



## 2012 Men's Game

### High School Area Chairmen Handbook

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## SECTION A—HIGH SCHOOL AREA CRITERIA

### 1. 2012 US Lacrosse Men's Game Post Season Awards Process

The US Lacrosse Men's Game All American Awards/Recognition process is maintained by the US Lacrosse Men's Game Coaches and Recognition Sub Committee and administered locally by the US Lacrosse Area Chairmen. The Sub Committee through the Area Chairmen oversee the selection of seven (7) award/recognition categories. Each Area is required to participate in each of these seven categories:

1. All-American
2. All-Academic
3. Coach of the Year
4. Assistant Coach of the Year
5. Man of the Year (Area and National)
6. Champion All-American Showcase, A US Lacrosse Event
7. Bob Scott Award (New for 2012)

*\*An Area is defined in many ways; it could be an entire state, part of a state, a county, association or metropolitan or regional area. All areas are approved by the Coaches and Recognition Committees.*

### 2. Post Season Awards

- a. **Selection Process:** The recommended method of selecting Boy's High School All-Americans and All-Academic would be a meeting of ALL Head Coaches in the Area. If geography and/or time prohibits a meeting from taking place, or if local rules prohibit coaches from being involved with awards selections, then selection must be made by a committee of at least three people. The members of this committee are to be determined by the Area's coaches association. In the absence of a coaches association, the Area Chairman will determine selection.
  - b. **Player / Coach Awards Eligibility:** Players and coaches are eligible for post season USL awards if they participate on a team that:
    - i. Is part of a high school league playing in the spring season (January to June)
    - ii. Has been officially recognized by its governing Association(s), its USL Area Chairman, and the USL Men's Game and Recognition committees.
3. **Allotment Criteria for Qualifying teams:** Teams that meet **ALL** the following criteria qualify to be counted towards All-American and All-Academic awards allotment in their Area:
- a. Must be a member of a High School Boy's Lacrosse League playing a varsity schedule in the spring (January to June)
  - b. Must use the School's name
  - c. Must monitor player academic eligibility and adhere to standard eligibility criteria for the school's varsity sports.
  - d. Must be comprised solely of students who attend that school (unless, by governing Association rule, players from other schools are allowed to participate on the team)

- e. Must be a member in good standing within their area (ie, not on probation)
  - f. Must receive recognition from the High School (in at least one of the following areas):
    - i. Varsity letters
    - ii. Transportation
    - iii. Equipment/uniform provision
    - iv. Coaches stipend
    - v. Field use
4. **Area Awards Allotment Formula:** Areas shall receive the following awards allotment based on their number of qualified teams.
- All-American: 1 All-American allotted for every 5 qualified teams
  - All-Academic: 1 All-Academic allotted for every 10 qualified teams
- \*\*The Boy's Post Season Award Allotment page can be found online at [Boy's All-American Page](#)
5. **New Area Eligibility:** To establish a new area or add qualified program(s) to an existing area, the following must be submitted to the Men's Game Manager at US Lacrosse. Each year requests will be go through a review process by both the Coaches and Recognition Sub Committees.
- a. **Establish/Form New Area from Existing Area:** A current coach or administrator within an established area who would like to create/form a new area is eligible to submit a "New Area" form which will allow that region to create its own new area. The form must go through the Area Chairmen and than submitted to the Men's Game Manager at US Lacrosse for approval by the Coaches and Recognition Committee.
    - i. Deadline to submit Form for New Area: **January 15, 2012.** See 'Exhibits' section for an example of the form.
    - ii. A new area must consist of no less than 15 qualified programs and may not leave an "old area" with less than 20 programs.
  - b. **Establish/Form Brand New Area:** A current coach or administrator who would like to create/form a new area is eligible to submit a "New Area" form which will allow that region to create a brand new area. The form must go through US Lacrosse and than will be submitted for approval by the Coaches and Recognition Committee.
    - i. Deadline to submit Form for New Area: **January 15, 2012.** See 'Exhibits' section for an example of the form\*.
    - ii. A brand new area must consist of no less than 15 qualified programs.
  - c. **Adding Programs to Existing Area:** To add new programs to an established area, a current High School Area Chairmen in that area will submit a "New Programs" form; this will update the total number of teams that are currently represented in that area.
    - i. Deadline to submit Form for New Program: **May 1, 2012.** See 'Exhibits' section for an example of the form\*.

