

ICSA All-Academic Team Selection Committee Report

Winter meeting, 2013

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Committee members for 2012 selection:

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Team for 2012

-35 members, 9 First team, 10 Second team, 16 All-Conference

-Online nomination period was delayed significantly (2.5 months) due to delay of online nomination set-up.

Proposals for 2013 team

1 Remove limit on number of nominations per institution.

Reasoning: The limit of 3 nominees makes gender equity in nominating virtually impossible as there is no discrimination between women's and coed team candidates. A coach or team administrator should not be the one making the decision as to who is worthy of nomination and may not nominate the best candidate. Coaches with experience on the committee have a distinct advantage with a clearer understanding of the award criteria. New coaches, student leaders, and team administrators are at a disadvantage. Also, it is not fair to deserving candidates to be excluded from consideration because other members of their team are successful.

Counter point: "It will take the award away from other candidates from other schools." The award criteria and award process is strict enough that the committee will not add an unqualified candidate to "fill a spot" on a team. All-Conference team allows all deserving sailors to be recognized.

2 Adjust nomination period to occur during the spring semester, team to be named in the first 2 weeks of September as originally.

This change would allow the academic portion of the nomination criteria to be submitted during the spring semester. This would allow school officials better communication with their Student Athletes and AAST Selection Committee would still use all competition data including all events including spring nationals and All-America Committee rating but would no longer use academic information from final spring semester. This would allow Committee to announce team in early September as is outlined in the original Team Criteria. Academic data would be based on the following:

Current system- Seniors: 8 semesters and Juniors: 6 semesters.

Proposed change- Seniors: 7 semesters and Juniors: 5 semesters.

- 3 Web page. I have compiled a historical list of teams named since 2006. We would like this to be added to the ICSA website as a standalone page linked from the awards page. Right now, there is no way to see any information on this award unless navigating from the old news page.

Proposed changes to criteria:

ICSA All-Academic Sailing Team Award Criteria

The ICSA All-Academic Sailing Team recognizes those scholar athletes who have distinguished themselves in national and intersectional competition, while achieving the highest levels of academic excellence. The ICSA All-Academic Sailing Team (AAST) was inaugurated in 2006, and joins the ICSA All-American Sailing Team, which recognizes outstanding competitive performance only.

Selection of the ICSA All-Academic Sailing Team is made by a seven person committee with representatives from each of the seven conferences that comprise the InterCollegiate Sailing Association. In selecting the All Academic Sailing Team, the AAST Selection Committee identifies those sailors with the strongest academic records who have also distinguished themselves as competitors in either national or intersectional competition. The Selection Committee uses the same competitive data used for the ICSA All American Committee. In determining whether an individual should be named to a national versus a conference team, the individual with the stronger competitive record at a national championship or at numerous intersectional events shall be named to a national team.

Each year, up to 10 scholar athletes are selected for the National First Team, with up to another 10 selected for the National Second Team. In addition, the All Academic Sailing Team (AAST) Selection Committee may select up to 35 scholar athletes for All Conference recognition. In order to be eligible for consideration, a scholar athlete must have a junior or senior academic standing, and have completed one full academic year at the member institution prior to the year for which the award is being received. The nominee must have achieved a minimum cumulative overall grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.00 scale. Each nomination must be endorsed by a college official (sports information director, club sports official, team advisor, or coach).

As a competitor, the nominee must be a key starter or reserve member of their institution's sailing team; no distinction is made between sailors who compete for teams that are considered varsity sports or club sports by their respective institution. The nominee must have sailed in any of the six ICSA national championship disciplines (coed doublehanded, women's doublehanded, men's singlehanded, women's singlehanded, coed team racing, or match racing), in any capacity (skipper or crew), though the nominee is not required to have competed in a national championship event.

Responsibility for submitting a nomination rests solely with the nominee and the nominee's institution. **In addition, each institution is limited to a maximum of three nominations. (Proposal #1: Delete bolded sentence, insert "Institutions may nominate any student athlete who meets the nomination criteria.")** The 201x All-Academic Sailing Team will be announced September of 201x.