

NCC SPORT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 33

AWARDS

(New provisions for 2007-2008 in **bold**.)

33.1 STAN MARSHALL MEMORIAL AWARD: “North Central Conference Outstanding Student-Athlete”

- (a) The recipients of the Conference Honor Athlete Award from each campus will be the candidates for this award.
- (b) The institutional representatives will make the selections from these candidates.
- (c) The recipients, male and female, will receive an appropriately engraved plaque from the Conference in addition to having their names placed on the memorial plaque in the Stan Marshall HPER Center on the campus of South Dakota State University.
- (d) The award shall be referred to as the NCC Scholar-Athlete Award in all public releases.

33.2 NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE HONOR ATHLETE AWARD

- (a) The Conference director of media relations will act as the clearinghouse and release center for the Honor Athlete Award of the North Central Conference. The necessary information will be solicited by the conference director of media relations and each institution’s selection must be in the hands of that person no later than May 1. The release will be made on or about May 10.
- (b) The award shall be presented by each institution to its top student-athletes; one male and one female. All student-athletes so nominated will be honored.
- (c) The student-athletes selected should meet the following criteria:
 - 1. Academic performance.
 - 2. Athletic ability and performance
 - 3. Leadership and participation in campus and/or community activities
 - 4. Exhausted eligibility in at least one sport in the nominating year. Student-athletes may receive the award only once in their careers.

33.3 ACADEMIC ALL-NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE AWARD

- (a) All-Academic Teams for all conference sports are nominated by and selected by the sports information directors using the format of the CoSIDA Academic All-America program, with the exceptions of having only one At-Large Team for the Conference. There will be no honorable mention on any Academic teams. The soccer academic team will have 22 members.
- (b) The following guidelines shall govern the eligibility for an all-academic selection:
 - 1. Minimum cumulative grade-point-average of 3.20.

2. All letterpersons for the current season may be nominated with the exception of freshmen and transfers.
- (c) The week following the conclusion of each season the NCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll will be released. Honorees must have completed two semesters at their current institution, have competed in outside competition and hold a 3.20 GPA.

33.4 NCIAC HONOR AWARD

- (a) The North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference acknowledges individuals who have made significant contributions to the Conference as a whole. These individuals shall be awarded the NCIAC Honor Award in appreciation of their efforts to heighten the integrity of the NCIAC.
- (b) The following definition/criteria shall be utilized in determining worthy recipients for this prestigious award:
1. The definition of "contribution" shall include, but not be limited to; service, commitment, dedication and promotion.
 2. The award shall be based upon service to the conference as a whole.
 3. The individuals can either be retired or no longer involved in the conference.
 4. The duration of service is important, but not vital (one person may make his/her contributions in a few years, and another may make his/her contributions over numerous years).
- (c) The operating procedures for this award are as follows:
1. Each institution may recommend one (1) candidate each year. It shall be permissible for an institution to pass a year and then be permitted to recommend two (2) in a subsequent year, but no more than two (2) candidates may be nominated by one institution in any one year.
 2. Beginning the January following the effective date of withdrawal from the conference, each former NCC member institution may nominate one (1) candidate each year for the NCC Honor Award. It shall be permissible for a former member institution to pass on making any nominations for a year and then nominate up to two (2) individuals in the subsequent year. In order for a nominee(s) from a withdrawn conference member institution to be included on the ballot, which shall be voted upon only by the institutional representatives of the active conference member institutions, the nominating materials for that nominee(s) must be received in the conference office no later than January 31 for consideration in that year. If a nominee(s) from the former member institution is not voted to receive the NCC Honor Award for that year, then the former institution must resubmit the nomination to the conference office by January 31 for re-consideration in any following year. At that time, the former member institution and the conference office will determine if additional nomination materials are needed or if

the nomination materials already submitted by the former member institution are sufficient to be used again.

3. The sponsoring institution shall prepare a written biography or autobiography of the recipient and forward it to the Conference office for distribution to the institutional representatives.
4. Final selection of the candidates shall be approved by the institutional representatives.
5. A suitably designed award shall be presented and will include the Conference seal, the name of the recipient and the date awarded.

