

# Convention 101

## Maximizing Your AVCA Convention Experience

December 2018



# **WELCOME!**

**The AVCA Annual Convention is the largest gathering of volleyball coaches and club directors in the country. We are excited you've chosen to attend. This presentation will better acquaint you with the convention and help you maximize your time while in Minneapolis.**



# Registration

- Registration for the convention is quick and easy. To register online or to access a printed registration form go to the convention page at [www.avcaconvention.org](http://www.avcaconvention.org) and click on the registration button. If you have any questions feel free to contact AVCA Headquarters at [members@avca.org](mailto:members@avca.org) or 866-544-2822.
- Please pay special attention to the deadlines as noted on the website. For the best deal be sure to register by the early bird deadline of November 2. Registering by this date can save you up to \$100.



# Must Attend Social Events

- **AVCA's social events are a great opportunity for you to network and interact casually with your colleagues. These events are often the highlight of the convention.**
- **Don't Miss Events:**
  - **Spalding Convention Kick-Off Party**
  - **Jostens Coaches Honors Luncheon (featuring the Hall of Fame inductees and the Coach of the Year winners)**
  - **Semifinal Matches Tailgate Party**
  - **AVCA Victory Club Recognition Ceremony**
  - **AVCA All-America & Players of the Year Banquet**
  - **AVCA Friday Night Party & Coaches Tournament**
  - **Under Armour ® All-America High School Match**
  - **Champions Party**
  - **NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championships**
  - **Numerous small group networking events – see schedule**



# Must Attend Professional Development & Leadership Events

- **The AVCA Convention is the place to network, become better informed about our sport and to learn the latest techniques in coaching. These events will help you do all of these things and more!**
- **Don't Miss Events:**
  - **Your Divisional and General Meetings**
  - **AVCA Volleyball Marketplace (largest volleyball specific exhibit show in the world)**
  - **Classroom, On-Court & Beach Educational Sessions**
  - **Exhibitor Showcase Sessions**
  - **AVCA Coaches Match Point Mentoring Program**
  - **Volleyball Business Exchange (for club directors)**
  - **College Scheduling Sessions**



# AVCA Volleyball Marketplace

- **Anything and everything volleyball can be found in the AVCA Volleyball Marketplace.**
- **The Marketplace offers access to over 100 vendors who are there to show you the newest products and services available in the sport.**
- **Many exhibitors have show specials exclusively for AVCA member coaches so be sure to take advantage of these discounts.**
- **Participate in the AVCA Scavenger Hunt drawing and win prizes.**
- **Be sure to attend the AVCA Friday Night Party inside Volleyball Marketplace. This is your opportunity to visit with exhibitors while no educational sessions are scheduled.**



# Educational Seminars

- Whether you coach at the college, high school or club level the AVCA Convention offers educational sessions that are sure to make you a better coach and leader.
- The schedule includes over 90 on-court, classroom and beach sessions with topics ranging from coaching philosophy and in-game strategy to training techniques and new drill ideas. In addition, there will be specific tracks for men's/boy's, strength & conditioning coaches as well as Director of Volleyball Operations staff.
- An Opening Session, Super Session and Closing Session are part of the schedule which features some of the best coaches and speakers in the country. Also, don't miss the Pre-Convention Seminar titled "Attacking with Defense – Creating Efficient Transition Attack with Effective Defensive Systems." Luka Slabe will examine defensive systems and how to implement those systems to score more points in transition attack.
- First time convention attendees are encouraged to attend "AVCA Convention 101: What Every First Time Attendee Needs to Know" from 4:15 – 5:15 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 12. This presentation will be conducted by Winthrop Women's Head Coach Chuck Rey. Following this presentation a reception will be held for first-time attendees in the Minneapolis Convention Center.
- A complete listing of seminar topics and speakers can be found in the "Education" tab on the convention page at [www.avcaconvention.org](http://www.avcaconvention.org).



# Girl's & Boy's Talent Showcase

- The NCSA/AVCA Girl's Talent Showcase is a recruiting event developed for coaches attending the AVCA Convention. Uncommitted and unsigned female high school student-athletes as well as junior college players will be invited to participate.
- The event will consist of two waves of athletes with the first wave beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the final wave finishing at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 16. The Talent Showcase will take place in Hall A of the Minneapolis Convention Center.
- The NCAA has granted an exemption for coaches to participate so make plans to stay over on Sunday for this event.
- The AVCA Boy's Talent showcase is a recruiting event developed for coaches attending the AVCA Convention. Uncommitted and unsigned male high school student-athletes as well as junior college players will be invited to participate.
- The event will consist of one wave of athletes which will be held from 2 – 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 15 in Hall A of the Minneapolis Convention Center.





# Other Things You Should Know

- **The AVCA Career Center is located near registration just outside of Volleyball Marketplace. You can post your resume, view open positions, schedule an interview room, schedule individual sessions with a career counselor, or research salary information by division and conference.**
- **Make sure to visit the AVCA Coaches Zone presented by The Art of Coaching Volleyball. Located in Volleyball Marketplace, this is your area to meet friends and take a break from the day.**
- **The AVCA will also have an auction located just outside Volleyball Marketplace with items ranging from uniforms and recruiting software to volleyballs and training equipment. Proceeds from the auction go toward the AVCA Diversity Award program.**
- **AVCA staff will be dressed in business attire and have a blue staff ribbon on their badge. Feel free to ask staff members any questions you may have while you are at the convention.**



# What's Next?

- **Be sure to check out the convention website frequently at [www.avcaconvention.org](http://www.avcaconvention.org). You'll find updated schedule details, speaker information, hotel/travel discounts, and much more.**
- **Once the convention is over be sure to complete your convention evaluation received via e-mail after you return home.**



# Questions

**Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns:**

**AVCA Headquarters  
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866-544-2822**

**We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!**