**\*Note:** Official forms can be found on the Boy's High School Post Season Awards page on the US Lacrosse website.

## SECTION B—Area Chairmen Criteria

1. **US Lacrosse High School Area Chairmen:** A High School Area Chairmen (HSAC) is selected/nominated by the coaches within their Area/Region. High School Area Chairmen fall under the US Lacrosse Men's Game Committee serving both the Coaches Sub Committee and Recognition Sub Committee.

2. **Area Chairmen Eligibility, Roles and Responsibilities:**

US Lacrosse **recommends** that Areas set term limits between 3-5 years, but the Area Chairman may serve multiple terms if elected by the area coaches.

- Chairmen must be members of US Lacrosse and be supportive of its mission and process
- Chairmen must promote within their area that all coaches and players become members of US Lacrosse and support the mission and value of the organization.
- Chairmen must be a current or former interscholastic coach or administrator within the area
- Chairmen must oversee all US Lacrosse Men's Game High School Post Season Awards selection in your area.
- Chairmen are strongly encouraged to attend the annual US Lacrosse National Convention.
- Chairmen must be able to disseminate information to coaches in their area about committee functions, awards, and recognition as well as work with US Lacrosse Men's Game Staff.
- Chairmen must inform US Lacrosse and the Awards Chairman of all new lacrosse programs/teams in the area.

## SECTION C—Post Season Awards

1. **Post Season Awards Voting Procedure** (recommended guidelines):
  - a) The HSAC will send each of the Head Coaches in each Area a list of eligible players in writing prior to the post season awards meeting.
  - b) It is recommended that voting be held at an in-person meeting with a written ballot, but if time and distance prohibit this from happening, the alternative would be to hold a conference call followed by an email vote.
  - c) TIE votes will be resolved as follows:
    - i. If the nominees are in different grades, the upperclassmen will be chosen.
    - ii. If the nominees are in the same grades, the tie will be broken by written ballot with points assigned as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> choice- five points, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice- three points, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice- one point. Highest score wins.
  - d) If still tied, a final decision will be made by the US Lacrosse High School Area Chairman.
  - e) US Lacrosse Coaches and Recognition Sub Committee both encourage all of the coaches within the areas to vote and get involved.
2. **High School All-American**
  - a) **Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines:** (Must meet all of the following)
    - i. Players selected must be a **First Team member** of the All-State, All-County, or All-League team before he is eligible for All-American. In areas where no postseason honors are awarded, all players are eligible.
    - ii. Post High School graduates who continue to compete for a high school program/repeat their senior season are **NOT** eligible to be considered for All-American.
    - iii. Players must be of outstanding character, be in good academic standing in their school (eligible) and demonstrate good sportsmanship and safe play.
3. **High School All-Academic**
  - a) **Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines:** (Must meet ALL of the following)
    - i. A US Lacrosse All-Academic Player is one who exhibits exemplary lacrosse skills, good sportsmanship on the field, and represents high standards of academic achievement\* in the classroom. This player should also have left his mark beyond the lacrosse field and the classroom by making significant contributions of service to the school and/or community.
      - The player must be a **senior**.
      - A school transcript must accompany the player nomination\*\*.

**\*NOTE:** The minimum academic achievement for the Academic All-American is determined by the Area. It is recommended that the Area Chairman have clearly stated guidelines for selecting this award.

**\*\*NOTE:** Any player that has received a diploma from a secondary school will **not** be eligible for Academic All-American status during post-graduate study.

4. **Coach of the Year:** This award honors those Head Coaches who exemplify the ideals of the game of lacrosse. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered. The Selection process is to be determined by the Area Chairmen in conjunction with other Area coaches.

a) **Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines**

- i. This award is only available to Head Coaches\*
- ii. Nominees must be members in good standing within their area and US Lacrosse
- iii. Nominees must demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field at all times.
- iv. Nominees must demonstrate excellent rapport with their players, officials, and other coaches at all times.
- v. Nominees did the most with what they had.

