

NAIGC End-of-Year Awards Policy

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1. Purpose
 - a. This policy defines the criteria and procedures for implementation of the annual NAIGC End-of-Year Awards.
 - b. An annual task force will be commissioned to oversee the implementation of these awards. Awards may be given in any or all of the following categories.
2. Regional Club of the Year Award
 - a. Criteria: **One member club from each of the NAIGC's regions** that demonstrates the NAIGC's motto "For the Love of the Sport" through leadership, commitment, and sportsmanship.
 - b. Nomination: Anyone can nominate any club (regardless of region) via the NAIGC website. There is no limit to the number of nominations an individual can submit.
 - i. **The task force will narrow down the nominations** with input from the respective Regional Coordinators, and present the finalists prior to Nationals.
 - c. Selection: **The nominees will be voted on by the clubs in their region.**
 - i. In the case of a tie, the Regional Coordinator for the respective region will cast a tie-breaking vote.
 - d. Presentation: **A banner** displaying the name of the region **will be presented at Nationals.**
3. Athlete of the Year Award
 - a. Criteria: This award is meant to highlight **one athlete from the men's artistic gymnastics (MAG) competition and one from the women's artistic gymnastics (WAG) competition who demonstrates the NAIGC's motto "For the Love of the Sport"** by demonstrating the qualities of leadership, dedication, sportsmanship, hard work, a positive attitude, good academic standing, and team spirit (i.e. this person contributes in ways that can't be quantified on the scorecard, but deserves to be recognized).
 - i. Winning this award is limited to once per person.
 - b. Nomination: Anyone can nominate any NAIGC member and there is no limit to the number of nominations an individual can submit. Nominations should include a description of why the person deserves the award. Nominations will remain open until one week before Nationals.
 - c. Selection: **The task force will select the winners.**
 - d. Presentation: **A plaque will be presented** to the winners **at Nationals.**
4. Scholar Athlete Award
 - a. Criteria: This award honors **NAIGC athletes that maintain a high cumulative GPA (3.7 out of 4.0).** Only undergraduates in at least their third academic year, and graduate students are eligible for the Scholar Athlete award.
 - b. Nomination: **Members self-report** their eligibility in their NAIGC profile and must attach an (unofficial) transcript via the website.
 - c. Presentation: **Pins will be distributed in club packets during registration, and an announcement will be made at Nationals** for recipients to stand and be recognized by a round of applause.
5. Four-Year Senior Award

- a. Criteria: **Athletes who have been four-year active members of an NAIGC club during their undergraduate career.**
 - b. Selection: **Members self-report their eligibility in their NAIGC profile.**
 - c. Presentation: **Pins will be distributed in club packets during registration, and an announcement will be made at Nationals** for recipients to stand and be recognized by a round of applause.
6. NAIGC Service Award
- a. Criteria: **Any individual who has made a significant contribution to NAIGC or the greater gymnastics community.**
 - b. Selection: Board of Directors
 - c. Presentation: This category will be awarded as appropriate and may not be awarded each year. The physical awards and presentation is at the discretion of the current board.
7. Nationals Longevity Award
- a. Criteria: **Athletes who have competed in (10, 15, 20...) NAIGC National Championships.**
 - b. Selection: **The members will self-report their eligibility in their NAIGC profile,** and will be verified by the task force.
 - c. Presentation: The task force will decide the physical award. **An announcement will be made at Nationals** for recipients to stand and be recognized with the award of choice.