



POLICY #15: AWARDS

Canada West annual awards officially recognize outstanding achievements or performances by individuals, teams, and/or member institutions in interuniversity athletics. Public commendation of exceptional accomplishments and/or performances serve to acknowledge the efforts of the recipients, attract positive external attention, and reflect the commitment of Canada West and its member institutions to the pursuit of excellence. Canada West annual awards and criteria will be consistent with U SPORTS Honours and awards, and Canada West recipients will be the nominees for all national awards.

1) GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- a) Awards, presented to Members, their teams, their athletes and/or their staff, shall be as sport and gender equitable as possible.
- b) A minimum amount and minimum standard, of annual awards shall be established by Canada West.
- c) The solicitation, purchase and/or receipt of awards as well as the annual preparation, upkeep, distribution, monitoring, and reporting of awards are the responsibility of Canada West Office.
- d) Sports may provide additional awards, provided that the Awards & Recognition Committee first approves them.
- e) The selection process for all awards will be determined by the Coaches Association with final approval by the Awards & Recognition Committee.
- f) All awards criteria and selection procedures must adhere to the relevant U SPORTS and/or Canada West by-laws, policies and regulations.
- g) Probationary Members of Canada West shall receive awards as if they were full Members of the Association.
- h) Institutions and coaches are required to participate in the voting process for all awards. Failure to do so may result in a fine (see Finance Policy for more details).

2) CONFERENCE AWARDS

- a) Standard Conference Awards
The following awards shall be standard for all Canada West sports, and shall be presented on an annual basis at all Canada West Championships:
 - i) Canada West All-Stars
 - ii) Player of the Year

- iii) Rookie of the Year
- iv) All-Rookie Team (only applicable in basketball, volleyball, soccer and hockey)
- v) Coach of the Year
- vi) Student-Athlete Community Service Award
- vii) Sport Specific Awards:

Additional awards may be presented, with details provided in the sport specific awards section.

b) Standard Principles for Conference Awards

- i) Coaches Associations are responsible for developing and implementing the selection processes for all awards. All coaches must participate in the selection process(es) as outlined in the sport specific playing regulations.
- ii) The sport Convenor (or designate/championship host, as indicated in the regulations) is responsible for reporting the results to the Associate Director Communications and Marketing, as well as ensuring compliance with all Canada West and U SPORTS by-laws, regulations, and requirements.
- iii) As per U SPORTS Awards Policy, to win the national award, the athlete must have been named as the respective award winner in the Conference.
- iv) Only Canada West All-Star Team Members shall be nominees for U SPORTS All-Canadian Awards.
- v) All Stars will receive Canada West All Star Certificates (see Section 8 for further details).
- vi) All other award winners will receive a Canada West keepsake (see section 9 for further details). Some sports also have perpetual trophies for award recipients (please refer to sport specific playing regulations).

(1) All-Stars (Team Sports)

- (a) There will be a 1st team and a 2nd team Canada West All-Star team selected for each league sport with the exception of Field Hockey, Rugby, and Football. Basketball will also select a 3rd team.
- (b) The number of Canada West All-Stars selected per team must be based on and cannot exceed the number of athletes competing on the field of play as outlined in published Canada West regulations.

(2) All Stars (Individual Sports)

- (a) Cross-Country:

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- (i) The top 7 finalists in the men and women’s event at the Canada West Championship will make up the 1st Team Conference All-Stars.
- (ii) The athletes finishing 8 to 14 in the men and women’s event at the Canada West Championship will make up the 2nd Team Conference All-Stars.

Note: Canada West Championship is currently held in conjunction with the U SPORTS Cross Country Championship. Results from the U SPORTS Championship will be utilized to select the cross-country conference all-stars.

(b) Swimming:

The gold medalists in the men and women’s events (including relays) at the Canada West Championship will make up the 1st Team All-Stars.