33.5 LOREN & MAVIS AMUNDSON NCIAC SPORTS ADMINISTRATION AWARD

(a) The Loren & Mavis Amundson NCIAC Sports Administration Award is intended to recognize students interested in pursuing careers in Sports Administration who have made significant contributions to the NCIAC while serving an internship or similar position with the Conference office.

(b) The following definitions/criteria shall be used in determining worthy recipients for the award:

1. The award recipient must have been formally accepted by the NCIAC for a sports administration student experience.
2. It is recommended that award recipients possess a Bachelors degree and be enrolled in a masters program. An exception might allow an award recipient to have been in a graded curriculum experience leading to successful completion of a Bachelors degree.
3. It is recommended, but not required, that the award recipient have undergraduate involvement in athletics.
4. The award recipient should have an acceptable grade-point-average and must have completed a prescribed course of instruction acceptable to the NCC Commissioner.
5. It is recommended that the award recipient complete a minimum twelve (12) week experience to be eligible for the award.
6. The definition of "contribution" shall include, but not be limited to, service, commitment, dedication, effort, time, and promotion to enhance intercollegiate athletics in the NCC. The award recipient should have exhibited a pleasing personality and interpersonal skills.

(c) The following operating procedures shall be used:

1. The award need not be given annually, at the discretion of the NCC.
2. The NCC Commissioner may nominate one candidate for consideration per year. A written nomination form should then be submitted to the NCC institutional representatives with copies forwarded to the men's

athletic representatives and women's athletic representatives for each member institution. All nominations should remain confidential, even from the nominee, and even if not all pertinent information about the nominee is available. Co-nominations are not permitted.

3. The institutional representatives shall vote whether or not to award the nominee. If a nominated individual is not a recipient of the award in a particular year, then that individual may be nominated again by the NCC Commissioner. It is permissible for the NCC Commissioner to pass on nominating an individual for a particular year(s) and then nominate one candidate in any subsequent year(s).
4. If funds are available in the North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Fund in the Sioux Falls Area Foundation, then a suitably designed plaque (including the NCC conference mark, the name of the award recipient and the date of the award), and a cash award, as determined appropriate by the NCC Commissioner and institutional representatives, shall be presented to the award recipient(s).
5. Additional or modified criteria and/or operating procedures may be established by the NCC institutional representatives, or their designee(s).

33.6 NOEL OLSON VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- (a) The Noel Olson North Central Conference Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes the singular commitment of former North Central Intercollegiate Athletics Conference Commissioner Noel Olson to the advancement of NCC visibility, credibility and excellence throughout the nation during his 1984-1997 tenure in the office. The award is intended to honor individuals who, as volunteers, have made significant contributions to the NCC as a whole. On a periodic basis, one or more of these individuals shall receive the award in appreciation of efforts to support NCC activities and/or athletic programs within any NCC member institution(s) or the NCC conference office.
- (b) The following definitions/criteria shall be used in determining worthy recipients for the award:
 1. The definition of "contribution" shall include, but not be limited to, service, commitment, dedication, effort, time, and promotion to enhance intercollegiate athletics in the NCC and a NCC member institution(s).
 2. Generally, a nominee(s) should not be a part-time or full-time employee(s) of a NCC member institution(s) or the NCC conference office. However, the definition of "volunteer" may include an individual(s) who has received nominal or minimal compensation for contribution(s), but whose contribution(s) were clearly not motivated by the compensation.
 3. The award shall be based upon service to one or more NCC member institution(s), the NCC conference office, or to the conference as a whole.
 4. The nominated individual(s) may be either retired or actively involved with a NCC member institution(s) or the NCC conference office.

