



All-Region & All-American

NFCA NCAA Division I 2023 All-Region & All-American Procedures

NFCA All-Region

Nominations Open: May 3, 9:00 a.m. Eastern/6 a.m. Pacific

Nomination Deadline: May 9, 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific

1) Nominations

a) Who may nominate

- i) Head Coaches of eligible NCAA Division I institutions who are active NFCA members
 - (1) Any institution, coach, or athlete in the process of moving from one division to another shall remain eligible for NFCA awards for the current year in the existing division they are competing. The NFCA may award athletes and/or coaches at these institutions even if the institution is prohibited from championship play or conference awards provided that the institution played the majority of their schedule at that particular division.

b) Who may be nominated

- i) Teams eligible for nomination must complete the minimum number of contests specified by their respective governing body to qualify for postseason competition.
- ii) Coaches may nominate up to eight players from their own team to the All-Region ballot
- iii) Coaches may nominate more than one player for the same position.
- iv) A player may only be nominated for one position.
- v) The nomination form must be filled out completely to be considered.
- vi) Only stats accrued v. Division I countable competition may be submitted for consideration.

2) Guidelines

a) Pitchers

- i) Must meet ONE of the following pieces of criteria to be nominated
 - (1) Must have recorded 100 IP **OR**
 - (2) Must have pitched 30% of the team's total innings pitched



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- (a) For example, if a team has a total of 300 IP in the season, a pitcher must have recorded 90 IP to be eligible for All-Region nomination using this criteria option.
 - ii) Pitching stats are the first consideration.
 - iii) Defensive stats are the second consideration.
 - iv) Offensive stats are the third consideration.
- b) **Defensive Positions**
 - i) Must have played 50% of the school's total games.
 - ii) Must have played 60% of the nominee's total games at the nominated position.
 - iii) Defensive and offensive statistics will have equal weight.
- c) **Utility/Pitcher**
 - i) Must have played at least 50% of the school's total games at two or more positions, with at least 33% of the total games being played at position(s) other than Pitcher.
 - ii) The nominee must have pitched a minimum of 25% of the team's total innings pitched
 - (1) For example, if a team pitches 300 total innings, a nominee for the Utility/Pitcher category must have recorded a minimum of 75 IP to be eligible for All-Region nomination in the Utility/Pitcher category.
 - iii) Defensive and offensive statistics will have equal weight.
 - iv) Defensive stats for each position played must be provided (except for DP).
- d) **DP and Utility/Non-Pitcher**
 - i) DP must have played a minimum of 50% of the school's total number of games at the DP position.
 - ii) Utility/non-pitcher must have played at least 50% of the school's total games at two or more positions, with no more than 59% of the total games being played at any one position.
 - iii) The nominee must not have pitched more than 24% of the team's total innings pitched.
 - (1) For example, if a team pitches 300 total innings, a nominee must NOT exceed a total of 72 IP to be eligible for All-Region nomination in the DP and Utility/Non-Pitcher category.
 - iv) All statistics must be included.
 - v) Defensive stats for each position played must be provided (except for DP).

NFCA All-Region Balloting (Voting) Procedures

Voting Opens: May 12, 9:00 a.m. Eastern/6 a.m. Pacific

Voting Deadline: May 16, 8 p.m. Eastern/5 p.m. Pacific



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Announced: May 18, 2023

3) Eligibility

- a) Only NFCA member Head Coaches who have an active NFCA membership may vote for the All-Region teams.
- b) Only one ballot per institution may be cast.
- c) If you did not have a competitive season this spring, you are still eligible to vote in the NFCA All-Region selections.
 - i) The expectation is that ALL voters take the time to be informed about the nominees before casting their ballot. If you were unable to watch play firsthand enough or at all, and thus do not feel comfortable voting, please note that in your response.

4) Procedures

- a) You must vote in order for your institution's nominees to remain eligible.
- b) Coaches cannot vote for their own players on the regional ballot.
- c) The voting ballot must be completely filled out. If all blanks are not filled in, then the ballot will not be counted. However, if less than three players are on the ballot for a particular position, it's permissible to vote for less. Again, do not vote for your own player, even if you will now vote for less than three.
- d) The voting ballot will only be counted if submitted by the deadline.

5) All-Region Team Composition

- a) NCAA Division I will be awarded First, Second, and Third Team All-Region for each of the ten NFCA regions provided that the membership percentage remains above 75% as of March 1 of each year. Should membership fall below 75% by March 1 of a given year the Division I All-American Committee will reevaluate the number of current All-Region teams. Should membership fall below 50% by March 1 of a given year there will be a mandated decrease in the number of All-Region teams. (Example: Two All-Region teams for each of the ten NFCA regions).
- b) First-team all-region will include three (3) pitchers, making for a total of 13 players recognized as first-team selections: three pitchers, one for each infield position (1st, 2nd, 3rd, SS, C), three outfielders, one utility/pitcher, and one DP or utility/non-pitcher.
- c) Each region's second team will be comprised of 12 players per team: two pitchers, one for each infield position (1st, 2nd, 3rd, SS, C), three outfielders, one utility/pitcher and one DP or utility/non-pitcher.
- d) Each region's third team All-Region selections may have more than 12 players, as each Conference Player and/or Pitcher of the Year who were nominated and received votes will be added to the third team All-Region in their respective region if they are not already on the first, second, or third team All-Region teams.



