



2026 AVCA Women’s Division III Awards Packet

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All nomination links and any updates to the postseason awards program or timeline will be published in the AVCA Awards Directory:

<https://www.avca.org/polls-awards/awards-directory/all-awards/>

2026 AVCA Division III Postseason Awards Timetable

Friday, October 30 – Head Coach Membership Deadline

- Head coaches must be AVCA members by this date in order for their student-athletes to be eligible for the AVCA Postseason Awards Program. This includes new members as well as renewals. Contact AVCA Member Services if you have any questions about the status of your membership: 866-544-2822 or members@avca.org.

Wednesday, November 4 – Regionally/Nationally Ranked Teams Released

- This list will be e-mailed to member head coaches and posted on the AVCA website (ASAP after NPI rankings are published). ONLY teams on this list are to be considered when compiling summary statistics for regionally and nationally ranked competition in the postseason awards process.

Wednesday, November 4 thru Monday, November 9 – Student-Athlete Nominations Accepted

- Nominations will be accepted on-line beginning **Wed, Nov. 4 through Mon, Nov. 9 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**
- **Please note:** Online nomination instructions can be found on page 13 of this awards packet.

Monday, November 9 – Region Coach of the Year Nominations Due & National Assistant Coach of the Year Nominations Due

- AVCA Region Coach of the Year and National Assistant Coach of the Year nominations due via online nomination form.

Wednesday, November 11 thru Friday, November 13 – Head Coaches Vote for All-Region Teams

- AVCA member coaches will vote for the All-Region Teams through an online link provided by the AVCA. Ballots will be available to submit Wednesday, Nov. 11 through 5 p.m. (ET) on Friday, Nov. 13.
- **Please Note:** Coaches will be unable to vote for their own players. Coaches **MUST** vote in order for their players to be elected to an All-Region Team.

Saturday, November 14 through Monday, November 16 – Region Conference Calls

- AVCA All-Region Teams, Region Freshmen of the Year, Region Player of the Year, and AVCA Region Coach of the Year committee conference calls.

Wednesday, November 18 – Region Awards Announced

- AVCA All-Region Teams (one 14-person team and six honorable mention players per region), Region Freshmen of the Year and AVCA Region Coaches of the Year announced via AVCA press release. ***The AVCA press release will serve as the notification to all award winners that they have been selected.***

Sunday, November 22, 1:00 pm ET – Deadline to submit updated statistics (optional)

- May update stats for nominees prior to All-America call (add stats from regionals, matches that took place after nominations/voting)

Monday, November 23-Tuesday, November 24 – AVCA Division III AA/NPOY/COY/ACOF Conference Call

- AVCA All-America Committee conference calls. Also determine National Player of the Year, Coach of the Year and National Assistant Coach of the Year.

Wednesday, November 25 – All-America Teams Announced

- AVCA All-America Teams and National Freshman of the Year announced (14 student-athletes per a first team, second team, and third team, with a non-predetermined number of honorable mention selections).

Monday, November 30 – AVCA National Coach of the Year & National Assistant Coach of the Year announced.

- AVCA National Coach of the Year & National Assistant Coach of the Year announced via press release and social media.

Monday, November 30 – Victory Club Deadline

- AVCA Victory Club forms due via online nomination form.

Thursday, December 17 – Coaches Awards Banquet

- Region Coaches of the Year, National Coach of the Year and National Assistant Coach of the Year presented at the AVCA USMC Honors Banquet in San Antonio, Texas.

Friday, December 18 – Player of the Year Awards Banquet

- Division III Player of the Year will be presented in San Antonio, Texas at the AVCA Pro Volleyball Federation All-America/Players of the Year Banquet presented by Nike.

2026 AVCA DIII Awards Regional Alignment

AVCA exactly matches the NCAA's 10-region alignment. The Regional breakdown is courtesy of the NCAA and is current through August 2026. Contact the AVCA immediately if you have questions or corrections.