\*Note: Co-Varsity Coaches from an Area will not be recognized.

5. **Assistant Coach of the Year:** This award honors those Assistant Coaches who exemplify the ideals of the game of lacrosse. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered. The Selection process is to be determined by the Area Chairmen in conjunction with other Area coaches.

a) **Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines**

- vi. This award is only available to Assistant Coaches\*
- vii. Nominees must be members in good standing within their area and US Lacrosse
- viii. Nominees must demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field at all times.
- ix. Nominees must demonstrate excellent rapport with their players, officials, and other coaches at all times.
- x. Nominees did the most with what they had.

\*Note: Volunteer Assistant Coaches are eligible for selection

6. **Man of the Year:** The Man of the Year award honors those individuals whose dedication, commitment, and support of the game and its ideals extend beyond his specific program.

a) **Area Man of the Year:**

i. Eligibility & Criteria

- Nominees can be active coaches but overall contribution to lacrosse beyond his program is the primary criteria for selection.
- Nominations should include a biographical sketch, including years of lacrosse involvement and his contributions to the game.

ii. Voting procedure

- Voting will be by written ballot.
- Tie votes should be resolved as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> choice-five points. 2<sup>nd</sup> choice-three points. 3<sup>rd</sup> choice- one point. Highest score wins. if still tied, a final decision will be made by the Area Chairman.

b) **National Man of the Year:**

i. Eligibility & Criteria

- a) Only Local Area's Man of Year recipients will be considered for nomination.
- b) Nominees should be submitted to the Men's Game Manager **by August 1, 2012.**
- c) Submissions should include a biographical sketch, including years of involvement and his contributions to the game.

ii. Voting procedure:

- a) Information on each nominee will be sent to each Area Chairman along with an online voting ballot. The National Man of the Year is awarded at the annual US Lacrosse Convention.



7. **Bob Scott Award:** This award recognizes a player in each Area who goes above and beyond in service to his team, school, and community. This player exemplifies the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse, is always working hard to improve his game and is a leader amongst his teammates both on and off the field. This athlete does not necessarily play every minute and lead the team in accolades, but, like Bob Scott, has a true passion and love for the game.

- a) Criteria & Eligibility/ Nomination Process: US Lacrosse recommends that each Area determine a Nomination Process for this award.
- i. Nominees may ONLY be Seniors
  - ii. Players must be of outstanding character, be in good academic standing in their school (eligible) and demonstrate good sportsmanship and safe play.
  - iii. Nominations should include a biographical sketch, including years of lacrosse involvement and his contributions to the game, school, and community.
  - iv. Nominations should also include a letter of recommendation from their HS Principal, Athletic Director, or a current teacher.

**DEADLINE:** All 92 of the 2012 Bob Scott Awards will be announced prior to: **July 1, 2012**

- b) Background: Who is Bob Scott and what does he mean to the Sport of Lacrosse?

**Bob Scott** served as a head lacrosse coach for the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays men's lacrosse team, serving from 1955 until 1974. He compiled a career record of 158 wins and 55 losses to go along with seven National Championships. He won the F. Morris Touchstone Award in being named the USILA National Coach of the Year in 1965, 1968 and 1972.

Scott was also an All-American midfielder on the 1952 Johns Hopkins and also played on the 1950 National Champion team.

In 1976, Scott wrote the first edition of *Lacrosse: Technique and Tradition*, considered the ultimate guide to of college lacrosse. He was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1977. He served as athletic director for Hopkins from 1974 to 1995. Bob Scott won seven national championships as a coach at Hopkins, 1957, 1959, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, and 1974 (his final season). He coached at Hopkins longer than any other coach (20 years) and is still their all-time leader in career wins (158).

Bob Scott was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1977.

