2026 AVCA DII Women's All-Region/All-America Awards Packet

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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/NACOY 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
- Claflin 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
- LeMoyne-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 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)
- **NEW IN 2026: Top 75 teams based on NCAA NPI rankings**

Regionally Ranked Teams includes:

- All appearing on Nationally Ranked teams list
- **NEW IN 2026: Top 12 teams in each region based on NPI rankings**

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.	DIG	BS	BA	TB	BHE	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.