Region 1

GNAC (14)

Albertus Magnus
Colby-Sawyer
Dean College
Elms College
Emmanuel (MA)
Lasell College
Mitchell College
New England College
Norwich University
Regis College (MA)
Rivier University
St. Joseph's (ME)
Simmons College
St. Joseph (CT)

Little East (9)

Eastern Conn. State
Keene State College
Plymouth State University
Rhode Island College
UMASS - Boston
UMASS - Dartmouth
Southern Maine
Vermont State - Castleton
Western Conn. State

NESCAC (11)

Amherst College
Bates College
Bowdoin College
Colby College
Connecticut College
Hamilton College
Middlebury College
Trinity College (CT)
Tufts University
Wesleyan University (CT)
Williams College

North Atlantic (8)

Husson University
Lesley University

Maine Maritime Academy
Thomas – Maine
Maine Presque Ilse
U. of Maine-Farmington
Vermont State - Johnson
Vermont State - Lyndon

Region 2

Conference of New England (11)

Curry College
Endicott College
Gordon College
Johnson & Wales (RI)
Nichols College
Roger Williams University
Suffolk University
Univ. of Hartford
Univ. of New England
Wentworth Inst. of Tech.
Western New England Univ.

MASCAC (9)

Anna Maria College
Bridgewater State
Fitchburg State
Framingham State
Mass. College Liberal Arts
Mass. Maritime Academy
Salem State
Westfield State
Worcester State

NEWMAC (12)

Babson College
Clark University (MA)
Coast Guard Academy
Emerson College
MIT
Mount Holyoke College
Salve Regina
Smith College
Springfield College
Wellesley College

Wheaton College (MA)
Worcester Polytechnic Inst.

UAA (1)

Brandeis University

Region 3

Empire 8 (12)

Alfred University
Elmira College
Hartwick College
Houghton College
Keuka College
Nazareth College
Russell Sage College
St. John Fisher
SUNY – Brockport
SUNY – Geneseo
SUNY - Polytechnic
Utica University

Liberty League (9)

Bard College
Clarkson University
Hobart & William Smith
Colleges
Ithaca College
RIT
Skidmore College
St. Lawrence
Union College (NY)
Vassar College

Skyline (12)

Manhattanville College
Mount Saint Mary (NY)
Mount St. Vincent
Sarah Lawrence
SUNY - Farmingdale State
SUNY - Maritime
SUNY - Old Westbury
SUNY - Purchase
St. Joseph's (Brooklyn)
St. Joseph's (Long Island)

U.S. Merchant Marine Acad.
Yeshiva University

SUNYAC (12)

Alfred State
SUNY - Buffalo State
SUNY – Canton
SUNY – Cobleskill
SUNY – Cortland
SUNY - Delhi
SUNY - Fredonia
SUNY - Morrisville
SUNY - Oneonta
SUNY - Oswego
SUNY - Plattsburgh
SUNY – Potsdam

UAA (1)

Univ. of Rochester

Region 4

CUNYAC (8)

Baruch College
Brooklyn College
City College NY
Hunter College
John Jay
Lehman College
Medgar Evers
York College (NY)

MAC Freedom (9)

Arcadia University
Delaware Valley
DeSales University
Fairleigh Dickinson Florham
King's College (PA)
Lebanon Valley
Marywood
Misericordia Univ.
Stevens Tech

NJAC (9)

Kean University
Montclair State
SUNY – New Paltz
Ramapo College

Rowan University
Rutgers - Camden
Rutgers – Newark
Stockton University
William Paterson

United East (13)

Cairn University
Cedar Crest College
Gallaudet University
Keystone College
Lancaster Bible College
Notre Dame of Maryland
Penn College of Technology
Penn State Abington
Penn State Berks College
Penn State Brandywine
Penn State Harrisburg
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Wilson College

UAA (1)

New York University

Region 5

Atlantic East (6)

Centenary College
Gwynedd-Mercy
Immaculata University
Marymount (VA)
Pratt Institute
Saint Elizabeth

Centennial (11)

Bryn Mawr College
Dickinson College
Franklin & Marshall
Gettysburg College
Haverford College
Johns Hopkins
McDaniel College
Muhlenberg College
Swarthmore College
Ursinus College
Washington College (MA)

Coast-to-Coast (1)

Salisbury

Landmark (10)

