

NBIAA Excellence Awards

The New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association introduced these annual Awards in 2006. Graduating student athletes from across New Brunswick may be nominated to receive the **Raymond Légère Sportsmanship Award** and 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 *Excellence* 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 *excellence* throughout the school year, while participating in NBIAA sports. Male and female 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(s), 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 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.

Emery Johnson Memorial Award

In 2004, the NBIAA Executive Committee introduced the Most Sportsmanlike Coach of the year award. This award is named after Emery Johnson, the former athletic director of Dalhousie Regional High School, who passed away in November, 2003.

The Emery Johnson Memorial Award aims to recognize the outstanding lifetime achievements and significant contributions coaches have made to their students and the NBIAA school sports programs. The NBIAA recognizes that high school sports are made up of not only players and participants, but also great coaches and leaders that guide the student-athletes on and off the playing field.

Selection Process Criteria

In submitting your nomination, please comment on why you are nominating this person, taking the following into consideration:

The coach has, by example, consistently shown good sportsmanship while coaching and has brought credit to him/herself and the school.

Further, the coach shows:

- proper acceptance of officials' judgments/decisions
- positive encouragement of player performance and bench behaviour
- general deportment and interaction with other coaches and athletes

You can provide specific examples if you wish.

Submission:

Each nomination form must include your name and school, name and school of nominee, sport(s) of nominee and years of coaching, relevant testimonials and references. Please note - submissions are welcome from students, parents and other, but should be directed through the school. The nomination forms can be downloaded from the NBIAA website. www.nbiaa-asinb.org Note: The nominations submitted will stand for five years and the school will be contacted prior to the selection process.

The Emery Johnson Memorial Award will be presented at the annual banquet held in May.

Send nominations to the NBIAA by April 1st

by e-mail: [nbiasa@gnb.ca](mailto:nbiaa@gnb.ca)

by Mail: NBIAA, P.O. Box 6000, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5H1

by Fax: (506) 453-5311

Adjudication:

The NBIAA Executive Committee will adjudicate this award.

NBIAA Merit Award

On retirement from teaching, current and former Executive Committee members and Conference Presidents shall receive a memento to recognize their contribution to high school sports in New Brunswick.

Team Sportsmanship Award

In 2014, the New Brunswick Interscholastic Athletic Association introduced the 1st Annual School Sportsmanship Awards. *In 2017, the 'School Award' was modified to a 'Team Award', where* NBIAA member *teams* from across New Brunswick may be nominated to receive this *team* award. The nomination may come from another school or from their own school.

Mission

The NBIAA *Team* Sportsmanship of the Year Awards is to recognize a *team*, whose athletes, coaches and fans promote what sportsmanship is all about in every aspect of high school athletics.

Eligibility

These awards are open to all NBIAA member *teams* who have shown outstanding qualities of sportsmanship throughout *their season* while participating in NBIAA *events*.

Conference Nomination Process

Each *team* nomination must include a completed *Team* Sportsmanship of the Year Nomination Form. The nomination form can be downloaded from the NBIAA website.

Each Conference President will select their top three *teams* and forward their selections to the NBIAA office.

Selection Process Criteria

The selection is based on the following criteria:

- Showing respect towards others.
- Creating a friendly and respectful environment while participating in NBIAA events.
- Being a gracious host and guest.
- Being modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

A total of 4 *teams* (one per conference) will be selected across the province to receive a NBIAA *Team* Sportsmanship Banner. The selection committee, consisting of the NBIAA Executive Director and 4 other Executive Committee members, will determine the winners. The *Team Coach and captain* from the selected schools, along with the Principal or their NBIAA Representative will be invited to attend the annual banquet held in May.

Awards

The *team* recipients will each receive a personalized NBIAA *Team* Sportsmanship Banner and certificate.

Send nominations to your Conference Presidents by April 1st.