

Appendix 4: NBIAA Awards Information

Sportsmanship Awards

The New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association introduced the Annual Sportsmanship of the Year Awards in 2006. Graduating student athletes from across New Brunswick may be nominated to receive the **Raymond Légère Sportsmanship Award** and/or the **William S. Ritchie Sportsmanship Award**.

All selected student athletes will receive this award, which is named in honour of Raymond Légère, a member of the Moncton's Wall of Fame as a builder. Raymond taught physical education in many schools in New Brunswick. His love for coaching was only overshadowed by his love of physical education and the values it taught young people. He was the director of physical education for years at Vanier High School and École Mathieu-Martin.

The top two student athletes selected each year, one male and one female, in each school category, will receive the top award, which is in honour of William S. Ritchie, a member of the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame and a past Executive Director of the New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association. He served on the board of directors for Canadian School Sports Federation from 1970-82 and he was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1997.

Mission

The NBIAA Sportsmanship of the Year Awards promotes high standards of achievement, attitude and ethics in high school athletics.

The NBIAA will promote participation and sportsmanship to develop good citizens through interscholastic activities which provide equitable opportunities, positive recognition and learning experiences to students while maximizing the achievement of educational goals.

Eligibility

These awards are open to all graduating student-athletes who have shown outstanding qualities of sportsmanship throughout the school year while participating in NBIAA sports. Male and female sportsmanship awards will be granted each year per school classification.

Conference Nomination Process

Schools may nominate one or more graduating athletes. Each nomination must include the athlete's name, grade, age, sport, along with their significant attributes using the award's criteria listed below. The nomination forms can be downloaded from the NBIAA website. www.nbiaa-asinb.org

Each conference will select 3 males and 3 females (AAA, AA & A). A total of 24 athletes will be selected across the province.

Selection Process Criteria

- Participation in sport(s)
- Attitude and Effort
- Leadership Abilities
- Dedication and Enthusiasm
- Special Attributes or Circumstances

The selection committee, consisting of NBIAA Executive Committee members, will announce the winners at the annual "Sportsmanship Banquet" held in May at St. Thomas University.

Awards - The award recipients will receive a personalized plaque and certificate.

Send nominations to the Conference Presidents by April 1st.