



Article XIV - NE-10 Scholar-Athlete Award

19.1 Purpose. To annually select a male and female recipient of the Scholar-Athlete Award.

19.2 Number of Awards. A maximum of two (2) awards per year will be given to a graduating senior student-athlete having accumulated at least 108 semester hours.

19.3 Criteria for Selection. Selection for the award will be based upon academic performance, athletic performance, and evidence of leadership. The nominee shall have:

- Distinguished himself/herself academically with an overall minimum grade-point average of 3.25 (based on a maximum 4.00) or its equivalent.
- Performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in his/her sport, having earned a varsity letter in that sport.
- Conducted himself/herself at all times in a manner that has brought credit to the student-athlete, his/her institution, intercollegiate athletics and the NE-10. Consideration shall be given to his/her participation in activities, preferably where qualities of leadership have been demonstrated.

19.4 Nominating Instructions.

- Each institution may submit no more than one male and one female nominee. The nominee must be an eligible student-athlete at the time of nomination that has participated in a Conference championship sport. Previous recipients of the award may not be nominated.
- The call for nominations will originate from the commissioner's office **no later than May 1**. A nominating form will be sent to the faculty athletics representative of each institution.
- Each faculty athletic representative will be responsible for seeing that the nomination forms are completed and forwarded to the conference office. The envelope containing the completed forms must be e-mailed **no later than May 14**.

19.5 Selection Procedures. The Faculty Athletics Representatives Committee will serve as the selection committee.

- The conference office will review the completed nomination forms to ensure all of the requested information has been sent. The conference office will then forward all of the completed nomination forms to the FAR committee.
- Recipients of the award will be selected by the following process:

- a. Each nominee will be evaluated by each faculty athletic representative and given a numerical score in each of the criteria listed in section 19.3: (1) academic performance; (2) athletic performance; (3) leadership, activities and conduct. The range of numerical scores will be 0-10 with 10 being the highest score. The three criteria will be weighted as follows: academic performance - 50%; athletic performance - 30%; and leadership, activities, and conduct - 20%. An overall score for a nominee will be calculated by multiplying the weighted percentage by the numerical score for each criterion and then adding each criterion's score.
- b. For each nominee, the overall scores from each faculty athletics representative will be added to determine a final score. A numerical listing of the final scores will provide a ranking of the nominee from whom the faculty representatives will select the NE-10 Scholar-Athletes.
- c. The scholar-athlete of the year award **winners will be determined by May 21**. This will ensure that the scholar-athlete award winners will be recognized at the Northeast-10 Hall of Fame reception.

19.6 Forms of Recognition.

- Each recipient and institution will receive an engraved plaque in honor of winning the award.
- It is suggested that each member institution maintain a permanent plaque on display in a trophy case listing all award winners from that institution.
- News releases regarding the winners of this most prestigious award should originate from the commissioner's office.

Article XX - Academic Achievement Awards

20.1 Commissioner's Honor Roll. The faculty athletics representatives shall submit to the Conference office **no later than June 30** of each year, the name of each student-athlete at the representative's institution who meets the criteria for the Commissioner's Honor Roll.

20.2 Criteria For Selection. To meet the criteria, a student-athlete must:

- Must rank in the top 15% of all student-athletes (NOT the general student body) and have passed not less than 24 semester hours of credit during the previous two semesters; or have received an undergraduate degree and be a full-time graduate student at the same institution, with at least 16 semester hours of credit in a graduate degree program during the previous two semesters, or have received an undergraduate degree at mid-year and be a full-time graduate student at the same institution and have passed at least 12 semester hours during the fall term and at least 8 semester hours of credit during each remaining term of the academic year. [**Note:** With the new percentile, awards will be given in 5% increments as follows: top 5% - Gold Scholar; next 5% - Silver Scholar; next 5% - Bronze Scholar. A certificate designating the level of achievement will be presented to each student-athlete].
- Have been eligible and on the team throughout the competitive season.
- The 15% ranking requirement is determined for the entire academic year (summer excluded). This will be calculated using credit hours and quality points as contained on the official transcript for all regular terms of the academic year.