5. The duration of service is important, but not vital.
- (c) The following operating procedures shall be used:
1. NCC member institutions and the NCC conference office are encouraged to submit one nomination for consideration on an annual basis. Nominations should be submitted to the NCC conference office through the NCC institutional representative, director of men's athletics or director of women's athletics. All nominations should remain confidential, even from the nominee, and even if not all pertinent information about the nominee is available. If a nomination is not a recipient of the award in a particular year, then that nomination may be presented again by a NCC member institution or the NCC conference office for the subsequent two year(s) without unnecessary updating of the written nomination materials. It is permissible for an institution or the conference office to pass on a nomination for a particular year(s) and then make a nomination in any subsequent year(s).
 2. The sponsoring NCC member institution or NCC conference office shall prepare a written biography of the nomination and submit it to the NCC conference office by the designated deadline. The NCC conference office shall then distribute all nominations to the NCC institutional representatives, or their designee(s), by the designated deadline.
 3. At the discretion of the NCC institutional representatives, or their designee(s), the award need not be given annually. In any particular year, the NCC institutional representatives, or their designee(s), may select no more than three (3) award recipients from the pool of those nominated.
 4. If funds are available in the North Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Fund in the Sioux Falls Area Foundation, then a suitably designed plaque (including the NCC conference mark, the name of the award recipient and the date of the award), and a cash award, as determined appropriate by the institutional representatives, shall be presented to the Award recipient(s).
 5. Additional or modified criteria and/or operating procedures may be established by the NCC institutional representatives, or their designee(s).

33.7 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- (a) In the sports of baseball, men's basketball, women's basketball, cross country, football, indoor track & field, outdoor track & field, women's soccer, softball, swimming & diving, volleyball and wrestling, student-athletes will be selected as NCC Players of the Week during the respective seasons. Volleyball will select both a hitter, defensive player and a setter each week. For volleyball: offensive players will be judged on offensive stats, defensive players on digs, digs per game, blocks and blocks per game, setters on setting and hitting averages. Football will select an offensive player of the week, a defensive player of the week and a special teams player of the week. Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field will select one track and one field athlete for honors each week.

- (b) Sports information directors will fax their institutions' nominees for NCC Player of the Week to the conference office on Monday mornings by 9:00 a.m. Central, except for the softball which will be on Monday at 2 p.m. In sports where computerized stats are used the nominations must be submitted using the individual player, selected games report for the games of that week. The conference office will make the selections on the same morning and prepare a press release for the conference institutions and the media.
- (c) Starting selection dates for each sport:
1. Selection dates for football (offensive, defensive players), cross country and women's soccer (offensive and defensive players) shall begin on the first Tuesday after Labor Day and be on Mondays thereafter.
 2. Selection dates for volleyball will begin the Monday following the first weekend of play with Mondays thereafter.
 3. Selection dates for swimming & diving (swimmer and diver) shall begin on the last Monday of October.
 4. Selection dates for wrestling shall begin on the second Monday of November.
 5. Selection dates for men's and women's basketball shall begin on the last Monday of November.
 6. Selection dates for indoor track & field shall begin on the third Monday of January.
 7. Selection dates for softball (player and pitcher) shall begin on the second Tuesday of March.
 8. Selection dates for baseball (player and pitcher) and outdoor track & field shall begin on the third Tuesday of March.

33.8 NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE KOLPACK MEDIA AWARD

- (a) The North Central Conference will recognize an individual who has demonstrated honesty, fairness, and integrity in reporting Conference events. The individual selected for the North Central Conference Kolpack Media Award should be a media representative (e.g., print reporter, television reporter or radio play-by-play or analyst) for an institution within the NCC.
- (b) Selection procedure shall be as follows
1. Each Sports Information Director shall be allowed to recommend one (1) candidate for the NCC Media Award. Information on the candidate should be brought to the annual SID spring meeting. Selection will be made by the SID's at the annual meeting.
 2. A standard conference certificate shall be presented to the winner in the fall at the applicable institution's discretion.

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- (c) The award shall be referred to as the NCC Media Award in all public releases.

