AMERICAN VOLLEYBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION

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All nomination links and any updates to the Postseason Awards program or timeline will be published on:

https://www.avca.org/award/avca-division-i-womens-all-region-all-america-region-and-national-coaches-of-the-year-nominations/

AWARDS CHANGES: Throughout the awards packet, all new changes for the 2026 season are highlighted in yellow.

2026 AVCA Division I Postseason Awards Timetable

Wednesday, November 18 – AVCA Top 25, Top 50 and Top 100 Teams Released

- This list will be e-mailed to AVCA member head coaches and SIDs and posted on the AVCA web site. ONLY teams on this list are to be considered when compiling summary statistics for Top 100 and Top 50 in the postseason awards process.
- On the Tuesday prior to the announcement of the teams, the AVCA will collect the most recent poll results from the RPI, Massey, KPI, and Pablo rankings and identify the 50 teams that appear most often and the 100 teams that appear most often across all 4 polls. The groupings will be named the AVCA Top 50 and AVCA Top 100 teams.

Monday, November 23 thru Sunday, November 29 – Student-Athlete Nominations Accepted

- Nominations will be accepted online beginning at 8 a.m. (ET) on Monday, November 23 through 3:00 p.m. (ET) on Sunday, November 29.

Monday, November 30 thru Wednesday, December 2 – 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 8 a.m. (ET) on Monday, November 30 through 3 p.m. (ET) on Wednesday, December 2
  Please Note: Coaches will be unable to vote for their own players and coaches must vote in order for their players to be elected to an All-Region Team.

Wednesday, December 2 – Region Coach of the Year and National Assistant Coach of the Year Nominations Due

- AVCA Region Coach of the Year nominations due to **AVCA Office**.
- AVCA National Assistant Coach of the Year nominations due to **AVCA Office**.

Monday, December 7 – Region Conference Calls

- AVCA All-Region and Region Coach of the Year Committee conference calls.

Tuesday, December 8 – 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.***

Thursday, December 10 @ 5:00 pm (ET) – Deadline to submit 2 sets per All-Region athlete for consideration for AVCA All-American consideration.

- Hudl Volleymetrics is making their entire video database available to the committee for use in their evaluation of nominees. Coaches of All-Region selections will select two sets showcasing their All-America candidate to the AVCA for viewing by the committee. If a requested set is not yet included in the Hudl Volleymetrics database, Volleymetrics will allow the program to upload video from this set free of charge. Programs that fail to pick two sets for the committee to review will have their sets chosen by the All-American Committee. **No athlete will be disqualified from All-American consideration due to video issues.**

Monday & Tuesday, December 14-15 – Division I Awards Committee Meetings

- AVCA All-America and Coach of the Year Committee meetings

Wednesday, December 16 - All-America Teams Announced

- AVCA All-America Teams and National Freshman of the Year announced via AVCA press release. (14 student-athletes per first, second team, and third team).

Thursday, December 17 – USMC/AVCA National Coach of the Year Announced

- AVCA National Coach of the Year announced, and National Assistant Coach of the Year presented at AVCA Coaches Honors Luncheon.

Friday, December 18 – AVCA National Player of the Year Announced

- AVCA Division I Player of the Year announced via press release.

2026 Awards Changes

Allow Assistant Coaches and SIDs to Nominate using their own AVCA Credentials

The AVCA has added the ability for assistant coaches and sports information directors to nominate for AVCA awards using their own AVCA login credentials. The option requires the following:

- The program's head coach must be an **active** AVCA member and associated correctly in the AVCA membership database
- The person attempting to nominate must be an assistant coach or sports information director in the AVCA database, be correctly associated with their program in the AVCA database and have created their own login credentials.

Editing your membership credentials can be completed by logging into your account at AVCA.org. If you have any issues, you can reach out to members@avca.org or bradley.wilson@avca.org. Assistant coaches and SIDs can still nominate using their head coach's AVCA login credentials if they prefer.

AVCA Division I Postseason Awards Committees

The following coaches have been chosen to participate on the spring 2026 AVCA Postseason Awards Committees. (Number in parenthesis indicates years on committee.)

