



2015-16 Patriot League Communications Manual



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PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS CHECKLIST

During the 2015-16 academic year, the Patriot League will conduct championships in the following sports: baseball, men and women's basketball, men and women's cross country, field hockey, men and women's golf, men and women's lacrosse, men and women's indoor track and field, men and women's outdoor track and field, women's rowing, men and women's soccer, softball, men and women's swimming and diving, men and women's tennis, and women's volleyball. All Patriot League championships are co-hosted by the Patriot League and host institutions.

PATRIOT LEAGUE OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Patriot League office will provide the following services at its Championships:

Awards: The Patriot League office will supply all awards for each Patriot League championship.

Championship Press Releases: The Patriot League communications office will write both a pre- and post-championship press release. The pre-championship release will preview the Championship, while the post-championship release will contain a brief recap, final statistics, award winners, etc. Press releases will be issued from the Patriot League communications office after the conclusion of each day of competition. The Patriot League will work with the host institution on pre-championship publicity.

Championship Website Page: The Patriot League will create a page on its website for each championship. The Championship Page will contain schedules, directions, links to participating teams and any other pertinent information. Results, box scores and recaps and wrap-up video (if applicable) will be posted on the Championship Page.

Reporting of Results: A member of the Patriot League communications staff or host SID will disseminate results via email. The Patriot League communications contact will post the results on the League website. The Patriot League representative or host SID will also send results and statistics to appropriate members of the media and other League SID contacts. Individual institutions are responsible for providing their local media with Championship results.

HOST RESPONSIBILITY

For all Patriot League Championships, the host institution is responsible for providing the following media services:

Video Streaming: When applicable, the host institution is responsible for the equipment and staffing necessary to stream League championships for Patriot League Network.

Statistics: Appropriate statistical information will be made available to media and participants in a timely manner, with live statistics recommended for all Patriot League championships. All championship statistics should be computerized. The host SID also needs to e-mail the appropriate Patriot League communications contact with the complete statistical report and game files, if applicable.

Equipment: The host institution is responsible for providing a public address system, scoreboard, etc., if applicable, at Patriot League Championships.

Media Seating and Work Area: Where applicable, media representatives should be ensured prime seat locations for Championship coverage. If demand warrants, power and telephone lines should be made available in a media work area.

Postgame Interview Area with Equal Access: Where applicable, a postgame interview area should be set-up for members of the media to interview student-athletes and coaches. Equal access to student-athletes and coaches must be provided for all media representatives.

Patriot League Assistance: The host institution must provide at least one member of its sports information staff (full-time, intern or student) to assist the Patriot League staff member at the Championship. This individual is expected to attend the entire Championship and perform duties as assigned.

Championship Meeting/Teleconference: A pre-championship meeting will be held as a teleconference when applicable. If not conducted as a teleconference the pre-championship meeting will be held in conjunction with the beginning of the championship. Communications contacts are encouraged to participate in the pre-championship meeting/teleconference.



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Championship Photography: If the Patriot League office requests a photographer onsite for a specific championship, the host institution may turn in the invoice for photo services to the Patriot League office for reimbursement. A photographer is not required at each championship, unless requested by the Patriot League office, with the exception of basketball. Photography fees will be included in the basketball tournament budget for the host institutions. If no official photography is requested the host institution should make all efforts to take a photo of the team champion and individual award winners during the awards ceremony and send to the Patriot League office and the institutions which are represented in the photos within one hour of completion of the championship/awards ceremony. Host institutions are also encouraged to take photos of post-game celebrations and ceremonies and send to the League office and appropriate schools.

POSITIVE PATRIOT LEAGUE PROMOTION

Communications personnel at all Patriot League institutions shall promote a positive image of the Patriot League and its members at all times, particularly in interview situations with members of the media.

Academic Honor Roll: The Patriot League will announce academic honor roll lists in January (*for all fall championship sports*) and June (*for all winter and spring championship sports*). Student-athletes that maintain a 3.2 grade-point average in their semester of competition are eligible for the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll. Fall semester GPAs will be used for the Fall Academic Honor Roll, and spring semester GPAs are used for the Winter/Spring Academic Honor Roll.

Academic All-Patriot League Team: The Academic All-Patriot League Team will be released along with the Scholar-Athlete of the Year award for each sport. The team will include starters or key reserves with a minimum of a 3.2 GPA and at least sophomore status academically. Nominees must have completed at least one academic year at their institution. The number of recipients, by sports, includes: Football - 14, Baseball, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Lacrosse, Softball - 12, Field Hockey, Women's Rowing, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer - 11, Men and Women's Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field - 10, Men and Women's Cross Country, Volleyball - 7, Men and Women's Tennis - 6, Men and Women's Basketball, Men and Women's Golf - 5. The teams will be voted on by sports information directors, who can not vote for their own student-athletes. There will be oversight from the faculty athletic representatives. **Deadlines:** Nomination forms for team sports will be due on the Monday before the championship by 5 p.m., while for Olympic sports they will be due on the Wednesday after the championship at 12 p.m.

