

AWARDS STRUCTURE
PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

I. Sports Awards

A. Competitive Awards

1. Team Tournament Award – Trophy
2. Team Regular Season Award - Plaque
3. Team Member Award – Medal
4. Individual Event Award – Medal

B. Athletic and Academic Honor Awards

1. **All-Conference** – Certificate
2. **Scholar-Athlete** – Certificate (Any student-athlete at a member institution maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.25 – Cheerleaders are not included)
3. **Top 10** – Picture Plaque (selected three times per year by SIDs from student-athletes who are of sophomore status or higher and who are maintaining a 3.50 cumulative GPA and are a starter or key reserve for the current season of competition – fall, winter, or spring)
4. **Male and Female Pete Nevins Scholar-Athlete of the Year** – Picture Plaque (selected by SIDs from among the Top 10 award winners)
5. **Champion Scholar Award** – Wood Base Acrylic (Presented at the site of the championship final in each sport, the award honors the top student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average among the teams participating. In individual sports, only student-athletes *qualifying* for the finals championship site will be eligible to win. A minimum of 48 credit hours must be completed in order to be nominated for the award. GPA is based upon the most recently completed term. Tie-breakers go to the student-athlete with the most credits completed. Student-athletes are only eligible to win the award one time per academic year)
6. **Male and Female Sportsmanship Award** – Picture Plaque (selected annually by SAAC; nominations from institutional administrators)
7. **Top Team GPA** – Plaque (honors the teams with the highest Quality Point Average. QPA would be based on end of the academic year (spring semester) grades and include only those student-athletes who would be considered “counters” on the institution’s EADA annual report)
8. **Coach of the Year** – Picture Plaque (One per sport or one per division)
9. **Athlete of the Year** – Picture Plaque (One per sport or one per division)
Baseball awards Players and Pitchers of the Year (East and West)
Basketball awards Athlete and Defensive Player of the Year (East and West)
Field Hockey awards Athlete and Defensive Players of the Year
Football awards Offensive and Defensive Players of Year (East and West)
Lacrosse awards Athlete and Defensive Player of the Year (East and West)
Softball awards Players and Pitchers of the Year (East, Central and West)
Soccer awards Athlete and Defensive Players of the Year (East and West)
Indoor/Outdoor Track awards Track and Field Athletes of the Year
Volleyball awards Athlete and Defensive Player of the Year
10. **Freshman of the Year** – Picture Plaque (One per sport or one per division)
To be eligible for the Freshman of the Year Award, a student-athlete should be listed by the institution as a freshman or red-shirt freshman and must be competing in their initial year of eligibility for that sport
11. **Championship MVP** – Plaque; Track and Field MVP – awards plaque to Track, Field and Overall MVP

C. Miscellaneous

1. No awards may be presented to student-athletes from any coaches association or any other group outside of the auspices of the Conference or the student’s own institution.

II. Other Awards

A. Award of Merit – Metal Base Acrylic

The Award of Merit is considered as the PSAC's highest level of distinction. Recipients are nationally or internationally recognized figures whose accomplishments have distinguished them in a positive manner, bringing honor to their institution and the league.

Candidates will be current or former student-athletes, coaches or administrators of a PSAC institution. A candidate's association with his/her institution must have come during a time in which that institution was a member of the Conference (PSAC, PSCAC, PSTCAC). Candidates can be selected posthumously.

The PSAC office will compile a data base of potential nominees for the Award of Merit. Each institution may submit up to three names for consideration, though it is not required that an institution submit candidates for the award. An institution can change or replace any of its three candidates at any time.

A nominating committee consisting of two athletics administrators, two sports information directors and a representative from the PSAC office will exist. The PSAC liaison to the SIDs will be one of the two athletic administrators. The additional athletics administrator and the two SIDs will be elected by their constituent groups.

The nominating committee will discuss candidates for nomination at minimum of one time per academic year. Nominees will be presented to the athletics administrators for approval. The committee is encouraged to produce at least one nominee for approval each academic year; however, the recommendation is for no minimum or maximum for number of Awards to be presented each year.

Award of Merit Nominating Committee

Todd Jay – Edinboro (AA)
Wendy Snodgrass – Clarion (AA)
Bill Morgal – Shippensburg (SID)
Jim Zuhlke – West Chester (SID)
Will Adair – PSAC

B. Coaching Service Award – Picture Plaque

For serving a minimum of 10 years as a coach in the Conference. Nomination should be made in writing to the PSAC Office which will pass on a recommendation for action to the Athletics Administrators.

C. Administrative Service Award – Picture Plaque

For serving a minimum of 10 years as an athletics administrator in the Conference. This award is granted automatically to an administrator without a required vote by the membership.

D. Media Award – Picture Plaque

For promoting the Conference via the media. Selected annually by sports information directors.

E. Miscellaneous

No retirement or service awards may be "grandfathered".