Catholic University
Drew University
Elizabethtown College
Goucher College
Juniata College
Lycoming College
Moravian College
Scranton
Susquehanna
Wilkes University

MAC Commonwealth (9)

Albright College
Alvernia University
Eastern University
Hood College
Messiah College
Neumann
Stevenson University
Widener University
York College (PA)

Independent (1)

Trinity Washington

Region 6

Coast-to-Coast (5)

Christopher Newport
Johnson & Wales – Charlotte
Regent University
U. Mary Washington
Warren Wilson

Collegiate Conf. South (7)

Agnes Scott College
Asbury University
Belhaven University
Covenant College
Huntingdon College
LaGrange College
Piedmont College

ODAC (14)

Averett University
Batten University
Bridgewater (VA)

Eastern Mennonite
Guilford College
Hampden-Sydney College
Hollins University
Randolph College
Randolph-Macon College
Roanoke College
Shenandoah University
Sweet Briar College
Univ. of Lynchburg
Washington and Lee

SAA (9)

Berry College
Centre College
Maryville College
Millsaps College
Oglethorpe University
Rhodes College
Southwestern (TX)
Trinity (TX)
University South (Sewanee)

USA South (10)

Brevard College
Greensboro College
Mary Baldwin College
Meredith College
Methodist University
North Carolina Wesleyan
Pfeiffer University
Salem College
Southern Virginia
William Peace

UAA (1)

Emory University

Region 7

AMCC (8)

Carlow
Hilbert College
La Roche College
Mount Aloysius
Penn State - Altoona
Penn State - Behrend
Pittsburgh - Bradford

Pittsburgh - Greensburg

MIAA (9)

Adrian College
Albion College
Alma College
Calvin University
Hope College
Kalamazoo College
St. Mary's College (IN)
Trine University
University of Olivet

NCAC (9)

Denison University
DePauw University
John Carroll University
Kenyon College
Oberlin College
Ohio Wesleyan
Wabash
Wittenberg University
Wooster

OAC (9)

Baldwin-Wallace University
Capital University
Heidelberg University
Marietta College
Muskingum University
Ohio Northern University
Otterbein University
University of Mount Union
Wilmington College (OH)

Presidents' (13)

Allegheny College
Bethany College (WV)
Chatham University
Franciscan University
Geneva College
Grove City College
Hiram College
Saint Francis University
Saint Vincent College
Thiel College
Washington and Jefferson
Waynesburg University

Westminster College (PA)

UAA (2)

Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve

Region 8

CCIW (9)

Augustana College (IL)
Carroll University (WI)
Carthage College
Elmhurst University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Millikin University
North Central College
North Park University
Wheaton College (IL)

Heartland (10)

Anderson University (IN)
Berea College
Bluffton University
Earlham College
Franklin College
Hanover College
Manchester University
Mount St. Joseph University
Rose-Hulman Inst. Tech
Transylvania University

NACC (13)

Aurora University
Benedictine University
Concordia - Chicago
Concordia - Wisconsin
Dominican University (IL)
Edgewood College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Lakeland University
Marian University (WI)
Milwaukee S. of Engineering
Rockford University
St. Norbert College
Wisconsin Lutheran College

SLIAC (9)

Blackburn College
Eureka College

Greenville College
Lyon College
Miss. Univ. for Women
Principia College
Spalding University
Webster University
Westminster College (MO)

WIAA (8)

Wisconsin - Eau Claire
Wisconsin - La Crosse
Wisconsin - Oshkosh
Wisconsin - Platteville
Wisconsin - River Falls
Wisconsin - Stevens Point
Wisconsin - Stout
Wisconsin - Whitewater

UAA (2)

University of Chicago
Washington - St. Louis

Independent (1)

Maranatha Baptist

Region 9

American Rivers (8)

Buena Vista University
Central College (IA)
Coe College
Loras College
Nebraska Wesleyan
Simpson College
U. of Dubuque
Wartburg College

Coast to Coast (1)

Alverno College

MIAC (12)

Augsburg College

Bethel University (MN)
Carleton College
College of St. Benedict
College of St. Scholastica
Concordia Coll. Moorhead
Gustavus Adolphus
Hamline University
Macalester College
St. Catherine University
St. Mary's Univ. Minnesota
St. Olaf College

