



2026 AVCA DII Women's All-Region/All-America 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 II Postseason Awards Timetable

Friday, November 6 – 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 at 866-544-2822 or email members@avca.org if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

Wednesday, November 11 – Regionally/Nationally Ranked Teams Released

- This list will be e-mailed to member head coaches and posted on the AVCA web site (*ASAP after RAC 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 11 thru Sunday, November 15 – Student-Athlete Nominations Accepted

- Nominations will be accepted on-line *Wednesday, Nov. 11 through Sunday, Nov. 15 at 11:59 p.m. EST.*
- **Please note:** Online nomination instructions can be found on pages 9-10 of this awards packet.

Sunday, November 15 – 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.

Monday, November 16 thru Wednesday, November 18 – 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 between 12:00 p.m. (ET) on Monday, Nov. 16 through 5 p.m. (ET) on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

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.

Introduced in 2025: Coaches will vote for **20** athletes (previously voted for 14).

Sunday, November 22 – Deadline to update statistics for All-Region players (optional but strongly encouraged)

- OPTIONAL may update stats for players selected to All-Region teams. Deadline 11:00am ET Sunday, Nov. 22.

Saturday, November 21 through Tuesday, December 24 – 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 25 – 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.***

Monday, November 30 – AVCA Division II AA/NPOY/COY/NACOEY Conference Call

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

Monday, November 30 – Victory Club Deadline

- AVCA Victory Club forms due via on-line nomination form.

Tuesday, November 1 – All-America Teams, National Freshman of the Year, and National Player of the Year 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).

Wednesday, December 2 – National Coaches of the Year Announced

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

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 II 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 NCAA Region Alignments

The NCAA Regional breakdown is courtesy of the NCAA and is current through August 2026. Contact the AVCA immediately if you have questions or corrections.

ATLANTIC REGION

Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference - CIAA

Bluefield State University
Bowie State University
Clafin University
Elizabeth City State University
Fayetteville State University
Johnson C. Smith University
Lincoln University (PA)
Livingstone College
Shaw University
Virginia State University
Virginia Union University
Winston-Salem State University

Mountain East Conference - MEC

Concord University
Davis and Elkins College
Fairmont State University
Frostburg State
Glenville State College
Point Park University
Shawnee State University
University of Charleston (WV)
West Liberty University
West Virginia State University
West Virginia Wesleyan
Wheeling University

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference - PSAC

Bloomsburg University
East Stroudsburg
Gannon University
Indiana University of PA
Kutztown University of PA
Lock Haven University of PA
Mansfield University of PA
Millersville University of PA
Pennsylvania Western - CA
Pennsylvania Western - Edinboro
PennWest Clarion
Seton Hill University
Shepherd University
Shippensburg University of PA
Slippery Rock
University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown
West Chester University

Independent

Salem University (WV)

CENTRAL REGION

Great American Conference

Arkansas Tech University
East Central University
Harding University
Henderson State University
Northwestern Oklahoma State
Oklahoma Baptist University
Ouachita Baptist University
Southeastern Oklahoma State
Southern Arkansas University
Southern Nazarene University
Southwestern Oklahoma State University
U. of Arkansas, Monticello

Mid-America Inter. Athletics Assoc. - MIAA

Emporia State University
Fort Hays State University
Missouri Southern State
Missouri Western State
Newman University
Northeastern State University
Northwest Missouri State
Pittsburg State University
Rogers State University
U. of Arkansas, Fort Smith
University of Central Missouri
University of Central Oklahoma
University of Nebraska Kearney
Washburn University of Topeka

Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conf. - NSIC

Augustana University (SD)
Bemidji State University
Concordia University, St. Paul
Minnesota State Moorhead
Minnesota State Mankato
Minot State University
Northern State University
Southwest Minnesota State
St. Cloud State University
University of Jamestown
University of Mary
University of Minnesota Duluth
U. of Minnesota Crookston
University of Sioux Falls
Wayne State College (NE)
Winona State University

EAST REGION

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference - CACC

Caldwell University
Chestnut Hill College
Dominican University (NY)
Felician College
Georgian Court University
Goldey-Beacom College
Holy Family University
Post University
Thomas Jefferson (PA)
University of Bridgeport
Wilmington University (DE)

East Coast Conference

College of Staten Island
Daemen University
D'Youville University
Mercy University
Molloy University
Queens College (NY)
Roberts Wesleyan College
St. Thomas Aquinas
University of the District of Columbia

Northeast-10 Conference

Adelphi University
American International College
Assumption University
Bentley University
Franklin Pierce University
Pace University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Michael's College
Southern Connecticut State
Southern New Hampshire

MIDWEST REGION

Great Lakes Inter. Athletic Conference - GLIAC

Davenport University
Ferris State University
Grand Valley State University
Lake Superior State University
Michigan Tech
Northern Michigan University
Purdue University Northwest
Roosevelt University
Saginaw Valley State University
U. of Wisconsin, Parkside
Wayne State University (MI)