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- i) If there is a tie, honors will be awarded to each player involved in the tie.

6) Additional Requirements

- a) All nominations must include a high-resolution color headshot photograph of the nominee and must be uploaded directly within the nomination.
- b) SIDs must use the supplied link to submit individual files or one precisely labeled file that is one-to-two minutes in length of video footage for each player selected to both the first and second all-region teams. **Videos should be submitted no later than May 24.**
- c) Each coach who has a first, second, or third team all-region player must submit or have the SID submit the following to his or her respective regional representative:
 - i) Updated statistics, excluding conference tournament and regional statistics (if applicable).
 - ii) Updated game-by-game statistics for each player named to an all-region team, excluding conference tournament and regional statistics (if applicable).
 - iii) Percentages per game for runs, hits and home runs, excluding conference tournament and regional statistics (if applicable).
 - iv) Player biography (not to exceed one page) that lists season's awards and top performances. **DO NOT** send player biography from the media guide. Please list season's awards and top performances only.
 - v) Cell phone numbers, where the coach and SID can be reached on May 28-29.

7) Announcement of All-Region Teams

- a) NFCA All-Region teams will be released on May 18 and will appear on the NFCA Website.

NFCA All-American Procedures & Selection of All-American Teams

8) Meeting

- a) Regional representatives meet the Sunday & Monday before the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City, OK to select the All-American First, Second and Third Teams.
- b) In 2023, the meeting will take place May 28-29 in Oklahoma City, OK.

9) Eligibility

- a) Only players who were selected to All-Region teams are eligible for consideration at the All-American level.
 - i) It is the responsibility of the player's coach to get updated statistics (including game-by-game) on his or her All-American candidate(s) to the regional representative by Wednesday, May 24 (see Additional Requirements above).
 - ii) Conference tournament and regional statistics should be excluded, if applicable.



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- b) First, second and third team All-Region selections may be eligible for first, second or third team All-American consideration;
 - i) however, a region's first team selection must be selected prior to someone being moved up for consideration from the second team, and the same for a second-team honoree being selected before a third-team selection.

10) Process

a) Order of Selection

- i) The selection process is done by position. Each of the three teams at a determined position is selected before the committee moves on to vote for another position.
 - (1) For example, if the committee is selecting pitchers, the committee members: a) vote in all the first team pitchers, b) vote in all the second team pitchers, c) vote in all the third team pitchers, d) move on to the next position.
- ii) The committee discusses each player on the ballot who has been brought to the table by the regional representative as a potential first-team All-American.
 - (1) A vote is taken and the top vote-getter represents the first team.
 - (2) The committee then discusses each player on the ballot who has been brought to the table as a potential second team All-American.
 - (3) A vote is taken and the top vote-getter represents the second team.
 - (4) The process is repeated for selection to the third team.
- iii) If there is a tie, the committee re-discusses the individuals involved in the tie and re-votes until the tie is broken.
 - (1) Exception: If there is a tie at the third team All-American level, all players involved in the tie are awarded.

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- b) Each All-American team is comprised of 18 players:
 - i) three pitchers, one catcher, one first base, one second base, one third base, one shortstop, three outfielders, one utility/pitcher, one utility/non-pitcher, and five at-large positions.
 - (1) At-large positions are nominated by the regional representatives.



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12) Special Awards

a) Diamond Sports / NFCA Catcher of the Year

- i) An athlete nominated and selected as the First Team All-American Catcher. The athlete must have played 50 percent of the school's total games at the nominated position. Defensive and offensive statistics will have equal weight on the selection process. Selected by the All-American committee.

b) New Balance / NFCA Golden Shoe Award

- i) Most prolific base stealer when accounting for strength of schedule and other statistical categories. The athlete must be nominated for All-Region to be considered. Selected by the All-American committee.

c) Tucci / NFCA Player of the Year

- i) A First Team All-American selected based on statistical analysis. Selected by the All-American committee.

d) Tucci / NFCA Pitcher of the Year

- i) A First Team All-American selected based on statistical analysis. Must have pitched the minimum innings required for the pitching category for their respective division. Pitching stats are the first consideration. Defensive stats are the second consideration. Offensive stats are the third consideration. Selected by the All-American committee.

e) Tucci / NFCA Freshman of the Year

- i) A nominated freshman selected based on statistical analysis. Selected by the All-American committee.

f) Rawlings / NFCA Gold Glove Award

- i) The nine top defensive players, one per position (P, C, 1B, 2B, 3B, SS, LF, CF, RF), are recognized with the Rawlings Gold Glove Awards, presented by the NFCA. Selected by the All-American committee.

13) Announcement of All-American Teams

- a) The three All-American teams will be announced on Wednesday, May 31, 2023