

Missouri Park and Recreation Association

Sports Section Code for Awards

The Sports Section of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association wishes to acknowledge the notable contributions of its members and community volunteers to the field of Parks and Recreation. Please review the information below and complete the attached nomination form.

I. Award Categories

- A. Excellence in Service Award - This award may be given annually to one active member in the Sports Section of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association.
- B. Outstanding Volunteer Coach - This award may be given annually to a volunteer coach. The services delivered by the volunteer coach must be completed within a Missouri Park and Recreation Association Public Agency.

II. Qualifications of Candidates – Excellence in Service Award.

- A. General - Must be a member of the Sports Section within the Missouri Park and Recreation Association. Active or retired.
- B. Experience - At least (3) years experience working in a sports related position at the municipal, county, state or federal government levels or within an institution of higher education.
- C. Contributions to the field
 1. Service above and beyond normal position requirements.
 2. Demonstration of outstanding leadership skills in the Sports Profession.
 3. Development of innovative sports programs, ideas or facilities.
 4. Contributed to significant advancements in the field through research and continuing education.

III. Qualifications of Candidates - Outstanding Volunteer Coach.

- A. General - Service must be completed within a department that is a member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association.
- B. Experience - At least (2) years experience volunteering as coach within a department that is a member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association.
- C. Contributions to the Field
 1. Service above and beyond normal position requirements.
 2. Demonstration of outstanding leadership skills as a sports coach.
 3. Teaching teamwork and good sportsmanship above winning at all cost.
 4. Being a positive role model.
 5. The ability to motivate players to improve themselves while having fun with the sport.
 6. Demonstrating excellent time management skills being on time for games, practices and events.
 7. Demonstrating respect in communication with players, parents, other coaches and officials.

IV. Procedures for Awards Selection

- A. The Awards Committee shall be comprised of (4) members. This committee is responsible for the review of all candidates and the selection of award recipients. The committee will consist of the Award Committee Chair, President-Elect, President, and Immediate Past President.
- B. Any member of the Missouri Park and Recreation Association can submit names of candidates to the committee chairman. Nominations must be submitted to the chairman of the committee prior to the date established by the committee and published in the MPRA publication.
- C. A list of the candidates will be prepared by the chairman for review. This list will be accompanied by a biographical outline of the candidates. These outlines will be submitted by the MPRA member nominating the candidate.
- D. The committee members will thoroughly review the biographical material of the candidates prior to selection.
- E. Current members of the Awards Committee are not eligible for the awards.

V. Procedure for Presentation of Awards

The person nominating the recipient may present the award at the MPRA Annual Conference at a time and location determined by the conference committee. If this is not possible, or the nominating person wishes, the award will be presented by a member of the Awards Committee.