
National Collegiate Athletic Association



2009 Sportsmanship Award

NOMINATION FORM

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Respect for SELF, OTHERS and the SPORT!

NOMINATION PROCESS

The NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct is seeking nominations for the 2009 NCAA Sportsmanship Award. This award is unique because it honors student-athletes who have distinguished themselves through sportsmanship and ethical behavior. The award is administered by the Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct formed in 1997.

The committee is asking each conference or independent to nominate one male and female student-athlete who satisfies the criteria set forth below. ****Institutional nominees that are a member of a conference must be nominated by their conference office. The committee will select one male and female student-athlete from each division as finalists and then one male and one female from those six finalists as the NCAA Sportsmanship Award winners.***

Nomination Criteria:

- Nominee must have demonstrated the values of respect and integrity through a specific action ideally directed toward an opponent.
- Nominee must have demonstrated consistently the values of respect, and integrity in his/her daily participation in intercollegiate athletics.
- Student-athlete or team nominee must be a member of an intercollegiate athletics team during the 2008-09 academic year.
- A team may be considered as a nominee if extraordinary circumstances exist; otherwise, only individuals will be considered.
- Any nomination form faxed to the national office from a conference must be followed by a signed original copy carrying original signatures.

Examples from Past Award Winners:

- *Central Washington University:* Two softball student-athletes carried an injured opponent around the bases to score the game-winning run after the batter injured herself after hitting the ball. The batter's teammates could not assist; and her opponents volunteered to help her despite the impact on the game's outcome.
- *St. John Fisher College:* A baseball team forfeited a game after the opponent's coach was struck unconscious by a foul ball and rushed to the hospital. The team was trailing in the top of the final inning and chose not to continue the inning given the uncertain condition of the opposing team's coach (who made a full recovery).
- *University of Alaska Fairbanks:* In the midst of competition, a skier gave one of his poles to his teammate who had broken his pole. The student-athlete sacrificed his chances of qualifying for the NCAA Championship by giving his pole to his teammate who the student-athlete thought had a better chance of qualifying.
- *University of Hartford:* A female heptathlete refused to accept an official's error in her favor, and insisted on actually clearing a height in the high jump event which the official erroneously thought she had already cleared.
- Multiple previous award winners in both men's and women's athletics won a competition and then corrected a score to their detriment, a true sign of integrity and sportsmanship.
- After the opposing team's place kicker missed a potential game-winning field goal as time expired, a student-athlete on the winning team consoled the kicker.
- During a tennis match, a student-athlete loaned an opponent a spare racquet because the strings broke on the opponent's equipment. This would have forced forfeiture.

Nomination Guidelines:

- Each conference may nominate one male and female student-athlete that satisfies the criteria.
- When possible, each conference/divisional Student-Athlete Advisory Committee should be asked for assistance in generating nominations.
- All nominees must satisfy the criteria.
- Nomination forms shall not include any supplemental materials such as newspaper articles, photographs or videos.
- The winners will be announced by the NCAA in the summer of 2009.
- Independent institutions may nominate a male and female student-athlete.

Selection Process:

- Nominees from the conference offices and from independent school finalists will be evaluated by the committee in June 2009.
- The committee will then select a male and female winner from each of the three divisions (six total). [The candidate pool shall include nominees from the independent institutions and the conference offices.]

Key Dates:

Conference office nomination deadline June 16, 2009
Award winners announcement/NCAA press release..... July 2009
Announcement in the NCAA News..... September 2009
Awards presented at athletics event at winners institution 2009-10 academic year

For Assistance, Contact:

Terrie Hall

Telephone: 317/917-6309

Fax: 317/917-6056

E-mail: thall@ncaa.org

Conference office nomination form must be postmarked not later than

June 16, 2009, to:

Terrie Hall

2009 NCAA Sportsmanship Award

P. O. Box 6222, Indianapolis, Indiana 46206

**** The national office will only accept nomination forms sent from a conference office or independent institutions.**

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Please type or print all information

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

Name of nominee (as it should appear on certificate or award): _____

Name of institution: _____

Divisional membership: _____

Sport of participation and sportsmanship demonstration in which the act occurred: _____

Student-Athlete

Academic classification in September 2008 (e.g. sophomore, junior, etc.) (student-athlete only): _____

Is the nominee in good academic standing at the time of this nomination? ___ Yes ___ No (student-athlete only)

Gender: ___ Male ___ Female

Current address (where we can reach the nominee): _____

Current telephone number: _____

Permanent address and phone number: _____

PROMOTIONAL INFORMATION:

Name of institution's sports information director: _____

Conference and Institutions: _____ Fax: _____

Sports information phone: _____ Fax: _____

Nominee's hometown (City, State): _____

Nominee's hometown newspaper: _____

Hometown newspaper phone: _____ Fax: _____

I attest that the nomination criteria has been satisfied and the information is accurate: Must be signed by both or it will not be accepted.

Name: _____
Director of Athletics (please print)

Signature: _____
Director of Athletics

I attest that the nomination criteria has been satisfied and the information is accurate.

Name: _____
Conference Commissioner (please print)

Signature: _____
Conference Commissioner

In connection with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I authorize the NCAA to release to the media and public any information on this nomination form. This information may be used to process my application and to publicize the Sportsmanship Award.

Nominee's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sportsmanship Award Nominations

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