AVCA ALL-REGION & REGION COACH OF THE YEAR COMMITTEES

Central Region
Lauren Ramatowski, Tulsa - OK (chair)
Jim Barnes, Iowa - IA
Brian Gerwig, Arkansas State – AR
Kristi Gray, Louisiana – LA
Will Compton, Lindenwood – MO
Jason Mansfield, Kansas St – KS

East Coast Region
Megan Wargo-Kearny, NC State –NC (chair)
Tim Walsh, Coppin St – MD
David Brooks, Delaware St - DE
Alex Hinsey, Gardner-Webb – NC
Steve Opperman, Duquesne – PA
Josh Steinback, Villanova – PA
Jeremy White, Liberty – VA
Tim Doyle, VCU – VA

Midwest Region
Kelli Miller Phillips, Ball State – IN (chair)
Steve Florio, Purdue Fort Wayne – IN
Alicia Williams, Bradley – IL
Chris Tamas, Illinois – IL
Christy Pfeffenberger, Xavier – OH
Travers Green, Wright State – OH
Jen Greeny, West Virginia – WV

North Region
Erin Virtue, Michigan - MI (chair)
Shannon Thompson, Seton Hall – NJ
Nancy Somera, Fairfield - CT
Matt Cribbin, Holy Cross – MA
Kevin Maureen Campbell, Dartmouth – NH
Bryan Weber, Fordham – NY
Allie Yaeger, Binghamton – NY
Ryan Sullivan, University of Rhode Island - RI
Abbey Sutherland, Wisconsin Green Bay – WI
Kevin Foeman, Eastern Michigan – MI

Northwest Region
Leanne Williamson, South Dakota – SD (chair)
Sean Carter, Idaho St – ID
Jennifer Lopez, ND State - ND
Korey Schroeder, Washington St – WA
Keegan Cook, Minnesota – MN
Allison Lawrence, Montana – MT
Megan Burton, Portland – OR

Pacific Region
Jen Malcolm, Cal – CA (chair)
Leisa Rosen, Fresno St – CA
Kolby O'Donnell, Loyola Marymount – CA
Nick Cannon, CSU Fullerton – CA
JJ Van Niel, Arizona St – AZ

South Region
Bre Henry, Ole Miss – MS (chair)
Tristan Johnson, North Alabama – AL
Brandon Reeves, Alabama A&M - AL
Jenny Hazelwood, Southern Miss - MS
Anders Nelson, Vanderbilt - TN
Julie Torbett Thomas, Chattanooga - TN
Kyrsten Becker-McBride, Morehead St – KY
Travis Hudson, Western Kentucky – KY

Southeast Region
Jolene Shepardson, South Florida - FL
Brittany Williams, Bethune-Cookman – FL
Ryan Theis, Florida – FL
Chad Willis, Georgia Southern – GA
Michelle Collier, Georgia Tech – GA
David Zelenock, The Citadel – SC
Heather Gearhart, Winthrop – SC

Southwest Region
Jason Williams, TCU– TX (chair)
Carol Price-Torok, UTSA – TX
Sam Erger, SMU – TX
Ben Wallis, UTEP – TX
Sean Huiet, Texas State – TX

West Region
Rob Neilson, Utah State – UT (chair)
Emily Kohan, Colorado State – CO
Brian Rosen, Creighton - NE
Malia Shoji, UNLV – NV
Kaylee Prigge, Wyoming - WY

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2026 AVCA Regional Alignment

Beginning last fall, the AVCA will debuted a new DI Awards Regional Alignment based upon state lines instead of conference memberships. Here are the teams in each region sorted alphabetically by state first and team name second:

Central Region (AR, IA, KS, LA, MO, OK)
Arkansas
Arkansas State
Arkansas Little Rock
Arkansas Pine Bluff
Central Arkansas
Drake
Iowa
Iowa State
Northern Iowa
Kansas
Kansas State
Wichita State
Grambling
Louisiana
Louisiana Monroe
Louisiana Tech
LSU
McNeese State
New Orleans
Nicholls State
Northwestern State
Southeastern Louisiana
Southern University
Tulane
Lindenwood
Missouri
Missouri State
Saint Louis
SE Missouri State
UMKC
Oklahoma
Oral Roberts
Tulsa

