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Background

At the 2003 ICSA Annual Meeting, I proposed a motion to explore the establishment of an ICSA Academic All American Team. President Brindley formed a small working group, and an Academic All American Committee was officially established at the 2004 ICSA Winter Meeting, with members to be appointed by each district. I was appointed MAISA representative. I have done considerable research into this area, and submit the following proposal for consideration.

In order to develop a viable proposal, I explored the systems used by other sports to recognize notable athletic achievement by outstanding collegiate scholars. The purpose was three-fold: 1) to determine the criteria used, 2) to see how the teams were broken down (i.e. nationally and/or by district), and 3) to determine a team size that was appropriate.

Comparison of Different Academic All America Teams

The College Sports Information Directors of America (www.cosida.com) is the largest administering body for academic all-America honors. CoSIDA selects the Verizon Academic All-America teams in 12 programs: football, women’s volleyball, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s basketball, women’s basketball, baseball, softball, men’s track & field/cross country, women’s track & field/cross country, men’s at-large and women’s at-large. (Also note that CoSIDA has trade-marked the term “Academic All American”, so we will need to develop another term.)

First, second, and third teams are selected in both the University (Division I and I-AA) and College (Division II, III and NAIA) Divisions. Football consists of just first and second teams.

To be eligible for selection to the Verizon Academic All-America Teams, a college scholar-athlete must:

- Be nominated by his or her Sports Information Director;
- Hold a minimum of 3.20 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) for his or her career;
- Be a starter or a key reserve on a varsity team;
- Have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his or her current institution.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (www.mpsports.org): To be nominated for the award, a student-athlete is judged on the following criteria:

- 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average;
- Must be at least a sophomore academically;
- Must have completed one full academic year at the member institution prior to the season for which the award is being received

- Must have completed in fifty percent or more of the institution's competition in the student-athlete's respective sport.

Daktronics-NAIA Women's Soccer All-America Scholar-Athletes (www.naia.org). Recipients must have a junior or senior academic standing and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5.

The California Community College League's Pepsi Scholar Athlete Award (www.coasports.org). The highest student achievement honor awarded annually by the CCCL Commission on Athletics (COA). The winners, along with the rest of the annual honor roll, are selected by the COA Awards Committee from nominations made by community colleges throughout California. Candidates for the Pepsi Scholar Athlete Award must carry a minimum GPA of 3.5 and must also show outstanding leadership as an athlete, student, or in other college and community activities, as well as have participated in two seasons of sport at a California community college. The Scholar Team Award is the highest academic team achievement given annually by the COA. All team members must have excelled academically with a total GPA of 3.0 or higher. The team should have demonstrated better than average accomplishments in intercollegiate athletic competition.

Statistical Overview of Men's Soccer

837 schools sponsor men's soccer programs in the US. They recognize 166 competitive All Americans (through national, divisional first, second and third teams), and 215 Academic All Americans (through a combination of national and regional first, second, and third teams).

Statistical Overview of Women's Volleyball

980 schools sponsor women's volleyball programs in the US. They recognize 123 competitive All Americans (through national, divisional first, second and third teams), and 283 Academic All Americans (through a combination of national and district first, second, and third teams).

Statistical Overview of Women's Basketball

1023 schools sponsor women's basketball programs in the US. Different organizations recognize 75 competitive All Americans (through divisional teams), and 238 Academic All Americans (through a combination of national and district first, second, and third teams).

Appendix 1 – Proposal for the ICSA All-American Scholar Athlete Team

General

The ICSA Athletic Scholar Awards recognize those scholar-athletes who have distinguished themselves in national and intersectional competition, while achieving the highest levels of academic excellence.

Selection Committee

Comprised of one representative appointed by each district, with the Chairman selected by the ICSA President from the committee membership.

Eligibility requirements

1. Nominee must have a junior or senior academic standing
2. Nominee must have completed one full academic year at the member institution prior to the year for which the award is being received
3. Nominee must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.25 (on a 4.00 scale)
4. Nominee must be a key starter or reserve
5. Nominee may have sailed in any discipline (singlehanded, double-handed, sloops, coed, women) in any capacity (skipper, crew)
6. Nominee must be nominated by their Sports Information Director

Team Composition

Option 1

1. Two national teams, not to exceed a total of 20 scholar athletes
2. National team honorable mention, not to exceed 10 scholar athletes

Option 2

Option 1, plus seven All-District teams:

1. Total number of district selectees not to exceed 50 scholar athletes
2. Distribution should approximate the allocation of berths at the ICSA Coed Championships.

Nominations Procedures

1. Nominations shall be submitted by 1 July (1 September in first year)
2. Nominations shall be accompanied by a copy of the nominee's official transcript
3. Nominations shall be submitted to the identified AASA Committee Chairman, or other designated individual, following procedures established by the AASA committee.

