



Convention 101

Maximizing your AVCA Convention Experience

December 2026
San Antonio, Texas



Welcome to the 2026 AVCA Convention!

- Each year, the AVCA Convention is the largest gathering of volleyball coaches and club directors in the country.
- We are excited you've committed your time to attending and taking part in the opportunity to learn, engage, and network with the volleyball community.
- This presentation will provide tips and tools to acquaint you with the AVCA Convention and help maximize your experience in San Antonio.

For more about the AVCA, visit the links below:

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Registration & Membership

Registration for the AVCA Convention is quick and easy!

Visit www.avcaconvention.org for online and printed registration options.

- 2026 AVCA Convention registration opens August 12th, 2026.
- There are several options available for your AVCA Convention experience:
 - Pre-Convention Seminar & Full Convention Registration
 - Full Convention Registration
 - Weekend Registration
- There are also add-on options available, including:
 - Premium Registration Upgrade
 - Spouse/Partner Registration
- Important dates:
 - August 12th, 2026 – Early registration opens and hotel blocks are available for registered attendees
 - September 18th, 2026 – Last day to receive the early discount
 - November 6th, 2026 – Deadline to receive standard registration rate
 - December 4th, 2026 – Deadline for making payments by check. Payments should be onsite in San Antonio after this date.

AVCA Members receive a discount on AVCA Convention registration fees!

Not a member yet? Sign up today!



AVCA Convention Social Events

AVCA Convention social events are a great opportunity for networking AND catching up with colleagues from across the country.

- AVCA Convention Kick Off Party & Game Night
- AVCA Honors presented by The Marines (featuring the 2026 Hall of Fame inductees and Coach of the Year winners)
- Semi-finals Watch Party – **NEW THIS YEAR!**
- AVCA Victory Club Recognition Ceremony
- AVCA Major League Volleyball All-America & Players of the Year Banquet presented by Nike
- AVCA Season Celebration
- AVCA Coaches Tournament – Connect & Compete
- AVCA High School & Club Awards Celebration
- Coaches breakfasts Thursday & Saturday mornings
- NCAA Division I Women’s Volleyball Championship Matches
- Small group networking events and socials

You can find the full list of events on the [AVCA Convention Schedule](#).

Check back often for updates!



Professional Development and Leadership

The AVCA Convention is the ultimate hub for learning more about our sport, training methods, culture practice sharing, progress and development of our sport, and networking.

- Divisional and General Meetings
- Over 100 Classroom, On-Court & Beach Educational Sessions
- Small Group Sessions, including
 - Coaching Camps
 - Learning Labs
 - Coach Solution Sessions
- AVCA Volleyball Marketplace – the largest volleyball specific exhibit show in the world!
- Book Club Sessions
- Live podcasts in AVCA Podcast Theatre
- Volleyball Business Exchange (for club directors)
- Roundtable discussions and focus groups

You can find the full list of professional development opportunities and leadership meetings on the [AVCA Convention Website](#).

Check back often for updates!

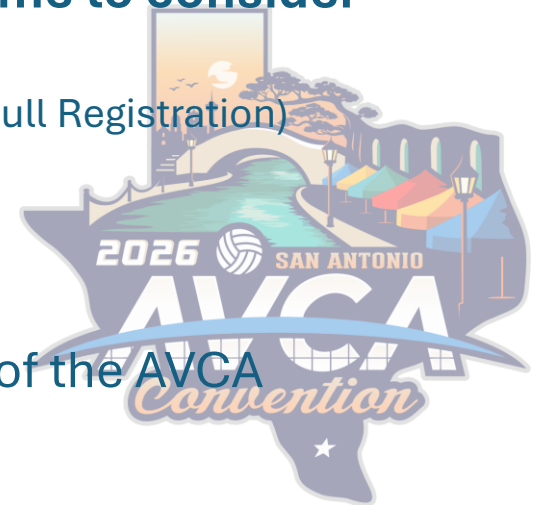


Educational Seminars

Whether you coach at the college, high school, club or youth level, the AVCA Convention offers educational sessions that are sure to make you a better coach and leader for your program.