East Coast Region (DE, MD, NC, PA, VA)
Delaware
Delaware State
Coppin State
Loyola (MD)
Maryland
UMES
Morgan State
Navy
Towson
UMBC
Appalachian State
Campbell
Charlotte
Davidson
Duke
East Carolina
Elon
Gardner-Webb
High Point
North Carolina
North Carolina A&T
North Carolina Central
North Carolina State
Queens (NC)
UNC-Ashville
UNC-Greensboro
UNC-Wilmington
Wake Forest
Western Carolina
Bucknell
Duquesne
Lafayette
Lehigh
Mercyhurst
Penn
Penn State
Pittsburgh
Robert Morris
St. Francis (PA)
Temple
Villanova
American
George Mason
George Washington
Georgetown
Hampton
Howard
James Madison
Liberty
Norfolk State
Old Dominion
Radford
VCU
Virginia
Virginia Tech
William & Mary

Midwest Region (IL, IN, OH, WV)
Bradley
Chicago State
DePaul
Eastern Illinois
Illinois
Illinois State
Illinois-Chicago
Loyola Chicago
Northern Illinois
Northwestern
SIU-Edwardsville
Southern Illinois
Western Illinois
Ball State
Butler
Evansville
Indiana
Indiana State
IUPUI
Notre Dame
Purdue
Purdue Fort Wayne
Southern Indiana
Valparaiso
Akron
Bowling Green
Cincinnati
Cleveland State
Dayton
Kent State
Miami (OH)
Ohio
Ohio State
Toledo
Wright State
Xavier
Youngstown State
Marshall
West Virginia

North Region (CT, MA, MI, NH, NJ, NY, RI, WI)
Central Connecticut
Connecticut
Fairfield
Quinnipiac
Sacred Heart
Yale
Boston College
Harvard
Holy Cross
Merrimack
Northeastern
Stonehill
Central Michigan
Eastern Michigan
Michigan
Michigan State
Oakland
Western Michigan
Dartmouth
New Hampshire
Fairleigh Dickinson
NJIT
Princeton
Rider
Rutgers
Seton Hall
St. Peter's
Albany
Army
Binghamton
Buffalo
Canisius
Colgate
Columbia
Cornell
Fordham
Hofstra
Iona
Le Moyne
Long Island
Manhattan
Marist
Niagara
Siena
St. John's
Stony Brook
Syracuse
Brown
Bryant
Providence
Rhode Island
Green Bay
Marquette
Milwaukee Wisconsin
Wisconsin

Northwest Region (ID, MN, MT, ND, OR, SD, WA)
Boise State
Idaho
Idaho State
Minnesota
St. Thomas (MN)
Montana
Montana State
North Dakota
North Dakota State
Oregon
Oregon State
Portland
Portland State
South Dakota
South Dakota State
Eastern Washington
Gonzaga
Seattle
Washington
Washington State

Pacific Region (AZ, CA, HI)
Arizona
Arizona State
Grand Canyon
Northern Arizona
Cal Poly
Cal State Bakersfield
Cal State Fullerton
Cal State Northridge
California
Cal Baptist
Fresno State
Long Beach St
Loyola Marymount
Pacific
Pepperdine
Sacramento State
San Diego
San Diego State
San Francisco
San Jose State
Santa Clara
St. Mary's (CA)
Stanford
UC Davis
UC Irvine
UCLA
UC Riverside
UC San Diego
UC Santa Barbara
USC
Hawaii

South Region (AL, KY, MS, TN)
Alabama
Alabama A&M
Alabama State
Auburn
Jacksonville State
North Alabama
Samford
South Alabama
Troy
UAB
Bellarmine
Eastern Kentucky
Kentucky
Louisville
Morehead State
Murray State
Northern Kentucky
Western Kentucky
Alcorn State
Jackson State
Mississippi
Mississippi State
Mississippi Valley State
Southern Miss
Austin Peay
Belmont
Chattanooga
East Tennessee State
Lipscomb
Memphis
Middle Tennessee
Tennessee
Tennessee State
Tennessee Tech
Tennessee Martin
Vanderbilt