## SECTION D—Updates

### 1) Certificate Distribution:

- US Lacrosse All-American's and All-Academic Certificates will be distributed to the High School Area Chairmen **by March 1, 2012.**
- The High School Area Chairmen are responsible for the distribution of the certificates:
  - 1 for the athlete and 1 for their school

### 2) High School Chairmen General Timeline/Deadlines (subject to change)

#### a. Fall 2011

- i. US Lacrosse Area Chair Contact Form/Area Agreement Policy returned: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- ii. Call for Coach Nominations for 2012 Champion All-American Showcase: December 1, 2011 thru January 1, 2012.
- iii. Submit New Area Form: December 1, 2011

#### b. Spring 2012

- i. Champion All-American Showcase (drafted timeline-subject to change)
  - a. AAS- Coaches Announced: **February, 2012.**
  - b. Player Applications Due to US Lacrosse w/ \$25.00 Application Fee: **March 15, 2012** (All previous year's-2011 All-Americans will be invited).
  - c. US Lacrosse mails HSAC Area Player Applications: **March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**
  - d. HSAC Players Ranking Due back to USL: **April 10, 2012**
  - e. Players receive Congratulations letters from US Lacrosse re: Invitation to the AAS: **May, 2012 (Memorial Day Weekend).**
  - f. Final Rosters /Teams Announced by US Lacrosse: **July, 2012.**

\*Note: Area Chairmen HS Post Season Awards Submissions to USL (listed in Section E)

\*Note: USL Announcement of Boy's High School Post Season Awards (listed in Section E)

\*Note: USL Submission & Announcement of Bob Scott Award—will be submitted with the rest of your HS Post Season Awards per your Group and Timeline

## SECTION E—BREAKDOWN of AREA'S

(Subject to Change)

### 1. Group Timeline/Deadlines

#### **Group 1**

- Post Season Awards Submission to US Lacrosse: May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012
- US Lacrosse Announce Post Season Awards: May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Alabama/Mississippi      Arizona      Florida—Central      Florida—South      Florida—North  
Louisiana      Nevada      South Carolina      Texas

#### **Group 2**

- Post Season Awards Submission to US Lacrosse: June 8, 2012
- US Lacrosse Announce Post Season Awards: June 15, 2012

Albany—New York      Maryland—Ann Arundel Co.      Maryland—Baltimore Co.  
California—Central Coast      California—San Diego      Pennsylvania—Central      Colorado  
Connecticut—Fairchester AA      Delaware      Maryland—Eastern Shore      Florida—Gulf Coast  
Georgia      Maryland—Howard Co.      Illinois      Indiana      Kansas  
Maryland—Carroll Co.      Maryland—Independent      Maryland—MIAA  
New England—Independent      New Jersey      New Jersey—Central  
New Jersey—Middlesex      North Carolina—Private      New York—Ivy  
New York—Mid Hudson      New York—Nassau/Suffolk Catholic      New York-Southern Tier  
New York—Suffolk Co.      North Carolina—(public west)      Northern New England  
Virginia—Northwest      Ohio—Central      Ohio—North Coast      Ohio—South  
California—Orange Co.      Pennsylvania—West      California—Sacramento Valley  
Utah      Washington DC      Western New England      West Virginia

**Group 3**

- Post Season Awards Submission to US Lacrosse: June 22, 2012
- US Lacrosse Announce Post Season Awards: June 28, 2012

California—Condor/SCLA C	California—Los Angeles	California—Northern	Connecticut	
Idaho	Kentucky	Maryland-Harford Co.	Maryland—Montgomery Co.	Maine
Massachusetts—Central	Massachusetts—Eastern	Michigan	Minnesota	Missouri
New England—Eastern	New Hampshire	New Jersey—Shore	New York—Buffalo	
New York—Central	New York—Hudson Valley	New York—Nassau Co.		
New York City—PSAL	New York—Section V	North Carolina—Public East	Oregon	
Pennsylvania—Eastern	Rhode Island	Tennessee	Vermont	
Virginia—Loudon Co	Virginia—Northern	Virginia—Piedmont	Washington	
Western Massachusetts	Wisconsin			

**\*If you are listed in an Area that does not fit the timeline of your season/schedule, please let Stephen Berger, US Lacrosse Men's Game Manager, know ASAP.**