(c) Track & Field:

- (i) The gold medalists in the men and women’s events (including relays) at the Canada West Championship will make up the 1st Team All-Stars.
- (ii) The silver medalists in the men and women’s events (including relays) at the Canada West Championship will make up the 2nd Team All-Stars.
- (iii) Alternates that competed are also listed as Conference All-Stars.

(d) Wrestling:

- (i) The gold medalists in the men and women’s events at the Canada West Championship will make up the 1st Team Conference All-Stars.
- (ii) The silver medalists in the men and women’s events at the Canada West Championship will make up the 2nd Team Conference All-Stars.

(3) Player of the Year (Team Sports)

- (a) A Player of the Year will be selected in all Canada West team sports.
- (b) Player of the Year nominees must be members of the Canada West 1st Team Conference All-Stars.

(4) Athlete of the Year (Individual Sports)

(a) Cross Country, Swimming and Wrestling:

- (i) An Athlete of the Year in both the Men and Women’s events will be selected annually.
- (ii) Criteria for selection are based on an individuals’ performance at the Canada West Championship.

(b) Track & Field:

An Athlete of the Year in a “track event” and an Athlete of the Year in a “field event” in both the Men and Women’s events will be selected annually.

(5) Rookie of the Year (Team Sports)

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- (a) Nominated athletes must be 21 years of age or under as of September 1st in the academic year of their rookie season
 - (b) Nominated athletes must not have consumed any eligibility as defined by U SPORTS regulations.
- (6) Rookie of the Year (Individual Sports)
- (a) Track & Field and Wrestling:
 - (i) Nominated athletes must be 21 years of age or under as of September 1st in the academic year of their rookie season
 - (ii) Nominated athletes must not have consumed any eligibility as defined by U SPORTS regulations.
 - (b) Cross Country and Swimming:
 - (i) Nominated athletes must be 21 years of age or under as of September 1st in the academic year of their rookie season
 - (ii) Nominated athletes must not have consumed any eligibility as defined by U SPORTS regulations.
- (7) All-Rookie Team (applicable only in basketball, volleyball, soccer, and ice hockey)
- (i) To be eligible for an All-Rookie team, first year student athletes must have competed in a minimum of 25% of their team's conference games - and - meet the CW Rookie criteria as identified in section 5 above - Rookie of the Year (Team Sports)
 - (ii) Members of the All-Rookie teams will receive Canada West All-Rookie Certificates.
- (8) Coach of the Year (Team Sports)
- (i) Coach of the Year in both the Men and Women's events will be selected annually.
 - (ii) Criteria for selection is listed in sport specific playing regulations.
- (9) Coach of the Year (Individual Sports)
Applies to Cross Country, Swimming, Track & Field and Wrestling:
- (i) Coach of the Year in both the Men and Women's events will be selected annually.
 - (ii) Criteria for selection are based on the athletes/team's performance during the season including the Canada West Championship.
- (10) Student-Athlete Community Service Award

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An award for outstanding achievement in athletics, academics and community involvement, will be awarded annually in all Canada West sports.

(11) Sport Specific Awards

(a) Sport Specific awards and criteria are listed in the awards sections of the sport specific playing regulations.

c) Process for Sport with No Crossover

In an effort to accomplish fairness and balance when voting for Canada West Awards in a situation when the voters (coaches) are split into divisions, when divisions might be unequal in size, and when voters (coaches) will not have seen first-hand or competed against players/teams from the other division, the following process will be used:

The process for determining the All-Star teams and All-Rookie teams in sports with divisional play and no crossover will involve a two-stage process.

(1) The first stage would be voting within division. Coaches will submit their nominations for consideration to the sport convener, who will then distribute a ballot to all the coaches for voting using the Standard Point System for Votes that involve Rankings (see below). A rank order of nominees will be developed in each of these categories. Ties will be broken using the Tie-breaking Protocol for Canada West Awards & Recognition. The results of this first stage of voting are only to be used for determining rank orders for consideration in the second stage of voting and would not be announced publicly.

