

Awards Criteria (M)

Men's college squash presents awards to individuals and teams annually. Most of the awards are coordinated by the Awards Chair, who is appointed by the Men's College Squash Association President.

The **Men's Bylaws** outline the basic criteria for each award. More detailed information about criteria and procedures can be found below.

SKILLMAN AWARD Senior Sportsmanship

Criteria: The Skillman Award is given annually to a senior men's squash player who has demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship during his entire college career. The candidate shall be evaluated in the following areas:

- On-court poise and demeanor
- Skill level and ability in the game of squash
- Team play
- Contributions to intercollegiate squash
- Leadership
- Cooperation with players, coaches, and tournament officials

Procedures: Each coach is invited to nominate a player. The Executive Administrator solicits nominations by emailing the selection criteria to each coach. Coaches should respond to the email with nominations and any supporting material, which should not exceed three paragraphs in length. Each season, the nominations close on February 1st and the Award Chair and the Executive Committee then selects no more than three candidates for the award.

Notification of these candidates and a summary of each

nominee's accomplishments is posted on the CSA website. The Award Chair and the Executive Committee select the winner at the National Team Championships.

The award is usually presented at the National Team Championships.

For a history of the award and a list of past winners, see [Skillman Award](#).

BARNABY AWARD

Team Improvement

Criteria: The Barnaby Award is given annually to the men's [varsity](#) team showing the most improvement from the previous season's record.

Procedures: Any coach can nominate a team for this award, and coaches can also nominate their own teams. Before February 10th, the Executive Administrator solicits nominations for the Barnaby Award by email. [Varsity coaches](#) then consult with their teams prior to casting the school's single vote. The voting is conducted online and opens at the conclusion of the National Team Championships. It closes on Friday at 11:59:59 PM EST of the Friday following the National Team Championships weekend.

For a history of the award and a list of past winners, see [Barnaby Award](#).

SLOANE AWARD

Team Sportsmanship

Criteria: The Sloane Award is given annually to the [varsity](#) team that, as judged by their peers, best exemplified the ideals of sportsmanship throughout the season. The team characteristics

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this award represents may be described in the words of former Williams coach, Clarence Chaffee: “a sense of esprit de corps, of sportsmanship, of hard but fair play, of being gracious in victory and defeat, and enjoying the camaraderie and pride of being part of a team.”

Procedures: Coaches discuss with their teams which team they feel is deserving of this award. Before February 10th, the Executive Administrator solicits nominations for the Sloane Award by email. [Varsity coaches](#) then consult their teams prior to casting the school’s single vote. The voting is conducted online and opens a few days prior to the National Team Championships. It closes on Friday at 11:59:59 PM EST of the National Team Championships weekend.

This award is usually presented at the National Team Championships.

For a history of the award and a list of past winners, see [Sloane Award](#).

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Criteria: This award recognizes those rare individuals who have contributed throughout their career to college squash as a whole and who have dedicated a career to the sport.

Procedures: The Awards Chair recommends candidates for this award, which is then decided on by the Executive Committee. This award is not presented annually, but rather only when it is truly merited. Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Awards must be submitted by February 1st.

For a list of past recipients, see [Lifetime Achievement](#).

HALL OF FAME

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Criteria: Induction into the College Squash Hall of Fame is an honor reserved for the top players and coaches at the collegiate level.

Players: Hall of Fame awards are given for overall excellence exhibited during an individual's college career, usually (but not necessarily) including at least one win of the collegiate individual championships. Inductees also usually have continuing presence in and commitment to squash following their college career. Players must be ten years beyond graduation to be considered.

Coaches: Hall of Fame awards are given to coaches who have left a signature imprint on the college game and who usually coached at least ten years. The award is typically given after individuals retire from coaching.

Friends of College Squash: Hall of Fame awards are given to individuals who have made a significant impact on the college game as promoters, sponsors, or in other roles.

Procedures: Hall of Fame awards are recommended by the Awards Committee and decided on by the Executive Committee. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted by February 1st.

For a list of inductees, see [Hall of Fame](#).

CSA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AWARD

Criteria: Each year, the Men's College Squash Association recognizes its players who have exemplified the definition of a scholar athlete.

In general, there is a time commitment difference (practices, matches, travel, etc.) between varsity and club teams. Therefore, the CSA has two versions of this award: Scholar Athletes (varsity players) and Academic Recognition (club players).

For varsity Scholar Athletes, the following criteria must be met:

- Two-time varsity letter winner at the school he is currently attending
- Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above
- Junior or senior
- Enrolled at his present school for one full year prior to the present term
- Played a top-10 ladder position for the majority of scheduled CSA sanctioned matches during the season

For club Academic Recognition, the following criteria must be met:

- Two appearances at the National Team Championships
- Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above
- Junior or senior
- Enrolled at his present school for one full year prior to the present term
- Played a top-10 ladder position for the majority of scheduled CSA sanctioned matches during the season

Procedures: Coaches determine the eligibility of their players and submit the **Men's Academic Achievement** form to the Executive Administrator by February 10th. Two certificates (one for the athlete and one for the institution) are presented at the National Team Championships or after the conclusion of the season.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD

Criteria: If warranted, each week during the season, the Executive Administrator will select a Player of the Week. The Executive Administrator will consult with the President and Award Chair prior to announcing the selection.

A Player of the Week should meet the following criteria:

- Significantly impacted his team's performance during the prior week
- Demonstrated sportsmanship
- Rarely may a player receive the award multiple times in the same season
- Players may be from either club or varsity teams

For the National Team Championships and Individual Championships, a player from each division will be selected for the award.

Procedures: Coaches and Sports Information Directors may nominate players by contacting the Executive Administrator. Appeals of the Player of the Week Award are not permitted.

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Note: All permanent trophies will be kept by the respective winners' institutions for one year. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure the safety of these valuable trophies. They must be returned to the appropriate event the following year properly engraved, cleaned, and polished.

Also, the Executive Administrator will send multiple e-mails requesting nominations for awards throughout the season. For the major awards, reminder e-mails will be sent well in advance, as well as closer to the deadline (typically multiple reminders during the week of the nomination deadline).