

Illinois Water Polo Player Recognition

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All-Sectional Selection

Starting with the 2021 season IWP switched to an allotment system for All-Sectional selection as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Beginning with the 2022 season, in an effort to promote more players from more schools being recognized, IWP modified the system to what is listed below.

Prior to Sectionals

- Each Coach nominates up to 5 athletes from their team for All-Sectional consideration.
 - Coaches should list the athletes in the order in which they believe they should be selected, with the top athlete listed as the most deserving.
- If a Coach does not complete the nomination process, no athletes from that team can be honored as All-Sectional or All-State.

All-Sectional Team Placement is determined by team finish at the Sectional Tournament.

Selections are as follows:

- Sectional Champion: 5 recipients
 - 3 selections to 1st Team
 - 1 selection to 2nd Team
 - 1 selection to Honorable Mention Team
- Sectional Runner Up: 4 recipients
 - 2 selections to 1st Team
 - 1 selection to 2nd Team
 - 1 selection to Honorable Mention Team
- Sectional Semi-Finalist (2 Teams): 3 recipients per semi-finalist
 - 1 selection to 1st Team
 - 1 selection to 2nd Team
 - 1 selection to Honorable Mention Team
- Sectional Quarter-Finalist (4 Teams): 1 recipient per quarter-finalist
 - 1 selection to 2nd Team
- Any teams that lost in play in round: 1 recipient per team
 - 1 selection to Honorable Mention Team

During/After Sectionals

- Sectional Coach of the Year will be voted on by all Sectional Coaches

All-State Voting

Before State

- All athletes voted to the All-Sectional teams (1st, 2nd and Honorable Mention) are eligible for All-State voting
- All coaches that have athletes eligible for All-State consideration can submit a short bio for each athlete that includes season statistics and important information.
- These bios will then be compiled as part of the complete All-State voting ballot.

During State

- The coach of the teams in each Sectional Final will comprise the All-State voting panel.
 - Each coach will submit an All-State ballot, voting for 40 athletes and 1 State Coach of the Year.
 - Please note that the State Coach of the Year does not have to be the coach of the winning team.
 - Coaches rank each athlete from 40 to 1, with 40 being the highest ranking and 1 being the lowest ranking.
 - Coaches are not allowed to vote for any athletes from their Sectional.
 - All voting is completed electronically.

After State

- Votes will be compiled and results announced.
- The Top 40 vote getters will be awarded All-State.
- Teams will be determined as follows:
 - 1st Team All-State: Top 10 vote getters
 - 2nd Team All-State: Vote getters 11-20
 - 3rd Team All-State: Vote getters 21-30
 - Honorable Mention All-State: Vote getters 31-40
 - In the event of a tie...
 - If the 10th (or 20th or 30th) spot on a team is a tie, we will have 11 players on that team and then 1 less on the Honorable Mention team. The total number of athletes awarded All-State will remain at 40.
 - If the 40th spot is a tie we will have both athletes receive the award and award a total of 41 All-State athletes.
 - Special consideration for goalie on 1st Team All-State
 - In the event a goalie is not selected to the 1st Team, the goalie receiving the most votes will be placed on the 1st team.
 - This only applies to the 1st Team All-State.
- Player of the Year will be the individual receiving the most votes
- State Coach of the Year will also be announced.

Additional Awards

Senior Scholastic Award

- Given out annually to 1 Boy and 1 Girl
- Each school can nominate 1 Boy and 1 Girl
- Requirements:
 - Must be a SENIOR in the current season
 - Minimum of a 3.50/4.0 GPA
 - Exemplify outstanding qualities of the sport in addition to being a top academic student-athlete
 - Nominees should show involvement within their school and community
- Voted on during the All-State voting process