In Basketball this would be to determine the top 20 all-star nominees and top 5 rookie nominees from each division.

In Soccer this would be to determine the top 2 goalkeepers, 6 defenders, and 6 midfield/attacking players from each division.

(2) The second stage would involve voting from all coaches in all divisions on the full listing of nominees. The two keys to this second stage of the voting process are:

(a) All coaches must respect the rank order of the nominees from each division as they cast their votes using the Standard Point System for Votes involving Rankings (see below). To be clear, the #1 ranked nominee from one division must end up ranked higher than the #2 ranked nominee from the same division, but does not need to be ranked above or below any nominee from the other division.

(b) That the votes cast as well as the rankings and corresponding points will take on the following weighting:

(i) That each vote and ranking point from the coach of a division with the smaller # of teams be worth the corresponding points multiplied by 1.0.

- (ii) That each vote and ranking point from the coach of a division with the larger # of teams be multiplied by the fraction that is created by taking the number of teams in the smaller division and dividing it by the number of teams in the larger division.
- (c) The points received for each nominee would be totaled using the weighting above to determine who receives the recognition. If there is a tie in points that needs to be broken, use the Can West tie-breaking procedure.
- (3) All voters have the right to see the votes cast for any Canada West award.

The process for determining all other award winners in sports with divisional play and no crossover will be a one stage process:

- (1) The votes cast as well as the rankings and corresponding points will take on the following weighting:
 - (a) That each vote and ranking point from the coach of a division with the smaller # of teams be worth the corresponding points multiplied by 1.0.
 - (b) That each vote and ranking point from the coach of a division with the larger # of teams be multiplied by the fraction that is created by taking the number of teams in the smaller division and dividing it by the number of teams in the larger division.
 - (c) The points received for each nominee would be totaled using the weighting above to determine who receives the recognition. If there is a tie in points that needs to be broken, use the Canada West tie-breaking procedure. (See below)

Rationale: This weighting system would ensure that the total value of the votes and ranking points cast by voters from each division would be equal. This way we can continue to keep our awards as being conference awards, instead of moving to divisional awards and then trying to figure out how to move from divisional awards to conference award winners.

d) TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

In the event of a tie (in a category that requires a decision) in the regular calculation of voting that involves a ranking of multiple nominees, the tie will be broken using the following protocol:

- ii) The rankings of all the voters who do not have a nominee involved in the tie will be reviewed.
- iii) Within those rankings, only the rankings of the tied nominees will be compared to see which of the tied nominees was ranked higher than the other(s) more often. The nominee who receives more higher-placed votes will finish ahead of the other tied nominee(s).

- iv) If still tied, the rankings of all the voters who do not have a nominee involved in the tie will be reviewed.
 - (1) Of the tied nominees, the nominee who receives more 1st place rankings will finish ahead of the other tied nominees.
 - (2) If still tied, the nominee who receives more 2nd place rankings will be finish ahead of the other tied nominees, then 3rd, etc.
- v) If still tied, the nominee from the team/school higher in the final standings (or rankings if no standings are kept) will win the tie vote.
- vi) For ties of three or more nominees:
 - (1) If at any step in this protocol a nominee is determined to be ranked above or below the others while other nominees remain tied, that distinct nominee assumes that position and the remaining tied nominees start the protocol over from the start.
- vii) In the event of a tie in the regular calculation of voting that involves voting for one of the nominees (not ranking), the tie will be broken using the following protocol:
 - (1) Votes of all the voters who do not have a nominee involved in the tie will be tallied.
 - (2) If still tied, a second vote will be conducted among the voters not involved directly in the tie. This vote would be a ranking of the tied nominees and would follow the protocol for ties in a ranking of multiple nominees (above).
- viii) For ties of three or more nominees:
 - (1) If at any step in this protocol a nominee is determined to be ranked above or below the others while other nominees remain tied, that distinct nominee assumes that position and the remaining tied nominees start the protocol over from the start.

e) STANDARD POINT SYSTEM FOR VOTES THAT INVOLVE RANKINGS

- i) n = number of nominees.