Southeast Region (FL, GA, SC)
Bethune-Cookman
Florida
Florida A&M
Florida Atlantic
Florida Gulf Coast
Florida International
Florida State
Jacksonville
Miami (FL)
North Florida
South Florida
Stetson
UCF
Georgia
Georgia Southern
Georgia State
Georgia Tech
Kennesaw State
Mercer
West Georgia
Charleston
Charleston Southern
Clemson
Coastal Carolina
Furman
Presbyterian
South Carolina
South Carolina State
The Citadel
SC Upstate
West Florida
Winthrop
Wofford

Southwest Region (NM, TX)
New Mexico
New Mexico State
Abilene Christian
Baylor
Houston
Houston Christian
Incarnate Word
Lamar
North Texas
Prairie View
Rice
Sam Houston State
SMU
Stephen F Austin
TAMU Corpus Christi
Tarleton State
TCU
TAMU Commerce
Texas
Texas A&M
Texas Southern
Texas State
Texas Tech
Texas Arlington
Texas Rio Grande Valley
Texas San Antonio
UTEP

West Region (CO, NE, NV, UT, WY)
Air Force
Colorado
Colorado State
Denver
Northern Colorado
Creighton
Nebraska
Nebraska Omaha
Nevada
UNLV
BYU
Southern Utah
Utah
Utah State
Utah Tech
Utah Valley
Weber State
Wyoming

AVCA Postseason Student-Athlete Awards Information

The AVCA women's volleyball postseason awards program is in its 45th year. The AVCA is proud to honor deserving student-athletes annually by selecting All-Region (one 14-person team and six honorable mention student-athletes per region) and All-America teams (14 student-athletes per a first, second and third team), highlighted by the selection of the AVCA Division I Player of the Year. The AVCA All-America selection committee is comprised of ten members, in addition to the AVCA Awards chairperson (page 3). To ensure geographic representation, these individuals represent the ten AVCA Awards Regions listed on the previous page. The AVCA All-Americans and Division I Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year will be announced via a press release. The AVCA All-Americans and Division I Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year will be recognized at the AVCA All-America/Players of the Year Banquet at the 2026 AVCA Annual Convention in Kansas City, Missouri on **December 18**.

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 have placed 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. **The All-Region team members as well as Honorable Mention selections will be considered for All-America first, second, third teams or Honorable Mention by the All-American Committee.**

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 and collegiate division;
- 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 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 **Nov. 20, 2026**, 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 true freshman. Only one nominee per school is allowed per year. The AVCA National Freshman of the Year will be selected from the ten AVCA Region Freshmen of the Year and any freshman recognized on an All-Region Team (excludes All-Region Honorable Mention selections) **Please Note: If a freshman is named as All-Region Honorable Mention, she will not be considered for National Freshman of the Year. She must be named as the Region Freshman of the Year and/or named to the 14-person All-Region.**

POSITION SPECIFIC AWARDS

This fall, the AVCA is introducing position specific awards to bring more recognition to some of college volleyball's top athletes. These new awards include:

- Outside Hitter of the Year
- Middle Blocker of the Year
- Rightside Hitter of the Year
- Setter of the Year
- Libero of the Year

The award selections will be determined by the All-American Committee and celebrated at the All-American Banquet on Friday, December 18. Winners will not be shared prior to the banquet.

ALL-REGION/ ALL-AMERICA AWARDS

The All-Region Teams and All-Region ballots do not have positional requirements.

The AVCA will now require coaches to vote for 20 athletes instead of 14 on their All-Region voting ballot. This change will allow coaches to better vote for the athletes named to the All-Region team and those named All-Region Honorable Mention. When coaches could only vote for 14 athletes, members were unable to properly weigh in on the Honorable Mention selections.

