



## ACADEMIC STATE CHAMPIONS GUIDELINES

An Academic State Champions award will be presented to the team of each classification with the highest team cumulative GPA in all IHSAA sports.

**Application forms are available on the IHSAA Website, [idhsaa.org](http://idhsaa.org).**

Academic State Champions Application procedure:

1. List all students who participated at the **varsity** level by the reporting “window” in each sport, including freshmen and dual enrolled students. All students who participate in a varsity contest at any time during the season are considered varsity athletes. Only full teams in each sport will be considered for this award.
2. List each student's cumulative GPA. Include the last full grading period in which high school credit was earned. (Example: fall sports will include cumulative GPA of all high school coursework through the spring semester or trimester, so grades will not be listed for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students).
3. To determine team GPA, add student GPAs and divide by the number of students with grades listed. Round all GPAs (students and team) off to the nearest thousandth ex: 3.123. If your grading system does not record to the thousandth, please round to the hundredth. ex: 3.12.
4. Base GPAs on a 4.00 scale. Schools using weighted grades must convert **all** grades to the 4.00 scale.
5. Complete and submit applications to the IHSAA during the applicable window of time for each season. (Email: [hammonsj@idhsaa.org](mailto:hammonsj@idhsaa.org))

Fall	Sept. 20 – Oct. 5	volleyball, football, soccer, cross country, swimming
Winter	Jan. 20 – Feb. 5	basketball, wrestling, cheer and dance
Spring	April 20 – May 5	baseball, softball, tennis, track, golf

Use a separate form for each sport. Do not combine girls and boys teams (Exception: 1A & 2A track - combine girls and boys). The form must be signed by both the coach and the principal.

6. Individual sports: List **ALL** students who have participated at the **varsity** level. A minimum number of team members are required to be eligible for the award.

Cross Country	5 minimum
Swimming	5 minimum
Wrestling	13 minimum (except 1A - required minimum # is 8)
Tennis	4 minimum
Golf	4 minimum
Track	14 minimum (except 1A & 2A - combine boys and girls)

7. The IHSAA will ask for transcripts for verification of grades for all winning teams.