The standard point values will be:

- a. $1^{\text{st}} = n$, $2^{\text{nd}} = n-1$, $3^{\text{rd}} = n-2$, $4^{\text{th}} = n-3$ and so on.

If there are four nominees for an award, the standard point values will be:

1st = 4 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points, 4th = 1 point

If there are 15 nominees for an award, the standard point values will be:

1st = 15 points, 2nd = 14 points, ..., ..., 15th = 1 point

If there are 15 nominees for an award but only 10 people that can be recognized, the standard point values would be:

1st = 10 points, 2nd = 9 points, ..., ..., 10th = 1 point

2) PRESENTATION OF CONFERENCE AWARDS

- a) Canada West award winners must be formally recognized at a Canada West Championship. It is at the discretion of the host whether the recognition is made at the competition itself or through some other ceremony/banquet, etc. held in conjunction with the Championship. The presentation of the conference awards (plaques and/or certificates) for all Canada West sports shall take place at the site of the Championship Finals/Tournament.
- b) The host institution will be responsible for the production of the All Star and/or Championship Certificates, based on the policy as outlined in Section 8.
- c) If the award winners will not be in attendance at the event, the host will collaborate with the Canada West Office to ensure that the certificates, trophies, and/or plaques will be sent to the recipient's institution within 14 days of the completion of the event, at the expense of the Association.
- d) If there is no championship event, the Canada West Office will forward the certificates, plaques and/or trophies to the recipient(s) institution(s) immediately following the declaration of the award winners (at the expense of the Association).

3) COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR CONFERENCE AWARDS

- a) The Associate Director, Communications and Marketing will annually receive, file and distribute (as per Section 5) results of all the Canada West awards;
- b) The Associate Director, Communications and Marketing is responsible for all Canada West awards announcements. Institutions that release all-star or major award winners prior to the Canada West release may be subject to a fine (see Financial Policy for details).
- c) Only conference level All Star teams and awards will be publicized (i.e. divisional All Star teams and award winners are for internal purposes only and will not be released).

(1) Team Sports

- (a) The Sport Convenor or designate will provide the Associate Director Communications and Marketing with a list of All Stars and award winners, as per the timelines provided in the sport specific playing regulations.
- (b) The Associate Director Communications and Marketing will inform the award recipient's institutions (coaches, SIDs, and ADs) of their awards via email. The email will include the release date and time, as well as the content of the release for approval by the SIDs. This will also allow members to prepare a press release specific to their athletes for their local media.
- (c) Please note that these institutional releases cannot be sent prior to the Canada West release.

(d) The timing and order of releases will be determined by the Associate Director Communications and Marketing, in consultation with the Canada West office and championship host.

(2) Individual Sports (where awards are determined by results at the championship event):

(a) Host must have the names to the Associate Director Communications and Marketing immediately following the championship.

(b) The Associate Director Communications and Marketing will issue the awards release within 24 hours of receipt, unless prior arrangements are made with the championship host.

4) CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The following Championship Awards are standard for all Canada West sports, and shall be presented on an annual basis at each Canada West Championship (unless otherwise noted in the sport specific playing regulations):

a) Trophy to the winning team (to display for one year):

(1) Please refer to Section 5 for further information on trophies.

b) Canada West banner to the winning team (to keep).

(1) Please refer to Section 6 for further information on the banners.

c) Canada West medals (refer to Section 9 for a list of required medals):

Team Sports: members of the Canada West championship team shall be presented a Canada West Championship medal (gold) and the members of the second place team shall be presented a Canada West second place medal (silver). NOTE: see specific sport playing regulations for exceptions, whereby bronze medals are also awarded.

