

# Athletic Awards Guidelines

Athletic Awards are given on the basis of participation, attendance, loyalty, cooperation and excellence in performance.

All types of certificates, medals, and awards will be presented during the sports awards ceremony in May. All team members (athlete/manager/video technician/statistician) are expected to attend as part of their team responsibility.

## Types of Athletic Awards

### **Certificate of Participation** (middle school/high school)

Every team member who stays on the team from day one to the last day of the sport season. We expect full participation from all team members. Team members unable to complete a season due to injury, illness or other such circumstances may earn a certification if the coach feels it is justified.

### **Varsity Letter** (high school)

A team member who stays on the team from day one to the last day of the *varsity* sport season. We expect full participation from all team members. Team members unable to complete a season due to injury, illness or other such circumstances may earn a letter if the coach feels the letter is justified. Only one letter per athlete is ever issued. For varsity letter jacket, a team member who earns one varsity letter is allowed to purchase a letter jacket.

### **Sport/Bar Service Pin** (high school)

A pin denoting the sport given to first season athletes. The pin signifies the sport the athlete lettered in. For bar service pin, these are awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> year lettering athletes.

### **Four-Year-in-All-Sports-Awards** (high school)

For those athletes who participate in all 3 sports including cheerleading for 4 years.

### **USADB/NDIAA All-Star Nomination** (high school)

For those athletes who follow school's conduct & behavior as well as other policies in the student's handbook.

Athletic Excellence - Standout performance in their respective sport made at the high school competition.

Academic Achievement - Review of GPA and academic honors distinctions.

Exemplary Character - Commitment to sportsmanship, character, community and participation in positive activities at school and in classrooms.

Participate at least two varsity seasons in the same school/ athletic year.

### **Individual Honors** (high school)

- State Qualifiers – medal (provided by KSD)
- All-District Team – medal (provided by KSD)
- All-American Team – certificate (provided by DeafDigest Sports/NDIAA)
- All-League Team – certificate (provided by GPAC)
- Player of the Year – certificate (provided by DeafDigest Sports/NDIAA)
- School Records/Milestone – miscellaneous (provided by KSD)

### **A Day of Champions Recognition** (State/Deaf Prep National Championship)

- High School - Banner in Foltz Gym and wood-plaque team's picture

### **League Champions Recognition**

- High School – Banner in Foltz Gym.

## Season Team Awards

For each sports season, the head coach will select the following number of athletes to receive an award based on this scale:

*At the discretion of the head coach, any awards may not be awarded to team members due to criteria.*

Most Valuable Player	Most Outstanding Player	All-Around Player
High School	High School	Middle School
<p>A player who, in the opinion of the coaches, makes the greatest contribution to the team through his/her unselfish loyalty and outstanding performance on the court/field; is more valuable to her/his team; is excellent in all areas; always gives her/his best effort during practices and games; encourages others to play better; contributes to team's success to the fullness; is well-respected by coaches, teammates, and opponents. Has not violated any major offenses and his/her name is not on APR list for two consecutive weeks.</p>	<p>A player who, in the opinion of the coaches, makes the greatest contribution to the team through his/her unselfish loyalty and outstanding performance on the court/field; may not be the best player but very important to the team; is heart and soul of the team. Has not violated any major offenses and his/her name is not on APR list for two consecutive weeks.</p>	<p>A player who, in the opinion of the coaches, makes the greatest contribution to the team through his/her unselfish loyalty and outstanding performance on the court/field; is more valuable to her/his team; is excellent in all areas; always gives her/his best effort during practices and games; encourages others to play better; contributes to team's success to the fullness; is well-respected by coaches, teammates, and opponents. Has not violated any major offenses and his/her name is not on APR list for two consecutive weeks.</p>
Coaches Award	Most Improved Player	Most Dedicated Player
High School	High School/Middle School	Middle School
<p>A player who demonstrates leadership, sportsmanship, team spirit, teamwork, and skills throughout the season; keeps team intact; promotes team unity; serves as a positive role model. Has not violated any major offenses and his/her name is not on APR list for two consecutive weeks.</p>	<p>A player who has made improvement in all facets of the sport she/he played in; may earn this award by showing great improvement from day one to last day. Has not violated any major offenses and his/her name is not on APR list for two consecutive weeks.</p>	<p>A player who is "team player" and has earned the admiration of his/her coaches and teammates; has shown qualities of sportsmanship and unselfishness. Has not violated any major offenses and his/her name is not on APR list for two consecutive weeks.</p>

**\*\*Special awards or more could possibly be awarded with the Athletic Director's approval\*\***

**Individual Yearly Major Awards**

<b>Jackrabbit Pride</b>	<b>Paul D. Hubbard Sportsmanship</b>	<b>Freshman of the Year</b>
High School	High School	High School (Freshman only)
Doesn't get to play much, never complains, always supports his/her teammates, always comes to practices/games, has not quit any sports all year and has not violated any major offenses.	Is a good role model, expresses a good attitude, demonstrates good sportsmanship, has a desire to win, accepts losses gracefully, has not quit any sports all year and has not violated any major offenses	Play at least 2 sports this year, is an excellent player in this sport(s), contributes to his/her team's success, demonstrates good sportsmanship, has a good attitude, is loyal to his/her team, has not quit any sports all year and has not violated any major offenses.
<b>Manager of the Year</b>	<b>Lory R. Kuschmider Football Award</b>	<b>James B. King Athlete of the Year</b>
High School	High School	High School
Self-starter, self-motivated, willing to follow practice/game set up and clean up protocol, works well with coaches & players, always attends practices/games, is a good role model, expresses a good attitude, is loyal to his/her team, has not quit any sports all year and has not violated any major offenses.	Always fully utilizes the strength and conditioning program in all its facets to maximize their athletic performance, and exemplifies the work ethic one would expect in a championship athlete. He/she also must have a good attitude, is loyal to his/her team, has not quit any sports all year, and has not violated any major offenses.	Play at least 2 sports this year, is an excellent player in this sport(s), contributes to his/her team's success, demonstrates good sportsmanship, has a good attitude, is loyal to his/her team, has not quit any sports all year and has not violated any major offenses.
<b>Student-Athlete of the Year</b>		
High School		
Good student, at least 3.5 (weighted) GPA, play at least two sports this year, is an excellent player in this sport, contributes to his/her team's success, demonstrates good sportsmanship, has a good attitude, is loyal to his/her team, has not quit any sports all year and has not violated any major offenses.		