

Convention 101

Maximizing Your AVCA Convention Experience

December 2023



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 Tampa.



Registration

- Registration for the convention is quick and easy. To register online or to access a printed registration form go to www.avcaconvention.org and click on the registration tab. If you have any questions feel free to contact AVCA Headquarters at 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 September 15 to get the early discount rate. 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:**
 - **AVCA Golf Tournament**
 - **Convention Kick-Off Party & Game Night**
 - **The AVCA USMC Honors Banquet (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**
 - **AVCA High School & Club Awards Celebration**
 - **Numerous small group networking events – see schedule**
 - **NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championships**
 - **Champions Party**
 - **Coaches breakfast Thursday – Saturday mornings**



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
 - Coaching Camps, Learning Labs, & Mentoring Huddles
 - Book Club Sessions
 - Podcast lineup in AVCA Podcast Theater
 - Volleyball Business Exchange (for club directors)
 - Roundtable Discussions and Focus Groups



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 100 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, beach, club management, DEI, and 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 opportunity to go more in-depth on a topic by attending the half-day Pre-Convention Seminar or ACE Seminar from 2:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 13. Visit the "Education" tab on this site for session details.
- First time convention attendees are encouraged to attend "AVCA Convention 101: What Every First Time Attendee Needs to Know" from 4 – 5 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 13. This session will provide an overview of convention highlights from a coaches' perspective. Following this presentation, a reception will be held for first-time attendees in the Tampa Convention Center.
- A complete listing of seminar topics and speakers can be found under the "Education" tab at www.avcaconvention.org.



Talent Showcase Recruiting Events

- The AVCA Girls' 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 three waves of athletes with each wave being 90-minues. The first wave will begin at 12:30 p.m. with the final wave finishing at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. The Talent Showcase will take place in the West Hall of the Tampa Convention Center.
- The convention schedule will include a College Transfer Showcase for college student-athletes who have entered their name in the transfer portal. This showcase will be held from 10 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, Dec. 16 in the West Hall of the Tampa Convention Center. MasterCoaches will manage this event.
- The NCAA has granted an exemption for coaches to participate in one recruiting event over NCAA Championship weekend.
- The AVCA Boys' 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 10 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, Dec. 16 in the West Hall of the Tampa Convention Center.



Other Things You Should Know

- The AVCA Career Center is located in the East Hall inside Volleyball Marketplace. You can post your resume, view open positions, practice a mock interview, schedule individual sessions with a career counselor, or research salary information.
- College coaches should make plans to visit the Open Dates & Tournament Scheduling Center. This is the place to review open dates submitted to AVCA or post your own open dates and complete your competition schedule for future seasons.
- 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. 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:

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We look forward to seeing you in Tampa!

