A. Middle Blockers

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Attack percentage
 - b. Kills per set
 - c. Blocks per set
 - d. Kill percentage
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Passing
 - b. Digging
 - c. Serving

B. Outside/Opposite Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Attack percentage
 - b. Kills per set
 - c. Blocking
 - d. Serving
 - e. Kill percentage
2. Secondary Consideration
 - a. Digging
 - b. Passing

C. Setters/Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Assists per set
 - b. Kills per set
 - c. Individual attack percentage
 - d. Blocking
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Team attack percentage
 - b. Digging
 - c. Serving

D. 5-1 Setters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Team attack percentage
 - b. Serving
 - c. Blocking
 - d. Assists per set
 - e. Digging
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Individual attack percentage

E. Liberos

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Digs per set
 - b. Reception errors per set
 - c. Receptions per set
 - d. Reception percentage *
* (reception attempts minus reception errors, divided by reception attempts)
 - e. Serving

Geographical Balance

The selection committee will attempt to distribute the selection of the players so that every part of the country is represented. Due to the sparser nationwide participation numbers, some areas of the country have traditionally stronger boys' high school programs and will obviously receive more recognition. However, the AVCA feels it is important to recognize players from throughout the country - this will help promote our sport nationwide.

Season Honors

The selection committee will consider honors earned by players from their senior high school season as an important criterion for selection to the All-America team. Selection to All-State, All-Region, All-Area, All-Conference, All-League and other similar honors will be **strongly considered**.

STATISTICAL GUIDELINES AND DEFINITIONS

Coaches should ensure that keepers of team statistics are using these definitions and guidelines. It is important to note if a player is a primary passer. The definition of a **primary passer** is a player who is one of your best passers AND takes a strong role in your service reception formations—they should actually pass a large percentage of your team's service receptions and be prominent in most all rotations for service reception.

KILLS -- Any attack that lands for a point

Also, award a KILL when:

- ...a free ball crosses the net and lands on the floor
- ...a set, intentional or not, crosses the net and lands on the floor
- ...an attack is blocked out of bounds or in the net
- ...when an opposing blocker is in the net, or has a centerline violation
- ...a dig attempt that crosses the net and lands on the floor for a point on the attacking team
- ...an attack followed immediately by an official's called blocking error (see block error)

ATTACK ATTEMPT -- Any overhead contact of the ball designed to score

ATTACK ERROR -- Any overhead contact of the ball that...

- ...is hit out of bounds
- ...is hit into the net leading to a four-hit violation
- ...hits the antenna
- ...is blocked down by the opposition on the same side of the attacker leading to a point
- ...makes a centerline violation
- ...is called for an illegal contact

ATTACK PERCENTAGE -- Kills minus errors, divided by total attacks

...10 kills - 2 errors/ 16 total attacks = $8/16 = .500$

ASSIST -- Awarded to the player who passes the ball to a teammate who attacks the ball for a kill

- ...an assist generally is the second contact in a play sequence, followed immediately by a kill on the third contact
- ...an assist can be awarded off a dig (first contact), provided the attack comes on the second contact

SERVICE ACE -- is awarded when...

- ...a serve lands untouched on the opponent's side
- ...the receiving team has overlapped or is out of rotation
- ...the passer is whistled for a reception error
- ...the serve is passed, but cannot be kept in play

SERVICE ERROR -- is awarded when...

...the server foot faults

...the serve doesn't advance past net, is out of bounds, or hits antenna

...the server is out of rotation (service error is charged to the person who should have served)

...**Note:** A ball that hits the net but continues over to the opponents side and remains in bounds is not a service error

RECEPTION ATTEMPT - is awarded when...

...Team B player attempts to receive Team A player's serve.

RECEPTION ERROR -- is awarded when...

...the serve hits the floor near a player

...player passes the ball, but it can't be kept in play

...player is called for a lift

...Note: For every service ace, there must be a corresponding reception error. When a service ace falls between two players and the scorer cannot judge fault, a Team Reception error is recorded. Team Reception errors also occur when the receiving team is out of rotation.

DIG -- is awarded when a defensive player keeps a bona fide attack in play with a pass

...a dig is only awarded off an attack attempt from the opposing team.

... Thus, a dig is NOT awarded when Team A continues a play off a Team B block attempt as it is not an attempt.

...a dig is NOT awarded on a serve attempt, as this is a serve reception

BLOCKS -- are awarded when a player blocks the ball to the opposition's court leading directly to a point without a successful dig

...SOLO -- when only one blocker is up

...ASSIST -- when more than one blocker is up, awarded to all contributing blockers regardless if only one person blocks the ball. Generally, a block assist occurs with two blockers, but may occur occasionally with three blockers. However, all three blockers must go up at the same time and provide an overlap. (ALSO SEE MEN'S STAT DIFFERENCES BELOW)

A block solo and block assist cannot be recorded on the same play. During the same rally, only one team block (block solo or block assists) can be awarded

A block (solo or assisted) is not credited if the opposing team successfully digs the block attempt.

TEAM BLOCKS -- Team blocks are calculated by adding the total number of block solos and adding to half the total of block assists.

Example: Blocks Solos - 4, Block Assists 12 (TEAM BLOCKS = 4 + (12/2) = 10)

BLOCKING ERROR -- is awarded when...

...blocker is in the net or steps over the center line

...back row blocker

...blocker is called for reaching over the net

A blocking error is not given for poor technique. In general, a blocking error only is given after a referee's call. Also, a kill is awarded to the opposing attacker on a blocking error if an attack was occurring at the time of the block error

TOTAL POINTS -- calculated by adding kills, block assists divided by 2, block solos and service aces

Example: In a single set Player A gets 8 kills, 3 block assists (3/2 = 1.5), 2 block solos and 1 service ace = 12.5 total points in that set

Total Points Per Set for season = (kills + 1/2 block assists + block solos + aces) / total sets played

OTHER HINTS:

1. Every service ace must have a corresponding reception error. Conversely, every reception error must have a service ace.
2. Every assist must have a corresponding kill.
3. Overpasses ARE NOT reception errors.
4. Since blocks must come off an opponent's attack attempt, Team B's offensive attack from Team A's overpass should be recorded as an attack (kill if Team B's execution leads directly to a point). This situation appears often as a block or directional attack at the net. However, blocks can only be awarded on an opponent's attack, not overpass.

NOMINATION CHECKLIST:

1. Online nomination submission must be completed by **Tuesday, June 2 at 5:00 pm (ET)**.

Please send all team schedules and results to:

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