Individual Sports: the first, second and third place finisher of each event or category shall be presented a Canada West Championship medal (gold, silver, bronze).

d) Canada West gold medals (individual sports) shall be presented to all athletes and staff of the championship team (refer to section I for further information on medals).

5) TROPHIES

a) All applications to present trophies for competition/recognition, within the Association shall be approved by the General Assembly. The perpetual trophies, that are active, shall be awarded for a period of one year to the Championship winning team in each of the respective Canada West sports. Any trophies not currently in annual use shall be kept at the office of the Association or at a place designated by the Canada West Office. The list

of active and inactive trophies, in possession of the Association for competition and/or recognition, are listed below.

- b) The Canada West Office shall, where necessary, secure sponsorship or purchase trophies to ensure that gender equity exists within dual gender championships.
- c) The Association may acquire, by gift, purchase, or otherwise, suitable trophies and may directly or indirectly present, or cause to be presented, such trophies as deemed to be in the best interests of the Association.
- d) Trophies to be presented to Members and/or individuals shall be forwarded to a Member in accordance with schedules created by, or requests made by the Association. In establishing these schedules and/or requests, the following guidelines should be followed:
 - i) For team sports, trophies shall be forwarded by, and at the expense of, the Member in possession of the trophy, to the Member hosting the championship final, prior to the event at which it will next be presented.
 - ii) For individual sports, with championships at predetermined sites, trophies shall be forwarded by, and at the expense of, the Member in possession of the trophy, to the Member hosting, 30 days prior to the event at which it will next be presented.
- e) The presentation of the trophies for all Canada West sports shall take place at the site of the Championship Finals and shall be coordinated by the host Member at their discretion i.e. at the event or at a post event occasion.
- f) Title to the trophies shall remain in the Association and the responsibility for safekeeping, general maintenance, **re-delivery** and annual engraving shall be with the Member to whom trophies are presented. **Any expenses incurred because of damages to the trophy, or the replacement of lost or stolen trophies, will be with the member to whom the trophies are presented.** The agreement to and the expense of any major repairs or modifications shall be the responsibility of the Association.

(1) Active Championship Trophies

Basketball (M)	Stan Broder Trophy
Basketball (W)	Valerie Girsberger Trophy
Cross Country (M)	P.S. Warren Trophy
Cross Country (W)	Harold Wright Trophy
Field Hockey	Donna Hunt Memorial Trophy
Football (M)	A.E. Hardy Trophy
Ice Hockey (M)	Dr. W. G. Hardy Trophy
Ice Hockey (W)	Catherwood Cup
Rugby (W)	Canada West Trophy
Soccer (M)	CWUAA Trophy
Soccer (W)	CWUAA Trophy
Swimming (M)	E.W. Griffiths Trophy

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Swimming (W)	Felstad Memorial Trophy
Track & Field (M)	Dr. R. R. DuWors Trophy
Track & Field (W)	Eleanor Haslam Trophy
Volleyball (M)	Costa Chrysanthou Trophy
Volleyball (W)	Sam Landa Trophy
Wrestling (M)	Rawson Trophy
Wrestling (W)	Canada West Women’s Wrestling Championship Trophy

(2) Active Major Awards Trophies

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>
Football (M)	MVP	Frank Gnuip Memorial
Ice Hockey (M)	Fair Play	Calgary Oldtimers
Soccer (M)	MVP	Umbro
Soccer (W)	MVP	Umbro
Track & Field (M)	Outstanding Performer (Track)	
Track & Field (M)	Outstanding Performer (Field)	
Track & Field (W)	Outstanding Performer (Track)	
Track & Field (W)	Outstanding Performer (Field)	