Midwest (10)

Beloit College
Cornell College
Grinnell College
Illinois College
Knox College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Luther College
Monmouth College (IL)
Ripon College

Upper Midwest – UMAC (7)

Bethany Lutheran College
Crown College (MN)
Martin Luther College
North Central University
Univ. of Minnesota, Morris
U. Northwestern - St. Paul
U. Wisconsin – Superior

Region 10

ASC (6)

East Texas Baptist Univ.
Hardin-Simmons University
Howard Payne University
McMurry University
Schreiner University
Univ. of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Coast to Coast (1)

UC Santa Cruz

Northwest (9)

George Fox University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield University
Pacific Lutheran University
Pacific University (OR)
Univ. of Puget Sound
Whitman College
Whitworth University
Willamette University

SCIAC (10)

Azusa Pacific University
California Inst. of Tech
California Lutheran Univ.
Chapman University
Claremont-Mudd-Scripps
Occidental College
Pomona-Pitzer College
Univ. of La Verne
Univ. of Redlands
Whittier College

SCAC (13)

Austin College
Centenary College (LA)
Colorado College
Concordia University Texas
Hendrix College
LeTourneau University
Texas Lutheran University
Trinity University (TX)
University of Dallas
University of St. Thomas (TX)
University of the Ozarks (AR)

AVCA Postseason Student-Athlete Awards Information

The AVCA is proud to honor deserving student-athletes annually by selecting All-Region and All-America teams, highlighted by the selection of the AVCA Division III Player of the Year. AVCA All-Region and All-America selection committees represent their conferences and regions to determine these selections along with AVCA-member head coach voting results.

Awards Honors

AVCA All-Region Team

- All-Region team: **14** student-athletes
- Honorable Mention team: **6** student athletes
- All-Region Player of the Year: **1** student athlete from All-Region Team
- All-Region Freshman of the Year: **1** TRUE freshman athlete (selection not required)
- **AVCA All-Region Coaches of the Year: 10** AVCA-member head coaches (1 from each respective region)

AVCA All-America Team

- First Team: **14** student-athletes
- Second Team: **14** student-athletes
- Third Team: **14** student athletes
- Honorable Mention: Non-predetermined number of student-athletes
- National Freshman of the Year: **1** TRUE freshman athlete
- National Player of the Year: **1** student-athlete from First Team All-America
- **National Assistant Coach of the Year: 1** AVCA-member assistant coach
- **National Coach of the Year: 1** AVCA-member head coach

Nominating Procedures

The postseason nomination procedure is an online 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-Region/All-American teams.

Please use your professional judgment to only nominate those student-athletes who legitimately have a chance to earn AVCA All-Region honors. Only student-athletes who are selected to their respective AVCA All-Region team are then eligible for AVCA All-America consideration.

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 her respective institution;
- The student-athlete must be nominated by her institution;
- The student-athlete must have participated in **2/3 (66.7%)** of all sets (not matches) during the current season at the time of the nomination deadline;
 - **AVCA Two-Thirds Participation Waiver:** Student-Athletes who fail to participate in two-thirds of all sets (not matches) during the current season due to Institution-approved participation in Olympic, Pan American, World Championships or World University Games 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** (page 2) and guidelines must be met for a nomination to be considered – **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- The student-athlete's head coach must be a member in good standing of the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Head coaches have until **Friday, October 30** to become a 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 All-Region and All-America consideration.

Region Freshman of the Year Candidates

Candidates for AVCA Region Freshman of the Year **must be a true freshman**. The AVCA National Freshman of the Year will be selected from the (up to) ten AVCA Region Freshmen of the Year award winners.

Awards Selections

The selection of the All-Region Team is determined in part by all member head coaches' votes, and in part by the Regional Committees. This process was designed in 2014 to increase the representation of the AVCA's member head coaches within the selection process, while still ensuring that the most deserving student-athletes are named. **The voting will take place from 8:00 a.m. (EST) on Wednesday, November 11 through 5:00 pm ET on Friday, November 13.** All AVCA-member head coaches will receive the same statistical analysis that the regional committees receive to help in the voting process.