F. EUGENE DIXON, JR. - ALL SPORTS TROPHY
PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

General:

The PSAC All-Sports Trophy will be awarded annually to the institution which accumulates the highest average score over the course of the academic year. All 23 PSAC sponsored sports may be utilized in determining points.

Guidelines for awarding points:

- 1) All 23 PSAC sponsored sports may be utilized in determining points. An institution which does not sponsor a sport or fails to compete in a championship may be issued a “zero” point total.
- 2) An institution’s average is based on total points earned divided by the number of PSAC sports it sponsors.
- 3) For individual sports (i.e. men’s and women’s cross-country, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s swimming and men’s and women’s track and field) the points awarded will be based on the team finish at the PSAC Championship.
- 4) For team sports that qualify for the Postseason Tournament by standings, the PSAC Champion will be awarded the maximum number points for that sport. The runner-up at the championship will receive the second most points and so on through the number participating in Championship competition. For teams that don’t qualify for the PSAC Tournament, the remainder of points awarded will be based upon the regular-season finish with ties splitting points. In sports with divisions the remainder of points will be split among teams with the same finish in each division.

Dixon Trophy Scoring System

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PSAC COMPETITIVE AWARDS

Sport	Trophies	Individual Awards
Baseball	1 st Place / Runner Up	30 - 1st place team
M / W Basketball	1 st Place / Runner Up	20 - 1st place team
M / W Cross Country	1 st Place / Runner Up	15 - 1st place team 1st - 15 runners
Field Hockey	1 st Place / Runner Up	30 - 1st place team
Football	1 st Place / Runner Up	70 - 1st place team
M / W Golf	1 st Place / Runner Up	6 - 1st place team 1 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individual
Lacrosse	1 st Place / Runner Up	38 - 1st place team
M Soccer	1 st Place / Runner Up	28 - 1st place team
W Soccer	1 st Place / Runner Up	32 - 1st place team
Softball	1 st Place / Runner Up	26 - 1st place team
M / W Swimming	1 st Place / Runner Up	23 - 1st place team 14 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individual 20 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individuals – 5 relay teams
M / W Tennis Team	1 st Place / Runner Up	10 - 1st place team
M / W Tennis (Individual)	--	1 - Singles Champion 2 - Doubles Champions
M / W Outdoor Track & Field	1 st Place / Runner Up	40 - 1st place team 19 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individual 12 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individuals – 3 relay teams
M / W Indoor Track & Field	1 st Place / Runner Up	40 - 1st place team 15 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individual 12 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd place individuals – 3 relay teams
Volleyball	1 st Place / Runner Up	20 - 1st place team
Wrestling (Team Dual)	1 st Place	16 - 1st place team

**ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS
PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

The basic purpose of selecting all-conference awards is to signify as wide a recognition of such achievement as possible at the same time taking care not to proliferate such awards so that they diminish in their credibility.

Procedures

- 1) All-Conference recognition will be attained in either of two ways.
 - A. By completing a championship within a predetermined number of top places. Honorees will represent the total conference. This method will apply to cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field, and swimming.
 - B. By vote of the head coaches. Honorees will represent either their division or the total conference, whichever is applicable for the respective sport. Divisional selection will apply to all sports with the exception of field hockey, golf, volleyball, men's tennis and wrestling.
- 2) Each sport will select an Athlete of the Year, a Freshman of the Year and a Coach of the Year either on a divisional basis or for the total conference depending on the competitive alignment of the sport. See each sports operating code for additional major awards. The selections will be accomplished by a vote of the head coaches.
- 3) No sport will select an all-tournament team at its championship, only a Most Valuable Player(s).
- 4) Announcement of all-conference teams that are determined by coaches' vote will be made within the week following the championship or final regular season contest as determined in each operating code.
- 5) All-PSAC selections will receive a certificate, while an Athlete, Coach, Freshman and Offensive/Defensive Player of the Year will receive a plaque. The Tournament MVP will also receive a plaque.

Maximum Awards per Sport – First, Second, and Third (where applicable) team certificates. One certificate per student-athlete. Awarded in each division.

All-Conference Designation

Selected by Coaches' Votes	First Team	Second Team	Third Team
Baseball*	15	14	--
Basketball*	7	7	--
Field Hockey	13	13	13
Football*	29	29	--
Golf	5	5	--
Lacrosse*	13	13	--
Soccer*	13	13	--
Softball*	13 position + 5 at-large	--	--
Men's Tennis	6 singles, 3 doubles teams	3 singles, 1 doubles	--
Women's Tennis*	6 singles, 3 doubles teams	3 singles, 1 doubles	--
Volleyball*	10	10	10
Wrestling	10	10	10

Determined by Finish at PSAC Championship

Cross Country	15	15	--
Swimming	Top 3 in each event		
Track & Field	Top 3 in each event		

* Standings by Division