- **First time AVCA Convention attendees are encouraged to attend “AVCA Convention 101: What Every First Time Attendee Needs to Know” – a presentation designed to provide a detailed overview of AVCA Convention highlights from a coaches’ perspective.**
 - Two sessions are offered to provide the information for both Full Convention and Weekend Only Registrants.
 - Wednesday, December 16th from 5:00 – 6:00 PM
 - Friday, December 18th from 9:30 – 10:30 AM
- **The AVCA Convention includes over 100 educational sessions, below are some to consider attending:**
 - Pre-Convention Seminar: Wednesday, December 16th from 4 – 7 PM (must purchase Pre-Con/Full Registration)
 - Super Session: Friday, December 18th from 9:30 – 10:30 AM
 - Closing Session: Sunday, December 20th from 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM
 - Multiple keynote presentations each day

A complete list of seminar topics and speakers can be found in the Education tab of the AVCA Convention [website](#).



AVCA Volleyball Marketplace

The AVCA Volleyball Marketplace offers access to over 100 vendors. These vendors represent the newest products and services available in our sport.

- Many exhibitors will include specials exclusively for AVCA member coaches.
- Find products and services that will benefit and improve your program.
- Participate in the AVCA Passport Contest by engaging with exhibitors – and win awesome prizes!

AVCA Season Celebration:

Join us Friday night in the AVCA Volleyball Marketplace to celebrate wrapping up a successful women's indoor season or gearing up for the men's or beach season. Use this time to engage with exhibitors outside of educational sessions.

- Includes two (2) drink tickets and heavy hors d'oeuvres.
- Chat one-on-one with exhibitors.
- Watch the Coaches Tournament – Connect and Compete!
- Relax in the Coaches Wellness Center
- Engage in Texas themed activities!

You can find the list of AVCA Volleyball Marketplace exhibitors on the [AVCA Convention website](#).

Check back often for additions!



AVCA Girls' & Boys' Talent Showcases

During the AVCA Convention, coaches from both men's and women's programs have a recruiting opportunity at the AVCA Girls' Talent Showcase and the AVCA Boys' Talent Showcase.

Both events include uncommitted and unsigned high school student-athletes.

- AVCA Girls' Talent Showcase

- Saturday, December 19th, 2026
- Hall 3 – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
- Wave 1: 11:30 AM – 1:15 PM
- Wave 2: 1:15 PM – 3:00 PM
- Roster available on University Athlete at no cost to coaches. (Must sign up and download in advance.)

- AVCA Boys' Talent Showcase

- Saturday, December 19th, 2026
- Hall 3 – Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
- 9:00 – 11:00 AM.

The NCAA has granted an exemption for coaches to participate in one recruiting event over the NCAA Championship weekend.



Miscellaneous AVCA Convention Offerings

AVCA Career Center

- The AVCA Career Center provides attendees with opportunities to:
 - Meet one-on-one with career counselors to discuss tips for resume writing, improving interview skills/mock interviews, identifying networking opportunities, building your personal brand, how to search for jobs, and more.
 - Review Salary Survey results organized by division and by conference.
 - Post open positions on your staff. Search open positions and post your resume.

AVCA Silent Auction benefitting the AVCA T.E.A.M. Awards Program.

- Bid with purpose, win with impact!
- By supporting the AVCA auction, you have the chance to score amazing deals, and help eliminate barriers to advancement and participation in the volleyball coaching profession.
- Find everything from gift cards and spa products to cutting edge volleyball equipment!
- 100% of proceeds benefit the AVCA T.E.A.M. Awards.

Coach Wellness Center

- Relax with a chair massage.
- Enjoy a snuggle session with puppies and dogs from The Animal Defense League of San Antonio.