The All-Region Team selections are NOT based upon position specific requirements. Instead, coaches will vote for their top **20** most deserving athletes on their All-Region ballot (*introduced in 2025, previously was 14 athletes*). The All-Region Committee will still be encouraged to have a fair representation from all positions. *For committee reference, 2014 and prior positional requirements were as follows:*

- 5 Outside/Opposite Hitters
- 3 Middle Blockers
- 2 Setters
- 1 Libero/Defensive Specialist
- 3 At-Large Selections

Voting Rules

- Coaches cannot vote for their own players.
- Coaches must vote in order for their players to be considered for the All Region Team.
- Coaches must vote for a total of **20** players (introduced in 2025, previously was 14 players).
- The voting will take place online through a link provided by the AVCA.
- All-Region Committees remain intact to ensure the proper teams are named. Their main role is to review the voting results, nominations and statistics and take action in the case of low voter turnout or obvious collusion.
- **Athletes that receive the top six vote totals from each region will be automatically assigned to the All-Region team. In the event of a tie for the sixth automatic selection, the All-Region committee will determine who will receive the automatic selection.**
- **Committees are NOT permitted to select any co-award winners** in region and national athlete or coach categories, including Co-Coach of the Year, Co-Player of the Year, etc.
- **NOTE:** Athletes from Independent schools or teams in conferences split among multiple regions (ex. Coast-to-Coast, UAA) will appear on ballots in their regions. In recognition that these teams may not play many matches within their designated region (and vote totals could be affected), coaches of independent/split conference teams are encouraged to contact their All-Region chair to provide additional information on their candidates for consideration by the region committee.
- The All-Region committees will forward a select list of All-Region players eligible for All-America status. The selection of the All-America Teams are determined by the Regional Chairs, who make up the All-America selection committee and represent their respective regions.

Awards Announcements

If your student athlete(s) is selected AVCA First, Second, or Third Team All-America, National Player of the Year, or National Freshman of the Year, head coaches will be notified by Tuesday, November 24 via phone call and/or email from the AVCA staff. Head coaches providing a number where you can be reached away from your home or office is most helpful.

The 2026 AVCA DIII National Player of the Year will receive an invitation to the **AVCA Pro Volleyball Federation All-America/Players of the Year Banquet presented by Nike** on **Friday, December 18**, held in conjunction with the 2026 AVCA Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

The AVCA will provide ONE ticket to the DIII National Player of the Year to attend the 2026 banquet, as well as a travel reimbursement. This banquet ticket will only supply admission for the National Player of the Year. Additional banquet tickets for family and friends may be purchased for \$45 each (limit up to 3 tickets) on-site at the AVCA Convention Registration desk located in HBGCC Hall 4 West.

2026 Nationally and Regionally Ranked Teams

AVCA will publish its list of Nationally and Regionally Ranked Teams on **Wednesday, November 4** (ASAP after publication of NPI rankings). List will also be emailed to all AVCA member head coaches. **ONLY teams on this list are to be considered when compiling summary statistics for regionally and nationally ranked competition in the postseason awards process.**

A match against a Nationally- and/or Regionally-Ranked Team must be included regardless of whether or not that team was ranked at the time of competition.

If your team has NOT competed against any Nationally Ranked (or Regionally Ranked) teams, you must enter the following on the stats page of your nomination: a “1” in both the Team Sets Played and Sets Played fields, and zeroes for the rest of that section. The form requires at least a ‘1’ in those fields in order to save the rest of your stats. Please note that entering this incorrect data this will not affect your athlete’s eligibility.

Nationally Ranked Teams

The list of Nationally Ranked Teams will include:

- All teams that appear on the AVCA Division III Top 25 Coaches Poll at least TWO or more times (not including the DIII Preseason Poll)
<https://www.avca.org/polls-awards/polls/?divisions=division-iii-women>
- The Top 50 teams in NCAA NPI rankings, as of November 4.
https://stats.ncaa.org/selection_rankings/nitty_gritties/48552

There is no minimum or maximum to the quantity of teams that can appear on this list.

Regionally Ranked Teams

The AVCA Regionally Ranked Team List is determined using a combination of the AVCA Nationally Ranked Teams and NCAA NPI Rankings (replaced RAC Regional rankings).