33.9 RUTH MARSKE AWARD

- (a) The NCC Ruth Marske Award will be presented to a female student athlete who meets the following criteria:

1. A female student-athlete who is in her senior year of eligibility.
2. Minimum GPA of 3.00.
3. Made a significant contribution to her team. This would include providing inspiration for teammates, providing leadership on and off the playing field/court, and making her team stronger by association.
4. Made a significant contribution to her home and/or her college community. Significant contribution would include work with a college organization, taking a leadership role in a sorority or other notable campus group, being involved with senior citizens, Girl Scouts, or other volunteerism would be examples.
5. Strong indication of facing some adversity and/or showing considerable courage which influenced her collegiate career.

- (b) The selection procedures is as follows:

1. Each institution may nominate one (1) female athlete candidate each year.
2. The senior women administrator from each institution shall fill out the nomination form (using only the front and back of a single sheet for their institution's nominee) and send the form to the NCC office via facsimile. The NCC office will send out information on all nominees to each institution's SWA. The SWAs will then fax their selections to the NCC office.
3. The award recipient will receive a plaque and the NCC director of media relations shall send out a press release on National Women and Girls in Sport Day (early February).

- (c) The award shall be referred to as the NCC Courage Award in all public releases.

33.10 ALL CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

- (a) All Conference selection for all sports will be done by assigning one (1) vote for each person (1pt. value). A coach may not vote for his/her own student-athletes. Ties will be re-voted on unless they are within the prescribed number for the team.
- (b) Special Awards (MVP, Freshman of the Year, Coach Of the Year, etc.) will be voted on separately by the coaches with the coaches allowed to nominate one (1) student-athlete per award but not allowed to vote for their own student-athletes

or for themselves. Exception: In men's basketball coaches may nominate more than one of their student-athletes for special awards.

- (c) All Most Valuable Player awards (and awards that are similar to this) shall be elected within the numerical limits of the applicable All-Conference team. If in the voting, a player not on the all-conference team is selected MVP, then the coaches shall re-vote to select the MVP from among those individuals who are on the first team.
- (d) All Conference athletes and special award recipients will receive the standard conference certificates.

33.11 BASEBALL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

- (a) The NCC All-Conference Baseball Team shall be chosen by the baseball coaches of the conference using the following procedures:
 1. The conference office will send the baseball awards nomination form to each institution at least two (2) weeks prior to the NCC Baseball Championship Tournament.
 2. The baseball coaches shall nominate their own student-athletes and send nominations back to the conference office via facsimile by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the tournament (i.e., Monday, May 8, 2006).
 3. The conference office will produce a ballot and distribute via facsimile the ballot to all coaches prior to the conference tournament.
 4. The baseball coaches will send their votes to the conference office via facsimile by 1:00 p.m. on the Monday after the tournament. Coaches may not vote for their own student-athletes or themselves. The conference office will tabulate the results.
 5. The NCC director of media relations will release the NCC All-Conference baseball team as follows:
 - a. Infielders: 6
 - b. Catcher: 1
 - c. Designated Hitter: 1
 - d. Outfielders: 4
 - e. Pitchers: 4
 - f. Relief Pitchers: 1
 - g. Most Valuable Pitcher: 1
 - h. Most Valuable Player: 1
 - i. Coach of the Year: 1
 - j. Any nominated players that receive votes will be named honorable mention. Coaches may also nominate players for honorable mention only status.
- (b) All all-conference team members and individual award honorees shall receive the standard NCC award certificates.

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- (c) The individual batting champion of the Conference shall be the player with the highest batting average in Conference games.
 - 1. To qualify for the batting championship, a player must have a minimum of 2.0 official times at bat per conference game played by his team, and play in a minimum of 50% of his team's conference games.
- (d) Individual pitching champion of the Conference should be determined by a vote of the coaches.
- (e) The NCC baseball champion shall receive a regulation NCC championship plaque. In the event of ties, duplicate championship plaques shall be awarded.
- (f) The members of the NCC baseball champion team shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.12 MEN'S BASKETBALL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