Great Lakes Valley Conference - GLVC

Drury University
Lewis University
Lincoln University (MO)
Maryville U. of Saint Louis
McKendree University
Missouri Science and Tech
Quincy University
Rockhurst University
Southwest Baptist University
Truman State University
U. of Illinois at Springfield
University of Indianapolis
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Upper Iowa University
William Jewell College

Great Midwest Athletic Conference

Ashland University
Cedarville University
Hillsdale College
Kentucky Wesleyan College
Lake Erie College
Malone University
Northwood University (MI)
Ohio Dominican University
Thomas More University
Tiffin University
University of Findlay
Ursuline College
Walsh University

SOUTH REGION

Gulf South Conference

Auburn U. of Montgomery
Christian Brothers University
Delta State University
Lee University
Mississippi College
Trevecca Nazarene University
Union University
U. of Alabama Huntsville
University of Montevallo
University of West Alabama
Valdosta State University

Southern Inter. Athletic Conference - SIAC

Albany State University (GA)
Allen University
Benedict College
Central State University
Clark Atlanta University
Edward Waters University
Fort Valley State University
Kentucky State University
Lane College

LeMoyné-Owen College
Miles College
Morehouse College
Savannah State University
Spring Hill College
Tuskegee University

Sunshine State Conference

Barry University
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical (FL)
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Lynn University
Nova Southeastern University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Rollins College
Saint Leo University
University of Tampa

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Lone Star Conference

Angelo State University
Cameron University
Dallas Baptist University
Eastern New Mexico University
Lubbock Christian University
Midwestern State University
Oklahoma Christian
St. Edward's University
St. Mary's University (TX)
Sul Ross State University
Texas A&M International
Texas A&M-Kingsville
Texas Woman's University
The University of Texas at Tyler
University of Texas at Dallas
Univ. of Texas Permian Basin
West Texas A&M University
Western New Mexico University

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Adams State University
Black Hills State University
Chadron State College
Colorado Christian University
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State Pueblo
Fort Lewis College
Metropolitan State Denver
New Mexico Highlands
Regis University (CO)
South Dakota School of Mines
U. of CO - Colorado Springs
Western Colorado University
Westminster University (UT)

SOUTHEAST REGION

Conference Carolinas

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Chowan University
Converse College
Emmanuel College (GA)
Erskine College
Ferrum College
Francis Marion University
King University
Lees-McRae College
North Greenville University
Shorter University

Southern Wesleyan University
University of Mount Olive
U. of North Carolina Pembroke
Young Harris College

Peach Belt Conference

Augusta University
Clayton State University
Columbus State University
Flagler College
Georgia College
Georgia Southwestern State
Lander University
Middle Georgia State University
University of North Georgia
U. of South Carolina-Aiken
U. of South Carolina-Beaufort

South Atlantic Conf. - SAC

Anderson University (SC)
Carson-Newman University
Catawba College
Coker University
Emory & Henry College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Lincoln Memorial University
Mars Hill University
Newberry College
Tusculum University
UVA Wise
Wingate University

WEST REGION

California Collegiate Athletic Assoc. - CCAA

Cal State Poly-Humboldt
Cal State Poly-Pomona
CSU-Chico
CSU-Dominguez Hills
CSU-East Bay
CSU-Los Angeles
CSU-Monterey Bay
CSU-San Bernardino
CSU- San Marcos
CSU-Stanislaus
Fresno Pacific University
Menlo College
San Francisco State University
U. of California-Merced

Great Northwest Athletic Conference

Central Washington University
Montana State - Billings
Northwest Nazarene University
Saint Martin's University
Seattle Pacific University
Simon Fraser University
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Western Oregon University
Western Washington University

Pacific West Conference

Biola University
Chaminade University
Concordia University Irvine
Dominican U. of California
Hawaii Pacific University
Jessup University
Point Loma University
University of Hawaii at Hilo
Vanguard University
Westmont College

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 II 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: 8 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 may be in her first, second, third, or fourth year of eligibility;
- 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, November 6 2026**, to become a member or renew their membership to ensure compliance.
- **Once a student-athlete is named to an All-Region team, the student-athlete's head coach will have the opportunity to submit updated stats, optional but encouraged,** prior to the updated stats deadline on **Sunday, November 29 at 11:00 am Eastern Time.**

NATIONALLY AND REGIONALLY RANKED TEAMS

Teams on **Wednesday, November 11** to the AVCA DII Awards Nomination page (time dependent on when NCAA RAC Rankings are released). Each list will also be emailed separately 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.**

Nationally Ranked Teams includes:

- Top 50 Pablo rankings, as published week of Nov. 9, 2026
- All teams that appear on the AVCA Division II **Top 25 Coaches Poll at least THREE or more times** (not including the DII Preseason Poll)

Regionally Ranked Teams includes:

- All appearing on Nationally Ranked teams list
- All teams that are featured on the **2026 NCAA Regional Rankings** by region (published on November 4)

AVCA will publish its list of Nationally Ranked Teams and Regionally Ranked

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

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.

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**. Committees will consider all eligible nominees. The AVCA National Freshman of the Year will be selected from the (up to) eight 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 12:00 p.m. (EST) on **Monday, November 16** through 5:00 p.m. (EST) on **Wednesday, November 18**. 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. 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 and Notes

- 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.**

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.