- All teams that are featured on the 2026 AVCA List of Nationally Ranked Teams, given the guidelines above, will be featured in the list of Regionally-Ranked Teams under their respective region.
- AND, the top 8 teams per each region that are featured on the 2026 NCAA NPI Rankings (as published on November 4, 2026).

No team with a win-loss percentage under .500 can be featured on the AVCA Regionally Ranked Team List. AVCA reserves the right to publish this list with less than the minimum number of 8 teams (as determined by the NCAA NPI Rankings), should the next team(s) ranked have under a .500 win-loss percentage.

Statistics to Include in Your Nomination

In addition to match-by-match statistics and cumulative season statistics, AVCA All-Region/All-America nomination requires the head coach to report statistics earned by that individual athlete in competition against teams listed as Nationally- and Regionally-Ranked.

AVCA Div. III Postseason Student-Athlete Awards 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, for all-region and region freshman of the year nominees.*

Outside Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Points per set – 3.25
 - b. Hitting percentage – 0.200
 - c. Kills per set – 2.75
 - d. Kill percentage 0.350
 - e. Digs per set (6-rotation athletes) – 2.25
2. Secondary Consideration
 - a. Blocks per set – 0.3
 - b. Aces per set – 0.25
 - c. Primary passer?
 - d. Digs per set (3-rotation athletes)

Middle Blockers

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Points per set – 2.75
 - b. Hitting percentage – 0.300
 - c. Blocks per set – 1.0
 - d. Kills per set – 2.10
 - e. Kill percentage – 0.400

Right Side/Opposite Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Points per set – 3.0
 - b. Hitting percentage – 0.250
 - c. Blocks per set – 0.40
 - d. Kills per set – 2.50
 - e. Kill percentage – 0.350
2. Secondary Consideration
 - a. Digs per set – 0.75
 - b. Primary passer?
 - c. Aces per set

5-1 Setters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Team hitting percentage – 0.200
 - b. Assists per set – 10.0
 - c. Points per set – 1.0
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Blocks per set – 0.30
 - b. Digs per set – 1.75
 - c. Kills per set
 - d. Aces per set

Setters/Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Team hitting percentage – 0.200
 - b. Assists per set – 5.60
 - c. Points per set – 1.20
 - d. Individual hitting percentage – 0.250
 - e. Blocks per set – 0.30
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Digs per set – 2.20
 - b. Kills per set – 0.75
 - c. Kill percentage
 - d. Aces per set

Defensive Specialists/Liberos

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Digs per set – 4.50
 - b. Reception Errors per set – 0.1
 - c. Team Hitting Percentage – 0.200
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Reception Attempts
 - b. 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 met the stated qualifications.

CHECKLIST

- Nominee has played in **2/3 (66.7%)** of all **sets** (not matches) during the current season at the time of the nomination deadline. Please have consulted “Statistical and Selection Criteria” (page 10) to be sure your nominee(s) is statistically compatible with the criteria for an all-region player.
- Submitted nominations on-line **by 11:59 pm ET on Monday, November 9.**
- A match-by-match statistical account for each nominee has been uploaded **by 11:59 pm ET on Monday, November 9.**

Only a single-page match-by-match statistical report versus all teams should be submitted for each nominee.

Match-by-match listings of performances versus regionally or nationally ranked teams are only necessary for your personal use to complete the online portion of the nomination.

Computerized stats must include **all** required statistical categories as shown on **Form A (page 12).**

- All uploaded or emailed match-by-match statistics should be formatted in a PDF or Excel format.
- *****Please avoid file names with any special characters, including apostrophes (‘), ampersand (&), or number symbol (#). This will cause your file to be corrupted and not able to be viewed by voters or the selection committee.**

DEADLINES

All nominations and Match-by-match statistics for each nominee must be submitted via the on-line process and at www.avca.org by **11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday, November 9.**

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step-by-step instructions regarding the on-line student-athlete nomination process can be found on page 13 of this awards packet.