(3) Inactive Trophies

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Name of Trophy</u>
Badminton (M)	J.B. Leicester Trophy
Badminton (W)	CWUAA Trophy
Badminton (combined)	Dr. O.J. Walker Trophy
Curling (M)	Dr. W.P. Thomspson Trophy
Curling (W)	Mrs. C.R. Spooner Trophy
Diving (M/W)	U of Calgary Trophy
Fencing (M)	A. Savage Trophy
Fencing (W)	U of Alberta Trophy
Figure Skating (W)	Irving Kline Trophy
Golf (M)	R. Proctor Trophy
Gymnastics (M)	WCIAA Trophy
Gymnastics (W)	WCIAA Trophy
Judo (M)	Kabuto Trophy
Rugby (M)	CWUAA Trophy
Synchronized Swimming (W)	WCIAA Trophy

6) BANNERS

- a) Canada West Championship Banners will be awarded to the championship team in each sport.
- b) The Canada West Office shall order sport specific banners each year, and shall have them delivered, at the expense of the Association, to the championship host 30 days prior to the event (where possible). If no event exists, the Office will forward the banner to the championship institution immediately following the declaration of the champion.
- c) The presentation of the banner for all Canada West sports shall take place in conjunction with the presentation of the Canada West trophy, at the site of the Championship Finals/Event and shall be coordinated by the host Member at their discretion (i.e. at the event or at a post event occasion).

7) MEDALS

- a) The Canada West Office shall annually distribute, at the expense of the Association, the properly inscribed medals in the quantities listed below. For team sports, these shall be sent to the site of the Canada West Championship Final as soon as the site is known. For individual sports, the medals shall be sent to the site of the Canada West Championship Final 30 days prior to that event being held.
- b) The presentation of the medals for all Canada West sports shall take place at the Championship Finals and shall be coordinated by the host Member at their discretion (i.e. at the event or a post event occasion).
- c) In team sports, the championship team staff (coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer, etc.) and athletes shall receive Canada West medals as per the numbers outlined below.

Sport	Athletes	Team Personnel	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Basketball - M	12	10	22	22	22	66
Basketball - W	12	10	22	22	22	66
Field Hockey - W	16	4	20	20	N/A	40
Football - M	48	8	56	N/A	N/A	56
Ice Hockey - M	22	5	27	27	N/A	54

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Ice Hockey - W	22	5	27	27	N/A	54
Rugby - W	25	5	30	30	N/A	60
Soccer – M	18	7	25	25	25	75
Soccer - W	18	7	25	25	25	75
Volleyball – M	14	10	24	24	24	72
Volleyball - W	14	10	24	24	24	72
Curling - M	5	6	6			
Curling - W	5	6	6			
TOTAL			311	246	142	687

- d) In individual sports, each athlete finishing first, second or third in each event or category shall receive a Canada West inscribed medal. In the sports of cross country, swimming, track & field and wrestling, members of the championship team shall receive Canada West gold medal. The current number of medals per sport in this category is as follows:

Sport	Events	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Cross Country M *	N/A	9	1	1	11
Cross Country W *	N/A	9	1	1	11
Swimming M/W	19	94	58	58	210
Track & Field M/W	34	112	54	54	220
Wrestling M	11	25	11	11	44
Wrestling W	8	19	8	8	24
Total		242	132	132	506

*Championship in conjunction with U SPORTS

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- e) Members requiring additional medals for athletes or staff, beyond the amount listed above, may requisition them from the Canada West Office, at the expense of the Member.

8) **CERTIFICATES**

- a) The Associate Director Communications and Marketing will prepare an electronic All-Star certificate template for Canada West All-Stars each fall, which will be circulated to all championship host institutions a minimum of 30 days prior to the championship event.
- b) The host institution will prepare and distribute the certificates as indicated in Section D for those winners in attendance at the ceremony. Institutions that have winners who were not present at the ceremony will be responsible for printing the certificates for their own winners.
- c) The presentation of the All Star certificates for all Canada West sports shall be done in conjunction with the presentation of the plaques/trophies to the individual award winners. It shall take place at the host institution at a time and place of their choosing.
- d) Canada West Championship certificates shall be used as appropriate recognition for athletes and staff of the Canada West Championship Team in individual sports.
- e) Ties that occur from voting procedures or events may cause discrepancies in the number of certificates to be presented annually.