Coaches will be able to vote for the 20 most deserving athletes that are not their own. The regional committee will review the votes and name the 14 members All-Region team and the 6 All-Region Honorable Mention selections.. Voting coaches and All-Region Committee members will still be encouraged to have fair representation from all positions.

Once online nominations close on **Sunday, November 29**, the AVCA will ready the online regional voting. All AVCA member head coaches will vote for the players they feel are most deserving of the award. The voting will take place from 8 a.m. (ET) on **Monday, November 30** through 3 p.m. (ET) on **Wednesday, December 2**. Along with the ability to view the individual nominations, coaches will also have access to the AVCA online statistics portal that allows the ability to sort and review key statistics for each position and nominated athlete.

Rules and Notes regarding All-Region Selections

- 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. These 20 may be chosen without a limit on the amount selected per position.
- The voting will take place online through a link provided by the AVCA
- Regional Committees will review the voting and name the All-Region teams.
- The 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 vote totals will not be published to the AVCA website. If a head coach would like to inquire about the voting results, this request must be made with the region chair. The region chair must provide the results as well as a rationale for the selections.

If your student-athlete(s) is named AVCA All-Region or Region Freshman of the Year, notification will be made via a press release on **Tuesday, December 8**. ONLY AVCA All-Region award winners will be considered for first, second, or third team All-America status

If your student-athlete(s) is selected AVCA First, Second or Third Team All-America or National Freshman of the Year, head coaches will be notified **December 14-15 via an email from the AVCA staff**. We will need to determine if your AVCA All-American(s) will be attending the awards banquet to receive her award as soon as possible, as the banquet is **Friday, December 18**

AWARDS BANQUETS

AVCA National Players of the Year for NCAA Divisions III, II, and I will be announced at each respective banquet.

All NCAA Division I AVCA All-Americans and the National Freshman of the Year will receive an invitation to the AVCA All-America/Players of the Year Banquet on **Friday, Dec. 18**, held in conjunction with the AVCA Annual Convention in Kansas City.

First Team: The AVCA will provide the player three nights of hotel accommodations, a daily per diem, a complimentary All-America/Player of the Year banquet ticket, match tickets to the NCAA Women's DI Semi-Final matches, and transportation to scheduled events in Kansas City. **Travel arrangements and expenses to and from Kansas City will be the responsibility of the award winner or her school. Additional banquet tickets for family and friends may be purchased for $50 on-site at AVCA Convention Registration.**

Second and Third Team: The AVCA will provide the player a complimentary All-America/Player of the Year banquet ticket, match tickets to the NCAA Women's DI Semi-Final matches, and transportation to scheduled events in Kansas City. **Travel, hotel room night expenses, and meal money is the responsibility of the award winner or her school. The AVCA will reserve hotel rooms for those Second and Third Team All-Americans travelling to Kansas City. The AVCA will invoice the schools of all Second and Third Team All-Americans who travel to Kansas City. Additional banquet tickets for family and friends may be purchased for $50 on-site at AVCA Convention registration desk.**

Important Reminders for the 2026 AVCA Women's Division I Awards Season

Nomination Window for All-Region Consideration

- Nominations will be accepted from **8 a.m. (ET) on Monday, November 23** through **3:00 p.m. (ET) on Sunday, November 29**.

Regional Team Voting

- Ballots will be available to submit between **8 a.m. (ET) on November 30** through 3 **p.m. (ET) on Wednesday, December 2**.
    - **Coaches will be unable to vote for their own players and coaches must vote in order for their players to be elected to an All-Region Team.**
    - Regional Committees will review the voting results and name the All-Region teams**.**
    - If a head coach would like to inquire about the voting results, this request must be made with the region chair. The region chair must provide the results as well as a rationale for the selections.