IMPORTANT: All head coaches must have up-to-date memberships and know their personal login and password to the AVCA website. Those entering the nominations will need to have the head coaches' login 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 **regionally and nationally ranked teams** will be sent out via e-mail and will also be available on the AVCA Website on **Wednesday, November 4** (after publication of NCAA NPI rankings). Be prepared to figure your nominees' statistics against teams listed on the regionally and nationally ranked teams lists for online nomination purposes.

AVCA Coaches Award Programs

The American Volleyball Coaches Association annually honors deserving coaches through its Regional and National Coach of the Year and Victory Club programs. Refer to the information listed below for specifics regarding each program. Head coaches must be members in good standing by **Friday, October 30, 2026**, to be eligible for either program.

Region/National Coaches of the Year

The Region Coach of the Year and National Assistant Coach of the Year online nomination forms can be found on the AVCA DIII Awards Nomination page. This online form must be submitted by **Monday, November 9 at 5 p.m. EST**.

Region Coach of the Year

All AVCA member coaches are asked to nominate someone for Region Coach of the Year in their respective region based on the following criteria:

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

Automatic Nominees

Each Conference Coach of the Year and coaches of the top FOUR Regionally-Ranked Teams in each NCAA region are automatic nominee for AVCA Region Coach of the Year. Names and schools of these automatic nominees will be submitted to the AVCA All-Region Committees, however complete data (records, rankings, notable wins, additional responsibilities, etc.) may not be presented. To ensure a quality nomination, please complete the Region Coach of the Year nomination form.

National Coach of the Year

AVCA Region Coaches of the Year and NCAA tournament quarterfinalists coaches are automatic nominees for AVCA National Coach of the Year. No additional nominations are accepted.

National Assistant Coach of the Year

All AVCA head coaches are eligible to nominate **ONE** of their assistant coaches **or** an assistant coach in their respective region. 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
- 6) Represents program in professional and ethical manner

Selections and Presentations

Selections will be made during the respective All-Region and All-American conference calls. Presentation of the awards will take place on **Thursday, December 17**, at the AVCA USMC Honors Banquet at the 2026 AVCA Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

AVCA Victory Club

Since 1985, The AVCA has recognized coaches who reach career victory milestones (in increments of 100 wins) with its Victory Club awards. The online nomination form must be submitted by Monday, **November 30 at 5:00 pm ET** at <https://www.avca.org/award/avca-victory-club/>. Winners will be recognized at the 2026 AVCA Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

2026 AVCA On-Line Student-Athlete Nomination Instructions

Before beginning the nomination process, head coaches need to contact the AVCA office to secure the head coach's member login and password for the AVCA Website if not already known. ***This information will not be provided to anyone but the head coach.*** Therefore, SIDs should be in contact with the head coach to secure the member login and password if the SID is responsible for completing the nomination process.

DEADLINES:

- Nominations Window: **Wednesday, Nov. 4 through Monday, Nov. 9 at 11:59 p.m. ET**

STEPS TO NOMINATE:

1. **Navigate to the Division III All-America information in the AVCA Awards Directory:**
<https://www.avca.org/polls-awards/awards-directory/all-awards/>
2. **Click the nomination link.** If not already logged in, you will be prompted to do so. MUST use Head Coach's AVCA membership account credentials. *(SID or other representative may complete the form, but Head Coach's login must be used.)*
3. **CLICK** on the link labeled, **"Click Here to Begin a Student-Athlete Nomination"**
4. Select **"Enter New Nomination"** under the "Current Awards for your Division" section
 - Note: For each nomination completed, the nominee's information will be displayed under the "Your Current Nominations" section.
 - a. Type in any part of your School/Organization name and click **Search** (click the screen next to school/organization name and text box will appear)
 - b. Select your School/Organization name from the list below and click **Continue**
5. Fill in the required fields as listed on the **Student Athlete Information** and **Institutional Information** page and then click **Continue**.
 - a. Please fill in all fields completely and use appropriate capitalization and punctuation. Enter the student-athlete and institution's names as you would like them to appear on any awards.
6. After clicking **Continue**,
 - a. Fill in the required fields as listed on the Statistics page
 - Stats vs. Nationally Ranked Teams
 - Stats vs. Regionally Ranked Teams
 - Stats vs. All Opponents
 - b. Click **'Save and continue'**
7. Final step: upload your athlete's match-by-match stats.

