Banquet/Awards

This section contains information regarding permissible awards that student-athlete can receive.

POLICIES

- All awards must conform to specific NCAA monetary limitations.
  - All seniors will be awarded a Framed Varsity Letter valued at $36 that must be included in the senior participation NCAA monetary limit.
  - All student-athletes receive an All Sports Banquet Gift valued at $12 that must be included in both the participation and the senior participation NCAA monetary limit.
- Letter Awards: Annually each Head Coach is responsible for determining which student-athletes are to be issued varsity letter awards.
  - Student-athletes who were on the team at the conclusion of the traditional season and participated in at least 35% of the competitions during the traditional season are eligible for a varsity letter award.
    - Traditional season competition is defined as outside competition that counts in a team’s official record. For example, for Fall Sports that play a non-traditional season in the spring, the spring games should not be counted in the 35% calculation. The same is true for spring sports playing a non-traditional season in the fall. Additionally, exhibitions and scrimmages, which do not count in a team’s official record, should not be included in the 35% calculation.
    - Exceptions for the varsity letter policy may be made with approval from the sport supervisor.
  - Graduating seniors that have not exhausted their eligibility and will be returning for a 5th year of competition shall not be awarded the Senior Letter until after they have exhausted their eligibility.
- General Participation Awards: Awarded to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors on one team shall have a total value of $225.
- Senior Participation Awards: Awarded to all seniors on one team who have exhausted eligibility or are graduating and not returning shall have a total value of $425.
- Special Attainment Awards: Presented as a result of a student-athlete’s special attainments or contributions to a team’s season. They may be awarded for a variety of reasons including most valuable player, most improved player, scholar-athlete, etc. A student-athlete may receive more than one special attainment award (e.g., MVP and MIP). Each special attainment Award has monetary limit of $175 total value. Only Boston College may award Special Attainment Awards.
  - If no Awards will be given submit to Compliance stating “No Awards”.
- Special Event Participation Awards: Presented as a result of a team’s or a student-athlete’s participation in a special event.
  - They may be awarded for participation in a postseason conference or NCAA championship contest or tournament or championship, as well as for an all-star game, postseason bowl, or other established competition.
  - Each Special Event Participation Award has a monetary limit.
- Banquets: Must be approved by the Compliance Office and the Business Office prior to the banquet occurring.

PROCEDURES

1. Upon completion of each sport's traditional season, the Compliance Office will provide Varsity Letter/Participation List Team and Team Award /Banquet Prior Approval Form (Attachment M-8) to the Head Coach which will include the names of the student-athletes eligible to receive awards.
   a. The Head Coach must calculate the student-athletes that have competed in at least 35% of the competitions and indicate on the Varsity Letter/Participation List who will Letter.
      i. Student-athletes that do not meet the criteria must be indicated on the Varsity Letter/Participation List for approval by the sport supervisor.
ii. Student managers that do not meet the criteria must be indicated on the Varsity Letter/Award List for approval by the sport supervisor.

2. Once completed the Head Coach must obtain an approval signature from the sport supervisor and submit the Varsity Letter/Participation List Team and Team Award /Banquet Prior Approval Form to the Compliance Office no later than two weeks from the conclusion of the traditional season.
   a. Every award presented to a student-athlete must be listed with its exact normal retail value.
   b. Every student-athlete that receives an award must be listed.
   c. Every receipt for every award presented to a student-athlete must be attached.

3. The Compliance Office will review the Varsity Letter/Participation List Team and Team Award /Banquet Prior Approval Form to verify that the awards fall within designated NCAA limitations and that duplication in awards has not occurred.

4. Once approved, the Compliance Office will forward a Senior Framed Varsity Letter list to the Equipment Room, a Senior Varsity list to the Varsity Club, a list of all graduates to Athletics Communications department and a copy of the Varsity Letter/Award form to Business for their approval.

**RETENTION OF AWARDS/EQUIPMENT**

**POLICIES**

- All awards and equipment issued to student-athletes must be retained by the student-athlete for the duration of their eligibility.
- Student athletes cannot sell their awards nor redeem them for cash.

**PROCEDURES**

1. Compliance will check on different websites to make sure that memorabilia is not being sold. (e.g. amazon, Craig’s list, eBay etc..)

2. Websites will be checked once a week for the sports of Football, Men’s Ice Hockey, Men’s and Women’s Basketball.

3. If memorabilia is found, Compliance will investigate the source and head coach will be contacted.