- (a) All-Conference Team: An All-Conference team consisting of ten (10) players shall be selected annually by vote of the conference head men's basketball coaches at the completion of conference play using the following procedures:
 - 1. The conference office will provide all head coaches with an all-conference nomination form. The coaches will fax their nominations to the conference office by 12:00 Noon on the Monday prior to the last weekend of conference play. To be eligible for a nomination, a student-athlete must participate in at least seven (7) conference games.
 - 2. The conference office will receive the nomination forms, prepare a ballot and fax the ballot to all head coaches. Coaches may vote for ten (10) players, but may not vote for any of their own players.
 - 3. Coaches will fax their ballots to the conference office. The conference office will tabulate the ballots and the ten (10) student-athletes receiving the highest number of votes will be named to the all-conference team. The next five student-athletes receiving the most votes, plus ties, will be honorable mention.
- (b) Individual Awards: The most valuable player in the NCC shall be selected annually by the vote of the basketball coaches of the conference using the following procedures:
 - 1. The balloting for this honor will be included by the conference office as part of the process to select the all-conference team. As with the all-conference team, coaches may not vote for any of their own players.
 - 2. The announcement of the most valuable player shall be made by the conference office at the time of the release of the all-conference team.
 - 3. In addition, the following individual awards will be given at the same time as the all-conference team and using the same procedures: Outstanding Freshman of the Year; Defensive Player of the Year; New Comer of the Year, and Coach of the Year. In each case, coaches are not

permitted to vote for any of their own student-athletes or for themselves for these awards.

4. All all-conference team members and individual award honorees shall receive an award certificate from the conference office.
- (c) Team Awards:
1. The NCC men's basketball champion shall receive a regulation NCC championship plaque. In the event of ties, duplicate championship plaques shall be awarded.
 2. The members of the NCC men's basketball champion team shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.13 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

- (a) All-Conference Team: An All-Conference team consisting of ten (10) student-athletes shall be selected annually by vote of the conference head women's basketball coaches using the following procedures:
1. The conference office will provide all head coaches with an all-conference nomination form. The coaches will fax their nominations to the conference office by 12:00 Noon on the Monday prior to the last weekend of conference play. To be eligible for a nomination, a student-athlete must participate in a majority of the conference games.
 2. The conference office will receive the nomination forms, prepare a ballot and fax the ballot to all head coaches. Coaches may vote for ten (10) student-athletes, but may not vote for any of their own student-athletes.
 3. Coaches will fax their ballots to the conference office. The conference office will tabulate the ballots and the ten (10) student-athletes receiving the highest number of votes will be named to the all-conference team. The next five student-athletes receiving the most votes, plus ties, will be honorable mention.
- (b) Individual Awards: The Freshman of the Year, Most Valuable Player, Defensive Player of the Year, Newcomer of the Year and Coach of the Year in the NCC shall be selected annually by the vote of the basketball coaches of the conference using the following procedures:
1. The balloting for this honor will be included by the conference office as part of the process to select the all-conference team.
 2. Each coach may nominate one (1) candidate for each of these awards. All head coaches will automatically be nominated for the Coach of the Year Award.
 3. Coaches may vote for one candidate for each of these awards, but may not vote for any of their own student-athletes or for themselves.

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4. The balloting and announcement of the winners of these individual awards shall be made by the conference office at the time of the balloting and release of the all-conference team.
 5. In the case of a tie for Coach of the Year, there shall be Co-Coaches of the Year.
 6. All all-conference team members and individual award honorees shall receive an award certificate from the conference office.
- (c) Team Awards:
1. The NCC women's basketball champion shall receive a regulation NCC championship plaque. In the event of ties, duplicate championship plaques shall be awarded.
 2. The members of the NCC women's basketball champion team shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.14 CROSS COUNTRY INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

- (a) Individual Awards:
1. Individual runners finishing first (1) through tenth (10), men and women, shall each receive the standard NCC award certificates.
 2. The Men's and Women's Coaches of the Year in the NCC shall be selected annually by a vote of the cross country coaches. The balloting will be conducted on the Monday following the NCC Championships by conference office. Each coach shall have one (1) vote for each team he/she coaches.
- (b) Team Awards:
1. The NCC men's cross country champion team and the women's cross country champion team shall receive regulation NCC championship plaques.
 2. The members of the conference cross country championship teams shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.15 FOOTBALL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

- (a) All-Conference Team:
1. A first and second, offensive and defensive, team shall be selected annually by vote of the conference football coaches at the completion of conference play. All honorees will receive the standard conference certificates.

