



Empire 8 Sportsperson of the Week Description

Nomination and Selection Process

On a weekly basis your institution will select one (1) student-athlete from your athletics program as your Empire 8 Sportsperson of the Week. A suggested nomination form is included in this packet for your on-campus nomination process. The Sportsperson should be selected similarly as your Athlete of the Week selection. AD's must identify the individual who will serve as the program coordinator and select the honoree on a weekly basis. It could be the AD, SWA, or other administrator that has a solid understanding of the ideals of our sportsmanship initiatives. Head coaches will nominate an athlete from their team on a weekly basis and submit it to the institution's program coordinator. Deadline for your coaches on-campus submission should be no later than 10 a.m. Monday morning. Deadline for submitting your institutional honoree to Tim Farrell, Empire 8 SID, is 4 p.m. on Monday. Conference-wide honorees will be released on Tuesday. Please e-mail Tim the honoree's head shot as well.

Selection Criteria

Your institutional honoree must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a member of a team that participates in Empire 8 play;
2. Any student-athlete that receives a conduct foul, has been involved in a potential misconduct report during the week of evaluation or was involved in concerning situations away from athletics during that particular week are not eligible for the weekly award.
3. The honoree should exemplify our high ideals of "Competing with Honor and Integrity" both on and off the field of play for that week. The submission form will outline additional criteria by which to judge and nominate deserving honorees.

Announcement and Recognition of Honoree

Campus. We ask that you publicize your institutional honoree in the same manner you publicize your Athlete of the Week. Further please post the winner on your web site, recognize them in your game flyers and programs. Ask your campus newspaper to publicize this winner on a weekly basis as well as your local media. When publicizing please include our sportsmanship logo. Recognition of these individuals is critical to highlighting their values and paramount to the greater cause of spreading the word of positive sporting behavior and ethical conduct.

T-Shirt. The athletic director, head coach or other department administrator will present the institutional honoree with a t-shirt at the start of the athlete's next home contest. A general script will be provided for this presentation.

Conference. Again, the deadline to provide your honoree to our SID is 4 p.m. on Monday to be announced by the conference on Tuesday morning. Please send along a head shot via e-mail. Tim will publicize our weekly honorees in the same manner we publicize our Players of the Week. In addition we will post the honorees on our new sportsmanship porthole of the website with their head shot and a write-up (provided by the institution) of the athletes accomplishment's for the week. We will also archive the weekly winners.



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