



Boys' High School Senior All-America Selection Guidelines

The AVCA Boys' High School Senior All-America program will be in its second year for the 2007-08 season. We are proud to honor deserving student-athletes by selecting an All-America team comprised of male high school senior student-athletes. The AVCA Boys' High School Senior All-America selection committee is comprised of high school coaches from across the nation.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

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 Boys' High School Senior All-America team. Please use your professional judgment to only nominate those student-athletes who legitimately have a chance to earn honors. Online nomination instructions will be sent to you as a separate Word document.

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 his respective institution;
- The student-athlete must have completed his senior year of eligibility;
- The student-athlete must be nominated by his AVCA member head coach. A head coach cannot nominate an athlete from another school: he/she can **ONLY** nominate his/her athletes;
- The student-athlete must have participated in **2/3 (66.7%)** of all games (not matches) during the current season;
- ***AVCA Two-Thirds Participation Waiver:*** Student-Athletes who fail to participate in two-thirds of all games (not matches) during the current season due to Institution approved participation in Olympic, Pan American, World Championships or Junior National competition 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;
- The student-athlete's **head coach must be a member** in good standing of the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Head coaches have until **May 12, 2008**, to become a member or to 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 postseason awards consideration.

ALL-AMERICA NOTIFICATION

A press release will be sent out on June 3, 2008, announcing the AVCA Boys' High School Senior All-America team.

Postseason Statistical/Selection Criteria

The postseason selection committee 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 minimums listed below are meant to serve as GUIDELINES, NOT AS FIRM REQUIREMENTS, for All-America nominees.

STATISTICAL CRITERIA

A. Attack

1. Kills per game
 - a. Middle Blockers — 3.25
 - b. Outside hitters — 4.00
2. Kill Percentage (Kills/Attempt)

B. Set (for setters only)

1. Assist per game — 10.00

C. Serve

1. Aces per game
2. Errors per game
3. Service attempts

D. Pass (serve reception)

1. Is candidate a primary passer?
2. Reception attempts

E. Digs

1. Digs Per Game

F. Blocks

1. Block Solos — 1 point
2. Block Assists — 1 point
3. Blocks per game
 - a. Middle blocker — 1.25
 - b. Outside blocker — 0.50

G. Strength of Schedule

H. Performance Against Strong Competition

SELECTION CRITERIA

A. Middle Blockers

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Attack percentage
 - b. Kills per game
 - c. Blocks per game
 - d. Kill percentage
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Passing
 - b. Digging
 - c. Serving

B. Outside/Opposite Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Attack percentage
 - b. Kills per game
 - c. Blocking
 - d. Serving
 - e. Kill percentage
2. Secondary Consideration
 - a. Digging
 - b. Passing

C. Setters/Hitters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Assists per game
 - b. Kills per game
 - c. Individual attack percentage
 - d. Blocking
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Team attack percentage
 - b. Digging
 - c. Serving

D. 5-1 Setters

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Team attack percentage
 - b. Serving
 - c. Blocking
 - d. Assists per game
 - e. Digging
2. Secondary Considerations
 - a. Individual attack percentage

E. Liberos

1. Primary Considerations
 - a. Digs per game
 - b. Reception errors per game
 - c. Receptions per game
 - d. Reception percentage *

* (reception attempts minus reception errors, divided by reception attempts)

 - e. Serving

Geographical Balance

The selection committee will attempt to distribute the selection of the players so that every part of the country is represented. Due to the sparser nationwide participation numbers, some areas of the country have traditionally stronger boys' high school programs and will obviously receive more recognition. However, the AVCA feels it is important to recognize players from throughout the country - this will help promote our sport nationwide.

Season Honors

The selection committee will consider honors earned by players from their senior high school season as an important criterion for selection to the All-America team. Selection to All-State, All-Region, All-Area, All-Conference, All-League and other similar honors will be **strongly considered**.

Team Post Season Competition

Please Note: A copy of your season schedule with results must be included with the nomination. Please be sure to note if your team advanced to post season competition and how far they advanced: division-district, conference, state tournament etc.

STATISTICAL GUIDELINES AND DEFINITIONS

Coaches should ensure that keepers of team statistics are using these definitions and guidelines. It is important to note if a player is a primary passer. The definition of a **primary passer** is a player who is one of your best passers AND takes a strong role in your service reception formations—they should actually pass a large percentage of your team's service receptions and be prominent in most all rotations for service reception.

