

SCYA Trophy and Banquet Policies and Procedures

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I. Trophies

Trophies and awards are a symbol of accomplishment and for many players a source of great pride. As an organization that promotes learning above winning, it is still important that we continue to praise and recognize all participants, by providing each participant with a symbol of acknowledgment. Any change to these procedures, requires approval by both the Trophy Coordinator as well as the Executive Board prior to the start of the specific sports program.

A. Clinic Programs (ages 4-7)

Our clinic programs are the building blocks for all our county sports programs. By providing an atmosphere that promotes learning and fun, our clinic programs do not encourage the use of a win/loss structure, thus allowing all participants to gain the experience and know how necessary to move to the next level.

Each participant, upon completion of his or her seasonal sports program, will receive a player participation trophy, medal or other award during their closing banquet. Each commissioner, of their designated sport, in coordination with the Trophy Coordinator, will select from an available list of awards, within the budgeted cost previously approved by the Executive Board.

Each Sports Commissioner shall provide complete team rosters to the Trophy Coordinator prior to the first game and shall provide any changes (adds/deletes) as they occur.

B. In-Season County Programs (ages 8-18)

In-Season County Programs include the following:

Spring – Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Soccer

Fall – Field Hockey, Soccer, Volleyball

Winter – Basketball, Wrestling

Our in-season county programs encourage each participant to contribute their very best to his or her team, as our coaches strive to teach and promote teamwork, creating an atmosphere that benefits all our participants. Though our organization places a strong emphasis on promoting learning and fun above winning and losing, it is still a remarkable accomplishment when a team has worked hard during the course of their season, and received acknowledgement by the League in which they are playing, for placing first within their respective division and age group. For those teams who are not recognized as their division winners, we as an organization shall present each participant with a symbol of accomplishment.

Each Sports Commissioner shall provide complete team rosters to the Trophy Coordinator prior to the first game and shall provide any changes (adds/deletes) as they occur. The following two procedures will be followed when determining what type of award or trophy shall be presented to each participant.

1. If individual trophies are not provided by the League, those teams recognized by the League as the division first place winners within their respective program and age group shall be presented individual first place trophies, which are symbolic of their accomplishment. Each Sports Commissioner is responsible for providing a list of all teams who have been recognized by the League as their division winner, to the Trophy Coordinator immediately following the last game of the season.

2. All other teams shall be presented individual participation trophies.

The designs for the trophies shall be selected by the Commissioner and the Trophy Coordinator within the previously approved budgeted cost per trophy.

C. Off-Season Programs (ages 8-18)

Off-Season Programs include the following:

Spring – Basketball

Summer – Baseball, Softball

Fall – Baseball, Softball

Winter – Soccer

Our off-season programs are intended to place a strong emphasis on promoting learning and fun above winning and losing. Typically division winners are not recognized by the League.

All teams shall be presented a certificate of participation. Each certificate shall contain the player's name, sport completed, season participated, and be signed by the coach. Each Sports Commissioner shall provide complete team rosters to the Trophy Coordinator prior to the first game and shall provide any changes (adds/deletes) as they occur.

D. Off-Season Workouts (ages 8-18)

Off-Season Workouts include the following:

Summer – Soccer

Fall – Lacrosse

Winter – Lacrosse, Baseball, Softball

Our off-season workouts are intended to help improve skills and basic knowledge of the sports. No awards shall be presented.

II. Banquets

Banquets are one of many integral parts of sports seasonal functions. As a season comes to a close, coaches, players and parents take this time to reflect on the season that has passed and take time to acknowledge both the hard work of the participants as well as the coaches and volunteers. Banquets will be organized by the Banquet Coordinator, with assistance from each Sports Commissioner, by adhering to the guidelines set forth within this policy. Any change to these procedures, requires approval by both the Banquet Coordinator as well as the Executive Board prior to the start of the specific sports program.

Banquets will be provided for participants in the Clinic Programs (ages 4-7), the In-Season County Programs (ages 8-18) and the Off-Season Programs (ages 8-18). *(See trophy policy above for a list of included sports)*

Banquets will be structured to accommodate all teams of an entire sports program at one time in a designated area. A location will be selected prior to the end of each sports season and agreed upon between the Sports Commissioner and the Banquet Coordinator, with approval from the Executive Board. If required, a permit for that location will be obtained.

Teams are asked to gather at this location, and as they arrive return the uniform that was provided at the commencement of the sports season. At that time the deposit received at the beginning of the season will be returned to each participant. SCYA will provide pizza and soda to be served to all attendees and their families, followed by the presentation of awards.

Each Coach shall provide the Sports Commissioner with a head count for the banquet no later than 12 days prior to the banquet date. The Sports Commissioner shall then provide a total count for all teams to the Banquet Coordinator no later than 10 days prior to the banquet date.

Please note that at all banquets, a request for a donation will be asked for by all parents to help offset the cost of additional family and friends that may be in attendance as SCYA only budgets for those participating in the sport itself.