AVCA Convention Travel Tips

Hotels:

- The AVCA offers several room blocks for convention attendees. These rooms will book quickly, so make your reservations early! Note you must be registered for the convention to book hotel rooms prior to September 18.
 - AVCA Convention [Hotel Blocks](#)

Travel Discounts:

- AVCA Convention attendees are eligible to receive discounts on air travel and rental cars in San Antonio.
 - To find out more, visit the AVCA Convention Website – [Travel Discounts](#).

Visit San Antonio:

- Enjoy discounts and offers from local San Antonio businesses and experiences.
 - Find out more about San Antonio and available offers on the AVCA Convention Website – [San Antonio Info](#).



AVCA Convention App - Whova



Whova is the host platform for the official AVCA Convention App.

- The AVCA Convention app will provide the latest convention information, schedule of events and updates, speaker/session information, exhibitor listings, floor plans, and much more.
- Use the AVCA Convention app to participate in the Passport Contest and to interact with exhibitors and/or other event attendees.
- Information on downloading the AVCA Convention App will be available in November.



AVCA Convention FAQs

What do I wear for the AVCA Convention?

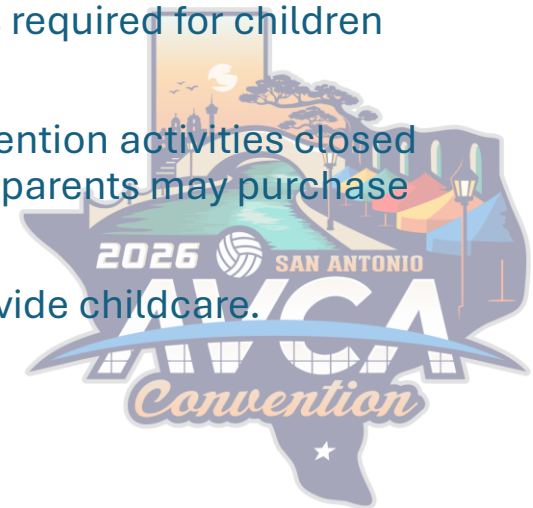
- Attire for the AVCA Honors presented by The Marines and AVCA Major League Volleyball All-America/Players of the Year Banquet presented by Nike is business casual. Attire for all other events is casual.

Can I take pictures or videos during sessions?

- Yes; however, we ask you to be mindful of those around you.
- The AVCA records all sessions both in classroom and on-court. All sessions are available to AVCA members on the AVCA website after the event.

What is the policy on children at the AVCA Convention?

- Children are welcome at the AVCA Convention. Any child under prospect age (6th grade and lower) will be given free admittance into Volleyball Marketplace, meetings, and educational sessions if they are accompanied by their parent. Tickets may be purchased for children to attend banquets and parties with their parents. No ticket is required for children sharing their parent's seat, i.e., lap-age babies/children.
- Due to NCAA legislation prospect age children (7th grade and higher) are not allowed to attend convention activities closed to the public which includes educational sessions, meetings, and Volleyball Marketplace. However, parents may purchase a ticket for prospect age children to attend banquets and parties as those are public events.
- While we encourage you to bring your family to AVCA functions be reminded that AVCA does not provide childcare.



AVCA Convention: What's Next?

Make sure to check the AVCA Convention website frequently for updates to sessions, speakers, hotel/travel discounts, and more!

Start planning the sessions that interest you and your program:

- Are you a beach coach? Check out our [Beach Track & Programming!](#)
- Are you a Director of Volleyball Operations? Check out our [DOVO Track!](#)
- Are you a Men's/Boys' Coach? Take part in the [Men's/Boys' Track & Programming!](#)
- Do you coach club, indoor or beach? Participate in the [Club Indoor and Beach Management Track!](#)

If you are a member, explore the [AVCA website](#) to find other resources available to our members.



Contact Us!

Please feel free to contact the AVCA with questions or concerns.

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We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