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.

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 Monday, **November 30**, via phone call and/or email from AVCA staff. Head coaches providing a number where you can be reached away from your home or office is most helpful.

The 2026 AVCA DII 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 DII 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.

AVCA Div. II 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.*

A. Outside Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a) Points per set – 3.25
 - b) Hitting percentage – 0.200
 - c) Kills per set – 3.00
 - d) Kill percentage 0.315
 - 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)

B. 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

B. Right Side/Opposite Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Points per set – 3.0
 - b. Hitting percentage – 0.225
 - c. Blocks per set – 0.50
 - 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

C. 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 – 2.0
 - c) Kills per set
 - d) Aces per set

D. Setters/Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a) Team hitting percentage – 0.200
 - b) Assists per set – 5.00
 - c) Points per set – 1.40
 - d) Individual hitting percentage – 0.210
 - e) Blocks per set – 0.30
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a) Digs per set – 2.40
 - b) Kills per set – 1.0
 - c) Kill percentage
 - d) Aces per set

E. Defensive Specialists/Liberos

1. Primary Considerations
 - a) Digs per set – 4.75
 - 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 8) to be sure your nominee(s) is statistically compatible with the criteria for an all-region player.
- Submitted nominations online by **Sunday, November 15 at 11:59 pm ET.**
- A match-by-match statistical account for each nominee has been uploaded to the nomination page **OR** e-mailed (awards@avca.org) by **Sunday, November 15 at 11:59 pm ET.** 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. **Only a single-page match-by-match statistical report versus all teams should be submitted for each nominee.** Use **Form A (page 13)** **OR** computer-generated statistical reports may be substituted as long as the following conditions are met:
 - Computerized stats must include all required statistical categories as shown on **Form A (page 13)**.
 - It is not necessary that the computer-generated reports have the statistical categories in the same order as **Form (page 13)**
 - One or two handwritten columns may be added to computer-generated forms when the software is unable to print the data
 - **All uploaded or emailed match-by-match statistics should be in a PDF or Excel format.**
 - **Please avoid saving stats files under a label/title with any special characters (including apostrophes (') 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.
- **Once a student-athlete is named to an All-Region team, the student-athlete's head coach is encouraged** (but not required) **to edit their nomination to submit updated stats** to reflect performance during the postseason and NCAA tournament matches (if applicable) by **Sunday, December 29 at 11:00 am Eastern Time.**

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 Sunday, November 15 at 11:59 pm ET.

OPTIONAL Deadline to update/edit nominations **prior to the All-Region calls** is **Sunday, November 22 at NOON Eastern Time.** Contact AVCA for the link.

OPTIONAL Deadline to update/edit nominations (of athletes selected for All-Region) **prior to the All-America call** is **Sunday, December 29 at Noon Eastern Time.**

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Step-by-step instructions regarding the on-line student-athlete nomination process can be found on pages 9-11 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 11** (ASAP after RAC rankings published). 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, November 6** 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 nominations must be submitted by **Sunday, November 15 at 5:00pm ET**.

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.

Each Conference Coach of the Year and NCAA Regionally-Ranked Coach is an 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.

VICTORY CLUB

Since 1985, The AVCA has recognized coaches who reach career victory milestones with its Victory Club awards. The online nomination form must be submitted by **Monday, November 30** 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, November 11** (time - ASAP after NCAA rankings published) through **Sunday, November 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET**
- All-Region players - edit stats deadline (optional but encouraged - edit All-Region winner info to include updated postseason statistics): **Sunday, November 29 at Noon Eastern.**

STEPS TO NOMINATE:

1. **Navigate to the Division II 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**
 - 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. Please enter the student-athlete and institution's names as you would like them to appear on any awards.
 - b. Click **Save and Continue**.
6. After clicking **Save and Continue**,
 - a. Fill in the required fields as listed on the Statistics page
 - Stats vs. All Opponents
 - Stats vs. Regionally Ranked Opponents
 - Stats vs. Nationally Ranked Opponents
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 **Sunday, Nov. 15 at 11:59 p.m. ET**.
 - a. Click Choose File
 - b. Select the appropriate file from your computer's database, and click **Upload this File**.
*****Please avoid saving stats files under a label/title 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 or emailed the single-page match-by-match statistics, click **Complete Nomination**.
 - **DO NOT** select **"Complete Nomination"** until the single-page match-by-match statistics have been uploaded to the online 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:

- **DEADLINE (for All-Region call): Sunday, November 22 at NOON Eastern Time.**

Head Coaches are encouraged to edit their nomination to submit updated stats to include matches played after the nomination deadline, and prior to All-Region selection calls.

- **DEADLINE (for All-America call): Sunday, November 29 at NOON 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 Sunday, Nov. 15.*** 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 11.
 - New Match-by-Match stats attachment
3. **After making any edits or additions, you must CLICK “Save and Complete”.**

Match-by-Match Statistical Form

FORM A

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

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 **11:59pm (EST) Sunday, Nov. 8.**

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.

