

MIVCA Team Academic All-State FAQ (*Girls Deadline: Nov 1, Boys Deadline: May 18th*)

1. What is the MIVCA Team Academic All-State award?

This award recognizes high school volleyball teams for outstanding academic achievement, based on cumulative GPA and credits.

2. What is the minimum GPA?

Teams must have an average **cumulative** GPA of 3.3 or higher (without rounding). A GPA of 3.29 is not rounded up to 3.30.

3. What if a student-athlete has a GPA over 4.0?

The top GPA is capped at 4.0. If a student has a GPA over 4.0, enter 4.0.

4. How is the team GPA determined?

We use cumulative GPAs. A weighted GPA system is applied, meaning a senior's GPA "weighs" more than that of a freshman, ensuring fairness across grade levels. The team GPA is calculated by multiplying credit hours times GPA for each player.

5. Why does the form ask for credits attempted and earned?

The "credits attempted" section provides context to the GPA. If a student has failed a class and not made it up, their "credits earned" will differ from "credits attempted." If all courses are passed, both will be the same.

6. What grading system should I use?

Use the grading system your school uses, whether it's weighted or unweighted GPA.

7. How do I handle freshmen or exchange students who may not have grades?

Enter their names to ensure the nomination form matches your roster. For GPA and credits, input "0" for both to acknowledge their participation without affecting GPA calculations.

8. Who should I include in the nomination?

Include players who have been on the varsity roster for more than half the season. Do not include call-ups or players who joined for the postseason but did not play on varsity for the majority of the season.

9. When can I submit my team's nomination?

Nominations can be submitted once your team is selected. You can submit as soon as the roster is finalized, using GPA and credits from the last completed semester or trimester prior to the season's start.

10. When will I know if my team has earned All-State honors?

Teams who meet the criteria automatically qualify. Certificates will be emailed to the coach once the nomination process closes, typically during the week before the state tournament finals.

11. Are there any other requirements for the team to qualify?

Teams must meet the GPA criteria, follow MIVCA nomination deadlines and guidelines, and the head varsity coach must be a current MIVCA member in good standing.

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12. What happens if there are discrepancies in GPA or credits earned?

Be sure to double-check your submission for accuracy. Discrepancies may delay processing as we may need to contact a school administrator for clarification.