(b) Selection Process:

1. Coaches will fax the nomination form to the conference office with their nominees by 4:00 p.m. (Central) on the Tuesday after the last weekend of conference play.
2. The conference office will prepare a ballot and distribute to all head coaches by Wednesday. The coaches will have a conference call on Thursday to discuss each student-athlete. Coaches shall vote for the designated number of student-athletes in each category, exclusive of members of their own squad. The coaches will return the ballot by fax to the conference office by 12:00 noon on Thursday. The conference office will tabulate the results and distribute a press release on Friday.
3. In tabulating the results for each category, the conference office will identify those receiving the highest number of votes for first team All-Conference. The next highest vote recipient in each category will be named to the second team, and all others receiving votes will be named honorable mention.
4. The following are the positions and numbers to be selected:
Offense: offensive line – 5; running backs – 3; receivers – 3; quarterback – 1; tight end – 1; kicker – 1.
Defense: defensive line – 4; outside linebackers – 2; inside linebackers – 3; defensive backs – 4; punter – 1.

(c) Individual Awards:

1. The conference football coaches shall select annually the outstanding offensive back; defensive back; offensive lineman; defensive lineman; receiver; linebacker; return specialist, and a utility player. The utility player may not be a member of the first team. This should be done at the same time that the coaches select the All-Conference teams.
2. The announcement of the recipients of the individual awards shall be made by the NCC director of media relations.
3. Student-athletes selected for the individual awards shall receive a standard NCC individual award certificate.

(d) Team Awards:

1. The conference football champion team shall receive a regulation NCC championship plaque. In the case of ties, duplicate trophies shall be awarded.
2. The members of the conference football championship team shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.16 GOLF INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

- (a) All-Conference Team Selection Process:
1. Top five finishers in the NCC Men's & Women's Golf Championships, plus ties, are automatically first team All-Conference.
 2. #6-10 finishers in the NCC Men's & Women's Golf Championships, plus ties, are automatically second team All-Conference.
- (b) Individual Awards:
1. The top five (5) finishers at the NCC Golf Championships shall receive individual award certificates.
 2. The coaches of the teams that win the NCC Men's and Women's Golf Championship Tournaments shall automatically be declared the NCC Men's and Women's Golf Coaches of the Year and they shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.
- (c) Team Awards:
1. The Conference men's and women's golf champion teams shall receive regulation NCC championship plaques.
 2. The members of the Conference men's and women's golf champion teams shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.17 SOCCER INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

- (a) All-Conference Team:
1. An All-Conference Team consisting of twenty-two (22) players (First team of 3 forwards, 3 mid-field players, 3 defensive players, 1 other mid-fielder or defensive player and 1 goalkeeper and a second team of 3 forwards, 3 mid-field players, 3 defensive players, 1 other mid-fielder or defensive player and 1 goalkeeper) shall be selected annually by the vote of the conference women's soccer coaches at the completion of conference play.
 2. A Most Valuable Player, Freshman of the Year and Coach of the Year shall be selected annually by the women's soccer coaches. The Freshman of the Year shall be eligible for the All-Conference team if she receives the sufficient number of votes.
- (b) Selection Process:
1. Coaches will fax the nomination form to the conference office with their nominees by 12:00 noon (Central) on the Monday after the last weekend of conference play. To be eligible for a nomination, a player must have played in at least 50% of an institution's matches.