KILLS -- Any attack that lands for a point

Also, award a KILL when:

- ...a free ball crosses the net and lands on the floor
- ...a set, intentional or not, crosses the net and lands on the floor
- ...an attack is blocked out of bounds or in the net
- ...when an opposing blocker is in the net, or has a centerline violation
- ...a dig attempt that crosses the net and lands on the floor for a point on the attacking team
- ...an attack followed immediately by an official's called blocking error (see block error)

ATTACK ATTEMPT -- Any overhead contact of the ball designed to score

ATTACK ERROR -- Any overhead contact of the ball that...

- ...is hit out of bounds
- ...is hit into the net leading to a four-hit violation
- ...hits the antenna
- ...is blocked down by the opposition on the same side of the attacker leading to a point
- ...makes a centerline violation
- ...is called for an illegal contact

ATTACK PERCENTAGE -- Kills minus errors, divided by total attacks

...10 kills - 2 errors/ 16 total attacks = $8/16 = .500$

ASSIST -- Awarded to the player who passes the ball to a teammate who attacks the ball for a kill

- ...an assist generally is the second contact in a play sequence, followed immediately by a kill on the third contact
- ...an assist can be awarded off a dig (first contact), provided the attack comes on the second contact

SERVICE ACE -- is awarded when...

- ...a serve lands untouched on the opponent's side
- ...the receiving team has overlapped or is out of rotation

...the passer is whistled for a reception error
...the serve is passed, but cannot be kept in play

SERVICE ERROR -- is awarded when...

...the server foot faults
...the serve doesn't advance past net, is out of bounds, or hits antenna
...the server is out of rotation (service error is charged to the person who should have served)
...**Note:** A ball that hits the net but continues over to the opponents side and remains in bounds is not a service error

RECEPTION ATTEMPT - is awarded when...

...Team B player attempts to receive Team A player's serve.

RECEPTION ERROR -- is awarded when...

...the serve hits the floor near a player
...player passes the ball, but it can't be kept in play
...player is called for a lift
...**Note:** For every service ace, there must be a corresponding reception error. When a service ace falls between two players and the scorer cannot judge fault, a Team Reception error is recorded. Team Reception errors also occur when the receiving team is out of rotation.

DIG -- is awarded when a defensive player keeps a bona fide attack in play with a pass

...a dig is only awarded off an attack attempt from the opposing team.
... Thus, a dig is NOT awarded when Team A continues a play off a Team B block attempt as it is not an attempt.
...a dig is NOT awarded on a serve attempt, as this is a serve reception

BLOCKS -- are awarded when a player blocks the ball to the opposition's court leading directly to a point without a successful dig

...**SOLO** -- when only one blocker is up
...**ASSIST** -- when more than one blocker is up, awarded to all contributing blockers regardless if only one person blocks the ball. Generally, a block assist occurs with two blockers, but may occur occasionally with three blockers. However, all three blockers must go up at the same time and provide an overlap. (ALSO SEE MEN'S STAT DIFFERENCES BELOW)

A block solo and block assist cannot be recorded on the same play. During the same rally, only one team block (block solo or block assists) can be awarded

A block (solo or assisted) is not credited if the opposing team successfully digs the block attempt.

TEAM BLOCKS -- Team blocks are calculated by adding the total number of block solos and adding to half the total of block assists.

Example: Blocks Solos - 4, Block Assists 12 (TEAM BLOCKS = 4 + (12/2) = 10)

BLOCKING ERROR -- is awarded when...

...blocker is in the net or steps over the center line
...back row blocker
...blocker is called for reaching over the net

A blocking error is not given for poor technique. In general, a blocking error only is given after a referee's call. Also, a kill is awarded to the opposing attacker on a blocking error if an attack was occurring at the time of the block error

TOTAL POINTS -- calculated by adding kills, block assists divided by 2, block solos and service aces

Example: In a single game Player A gets **8** kills, 3 block assists ($3/2 = 1.5$), **2** block solos and **1** service ace = 12.5 total points in that game

Total Points Per Game for season = (kills + 1/2 block assists + block solos + aces) / total games played

OTHER HINTS:

1. Every service ace must have a corresponding reception error. Conversely, every reception error must have a service ace.
2. Every assist must have a corresponding kill.
3. Overpasses ARE NOT reception errors.
4. Since blocks must come off an opponent's attack attempt, Team B's offensive attack from Team A's overpass should be recorded as an attack (kill if Team B's execution leads directly to a point). This situation appears often as a block or directional attack at the net. However, blocks can only be awarded on an opponent's attack, not overpass.

NOMINATION CHECKLIST:

1. Online nomination submission must be completed by **Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 5:00 pm (ET)**.
2. **Email** team schedule and results for the season to the AVCA office. Include postseason standing/results.

Please send all team schedules and results to:

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