Number of All Star Certificates required per sport (including Rookies)

SPORT	TEAM	ALL-STARS
Basketball	(W)	20
	(M)	20
Cross Country	(M)	14
	(W)	14
Field Hockey	(W)	11
Football	(M)	27
Ice Hockey	(M)	18
	(W)	18
Rugby	(W)	15

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Swimming	(W)	56
	(M)	56
Soccer	(W)	22
	(M)	22
Volleyball	(W)	21
	(M)	21

(a) Number of Championship certificates required per sport

SPORT	TEAM	Athletes	Staff	Total
Cross Country	(W)	7	1	8
	(M)	7	1	8
Swimming	(W)	18	2	20
	(M)	18	2	20
Track & Field	(W)	24	3	27
	(M)	24	3	27
Wrestling	(M)	11	1	12
	(W)	8	1	9

9) INDIVIDUAL AWARDS - KEEPSAKE TROPHIES:

- a) Canada West keepsake trophies/plaques will be awarded to the individual conference award winners and the Fred “Gus” Collins award recipient.
- b) The Canada West Office shall order the keepsake trophies/plaques each year, and shall have them delivered, at the expense of the Association, to the championship host 30 days prior to the event (where possible). If no event exists, the Canada West Office will forward the trophy/plaque to the award recipient’s institution immediately following the announcement of the winners. If the award recipients will not be present to receive their award, Canada West will work with the championship host to ensure delivery of the trophy/plaque to the recipient’s institution, at the Association’s expense.

- c) The presentation of the plaques/trophies to the individual award winners for all Canada West sports shall be done in conjunction with the presentation of the All Star certificates. It shall take place at the host institution at a time and place of their choosing.

Sport Specific Conference Awards

- a) Women's Basketball
 - Tracey Macleod Award (use U SPORTS criteria)
 - U SPORTS criteria – individual who demonstrates exceptional courage in overcoming adversity, injuries, etc.
 - Sylvia Sweeney Award (use U SPORTS criteria)
 - U SPORTS criteria - Student-Athlete Community Service Award
- b) Men's Basketball
 - Ken Shields Award (Student-Athlete Community Service Award)
- c) Cross Country
 - No extra awards
- d) Field Hockey
 - Liz Hoffman Player of the Year
 - Gail Wilson Outstanding Contributor Award
- e) Football
 - Outstanding Player – Frank Gnuv Memorial
 - Player of the Week
- f) Men's Hockey
 - Fair Play Award (Calgary Old-timers) – awarded to team with fewest penalty minutes
 - WHL Player of the Month
- g) Women's Hockey
 - No extra awards
- h) Women's Rugby
 - No extra awards
- i) Soccer
 - Fair Play Award (team with best discipline record)
 - Game Most Valuable Player
- j) Swimming
 - 5th Year athlete recognition
 - Swimmer and Rookie of the meet (male and female)
- k) Track and Field
 - Track Performer – male / female
 - Field Performer – male / female
 - Outstanding performer/performance – male/female

- l) Men's Volleyball
 No extra awards
- m) Women's Volleyball
 No extra awards
- n) Wrestling
 No extra awards

10) **OTHER AWARDS**

a) BLG - U SPORTS Student-Athlete of the Year Award

The following procedure shall be followed for the selection of the BLG Awards:

