

**AWARDS STRUCTURE**  
**PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

**I. Sports Awards**

**A. Competitive Awards**

1. Team award – trophy
2. Team Member award – plaque
3. Individual event award – plaque

**B. Athletic and Academic Honor Awards**

1. **All-Conference** – certificate
2. **Scholar-Athlete** – certificate (Any Student-athlete maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.25)  
Cheerleaders are not included.
3. **Top 10 Scholar-Athlete** – certificate (selected three-times per year by SIDs from student-athletes sophomore or higher maintaining a 3.50 cumulative GPA and 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 30 Top Ten award winners)
5. **Champion Scholar Award** – trophy. Presented at the sport championship that honors the top student-athlete at each conference championship event (at the site of the championship final) with the highest cumulative grade point average among the teams participating at the championship site. The student-athlete could not be participating in their first year of intercollegiate competition. GPA would be based upon the most recently completed term (including summer). The tie-breaker is the student-athlete with the most credits completed. In addition, a student-athlete could only win the award one time per academic year.
6. **Top Team GPA** – TBD. Academic Award recognition program for each sport that would recognize the team with the highest Quality Point Average. QPA would be based on end of the academic year (May) grades and include only those student-athletes that would be considered “counters” on the institution’s EADA annual report.
7. **Coach of the Year** – picture plaque (One per sport or one per division, East, West, Central)
8. **Athlete of the Year** – picture plaque (One per sport or one per division, East, West, Central)  
Baseball and Softball awards Player and Pitchers of the Year (East, West, Central)  
Basketball awards Defensive Player of the Year (East and West).  
Football awards Offensive and Defensive Players of Year (East and West).  
Indoor/Outdoor Track awards Track and Field Athletes of the Year.  
Volleyball awards Defensive Player of the Year (East and West).
9. **Freshman of the Year** – picture plaque (One per sport or one per division, East, West, Central)  
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.
10. **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 - picture plaque**

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.

**2011-12 Award of Merit Nominating Committee**

Todd Jay – Edinboro (AA)

Wendy Snodgrass – Clarion (AA)

Bill Morgal – Shippensburg (SID)

Lenn Margolis – Cheyney (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”.



**TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIVE AWARDS  
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<b>SPORT</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE (trophy)</b>	<b>RUNNER-UP (trophy)</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (plaque)</b>
BASEBALL	1	1	34 1st place team
BASKETBALL (M & W)	1	1	20 1st place team
CROSS-COUNTRY (M & W)	1	1	12 1st place team <u>1st 10 runners</u> 22 TOTAL
FIELD HOCKEY	1	1	30 1st place team
FOOTBALL	1	1	70 1st place team
GOLF (M & W)	1	1	6 1st place team <u>1 indiv. champion, second &amp; third place</u> 9 TOTAL
LACROSSE	1	1	30 1st place team
SOCCER (M & W)	1	1	28 1st place team
SOFTBALL	1	1	26 1st place team
SWIMMING (M & W)	1	1	23 1st place team <u>34 1<sup>st</sup> places for 14 individual events and 5 relays</u> 57 TOTAL
TENNIS TEAM (M & W)	1	1	10 1st place team
TENNIS INDIVIDUAL (M & W)			1 Singles champion (m & w) <u>2 doubles champion (m &amp; w)</u> 6 TOTAL
OUTDOOR TRACK/FIELD (M & W)	1	1	30 1st place team 18 1 <sup>st</sup> places for 18 individual events <u>8 1st places for 2 relays</u> 56 TOTAL
INDOOR TRACK/FIELD (M & W)	1	1	30 1st place team 14 1 <sup>st</sup> places for 14 individual events <u>12 1st places for 3 relays</u> 56 TOTAL
VOLLEYBALL	1	1	20 1st place team
WRESTLING	1	1	15 1st place team <u>10 1st places each weight class</u> 25 TOTAL

**ALL-CONFERENCE AWARDS**  
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The basic purpose of selecting post-season 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, swimming, tennis, and wrestling.
  - B. By vote of the head coaches. Honorees will represent either their division (Eastern, Western, Central) or the total conference, whichever is applicable for the respective sport. Divisional selection will apply to all sports with the exception of men's tennis.
- 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. This selection will be accomplished by a vote of the head coaches indicating a first and second choice for each award.
- 3) No sport will select an all-tournament team at its championship, only a Most Valuable Player(s).
- 4) Announcement (press release) of all-conference teams that are determined by coaches' vote will be made within the week following the championship or final regular season contest.
- 5) A first and second team selection will receive a certificate, while an Athlete, Coach, Freshman and Defensive Player of the Year will receive a plaque. The tournament MVP will also receive a plaque.

**Maximum Awards per Sport** - First and Second team certificates. One certificate per student-athlete. Awarded in each division – Eastern & Western (Central in Softball).

<b>1) Team Sports -</b>	First Team Awards	Second Team Awards	Third Team Awards
Baseball	14	14	--
Basketball	6	6	--
Field Hockey	11	11	--
Football	29	29	--
Lacrosse*	13	13	13
Men's Soccer*	13	13	--
Women's Soccer*	13	13	13
Softball**	11	7	--
Men's Tennis*	6 singles, 3 doubles teams	--	--
Women's Tennis	6 singles, 3 doubles teams (per division)	--	--
Volleyball	7	7	--
 <b>2) Individual Sports (with teams)</b>			
Men's Golf	5	5	--
Women's Golf	5	5	--
 <b>3) Individual Sports***</b>			
Cross-Country	Top 20 finishers	20	
Swimming	Top 3 in each event	99	
Track & Field	Top 3 in each event	78	
Wrestling	Top 3 in each weight class	30	

\*One Division

\*\*Three Divisions

\*\*\* Numbers reflect per sport awards. Men's and women's awards both included.