Video Footage Deadline

- **Thursday, December 10 @ 5:00 pm (ET) – Deadline to submit sets for video review for each All-American candidate**

  Coaches of All-Region selections will select two sets showcasing their All-America candidate to the AVCA for viewing by the committee. If a requested set is not yet included in the Hudl Volleymetrics database, Volleymetrics will allow the program to upload video from this set free of charge. Programs that fail to pick two sets for the committee to review will have their sets chosen by the All-American Committee. **No athlete will be disqualified from All-American consideration due to video issues.**

National Freshman of the Year Selection

- The pool of candidates for National Freshman of the Year consideration will consist of:
    - The ten Region Freshmen of the Year
    - Any freshman named to an All-Region Team, **excluding All-Region Honorable Mention** selections

All-America Team Selection

- Candidates for First, Second or Third Team All-America include **ONLY** All-Region selections

All-America Honorable Mention Selection

- All-American Honorable Mention athletes will be selected by the All-American Committee.
- The committee will mix a group of automatic and "at-large" selections. All nominated athletes that are named Conference Player of the Year will be automatically named AVCA All-America Honorable Mention if she was not named to one of the three AVCA All-America teams. In addition to these automatics, the committee will select 30 "at-large" selections as AVCA All-America Honorable Mention.

No "Co" Award Winners

The AVCA will not be selecting "co" winners of any award offering they provide. This includes Region Coaches and the Year and Players of the Year. All award selections will be award to a singular person.

- ## AVCA Div. I Postseason Student-Athlete Awards Statistical/Selection Criteria

The post-season 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 averages listed below are meant to serve as guidelines, not firm requirements for all-region and region freshman of the year nominees. The numbers featured below were updated in 2025 by using the averages of All-Region and All-American selections from the past three years. "AR" is short for All-Region, and "AA" is short for All-American.***

STATISTICAL AVERAGES (guidelines, not firm minimums)

Attack

1. **Kills Per Set**
   a. Middle Blockers - **2.33** for AR; 2.59 for AA
   b. Outside Hitters – **3.89** for AR; 4.06 for AA
   c. Right Side Hitter – **3.54** for AR; 3.86 for AA
2. **Hitting Percentage** (Kills-Errors/Attempt)
   a. Middle Blockers - **.381** for AR; .407 for AA
   b. Outside Hitters - **.258** for AR; .276 for AA
   c. Setters - .297 for AR; **.304** for AA
   d. Right Side Hitter - **.281** for AR; .302 for AA
3. **Kill Percentage** (Kills/Attempt)
   a. Middle Blockers - .**495** for AR; .515 for AA
   b. Outside Hitters - **.390** for AR; .403 for AA
   c. Right Side Hitter - **.427** for AR; .449 for AA

D. Set (for setters only)

1. **Team Hitting % - .272** for AR; .285 for AA
2a**. Assists Per Set (5-1)** – **10.64** for AR; 10.97 for AA
2b**. Assists Per Set (6-2 or S/H)** – **7.50** for AR and AA

E. Blocks (Per Set)

1. **Blocks Per Set**
   a. Middle Blockers - **1.21** for AR; 1.31 for AA
   b. Outside Hitters - **0.49** for AR; 0.52 for AA
   c. Right Side Blockers - **.80** for AR; .89 for AA

F. Digs (Per Set)

1. **Digs Per Set**
   a. Outside Hitters - **2.10** for AR and AA
   b. Right Side Hitters – **1.50** for AR and AA
   c. Libero – **4.15** for AR and AA
   d. Setters – **2.40** for AR and AA

G. Pass (Serve Reception)

1. Is candidate a primary passer?

H. Serve

1. Aces Per Set
2. Service Errors Per Set

SELECTION CRITERIA (in ranked order)

A. Middle Blockers Consideration
1. Points Per Set (**3.13** for AR; 3.46 for AA)
2. Hitting Percentage
3. Blocks Per Set

B. Outside Hitters Consideration
1. Points Per Set (**4.50** for AR; 4.65 for AA)
2. Hitting Percentage
3. Digs Per Set
4. Blocks Per Set

C. Right Side/Opposite Hitters Consideration
1. Points Per Set (**4.21** for AR; 4.59 for AA)
2. Hitting Percentage
3. Blocks Per Set
4. Digs Per Set

D. Setters Consideration
1. Team Hitting Percentage
2. Assists Per Set
3. Points Per Set (**1.20** for AR and AA)
4. Digs Per Set