2. The conference office will prepare a ballot and distribute to all head coaches.
 3. Coaches shall vote for the designated number of student-athletes in each category, exclusive of members of their own squad.
 4. The coaches will return the ballot by fax to the conference office. The conference office will tabulate the results and distribute a press release.
- (d) Team Awards:
1. The conference women's soccer champion team shall receive a regulation NCC championship plaque.
 2. The members of the conference women's soccer championship team shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.18 SOFTBALL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

- (a) All Conference Team: An All-Conference team consisting of a total of seventeen (17) players shall be selected (3 pitchers, 2 catchers, 6 infielders, 6 outfielders, 1 designated player and 1 utility player or at large selection) by a vote of the Conference softball coaches prior to the Conference Championship. Coaches will try to select one (1) player for each of the nine (9) positions. The following process will be used:
1. The NCC director of media relations will send out the softball nomination form (found in the softball appendix) to all NCC institutions for their nominations at least two (2) weeks before the Conference Championship.
 2. Coaches shall nominate their own student-athletes by returning the form to the Conference office by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Conference Championship.
 3. The Conference director of media relations will create a ballot and distribute it to all coaches, along with season statistics, the Wednesday morning before the Conference Championship.
 4. Coaches will fax their votes to the conference office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning.
 5. The All-Conference team will be announced to the coaches at the coaches meeting prior to the Conference Championship.
 6. The All-Conference team will be announced after the first round of the Conference Championship.
 7. The NCC director of media relations will release the All-Conference team on the Friday of the Conference Championship.
 8. A Conference award certificate shall be awarded to each of the student-athletes named to the NCC All-Conference team.

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(b) Individual Awards: The Coach of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and Most Outstanding Player shall be selected annually by a vote of the softball coaches of the Conference using the following process:

1. Coaches shall nominate their own student-athletes to the Conference office at the same time that they fax their nominations for All-Conference.
2. Each coach will vote for one (1) individual for these awards (coaches may not vote for their own student-athletes or for themselves).
3. The individual receiving the highest number of votes shall be named the Coach of the Year, Freshman of the Year, and Most Outstanding Player of the year.
4. The announcement of the Coach of the Year, Freshman of the year and Most Outstanding Player shall be made at the time of the release of the All-Conference team by the NCC director of media relations.
5. The Freshman of the Year award winner will be eligible for All Conference if she receives enough votes.
6. All Conference team members and individual award honorees shall receive an award certificate from the conference office.

(c) Team Awards:

1. The Conference softball champion shall be awarded the official championship plaque.
2. A Conference certificate shall be awarded to each of the student-athletes on the championship team.

33.19 SWIMMING & DIVING INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

(a) Individual Awards:

1. The individual top three finishers in each individual event and the members of the top three relay teams shall receive the standard NCC award certificates.
2. Balloting by the coaches for the Outstanding Men's Swimmer, Men's Freshman of the Year, Men's Newcomer of the Year, Outstanding Men's Diver, Outstanding Women's Swimmer, Women's Freshman of the Year, Women's Newcomer of the Year and Outstanding Women's Diver, shall take place during the 15-minute break during the finals on Saturday evening. Freshman is defined as a true freshman or a redshirt, and newcomer is defined as anyone else in his/her first NCC Championship Meet. Each of the honorees shall receive a standard NCC award certificate.
3. Balloting by the coaches for the Men's Coach of the Year, and Women's Coach of the Year shall take place during the 15-minute break during

the finals on Saturday evening. Each of these individuals shall receive a standard NCC award certificate.

(b) Team Awards:

1. The conference men's and women's swimming & diving champion teams shall receive regulation NCC championship plaques.
2. The members of the conference men's and women's swimming & diving champion teams shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.20 MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

- (a) Individual award certificates shall be given to first and second place in each flight of singles and doubles.
- (b) The members of the champion men's team and the champion women's team shall receive the standard NCC award certificates.
- (c) The champion men's team and the champion women's team shall receive an official NCC championship plaque. In the case of a tie, duplicate plaques shall be awarded to both teams.
- (d) Coach of the Year shall be awarded to the coach of the team that claims each Championship.