Evaluation Criteria

1. The AASA Committee will be provided the same metric data developed by the Intersectional Coordinator for the All American Committee.
2. In selecting members of the AASA Team, the Committee will identify those sailors with the strongest academic records who have also distinguished themselves as competitors in either national or intersectional competition.
3. The criteria used to evaluate an individual for competitive achievement will be the same as used by the All American Committee, but to a lesser degree.
4. In determining whether an individual should be named to a national versus a district team, the individual with the stronger competitive record at a national championship or at numerous intersectional events shall be named to a national team.

Announcement and Award

1. The National and District Teams shall be named by 1 November.
2. The ICSA shall provide two (2) certificates for each member, one for the individual and one for the individual's school.
3. The National and District Teams may be sponsored.

Appendix 2 – Detailed Statistics on Other Academic All American Programs

Men's Soccer

Number of programs (from NCAA 2003-2004 data):

NCAA Division I – 199 schools
NCAA Division II - 157 schools
NCAA Division III - 373 schools
NCCAA DI – 50 schools
NCCAA DII – 58 schools

2003 Competitive All Americans

DI - Three teams (11-12-12)
DII - Three teams (11-11-13)
DIII - Three teams (12-13-13)
NAIA - Three teams (11-11-11)
NCCAA DI – One team (13)
NCCAA DIII – One team (12)

2003 Scholar All-Americans

(Selected by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, NSCAA).

Three national teams (12-11-14)

2003 Scholar All-District Teams

East

1st Team (12) – 3.50 to 3.97, Mean 3.78, Median 3.80
2nd Team (11) – 3.31 to 3.93, Mean 3.66, Median 3.67
Honorable Mention (53) – 3.30 to 3.97, Mean 3.58, Median 3.56

North/Central

1st Team (11) – 3.52 to 4.00, Mean 3.72, Median 3.71
2nd Team (11) – 3.30 to 3.83, Mean 3.51, Median 3.47
Honorable Mention (0)

South

1st Team (10) – 3.30 to 3.92, Mean 3.89, Median 3.48
2nd Team (11) – 3.30 to 3.96, Mean 3.73, Median 3.80
3rd Team (12) – 3.47 to 3.90, Mean 3.64, Median 3.63
Honorable Mention (21) – 3.30 to 3.96, Mean 3.63, Median 3.59

West

1st Team (15) – 3.35 to 3.90, Mean 3.59, Median 3.50
2nd Team (11) – 3.40 to 4.00, Mean 3.60, Median 3.50

Women's Volleyball

Number of programs (from NCAA 2003-2004 data):

- NCAA Division I – 313 schools
- NCAA Division II – 260 schools
- NCAA Division III – 407 schools

2003 Competitive All Americans

(Selected by the American Volleyball Coaches Association)

- DI – Two teams (12-12)
- DII – Three teams (12-12-12)
- DIII – Honorable Mentions only (63)

2003 Verizon Academic All Americans

- University Division – Three teams (6-7-8)
- College Division – Three teams (6-6-6)

2003 Verizon Academic All District Teams (University Division)

- District 1 – Two teams (6-7)
- District 2 – Two teams (6-6)
- District 3 – Three teams (6-6-7)
- District 4 – Three teams (6-8-6)
- District 5 – Two teams (6-6)
- District 6 – Three teams (6-8-4)
- District 7 – Two teams (6-6)
- District 8 – Three teams (6-7-8)

2003 Verizon Academic All District Teams (College Division)

- District 1 – Three teams (6-8-8)
- District 2 – Three teams (6-6-7)
- District 3 – Three teams (6-7-8)
- District 4 – Three teams (6-6-6)
- District 5 – Three teams (6-8-4)
- District 6 – Three teams (6-6-6)
- District 7 – Three teams (6-6-6)
- District 8 – Two teams (6-7)

Women's Basketball

Number of programs (from NCAA 2003-2004 data):

- NCAA Division I – 325 schools
- NCAA Division II – 276 schools
- NCAA Division III – 422 schools

2003 Kodak/WBCA All Americans

(Selected by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association)

Five teams (10 each), DI, DII, DIII, NAIA, JC/CC

2003 Daktronics Division II All Americans

(Selected by the CoDISA)

DII – Three teams (5-5-5)

2003 Bayer Advantage All-Senior All Americans

(Selected by a special committee)

Two teams (5 each)

2003 Verizon Academic All Americans

University Division – Three teams (5-5-5)

College Division – Three teams (5-5-5)

Plus respect Academic All-American of Year

2003 Verizon Academic All District Teams (University Division)

- District 1 – Two teams (5-5)
- District 2 – Two teams (5-5)
- District 3 – Two teams (5-5)
- District 4 – Three teams (5-5-5)
- District 5 – Two teams (5-5)
- District 6 – Two teams (5-5)
- District 7 – Two teams (6-4)
- District 8 – Two teams (5-7)

2003 Verizon Academic All District Teams (College Division)

- District 1 – Three teams (5-5-5)
- District 2 – Three teams (5-5-5)
- District 3 – Two teams (5-5)
- District 4 – Three teams (5-6-4)
- District 5 – Three teams (6-5-5)
- District 6 – Three teams (5-5-5)
- District 7 – Three teams (5-5-5)
- District 8 – Two teams (5-5)