E. Setters/Hitters Consideration
1. Team Hitting Percentage
2. Individual Hitting Percentage
3. Points Per Set (**1.50** for AR and AA)
4. Assists Per Set

F. Defensive Specialists/Liberos Consideration
1. Digs Per Set
2. Service 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) 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 on-line **by 3:00 p.m. ET (2:00 p.m. CT, 1:00 p.m. MT, 12:00 p.m. PT) on Sunday, November 29.**

- ✓ A match-by-match statistical account versus all teams for the entire season for each nominee has been uploaded to the online nomination **by 3:00 p.m. ET on Sunday, November 29**. Match-by-match listings of performances versus Top 100 and Top 50 teams are ONLY necessary for your own personal use to complete the online portion of the nomination. **Only a single-page match-by-match statistical report versus ALL teams should be additionally submitted for each nominee.**

DEADLINES

All nominations must be submitted via the on-line process at www.avca.org by 3:00 p.m. (ET) on **Sunday, November 29**.
Match-by-match statistics versus all opponents for the entire season for each nominee must be uploaded to the online nomination by 3:00 p.m. (ET) **Sunday, November 29.**

Head coaches must complete their online voting ballot by 3 p.m. (ET) on **Wednesday, December 2.**

AVCA All-America Video Review

AVCA Corporate partner**,** Hudl Volleymetrics, is making their entire video database available to the committee for use in their evaluation of nominees. Coaches of All-Region selections will select two sets showcasing their All-America candidate to the AVCA for viewing by the committee. If a requested set is not yet included in the Hudl Volleymetrics database, Hudl Volleymetrics will allow the program to upload video from this set free of charge. Programs that fail to pick two sets for the committee to review will have their sets chosen by the All-American Committee. **No athlete will be disqualified from All-American consideration due to video issues.**

There are no specific requirements for the sets selected. It is recommended that coaches select the two sets that best showcase their athlete. Quality of the opponent is a factor that the committee can use in their review.

After the All-Region teams are announced on Tuesday, December 8, the AVCA will provide an online form that coaches will complete requests the two sets for each athlete. This form will need to be completed before 5pm ET on **Thursday, December 10.**

Once the sets have been submitted for each athlete, Hudl Volleymetrics will run a quality assurance review to ensure that the videos are tagged correctly in their database. It is also recommended that coaches with review their own videos in Hudl Volleymetrics and let the AVCA know of any tagging mistakes.

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. If you have questions, please call Brad Wilson at (859) 219-3520 or e-mail bradley.wison@avca.org.

REGIONAL/ NATIONAL COACHES OF THE YEAR

For the 40th year, the women's volleyball coaches of the AVCA will select Regional/National Coaches of the Year. The AVCA Region Coach of the Year Nomination Form will be featured on the AVCA website. This form must be received by the **AVCA office** by **Wednesday, December 2.** All AVCA member coaches are asked to nominate someone 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.

Nominations should be sent to the **AVCA office** and selections will be made during the respective conference calls. Each Conference Coach of the Year is an automatic nominee for AVCA Region Coach of the Year. Once the nominations are forwarded to the committee members, committee members can also self-nominate additional deserving coaches from their conferences to be considered. Each AVCA Region Coach of the Year is an automatic nominee for AVCA National Coach of the Year, along with the regional finalist coaches.

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: **Monday, Nov. 23 through Sunday, Nov. 29 at 3:00 p.m. ET**

STEPS TO NOMINATE:

1. **Navigate to the Division I All-America information in the AVCA Awards Directory: https://www.avca.org/award/avca-division-i-womens-all-region-all-america-region-and-national-coaches-of-the-year-nominations/**
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. AVCA Top 50
        - Stats vs. AVCA Top 100
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. 29 at 3:00 p.m. ET.**
    a. Click Choose File**,** 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 (') 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.
    b. 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 e-mailed to the AVCA or uploaded to the online nomination.
        - You will then will be directed to a page where you can select to view your nominations or enter a new nomination.