

# Awards Criteria (W)

The Women's College Squash Association presents awards to individuals and teams annually. Below are the criteria and procedures for each award.

## **BETTY RICHEY AWARD**

Player and Sportswoman of the Year

**Criteria:** Candidates are evaluated on the following criteria:

- On-court poise and demeanor
- Skill level and ability
- Team play
- Contributions to intercollegiate squash
- Leadership
- Cooperation with players, coaches, and tournament officials

**Procedures:** Before February 1st, the Executive Administrator solicits nominations for the Betty Richey Award by email. Teams may not nominate players from their own college or university. Nominations close on February 1st, and the Award Chair and the Executive Committee then select no more than three candidates for the award.

Notification of these candidates and a summary of each nominee's accomplishments is then posted on the CSA website and emailed to each coach prior to National Team Championships.

Each elected member institution has two votes: the head coach's vote and the team's vote. The head coach and captain(s) should consult with their team prior to casting their

votes. The voting is conducted online and opens a few days prior to the National Team Championships. It closes on Friday at 11:59:59 PM EST of the National Team Championships weekend. In the event of a tie, a run-off vote between the candidates will be held the following day.

The award is usually presented to the winner at the National Team Championships. The winner's respective institution keeps the permanent trophy for a year and the winner receives an award to keep.

For a history of the award and a list of past winners, see [Richey Award](#).

## **CLARENCE C. CHAFFEE AWARD**

### Team Sportsmanship

**Criteria:** The Chaffee Award is for the women's varsity squash team and coach who best represent the ideals around which Clarence Chaffee built his teams. Teams are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Sportsmanship
- Teamwork
- Character/Friendliness
- Work Ethic
- Improvement

**Procedures:** Coaches discuss with their team which team they feel is deserving of this award.

Before February 10th, the Executive Administrator solicits nominations for the Chaffee Award by email. Coaches then consult with their teams prior to casting their school's single vote. The voting is conducted online and opens a few days prior to the National Team Championships. It closes on Friday at 11:59:59 PM EST of the National Team Championships weekend. The award, a keeper plaque, is presented at the

National Team Championships.

For a history of the award and a list of past winners, see [Chaffee Award](#).

## **MOST IMPROVED TEAM AWARD**

**Criteria:** The Most Improved Team Award is given annually to the women's [varsity](#) team showing the most improvement from the previous season's record.

**Procedures:** Any coach can nominate a [varsity](#) team for this award, and coaches can also nominate their own teams. Before February 10th, the Executive Administrator solicits nominations for the Most Improved Team Award by email. Coaches then consult with their teams prior to casting their school's single vote. The voting is conducted online and opens at the conclusion of the National Team Championships. It closes on Friday at 11:59:59 PM EST following the National Team Championships weekend.

For a history of the award and a list of past winners, see [Most Improved Team Award](#).

## **ANN WETZEL AWARD**

Best Senior Player to Learn Squash in College

**Criteria:** To be eligible for this award, candidates may not have played squash prior to their experience at their collegiate institution. The individual who wins must show:

- Outstanding growth technically as a player (records and results)
- A sound understanding of the rules of squash
- Positive on-court poise and demeanor

**Procedures:** Players are nominated by their coaches or club team captain by February 1st. The coach or club team captain

and the player must **submit a certification** that the player has not played squash prior to starting college. The player's nomination will be published on the CSA website prior to the National Team Championships to confirm their eligibility. The Award Chair and Executive Committee review the player's eligibility and select the winner, usually after observing the candidates' play. The award, a keeper plaque, is presented at the National Team Championships.

For a history of the award and a list of past winners, see **Wetzel Award**.

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Criteria:** This award recognizes those rare individuals who have contributed throughout their career to college squash as a whole and who have dedicated a career to the sport.

**Procedures:** The membership recommends candidates for this award, which is then decided on by the Executive Committee. This award is not presented annually, but rather only when it is truly merited. Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award must be submitted by February 1st for consideration for the following season.

For a list of past recipients, see **Lifetime Achievement**.

### **HALL OF FAME**

**Criteria:** Induction into the College Squash Hall of Fame is an honor reserved for the top players and coaches at the collegiate level.

**Players:** Hall of Fame awards are given for overall excellence exhibited during an individual's college career, usually (but not necessarily) including at least one win of the collegiate individual championships. Inductees also usually have a continuing

presence in and commitment to squash following their college career. Players must be ten years beyond graduation to be considered.

**Coaches:** Hall of Fame awards are given to coaches who have left a signature imprint on the college game and who usually coached at least ten years. The award is typically given after individuals retire from coaching.

**Friends of College Squash:** Hall of Fame awards are given to individuals who have made a significant impact on the college game as promoters, sponsors, or in other roles.

**Procedures:** Hall of Fame awards are recommended by the Awards Committee and decided on by the Executive Committee. Nominations for the Hall of Fame must be submitted by February 1st for consideration for the following season.

For a list of inductees, see [Hall of Fame](#).

## **CSA SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AWARD**

**Criteria:** Each year, the Women's College Squash Association recognizes its players who have exemplified the definition of a scholar athlete.

In general, there is a time commitment difference (practices, matches, travel, etc.) between varsity and club teams. Therefore, the CSA has two versions of this award: Scholar Athletes (varsity players) and Academic Recognition (club players).

For varsity Scholar Athletes, the following criteria must be met:

- Two-time varsity letter winner at the school she is currently attending

- Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above
- Junior or senior
- Enrolled at her present school for one full year prior to the present term
- Played a top-10 ladder position for the majority of scheduled CSA sanctioned matches during the season

For club Academic Recognition, the following criteria must be met:

- Two appearances at the National Team Championships
- Has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or above
- Junior or senior
- Enrolled at her present school for one full year prior to the present term
- Played a top-10 ladder position for the majority of scheduled CSA sanctioned matches during the season

**Procedures:** Coaches determine the eligibility of their players and submit the **Women's Academic Achievement** form to the Executive Administrator by February 10th. Two certificates (one for the athlete and one for the institution) are presented at the National Team Championships or after the conclusion of the season.

## **PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**Criteria:** If warranted, each week during the season, the Executive Administrator will select a Player of the Week. The Executive Administrator will consult with the President and Award Chair prior to announcing the selection.

A Player of the Week should meet the following criteria:

- Significantly impacted her team's performance during the prior week
- Demonstrated sportsmanship
- Rarely may a player receive the award multiple times in the same season

- Players may be from either club or varsity teams

For the National Team Championships and Individual Championships, a player from each division will be selected for the award.

**Procedures:** Coaches and Sports Information Directors may nominate players by contacting the Executive Administrator. Appeals of the Player of the Week Award are not permitted.

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Note: All permanent trophies will be kept by the respective winners' institutions for one year. It is the responsibility of the coach to ensure the safety of these valuable trophies. They must be returned to the appropriate event the following year properly engraved, cleaned, and polished.

Also, the Executive Administrator will send multiple e-mails requesting nominations for awards throughout the season. For the major awards, reminder e-mails will be sent well in advance, as well as closer to the deadline (typically multiple reminders during the week of the nomination deadline).