

# HB Upper School Athletics Awards



## **Purpose**

To recognize team and individual accomplishments in sports which are sponsored by Hathaway Brown School.

## **Criteria**

Awards are presented to each student-athlete who by having regularly participated in team practices and contests has successfully completed the sport season. Therefore, an athlete who has been dismissed from the team for failure to abide by the "Student-Athlete Expectations" or quits before the end of the season will not receive athletic awards and recognition. The Coach of each sport will determine the appropriate awards and the recipients. Recipients will include varsity athletes, junior varsity athletes, managers, scorekeepers, timers, and statisticians. Although the specific criteria for an award may change from year to year, the following items will always be taken into consideration: ability, effort, attitude, sportsmanship, team contributions, improvement, and attendance at both practices and contests. A Varsity Letter requires participation in at least one half (50%) of the scheduled Varsity contests and regular attendance at practices. A student-athlete "moved up" from the JV to the Varsity to fill the allotted roster spaces for end of season tournament play will not earn a Varsity Letter unless the requirement of participating in 50% of the regular season Varsity contests has been met. When appropriate, the Coach may enlist the aid of assistant coaches, team captains, and team members when deciding special awards and the recipients. At the discretion of the Coach, awards may be deleted.

## **Presentations**

All Upper School Athletic Awards will be presented by the Coach at the respective Fall, Winter, or Spring Sports Awards Nights. All Middle School Athletic Awards will be presented by the Coach at the respective Fall, Winter, or Spring Sports Awards Assemblies during the school day.

## **Funding**

All awards will be purchased by the Athletic Director. If a Coach wishes to present awards which are not a part of the Athletic Awards Budget, he/she must confer with the Athletic Director.

## **Special Situations**

The Coaches and the Athletic Director will resolve any special situations. Special situations include but are not limited to situations such as athlete injury, ties, etc.

## **Records**

During each season the Coach will be responsible for keeping all data pertinent to awards. Following each season, the Coach will be responsible for submitting all awards information to the Athletic Director. All awards information will be maintained in the Athletic Office as a permanent record.

## **Seasonal Awards**

### **VARSITY AWARDS**

1st Award = Block Letter and sport specific insert

2nd Award = 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Certificate (framed) and sport specific insert

3rd Award = Plaque (engraved) and sport specific insert

4th Award = Mug (engraved) and sport specific insert

Note #1: An athlete may be a member of a Varsity team and not receive a letter. In this case, the athlete will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Note #2: An athlete will receive only one Block Letter for all sports.

### **JUNIOR VARSITY AWARDS**

1st Award = Certificate of Participation

2nd Award = 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Certificate (framed)

3rd Award = Plaque (engraved)

4th Award = Trophy (engraved)

### **CAPTAIN AWARDS**

Each Upper School team captain will receive a medal – Varsity Captains will receive gold medals and Junior Varsity Captains will receive silver medals.

## **Special Awards**

**THE BLAZER AWARD:** The recipient will receive a plaque and her name will be engraved on the "Blazer Award Plaque" which will hang permanently in the gym lobby. Each Upper School Varsity Sport will recognize one student-athlete who in the opinion of the coaches best exemplifies the following:

**Criteria:**

1. **Teamwork:** The athlete is supportive of her teammates. She has a contagious spirit. She is able to not only work to improve her own skills, but she is also able to work to improve the skills of teammates.
2. **Sportsmanship:** She demonstrates good sportsmanship at all times. Whether on or off the field she contributes to not only the sport, but the entire athletic program.
3. **Dedication:** She is "willing to go the extra mile." She demonstrates a good work ethic (perseverance). She goes above and beyond expectations. She demonstrates consistent effort whether during a practice or a contest.
4. **Coachability:** She is a student of the game.

In addition to the Blazer Award, coaches may give out the following awards:

- MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
- MOST IMPROVED PLAYER
- TWO AWARDS OF THEIR CHOICE (These awards must be approved by the Athletic Director)
- COACHES' AWARD (Junior Varsity version of the Blazer Award)

**Annual Awards****Outstanding Athlete Award** (Recipient = graduating Senior)

The highest award given to a graduating Senior during the Upper School Awards Assembly. The Outstanding Athlete Award is given each year to a graduating senior who, in the opinion of the Physical Education Department and the Head Coaches Council, best exemplifies the following characteristics:

**Criteria:**

1. **Scholarship** – by having maintained a B grade point average through the first semester of her senior year
2. **Athletic Skills** – The candidate must possess athletic skills of superior quality as noted by the Athletic and Physical Education Departments, who have been trained in analysis of such skills. These would include agility, balance, coordination, power, reaction time and speed. She must demonstrate a high level of success and skill at her sport(s).
3. **Athletic Involvement** – The candidate must have earned a minimum of six Varsity letters during the freshmen through senior years. Should attendance be less than the 4 Upper School years, this minimum requirement shall be 2 Varsity letters each year of attendance.

4. **Other Factors: Sportsmanship, Teamwork, and Cooperation** – These may be of consequence, but NOT the sole reason for the award.

**Presentation:** A plaque with plates to be engraved each year with the date and recipient's name shall hang permanently in the lobby of the gymnasium. An individual trophy or plaque will be engraved and presented to the award recipient each year during Class Night Awards Assembly (as of 1987).

This award shall be funded by the Hathaway Brown School Athletic Association and Athletic Department. In the case of a tie, 2 awards may be given provided every effort has been made to break the tie and thus truly recognize the "Outstanding Athlete". The Athletic and Physical Education Departments reserve the right not to give the award in any given year should they feel there is no qualified student.