33.21 INDOOR & OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

(a) Individual Awards:

1. The top three (3) individual place winners in each event and the members of the top three (3) teams in each relay shall receive the standard NCC award certificates.
2. Balloting by the coaches for the Outstanding Athletes (one male and one female), and NCC Men's and Women's Coaches of the Year shall be done on the Monday following the NCC Indoor and Outdoor Championships. Each coach shall have one vote for each team he/she coaches.

(c) Team Awards:

1. The NCC men's indoor and outdoor champion teams and the women's indoor and outdoor champion teams shall receive regulation NCC championship plaques. In the case of ties, duplicate plaques shall be awarded.
2. The members of the conference championship teams shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.22 VOLLEYBALL INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

(a) An All-Conference Team consisting of twelve (12) student-athletes shall be selected annually by vote of the conference volleyball coaches.

(b) Selection Process:

1. Coaches will fax the nomination form (Volleyball Appendix) to the conference office with their nominees by 10:00 a.m. (Central) on the Monday prior to the last weekend of conference play.
2. The conference office will prepare a ballot and distribute to all head coaches. The conference director of media relations will compile the cumulative conference statistics, excluding the last weekend of play, of each of the nominees and distribute to all the coaches by 12:00 noon on the Tuesday prior to the last weekend of conference play.
3. Coaches will vote for twelve (12) student-athletes, except for members of their own squad, and return by fax to the conference office by 12:00 noon on the Wednesday prior to the last weekend of conference play. The conference office will tabulate the results and the twelve (12) student-athletes receiving the highest number of votes will be named to the NCC All-Conference Team. In addition, an Honorable Mention list up to a maximum of six (6) student-athletes will be named. The conference director of media relations will release the NCC All-Conference Team to the coaches on the Thursday prior to the last weekend of Conference play and the results will be released to the public on the Monday after the last weekend of conference play.
4. The MVP, Freshman of the Year, Defensive Specialist and Coach of the Year will be the individuals receiving the most points within their designated category.

(c) Team Awards:

1. The conference volleyball champion team shall receive a regulation NCC championship plaque.
2. The fifteen (15) members of the conference volleyball championship team shall receive the standard NCC individual awards.

33.23 WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS

(a) Individual Awards:

1. The individual conference champions will be the highest NCC finishers in each weight at the NCAA regional Championship and they shall receive the standard Conference award certificates.
2. The top two NCC finishers in each weight at the NCAA Regional Championship will be declared members of the NCC All-Conference Wrestling Team and they shall receive the standard Conference award certificates.

3. Outstanding Wrestler Award: The following criteria shall be applied by the coaches in voting for the outstanding North Central Conference wrestler: (1) Conference Champion (past tournament performance, number of titles); (2) Potential performance in national competition; (3) Preference to upper classmen. The Outstanding Wrestler of the Year and the Freshman Wrestler of the Year shall receive the standard Conference award certificates.
 4. Coach of the Year shall be voted on by the coaches.
- (b) Team Awards:
1. The North Central Conference wrestling championship team shall receive a standard NCC championship plaque. In the event of ties, duplicate championship plaques shall be awarded
 2. The members of the NCC wrestling champion team shall receive the standard NCC individual award certificates.

33.24 NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE ALL-SPORTS AWARDS

- (a) Points for the annual NCC All-Sports Awards for men's sports and for women's sports shall be based on regular-season finishes for all team sports.
- (b) Beginning in 2003-04, the Conference also will award the "North Central Conference Cup" to the institution that has the highest total of points for all women's and men's sports combined.
- (c) Each year, the institutions that win the Women's All-Sports Award, the Men's All-Sports Awards and the North Central Conference Cup shall receive the standard conference award plaques.
- (d) Points will be awarded on a decending basis with the highest number in each sport equal to the total number of teams participating in that championship. (i.e. if all seven schools are involved it would be 7 pts. for 1st, 6 pts. for 2nd, etc.; if four teams participated then it would be 4 pts. for 1st, 3 pts for 2nd.)