

Types of Awards, Awarding Agencies, Maximum Value and Numbers of Awards

Athletics awards given to individual student-athletes shall be limited to those approved or administered by NC State, the ACC or an approved agency and shall be limited in value and number.

Awards received for intercollegiate athletics participation may not be sold, exchanged or assigned for another item of value, even if the student-athlete's name or picture does not appear on the award.

Each of the following subsections below is independent of the others so that it is permissible for an individual student-athlete to receive the awards described in all subsections. Please see the specific handout related to each subsection.

- Participation Awards
- Awards for winning Conference and National Championships
- Special Achievement Awards

Awards must be consistent for all individuals winning the same award or each team member on an award winning team (Bylaw 16.1.2).

Award maximums are set by the NCAA. Any awards need to be approved by Sport Administrator and Director of Athletics.

It is not permissible for a student athlete to contribute to the award to increase its value.

Any award given to a student-athlete (regardless of whether the student-athlete has exhausted intercollegiate athletics eligibility) by an alumni or booster group of NC State must conform to the provisions set forth here and must comply with the limitations on institutional awards given to student-athletes.

Awards for participation in intercollegiate athletics may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified in Figure 16-1 of the NCAA Manual. Awards for participation in special events may be provided only to student-athletes eligible to participate in the competition. Coaches must complete the necessary form to indicate the criteria and what item they plan to give. The coach may also elect not to provide a participation gift.

Annual Participation Awards

Annual Participation Awards may be presented on a yearly basis by NC State (Bylaw 16.1.4.1, 2009-2010 NCAA Division I Manual, p. 196). The maximum value of all annual participation awards for underclassmen is \$175 and for seniors is \$325 (2009-2010 NCAA Division I Manual, Figure 16-1).

A Participation Award is presented to anyone who participates in a sport and is not awarded based on a level of achievement or number of games in which the student athlete participated; just that they participated.

It is not permissible for NC State to provide an annual participation award (e.g., winter coats, travel blazers) to a student-athlete in a particular sport prior to the conclusion of NC State’s regular playing season in that sport.

Special Event Participation

Awards may be presented to student-athletes for participation in special events. These awards shall be distributed to all who participate in the event. As noted below in Figure 16-1, some of the events included are participation in a post-season conference tournament, participation in established meets, tournaments as well as participation in NCAA post-season contests. Many times these awards include items such as a book bag, t-shirt, or watch.

FIGURE 16-1
Participation Awards

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Annual Participation — Underclassmen	\$175	Once per year per sport	Institution	1
Annual Participation — Senior	\$325	Once per year per sport	Institution	1
Special Event Participation				
• Participation in postseason conference championship contest or tournament	\$325*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event (may include conference office)	2
• Participation in postseason NCAA championship contest or tournament	Institution — \$325 NCAA — No limit	Once per event	• Institution • NCAA	2
• Participation in all-star game or postseason bowl	\$350 (Institution) \$500 (Management of event)	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2
• Participation in other established meets, tournaments and featured individual competition	\$350*	Once per event	• Institution • Management of event	2

*The combined value of all awards received for participation in this type of event from the institution and the management of the event may not exceed the published value.

Awards for winning an individual or team conference or national championship may be presented each year, limited in value and number as specified below. Awards for winning a conference or national championship in a team sport may be provided only to student-athletes who were eligible to participate in the championship event. The total value of any single award received for a national championship may not exceed \$415. The total value of any single award received for a conference championship may not to exceed \$325, and each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate \$325 limit per award. Each permissible awarding agency may provide only a single award for each championship to each student-athlete.

Separate awards may be presented to both the regular-season conference champion and the post-season conference tournament champion (with a separate \$325 limitation), but if the same institution wins both the regular-season and postseason conference Championship Awards NC State is allowed to present awards to student athletes who win NCAA or conference championships. Conference championships can include regular season or post season conference tourney.

The NCAA maximum value is \$415 and conference maximum is \$325 (Bylaw 16.1.4.2, 2009-2010 NCAA Division I Manual, p. 196). See Figure 16-2 in the appendix for clarification and maximum values.

The NC State Department of Athletics has developed a Post-Season Award Policy. It is mandatory that the policy is followed, even though NCAA limits exceed the NC State Policy. All awards are based on fiscal availability of funds. Please refer to the NC State Department Post-Season Award Policy for more information.

FIGURE 16-2
Championship Awards

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
National Championship conducted by NCAA	\$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
National Championship not conducted by NCAA***	\$415*	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — regular season	\$325*#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2
Conference Championship — postseason contest or tournament	\$325*#	Once per championship	• Institution** • Conference**	2

* Each permissible awarding agency is subject to a separate \$415/\$325 limit per award.

** Award may be provided by another organization recognized by the institution or conference to act in its place.

*** Applies only to sports or classification divisions in which the NCAA does not conduct championships. Teams must be designated as a "national champion" by a national wire-service poll or the national coaches association in that sport.

The combined value of both awards shall not exceed \$325 if same institution wins conference regular season and postseason championships.

Special Achievement awards may be provided each year to individual student-athletes and teams to recognize special achievements, attainments, honors and distinctions.

There are a number of categories in which student athletes can win special achievement awards. This can include Letter Awards, MVP’s, National Player of the Year, “Hometown” awards, specialized performances, and recognized national awards. These must be presented by a permissible awarding agency and there are limitations on the number of times these can occur (Bylaw 16.1.4.3, 2009-2010 NCAA Division I Manual, p. 197). See Figure 16-3 below for clarification and maximum values. For all of these awards, criteria must be firmly set and approved by the Compliance Office. The criteria must be set so that “everyone” does not win the award; it must be a special achievement.

Special Attainment or Contribution to the Team’s Season Awards

This category of award is the most common given under the Special Achievement Award subset. The maximum value of this award is set by the NCAA at \$175. This category usually includes such awards as Letterman Awards, scholar-athlete, most improved, most minutes played, and most valuable player. Criteria for this award must be set and forwarded to the Compliance Office for pre-approval using the appropriate Special Achievement Award form.

Any other Special Achievement Awards must be approved by the Compliance office prior to distributing the award.

FIGURE 16-3
Special Achievement Awards

Type of Award	Maximum Value of Award	Number of Times Award May Be Received	Permissible Awarding Agencies	Maximum Number of Permissible Awarding Agencies
Special attainments or contribution to team’s season (e.g., scholar-athlete, most improved player, most minutes played, most valuable player)	\$175	Once per category of award per year	Institution	1
Most valuable player — special event*	\$325**	Once per event	• Institution • Conference • Organization approved by institution or conference	Unlimited
Most valuable player — bowl game or all-star contest	\$350	Once per event	Sponsoring entity of all-star contest or certified postseason bowl	1
Established regional/national recognition awards (e.g., Wade Trophy, Heisman Trophy)	\$325	Once per year per award	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing established national award	Unlimited	Once per year	Management of award program	1
Trophy recognizing conference “athlete of the year”	\$1,500	Once per year to one male and one female	Conference	1
Specialized performance in single contest or during limited time period (e.g., player of the game, player of the week)	\$80 (certificate, medal or plaque only)	Unlimited	• Conference • Outside organization (e.g., local business)	Unlimited
Hometown award	\$80	Unlimited	Group (other than institution’s booster club) located in the student-athlete’s hometown	Unlimited

* The award recipient must be selected by a recognized organization approved by a member institution or conference.

** Each permissible awarding agency is subject to separate \$325 limit per award. Each awarding agency may provide only a single award for each event to each student-athlete.