

Athletic Awards System

Athletic Awards are given on the basis of participation, 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.

Certificate of Participation/Medal (SOTX – Special Needs and ACCESS)

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 and medal if the coach feels they are justified.

Varsity Letter/Jacket (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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year lettering athletes.

Iron Ranger Award (high school)

A team member successfully completes at least 3 seasons (JV and Varsity levels) during one school year.

Individual Honors (high school)

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

Senior Athletic Award (high school)

Awards to the senior(s) based on the following criteria (JV and Varsity levels):

- Enrolled TSD 9th grade – must participate in at least 8 seasons
- 10th grade – must participate in at least 6 seasons
- 11th grade – must participate in at least 4 seasons
- 12th grade – must participate in at least 2 seasons
- If a senior has played for one sport for four years, he/she is still qualified for this award.

Ranger Commitment Award (high school)

Awards to the senior(s) who participated in at least 12 seasons (JV and Varsity levels).

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

- High School – Banner in Seeger gymnasium, wood-plaquet team's picture, and chenille patch

League Champions Recognition

- High School – Specially-designed championship t-shirt and chenille patch
- Middle School - Banner in TSD gymnasium (add-a-line), team's picture, and specially-designed championship t-shirt

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:

- 1-4 players – medal each
- 5-9 – max. 2 awards
- 10-14 – max. 3 awards
- 15-19 – max. 4 awards
- 20+ - 5+ awards

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

Most Valuable Player	Most Outstanding Player	All-Around Player
<small>High School</small>	<small>High School</small>	<small>Middle School</small>
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.	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.	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.
Coaches Award	Most Improved Player	Most Dedicated Player
<small>High School/Middle School</small>	<small>High School/Middle School</small>	<small>High School/Middle School</small>
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.	A player who has made improvement in all facets of the sport s/he played in; may earn this award by showing great improvement from day one to last day.	A player who is "team player" and has earned the admiration of his/her coaches and teammates; has shown qualities of sportsmanship and unselfishness.

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

an athlete should not receive more than 3 team awards

Female/Male Yearly Major Awards

(Seniors/8th graders should be considered first, and then if none is qualified, we will evaluate lower classmen in consideration of this award)

Ranger Pride	Sportsmanship	Rookie of the Year
<small>High School</small>	<small>High School</small>	<small>High School (9th or newcoming Sophomore only)</small>
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 class A/B 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 class A/B 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 class A/B offenses
Manager of the Year	Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year	Athlete of the Year
<small>High School</small>	<small>High School</small>	<small>High School/Middle School</small>
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 class A/B 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 class A/B 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 class A/B offenses
Scholar-Athlete of the Year		
<small>High School/Middle School</small>		
Good student, at least 3.5 (weighed) 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 class A/B offenses.		

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