**OHSAA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD** (Recipients = 2 graduating Seniors)

The award recognizes commitment to academic excellence while participating in interscholastic athletics.

**Criteria:**

1. It is to be awarded to the two seniors who have the highest scholastic average at the end of the first semester of their senior year.
2. Each senior must have received a minimum of four varsity letters in all sports combined.

**Presentation:** The certificate is to be provided by the OHSAA. The Physical Education and Athletic Departments are responsible for appropriately lettering and framing the certificate plaque. The certificate plaque will be presented at the "Class Night" during "Departmental Awards." The names of the recipients shall be placed on a plaque in the gymnasium lobby.

**ARCHIE GRIFFIN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD** (Recipients = one 8th grader and one Senior)

This award is given to one 8th grader and one senior. This award, which is sponsored by the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Committee, was established in 1993 by the Hathaway Brown Physical Education and Athletic Departments.

**Criteria:**

This award recipient shall demonstrate sportsmanship, integrity and ethics in sports as well as in other areas of Middle/Upper School life at Hathaway Brown School. She is one who is obviously respected by both coaches and peers for her efforts and personal growth in athletics and she exudes a sense of wellness and/or a healthy lifestyle.

**Method of Selection:**

- Nominees shall be selected by the Physical Education and Head Coaches Council.

- The list of nominees shall be presented to members of the Physical Education and Head Coaches Council for selection of one recipient. There shall be no ties.

**Presentation:** The certificate is to be provided by the OHSAA. The Physical Education and Athletic Departments are responsible for appropriately lettering and framing the certificate. The framed certificate will be presented at the “Class Night” during “Departmental Awards” for the Upper School and during the Awards Assembly for the Middle School. The name of the Upper School recipient will be placed on a plaque that will hang in the gymnasium lobby. Adopted 4/21/1993

**THE DICKEY-FORD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD** (Recipient = graduating Senior)

The Dickey-Ford Sportsmanship Award was established in 1963 by the Class of 1938 at their 25<sup>th</sup> reunion in memory of two classmates.

**Criteria:** Awarded annually to a senior, who is nominated by the Physical Education Department and Head Coaches Council.

**Method of Selection:** Chosen by a vote of the four upper school classes, for excellence in sportsmanship in athletics.

**Presentation:** A silver charm, engraved with the recipient’s initials, is awarded on Class Night by the Athletic Director. The name of the recipient will be placed on a plaque in the gymnasium lobby.

**THE LAURETTE PAYETTE CAPTAINS AWARD** (Recipients = Varsity Captain)

The Laurette Payette Varsity Captain Award was established at the time of Laurette’s retirement as Athletic Director in 2007. For 32 years, Laurette worked tirelessly to improve her leadership, to always better herself so as to better serve others. The Laurette M. Payette award will be given each year to a Varsity Captain who, in the opinion of the Physical Education Department and Head Coaches Council, best demonstrates the following attributes:

**Criteria:**

1. **Leadership** – She leads by both words and actions as well as recognizes and acknowledges the contributions of *all* team members in an effort to make the group a more cohesive unit
2. **Integrity** – She demonstrates a firm adherence to a code of sound moral values
3. **Ethics** – She upholds the standards of right and wrong both in athletics and within the HB community

**Method of Selection:**

1. Members of the Head Coaches Council shall submit names for consideration to the Athletic Director.
2. The Athletic Director shall compile a list of nominees.

3. Members of the Head Coaches Council shall vote for one recipient.
4. Every effort shall be made through discussion to eliminate ties.

**Presentation:** The recipient will be awarded a book specific to leadership excellence by the Athletic Director on Class Night. The name of the recipient shall be placed on a plaque in the gymnasium lobby.

**THE COACHES COUNCIL AWARD** (Recipients =1 Freshman; 1 Sophomore; 1 Junior; 1 Senior)

The Coaches Council Award shall be given in recognition of the outstanding contributions made by Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior student-athletes to the Hathaway Brown School Athletic Program through dedication, commitment, and leadership.

**Criteria:**

1. The award recipients shall be 1 Freshman, 1 Sophomore, 1 Junior, and 1 Senior. There may be more than 1 recipient in a class, however every effort shall be made to eliminate ties.
2. This award is established to recognize student-athletes by criteria other than that which is recognized by previously established awards such as the number of varsity letters earned, grade point average earned, coachability (Blazer Award), athletic skill, sportsmanship (Dickey-Ford Award & Archie Griffin Award), student popular vote, etc.
3. The recipients shall be selected on the basis of their dedication, commitment, and leadership.
4. Criteria that may be considered yet would not be necessary for selection include number of years of participation and multi-sport participation.
5. Additional criteria or different criteria may be used in any given year if warranted.

**Method of Selection**

1. Members of the Head Coaches Council shall submit names for consideration to the Athletic Director.
2. The Athletic Director shall compile a list of nominees by grade.
3. Members of the Head Coaches Council shall vote for one recipient for each grade.
4. Every effort shall be made to limit the number of recipients to one per class — Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior. Therefore, discussion and subsequent balloting shall be used to eliminate multiple recipients for each class.

**Presentation:** The Athletic Office shall purchase the award. The award shall be a 5x7" plaque with a 4x6" plate with engraving to include the award description, the date, and the name of the recipient. The Athletic Director shall present the award at "Spring Sports Awards" or "Class Night."