- i) The Canada West Office will distribute the shortened Canada West BLG Nomination Form to be filled out by each nominating Member.
- ii) All nominations will then be returned to the Canada West Office to be compiled and distributed to the membership for voting. Institutions cannot vote for their own nominees, and all institutions must vote.
- iii) All votes will then be sent to the Canada West Office for tabulation.
- iv) The Canada West Office will then notify the membership of the male and female Canada West nominees for BLG - U SPORTS Student-Athlete of the Year Award.
- v) The winning schools are then responsible for filling out the full BLG Nomination Forms as required by the U SPORTS and the BLG Organizing Committee.

b) Top 8 Academic All-Canadian Nomination Process

The following procedure shall be followed for the selection of the Canada West Top 8 Academic All-Canadian Awards:

- i. The Canada West Office will distribute the shortened Canada West Top 8 Academic All-Canadian Nomination Form to be filled out by each nominating Member. The Canada West will confirm the deadline for submitting the short form at the time of distribution
- ii. All nominations will then be returned to the Canada West Office to be compiled and distributed to the membership for voting. Institutions cannot vote for their own nominees, and all institutions must vote (rank the nominees). The deadline to vote will be confirmed by the Canada West Office at the time of distribution.
- iii. The Canada West Office will then notify the membership of the male and female Canada West nominees for Top 8 Academic All-Canadian Award.
- iv. The winning schools are then responsible for filling out the full Top 8 Academic All-Canadian Nomination Forms as required by U SPORTS.

c) Fred “Gus” Collins Award

The Fred “Gus” Collins Award recognizes the outstanding contribution to Canada West by a media member. The recipient will be selected by the SIDs at their annual meeting. The winner will be the Canada West nominee for the U SPORTS Fred Sgambati Award.

11) NEW AWARDS

The Coaches Associations and/or General Assembly may choose to create additional awards. Awards proposals must:

- i) Include a rationale for the award, selection process and criteria
- ii) Demonstrate a commitment to presenting the award on an annual basis.

The Coaches Association or a sponsor must donate any gift and/or award for presentation. All proposals will be forwarded to Canada West Awards Committee for approval.

12) IN-SEASON RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

1. Canada West 3 Stars of the Week

- a) Nominations are to be forwarded by SIDs to the Associate Director of Communications and Marketing by 10:00 a.m. MT of the Tuesday following weekend competition
- b) First, second and third Stars of the Week for both male and female will be selected by the Associate Director Communications and Marketing.
- c) The male and female 3 Stars of the Week will be highlighted in the Canada West weekly release and on the Canada West website.
- d) The male and female First Stars will be the nominees for the U SPORTS Athlete of the Week.

2. Sport Specific Athletes of the Week/Month:

There are currently two sports with Athletes of the Week/ Month:

- a) Football (offensive, defensive and special teams)
 - i) Nominations are to be forwarded by SIDs to the Associate Director of Communications and Marketing by 10:00 a.m. MT of the Monday (Tuesday if Monday a recognized national holiday)
 - ii) Selected by the Associate Director Communications and Marketing on the basis of statistics available and on merit.
 - iii) The Canada West winners are the nominees for the U SPORTS Football Athletes of the week.
 - iv) Process and recognition as for Canada West Athlete of the Week.

- b) Men's Hockey – Canada West WHL Grad of the Month
 - i) Shall be selected monthly during the season by a vote of conference head coaches. The nomination and announcement process shall be communicated to members by the Associate Director of Communications and Marketing prior to the start of each season.
 - ii) Nominations may be made by each institution's head coach or an official school representative and be returned only to the Associate Director of Communications and Marketing.
 - iii) All head coaches are required to participate in voting.
 - iv) Each monthly winner during the season receives a \$500 cheque towards the cost of education from the Western Hockey League, subject to any changes by the Western Hockey League.
 - v) SID of the winning institution will supply photos and information as requested by the Associate Director of Communications and Marketing and the WHL head office.
 - vi) A student-athlete may only win once per season and, after winning, may not be nominated again for the remainder of that season.
 - vii) The nominee must be a member in good standing of a Canada West Hockey team.
 - viii) The nominee must have played at least one full season in the Western Hockey League.