



## 2026 AVCA NCAA Women's Collegiate Beach All-America Awards Packet

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# AVCA Collegiate Beach Postseason Awards Timetable

## **Monday, April 20 through Monday, April 27 at 5pm ET – Student-Athlete Nominations Accepted**

Completed nominations will be accepted at the AVCA office beginning on Monday, April 20 and close at 5pm ET on Monday, April 27. **Email all completed forms to [sarah.black@avca.org](mailto:sarah.black@avca.org).**

*Please nominate your players as EARLY as possible to assist the committee with data analysis. AVCA pulls results from CBVB.com and will include ALL matches completed before selections occur.*

## **Monday, April 13 through Monday, April 27 – Coach and Assistant Coach of the Year Nominations Accepted**

Head and lead assistant coaches from the 17 teams that were selected to participate in the championship will automatically be considered for the award. Additional programs may nominate their Head and/or lead assistant coaches.

## **Top Flight Award Nominations**

Nominations are required for Top Flight Award honors. Nomination forms due:

NCAA Division III	Monday, April 13
NCAA Division II	Monday, April 13
NAIA	Monday, April 20
NJCAA/Two-Year College	Monday, April 20
NCAA Division I	Monday, April 27

## AVCA Postseason Student-Athlete Awards Information

2026 marks the 14th year that the AVCA will select and announce AVCA Collegiate Beach All-Americans. A committee of Division I head beach coaches will review the nominated athletes and select this year's All-Americans. Listed below are the rules and nomination procedures agreed upon by the committee.

### Nominating Procedures

Completed nomination forms should be submitted to [sarah.black@avca.org](mailto:sarah.black@avca.org) starting Monday, April 20 and ending Monday, April 27 at 5pm ET.

In order to streamline the nomination and review process, the AVCA will take advantage of its partner at [CollegeBeachVB.com](http://CollegeBeachVB.com) to pull all results for each nominated athlete. Coaches will simply nominate the athlete(s) that they would like to be considered and include each athletes' profile page that features all their results.

Submit your nominations here: [2026 Women's Collegiate Beach All-America Awards Nominations](#)

### Nomination Rules & Requirements

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

- STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to only nominate athletes from 1s or 2s. The committee will only consider 2s or lower if your 1s players are selected as All-Americans.
- Athlete will be individually considered, but both from a pair may be nominated.
- Athletes must meet all eligibility requirements as listed in the rules adopted by their respective institution.
- Athletes may be in any year of eligibility in their sport.
- The athlete must be nominated by their head coach.
- Athlete must have a winning record in their matches.
- All deadlines and guidelines must be met for a nomination to be considered.
- Head coach must be a member in good standing of the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

### Selection Rules

**First Team and Second Team athletes will be chosen by the Committee based upon the results included on each nomination. The committee may select individual athletes from a pair if their results deem it.**

**Criteria that will be used in the selection process:**

- Selections will be based upon regular season and post-season results, head-to-head matchups, and results versus common opponents.
- More consideration will be given to teams that defeat pairs on nationally ranked teams.
- **The committee will only consider 2s or lower if your 1s nominee(s) are selected as All-Americans.**

### AVCA Player of the Year

The selection committee will name one AVCA Player of the Year (no longer naming a PAIR of the year). No additional nomination details are required for your athletes to be considered.

### All-America Notification

A press release will be sent out on April 30, 2026 announcing the AVCA Collegiate Beach All-America Team. If your student-athletes are selected, head coaches will be notified in advance via a phone call and/or email from the AVCA staff.

## **AVCA Coach of the Year Award Information**

Head coaches of the 17 teams that were selected to participate in the championship are automatic nominees, other coaches may be nominated during the designated dates.

The AVCA Beach All-America committee will select the honoree. Criteria considered will include:

- Team Success during the current season.
- Team Improvement from previous season
- Fulfillment of team potential
- Professional manner and attitude of the coach

The 2026 AVCA Beach Coach of the Year will be announced on Friday, May 1 and formally recognized at the AVCA Convention.

## **AVCA Assistant Coach of the Year Award Information**

The lead assistant coaches whose teams that were selected to participate in the championship will automatically be considered for the award. Head coaches will also have the option to nominate their assistant coaches for the award. Only one nomination per AVCA head coach will be accepted.

The honoree will be selected by the All-America committee, based on the following criteria:

- AVCA Member
- Player development on and off the court
- Essential part of the program's athletic success
- Service to the community
- Commitment to the coaching profession and professional development
- Represents program in professional and ethical manner

The 2026 AVCA Beach Assistant Coach of the Year winner will be announced on Friday, May 1 and formally recognized at the AVCA Convention.

## **All-America or Coach of the Year questions?**

Contact Sarah Black, AVCA Content Creation and Awards Specialist at [sarah.black@avca.org](mailto:sarah.black@avca.org) or 859-948-8955.



## AVCA Top Flight Awards

AVCA Top Flight Awards honor skilled athlete pairs from ALL flights 1-5 who are essential to winning duals with their team. **Reminder that nominations are required for Top Flight. Submit your pairs here:** <https://www.avca.org/award/2025-avca-top-flight-nominations/>

### Nomination Requirements:

In order to qualify, a given pair must meet the following requirements for the 2026 season:

- **A specific pair of athletes must play at least 15 matches at a specific flight.** Athletes that move flights due to roster restructuring or injury, will not be eligible if they do not have at least 15 matches at the same flight with the same partner.
- **The pair must win at least 75% of their matches at the specific flight**
- **The team's head coach is an active AVCA member**

### Nomination deadlines:

- NCAA Division III: Monday, April 13
- NCAA Division II: Monday, April 13
- NAIA: Monday, April 20
- NJCAA/Two-Year College: Monday, April 20
- NCAA Division I: Monday, April 27

### Complete the online form with the following information:

- Names of pair
- Flight #
- Season record (matches must all be at the same flight)
- [Link to athlete profiles on Collegebeachvb.com](#)
- [Link to team season stats page](#)

### Nomination Guidelines:

- Win/loss records should be entered with ONLY matches played at the same flight (do not include results from matches the pair played at other flights).
- Athletes that move flights due to roster restructuring or injury, will NOT be eligible if they do not have at least 15 matches at the same flight with the same partner.
- Include all regular season and conference matches. Do NOT include exhibition matches.
- Athletes may be nominated for all flights in which they meet the criteria.

### Top Flight Winners Announcement:

- [AVCA will verify eligible pairs using results from CollegeBeachVB.com.](#)
- Winning pairs (all divisions) will be announced on Friday, May 1.
- Certificates for all winning pairs will be available to download in the AVCA Certificate Database.

### Top Flight questions?

Contact Sarah Black, AVCA Content Creation and Awards Specialist at [sarah.black@avca.org](mailto:sarah.black@avca.org)