

## ITA NATIONAL NATIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR OFFICIAL RULES

1. **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:** Varsity high school student-athletes of both genders and in any class year compete for the ITA Player of the Year honors in 14 sports. ITA Player of the Year recognition is awarded only to those attending high school within the 50 United States participating in one of the sports listed below and sanctioned under the rules and regulations of the respective state scholastic athletic associations.

The sports in which high school athletes compete for ITA Player of the Year are: boys' football, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, boys' baseball, girls' softball, boys' and girls' track & field, as well as boys' and girls' wrestling. Inter-Tribal Athletics owns all final decisions with respect to matters concerning the ITA Male Athlete of the Year and ITA Female Athlete of the Year.

2. **TO NOMINATE:** Individuals are encouraged to nominate deserving high school student athletes. You may nominate yourself. Please go to: <https://intertribalathletics.com/national-player-of-the-year/> for specific deadlines and nomination information. Nominations become the sole property of Sponsor and none will be returned. All nominations must be made online.

3. **JUDGING CRITERIA:** All nominations have to be enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe. Tribal verification will be checked as nominations are accepted. All Eligible nominations will be judged by a panel of judges under the supervision of The Inter-tribal Athletics, whose decisions are final with respect to all matters concerning ITA Player of the Year and ITA Athlete of the Year. The initial pool of nominations will be selected solely on the basis of athletics. In later stages of judging, in evaluating the relative merits of top contenders, winners are identified and selected based upon a sixty percent (60%) weighting of overall athletic resume (including a primary assessment of the current season) along with a forty percent (40%) weighting of academic achievement and character. In the event of a tie, tied nominations will be reconsidered using the above criteria.

4. **AWARDS:** All athletes who win in their respective sport will receive an engraved Player of the year trophy.

ITA High School Athletes of the Year (one male and female winner) will each receive an engraved athlete of the year trophy.

5. **ELIGIBILITY AND MARKETS:** Varsity high school student-athletes of both genders and any class year competing in those among the 50 United States that sanction one of the listed sports under the rules and regulations of their respective state scholastic athletic associations are eligible to be nominated. Also must be an enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe. Tribal verification will be checked as nominations are accepted.

6. **GENERAL RULES:** ITA is the Sponsor of this program and owns all rights to the ITA Player of the Year and ITA Athlete of the Year program, selection process, logos and all printed materials. ITA reserves the right to: (a) use winner's name and likeness and publish all entries submitted, (b) alter, amend, edit or change entries prior to publication and (c) use, publish, reproduce, alter, amend and copyright for purposes of advertising, promotion and

trade related exclusively to the ITA Player of the Year Award and/or ITA Athlete of the Year Award, not in the form of a product endorsement, without further compensation, unless prohibited by law or NCAA Bylaws, if applicable. By accepting award, winners agree to hold Sponsor, its respective directors, officers, employees and assigns, harmless against any and all claims and liability arising out of use of Award. By participating in this promotion, entrants agree to be bound by the Official Rules and the decisions of ITA. If, in the judges' opinion, there is any suspected or actual evidence of tampering with any portion of the contest, or if technical difficulties compromise the integrity of the contest, the judges reserve the right to terminate or modify the contest in a manner deemed appropriate, at the judges' sole discretion. The ITA Athlete of the Year and Player of the Year award program are owned by Inter-tribal Athletics.

7. WINNERS' LIST: Each sports winner's list will be available online at:  
<https://intertribalathletics.com>.