

2021-2025 AVCA Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week | #OFFICIATIONWEEK

Since 2021, AVCA #OFFICIATIONWEEK has become a proud annual tradition among nearly 2,000 elementary school, middle school, high school (boys and girls), club, beach, college men's and women's, and pro volleyball teams from 49 U.S. states, D.C. and other nations. The event is hosted twice each year, in the spring and fall; and all teams are encouraged to participate. The AVCA's Annual Spring #OFFICIATIONWEEK is especially for boys, men's, beach, club and pro teams, and AVCA Fall #OFFICIATIONWEEK2025 is primarily for girls and women's teams.

Instructions to Participate: 5 Steps

- Choose a match during #OFFICIATIONWEEK2025
- 2. Plan a small token of appreciation for officials pre-match include both teams
- 3. Snap a group photo with officials, both teams and coaches
- 4. Post to social media tagging #OFFICIATIONWEEK2025 and @avcavolleyball
- 5. Submit your event to the AVCA to be added to our National Participants List

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.

Check out the #OFFICIATIONWEEK Toolkit with more ideas on how to show appreciation for volleyball officials as well as recruit new officials for the sport like banners/posters, customizable certificates for officials, goodie bags, PA announcements, national and state officials appreciation week campaigns and strategies, and more. The below websites are also available courtesy of the AVCA 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 first 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 the week was primarily marketed to girls volleyball 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 DII (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



2024 AVCA Girls & Women's Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week: 754 Participants | 47 States

Over 754 participants in 47 states took part in another recordsetting 2024 AVCA Girls and Women's Volleyball #OFFICIATIONWEEK! This year's participation tops the previous record of 600 participants in 44 states set in 2023.

- 2024 AVCA Girls & Women's Highlights Video
- 2024 AVCA Girls & Women's Participation List
- 2024 AVCA Girls & Women's Toolkit

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2025 AVCA Spring Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week: 186 Participants in 38 States plus D.C.

The AVCA's 3rd Annual Spring Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week March 21-29, 2025, saw enthusiastic participation from across the country. 186 teams and programs from 38 states and D.C. took part in this nationwide initiative to honor volleyball officials. This year marked the first official Pro Volleyball #OFFICIATIONWEEK, expanding the celebration to include boys, men's, beach, club, and professional volleyball.



The effort was strengthened by the involvement of leading volleyball organizations such as the Junior Volleyball Association (JVA), USA Volleyball, the Pro Volleyball Federation, and numerous state and local volleyball coaches associations. Over the nine-day period, coaches led the charge in promoting respect and gratitude toward officials, setting a positive example for athletes, parents, and fans, and reinforcing the essential role officials play in the sport's growth and integrity.

- 2025 AVCA Spring #OFFICIATIONWEEK Highlights Video
- 2025 AVCA Spring #OFFICIATIONWEEK Participation List
- 2025 AVCA Spring #OFFICIATIONWEEK Toolkit

2025 AVCA Fall Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week: CLICK HERE to View Participants

The 5th Annual AVCA Fall Volleyball Officials Appreciation Week on September 26 – October 4, 2025, is a continuation of the AVCA's commitment to celebrate the vital role officials play in the sport. This nine-day initiative invites girls and women's volleyball teams at all levels to recognize and thank the officials who help make the game possible.



Teams across the country are joining the movement to promote respect and gratitude for officials. Coaches are leading by example, helping foster a culture that values the integrity and leadership officials bring to the game.

- Submit your event to be added to the AVCA Fall #OFFICIATIONWEEK2025 Participants List
- AVCA Fall #OFFICIATIONWEEK2025 Toolkit

Good Sportsmanship has the Power to Inspire

The AVCA's #InspireSportsmanship campaign was launched March 2024, through the AVCA High School Leadership Council. The campaign 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.

Thank you to the many coaches, school administrators, volleyball coaches associations and others throughout the nation who have submitted stories of inspirational sportsmanship in volleyball. The AVCA is proud to feature these stories in the AVCA Affiliations eNewsletter, AVCA website, and social media in partnership with the AVCA's Signature Affiliate and Membership Organization high school partner associations.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to submit your story of inspirational sportsmanship by girls and boys volleyball players, coaches, and teams. For more information, please contact <u>Tara McGuire</u>, AVCA Membership & Communications Specialist.