

2024 MSHSCA Boys Lacrosse EOY Coach Awards Selection Process

Throughout the year, the MN State High School Boys Lacrosse Coaches Association (MSHSBLCA) works closely with two important organizations; the MN State High School Coaches Association (MSHSCA) and US Lacrosse. Both of these organizations provide end of season awards for our coaches and players, but to be eligible for these awards, coaches must be members of each organization. For the 2024 season, coaches who are members of each organization will be eligible for the following awards:

- **MSHSCA Awards**
 - Coach of the Year
 - Section Coach of the Year
 - Assistant Coach of the Year
- **US Lacrosse Awards**
 - Coach of the Year
 - Assistant Coach of the Year
 - Man of the Year

Ideally, the MSHSCA Coach of the Year and the US Lacrosse Coach of the Year would be represented by the same coach. With that said, it is important that all MSHSBLCA coaches belong to both organizations. There is the possibility that one coach could win the MSHSCA Coach of the Year, and a different coach could win the US Lacrosse Coach of the Year. Same should be true for the Assistant Coach of the Year.

Coach of the Year (MSHSCA & US Lacrosse)

- Description:
 - The Coach of the Year honors those coaches who exemplify the ideals of the game within their Area. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins — although they may be considered.
- Criteria and Eligibility:
 - This award is only available to Varsity Head Coaches
 - NOTE: Co-Varsity coaches from an area will not be recognized
 - Nominees must be a member in good standing with each membership
 - MSHSCA and US Lacrosse
 - Nominees must demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field at all times
 - Nominees must demonstrate excellent rapport with officials, other coaches and his own players at all times
 - Nominees did the most with what he had
- Nomination and Voting Procedure:
 - Nominations should include the following:
 - Biographical sketch
 - Brief write-up of why the coach should be considered as the Coach of the Year – only provide information pertinent to the 2024 season
 - Voting Procedure
 - Voting will be by email ballot
 - Each MSHSCA Lacrosse Program can only vote once

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Section Coach of the Year (MSHSCA)

- Description:
 - The Section Coach of the Year honors those coaches who exemplify the ideals of the game within their section. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins — although they may be considered.
- Criteria and Eligibility:
 - This award is only available to Varsity Head Coaches
 - NOTE: Co-Varsity coaches from a section will not be recognized
 - Nominees must be a member in good standing with each membership
 - MSHSCA
 - Nominees must demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field at all times
 - Nominees must demonstrate excellent rapport with officials, other coaches and his own players at all times
 - Nominees did the most with what he had
- Nomination and Voting Procedure:
 - Nominations should include the following:
 - Biographical sketch
 - Brief write-up of why the coach should be considered as the Section Coach of the Year – only provide information pertinent to the 2024 season
 - Voting Procedure
 - Voting will be by email ballot
 - Each MSHSL Lacrosse Program can only vote once

Assistant Coach of the Year (MSHSCA & US Lacrosse)

- Description:
 - The Assistant Coach of the Year honors those assistant coaches who exemplify the ideals of the game within their Area. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins, although they may be considered.
- Criteria and Eligibility:
 - This award is available to
 - Varsity Assistant Coaches OR
 - Junior Varsity Head Coaches
 - Nominees must be a member in good standing with each membership
 - MSHSCA and US Lacrosse
 - Nominees must demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field at all times
 - Nominees must demonstrate excellent rapport with officials, other coaches and his own players at all times
 - Nominees did the most with what he had
- Nomination and Voting Procedure:
 - Nominations should include the following:
 - Biographical sketch
 - Brief write-up of why the coach should be considered as the Assistant Coach of the Year – only provide information pertinent to the 2024 season
 - Voting Procedure
 - Voting will be by email ballot
 - Each MSHSL Lacrosse Program can only vote once

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Man of the Year (US Lacrosse Only)

- Description:
 - The Man of the Year award honors those individuals whose dedication, commitment, and support of the game and its ideals extend beyond his specific team.
- Criteria and Eligibility:
 - Nominees must be a member in good standing with US Lacrosse
 - Nominees can be active coaches but overall contribution to lacrosse beyond his program is the primary criteria for selection
 - Nominees best represent the efforts of people involved in Minnesota lacrosse
 - Nominees ensure good experiences for kids in lacrosse at all levels and who is instrumental in growing the sport of lacrosse in the state
- Nomination and Voting Procedure:
 - Nominations should include the following:
 - Biographical sketch
 - Contributions to the game for the past year
 - Voting Procedure
 - Voting will be by email ballot
 - Each MSHSL Lacrosse Program can only vote once

Specific Requirements for each award:

- MSHSCA Awards
 - Coach of the Year MSHSBLCA Membership
 - Section Coach of the Year MSHSBLCA Membership
 - Assistant Coach of the Year MSHSBLCA Membership
- US Lacrosse Awards
 - Coach of the Year US Lacrosse Membership
 - Assistant Coach of the Year US Lacrosse Membership
 - Man of the Year US Lacrosse Membership
- All memberships will be verified at the beginning of the lacrosse season. If head coaches want to be considered for these End of Season Awards, they must join these organizations before the official start to the lacrosse season (April 1, 2024), assistant coaches must join by May 29, 2018 at 11:59pm.
- **Calendar of Events**
 - April 2nd Verify head coaches membership to each organization
 - May 24th Last day to submit a nomination for any award
 - May 28th-June 6th Vote on nominations
 - May 29th Verify assistant coaches memberships
 - June 8th Announce winners by email