



# All-Region & All-American

## NFCA NWAC

### 2025 All-American Procedures

#### NFCA All-American

*Nominations Open: Sunday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. Eastern/6 a.m. Pacific*

*Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, May 7, 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific*

#### 1) Nominations

- a) Who may nominate
  - i) Coaches of eligible NWAC institutions who are active NFCA members
    - (1) Any institution, coach, or athlete in the process of moving from one division to another shall remain eligible for NFCA awards for the current year in the existing division they are competing. The NFCA may award athletes and/or coaches at these institutions even if the institution is prohibited from championship play or conference awards provided that the institution played the majority of their schedule at that particular division.
- b) Who may be nominated
  - i) Teams eligible for nomination must complete the minimum number of contests specified by their respective governing body to qualify for postseason competition.
  - ii) Coaches may nominate up to eight players from their own team for All-American selection.
  - iii) Coaches may nominate more than one player for the same position.
  - iv) A player may only be nominated for one position.
  - v) The nomination form must be filled out completely to be considered.
  - vi) Only stats accrued v. NWAC countable competition may be submitted for consideration.

#### 2) Guidelines

- a) **Pitchers**
  - i) Must meet ONE of the following pieces of criteria to be nominated
    - (1) Must have recorded 100 IP **OR**
    - (2) Must have pitched 30% of the team's total innings pitched
      - (a) For example, if a team has a total of 300 IP in the season, a pitcher must have recorded 90 IP to be eligible for All-American nomination using this criteria option.



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- ii) Pitching stats are the first consideration.
  - iii) Defensive stats are the second consideration.
  - iv) Offensive stats are the third consideration.
  - b) **Defensive Positions**
    - i) Must have played 50% of the school's total games.
    - ii) Must have played 60% of the nominee's total games at the nominated position.
    - iii) Defensive and offensive statistics will have equal weight.
  - c) **Utility/Pitcher**
    - i) Must have played at least 50% of the school's total games at two or more positions, with at least 33 % of the total games being played at position(s) other than Pitcher.
    - ii) The nominee must have pitched a minimum of 70 innings OR 25% of the team's total innings pitched
      - (1) For example, if a team pitches 250 total innings, a nominee for the Utility/Pitcher category must have recorded a minimum of 63 IP to be eligible for All-Region nomination in the Utility/Pitcher category.
    - iii) Defensive and offensive statistics will have equal weight.
    - iv) Defensive stats for each position played must be provided (except for DP).
  - d) **DP or Utility/Non-Pitcher**
    - i) **DP** must have played a minimum of 50% of the school's total number of games at the DP position.
    - ii) **Utility/non-pitcher** must have played at least 50% of the school's total games at two or more positions, with no more than 59% of the individual's total games being played at any one position.
    - iii) The nominee must not have pitched more than 24% of the team's total innings pitched.
      - (1) For example, if a team pitches 300 total innings, a nominee must NOT exceed a total of 72 IP to be eligible for All-American nomination in the DP and Utility/Non-Pitcher category.
    - iv) All statistics must be included.
    - v) Defensive stats for each position played must be provided (except for DP).
- 3) Eligibility**
- a) Only players who were nominated are eligible for consideration at the All-American level.
    - i) It is the responsibility of the player's coach to get updated statistics (including game-by-game) on his or her All-American candidate(s) to the regional representative.



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- ii) Conference tournament and regional statistics should be excluded, if applicable.
- b) Only NFCA member Head Coaches who have an active NFCA membership may vote for the All-American teams.
- c) Only one ballot per institution may be cast.

## 4) Voting Procedures

*Voting Opens: Thursday, May 8, 9:00 a.m. Eastern/6 a.m. Pacific*

*Voting Deadline: Sunday, May 11, 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific*

*Announced: May 15, 2025*

- a) The All-American teams will be selected by the NWAC membership through a vote facilitated by the NFCA.
- b) You must vote in order for your institution's nominees to remain eligible.
- c) Coaches cannot vote for their own players on the ballot.
- d) The voting ballot must be completely filled out. If all blanks are not filled in, then the ballot will not be counted. However, if less than three players are on the ballot for a particular position, it's permissible to vote for less. Again, you cannot vote for your own player, even if you will now vote for less than three.
- e) The voting ballot will only be counted if submitted by the deadline.
- f) The total number of voting coaches must exceed 60% of the current active membership for the division for a quorum to be reached.
- g) If you did not have a competitive season this spring, you are still eligible to vote in the NFCA All-America selections.
  - i) The expectation is that ALL voters take the time to be informed about the nominees before casting their ballot. If you were unable to watch play firsthand enough or at all, and thus do not feel comfortable voting, please note that in your response

## 5) Composition

- a) Any division with less than 110 participating institutions will be eligible for All-American selection only.
- b) NWAC will be awarded First Team All-Americans. Should membership percentages fall substantially as of March 1 of a given year the NWAC All-American Committee will reevaluate the number of current All-American Teams. Should membership fall below 50% by March 1 of a given year there will be a mandated decrease in the number of All-American teams. (Example: One year with no NWAC All-Americans).
- c) The All-American team is comprised of 13 players:



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- i) three pitchers, one catcher, one first base, one second base, one third base, one shortstop, three outfielders, one utility/pitcher, and one utility/non-pitcher.

## 6) Special Awards

### a) Diamond Sports / NFCA Catcher of the Year

- i) The First Team All-American Catcher will be awarded the Diamond Sports / NFCA Catcher of the Year.

### b) New Balance / NFCA Golden Shoe Award

- i) A ballot will be sent to the NWAC membership containing the top five most prolific baserunners who were nominated for All-American.

### c) NFCA Player of the Year

- i) A ballot will be sent to the NWAC membership containing the 13 All-Americans.

### d) NFCA Pitcher of the Year

- i) A ballot will be sent to the NWAC membership containing the three (3) First Team All-American Pitchers.

### e) Rawlings / NFCA Gold Glove Award

- i) The nine top defensive players, one per position (P, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF, RF), are recognized with the Rawlings Gold Glove Awards, presented by the NFCA. Selected by the NWAC membership.

## 7) Additional Requirements

- a) All nominations must include a high-resolution color headshot photograph of the nominee and must be uploaded directly within the nomination.

## 8) Announcement of All-American Teams

- a) The All-American team will be announced on the NFCA Website on May 16, 2024.

### ***Major Awards Timeline***

May 15, 2025

All-American Announcement and Major Awards ballot sent out.

May 18, 2025

Major Awards ballot closes

May 22, 2025

Major Awards ballot winners announced