



Rapid City Area Sports Awards

Each year the Rapid City Sports Council in cooperation with the Rapid City Convention & Visitors Bureau acknowledges individuals who contribute to and support Rapid City area sports outside of the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA). The purpose of the awards is to recognize exceptional individuals that may not get recognized for their hard work and dedication otherwise.

- **Service to Sports**
Recognizes achievements of an individual involved in area sports organizations on a long standing basis (minimum of 10 years).
- **Sports Volunteer of the Year**
Recognizes an exceptional volunteer of area sports.
- **Youth Official of the Year**
Recognizes an official of area youth sports that has demonstrated exceptional character and conduct.
- **Sports Coach of the Year**
Recognizes a coach who has made a difference in our athlete's lives and demonstrates exceptional character and conduct.
- **Team of the Year**
Recognizes an area sports team who demonstrated exceptional character and conduct to fellow teams, coaches, officials, and fans.
- **Club of the Year**
Recognizes a sports organization for its committee structure, by-laws, code of conduct, annual development plan/action plan, equality of opportunities for all individuals to participate, successes and achievements, coaching structure/development, appropriately qualified coaches and first aid personnel, athlete protection procedures, education for members, social environment, and fund-raising efforts.
- **Independent Athlete of the Year**
Recognizes an area athlete of any age that competes outside of the SDHSAA and has had an extraordinary season, while demonstrating exceptional character, leadership and conduct with fellow teammates, coaches, officials, and fans.

AWARDS ARE FOR NON HIGH SCHOOL SANCTIONED COMPETITION