To complete your nomination a single-page match-by-match statistical account versus ALL teams for the nominee must be uploaded to the online nomination by **Monday, Nov. 9 at 11:59 p.m. ET**.

- a. Click 'Choose File'.
- b. Select the appropriate file from your computer, and click **'Upload this File'**.
*****Please avoid file names with any special characters, including apostrophes ('), ampersand (&), or number symbol (#).** This will cause your file to be corrupted and not able to be viewed by voters or the selection committee. If corrupted files are found, update the nomination with a new file or contact AVCA for assistance.
- c. Once you have successfully uploaded the file, click **'Complete Nomination'**.
You will then be directed to a page where you can select to view your nominations or enter a new nomination.

STEPS TO EDIT OR UPDATE A NOMINATION:

For players selected to All-Region teams: Head Coaches are encouraged to edit their nomination to submit **updated stats** to include matches played after the nomination deadline, and prior to the All-America selection call.

- **DEADLINE: Sunday, November 22 at 1pm Eastern Time.**

Head Coaches are encouraged to edit their nomination to submit updated stats for athletes that were selected to an AVCA All-Region team, prior to the All-America committee call.

Coaches are not required to update stats in order for their athletes to remain eligible for AVCA All-America honors, ***HOWEVER this is highly encouraged as the committee selections are based heavily on stats versus Nationally/Regionally-Ranked teams.***

Please note: To ensure fair evaluation for all athletes eligible, the All-America Selection Committee will be able to view which athletes have updated stats submitted and which athletes only feature stats prior to the original deadline.

1. Follow the same online path and log-in process as above. Once logged in, you will be able to see all nominations that you have previously started and/or completed. Click on the nomination you would like to edit.
 - ***Note: Head Coaches will still be required to nominate athletes prior to the nomination deadline on Monday, Nov. 9.*** Coaches will not be able to submit new nominations after the deadline – only edit existing nominations. Coaches and SIDs will use the same nomination link to access previous nominations and make edits (contact AVCA for assistance if needed).
2. **Items to update include:**
 - Updated Win/Loss records
 - Updated Awards and Recognition with any potential conference awards
 - Updated Stats vs All Opponents, Regionally Ranked Teams, and Nationally Ranked Teams
 - Note that the list of Nationally and Regionally Ranked Teams does not update or change from the original that is released on Wednesday, November 4.
 - New Match-by-Match stats attachment
3. **After making any edits or additions, you must CLICK “Save and Complete”.**

Match-by-Match Statistical Form Example

(ONLY required if computer-generated statistics are NOT submitted)

FORM A

Please complete the following information for each student-athlete you wish to nominate for postseason honors if computerized statistics are NOT being provided. List all information requested. Include copies of this form for each nominee. **THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED.**

Player: _____

School: _____

Opponent	TSP	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	AST	SA	SE	Rec	RE	Rec Att.	DI G	BS	BA	TB	BH E	Team Hit %	Total Points
NOMINEE TOTALS																			
TEAM TOTALS																			

Compiled by: _____

Submitted by: _____

DEADLINE: Match-by-match statistics for each nominee must be uploaded **OR** arrive at the AVCA Office via e-mail by 11:59 p.m. (EST) **Monday, November 9.**

FORM A Legend:

TSP: total team sets played

SP: nominee set played

K: kills

E: errors

TA: total attempts

Hitting Percentage: (Kills – Errors)/Total Attempts

Assists: assists

SA: service aces

SE: service errors

Rec.: serve receptions

RE: serve reception errors

Rec. Att.: reception attempts

Digs: digs

BS: block solos

BA: block assists

TB: total blocks (BS+BA)

Total Points: Calculated by adding kills, aces, block solos and 1/2 block assists together. For instance 12 kills, 3 aces, 1 block solo and 3 block assists would equal 17.5 points.

- Statistics: A student-athlete must have played in **66.7 percent** of her team's sets (not matches) to be eligible for postseason awards.
- All averages and percentages will be figured and cells self-populated by the program as the statistics are entered, with the exception of team hitting percentage.