All-Tournament Teams: An all-tournament team will be announced at the conclusion of the championship for the following sports: baseball, men and women's basketball, field hockey, men and women's lacrosse, men and women's soccer, softball and volleyball. In men's and women's basketball, the All-Tournament team will be selected by media members at the conclusion of the Championship game. The squad will consist of six players, including the Most Valuable Player. For the sports of baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse the participating coaches will determine the All-Tournament team, based on respective team finish. Four members of the winning team are selected to the All-Tournament team, while three members of the runner-up squad and two from the two semifinal teams are named to the All-Tournament Team. For the sport of volleyball, three members of the winning team are selected to the All-Tournament team, while two members of the runner-up squad and one from the two semifinal teams are named to the All-Tournament Team.

Patriot League Network: The Patriot League and Campus Insiders feature a streaming package that includes: all home men and women's basketball games for all 10 League schools (excluding those broadcast on CBS Sports Network), select home events throughout the regular season, and Patriot League Championship coverage whenever possible, featuring the majority of team sport championships that are not shown on CBS Sports Network. In addition, a handful of men's basketball games will be produced by Campus Insiders. Patriot League Network (PLN) also features highlight shows, top plays, feature stories and interviews throughout the season.



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Equal Access: Pending institutional policy, equal access must be given to all media representatives, regardless of gender, any time interviews with coaches and/or student-athletes are conducted, including after competition. Equal access is defined as access to coaches and/or student-athletes at the exact same time and at the exact same place. The exact method of ensuring equal access shall be determined by the institution.

Football Media Day: A football media day will be conducted each summer heading into the season. The head coaches of all seven Patriot League football teams must attend, and institutions are strongly encouraged to bring two student-athletes. Each institution is responsible for bringing pertinent media information.

Game Files: Stat Crew game files for men and women's basketball, field hockey, football, men and women's lacrosse, men and women's soccer, volleyball, baseball and softball are to be sent by e-mail to the Patriot League office IMMEDIATELY following the contest. Game files that are not sent into the Patriot League office will not be included with the Patriot League's statistics.

Identity: The Patriot League logo should be used whenever appropriate as artwork to build Patriot League recognition. It should appear in all media/web guides, game notes, posters, programs, recruiting brochures and ticket brochures per the Visual Identity guidelines. Each institution is encouraged to include Patriot League pages in its media guides, recruiting guides and game programs. During the 2015-16 season, the Patriot League 25th Anniversary logo should be used as the main League logo for all sports except football.

Game Notes: It is MANDATORY that all game notes include the Patriot League logo and the Patriot League standings.

Game Programs and Posters: All game programs MUST include, at minimum, one Patriot League logo. The preferred location is on the cover, however, placement in a prominent position on the inside of the program is acceptable – depending on the format of the program. Additionally, for football and basketball, information on the Patriot League MUST be included in the game program (this can be duplicate pages from the media guide). The football and basketball program/notes MUST include the most up-to-date Patriot League standings. For posters, it is REQUIRED that posters include the Patriot League logo (for all Patriot League sports in which posters are created). This logo can be black or reversed out in white, depending on the look and design of the poster. If the poster is four-color, the two-color logo should be used.

Media Guides: On every institutional-sponsored media guide in which an institution participates in Patriot League competition, a separate Patriot League logo MUST be used on either the front or back cover. If the media guide cover is printed in four-color, the two-color Patriot League logo should be used. If the cover is black and white or two- or three-color, a black version of the logo should be used. The Patriot League logo may not be used in only Red. The logo may also be reversed out in white on any non-four-color publication cover.

It is MANDATORY for football and basketball that two pages, at a minimum, be dedicated to the Patriot League. Additionally, on other institutionally produced media guides a minimum of one page about the Patriot League is MANDATORY.

The League logo and information on the League, including past year's results and school-specific history in Patriot League play, should be included in all institutional media guides.

Recruiting Brochure(s)/Web Site Text: Recruiting brochure(s) MUST include the Patriot League logo in one or more prominent locations in the publication. Also, it is MANDATORY that the institution include information on the Patriot League in this publication. The logo can be black or reversed out in white, depending on the look and design of the brochure. If the brochure is four-color and the logo is used on the front cover, it must be the two-color version. The text listed on page 11 is recommended for recruiting brochures and web sites.



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Now in its third decade as an all-sport conference combining academic and athletic excellence, the Patriot League sponsors championships in 24 men and women's sports. Initially started as an NCAA Division I-AA football conference in 1986, the Patriot League became an all-sport conference in 1990 and includes American, Army, Boston University, Bucknell, Colgate, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh, Loyola and Navy as full members, and Fordham, Georgetown, MIT and Richmond as associate members. These institutions are among the oldest and most prestigious in the nation and their alumni have and continue to play leadership roles in shaping our country. The Patriot League will celebrate its 25th Anniversary as an all-sport conference during the 2015-16 season.

Since 1998, the Patriot League has ranked first each year among all Division I conferences awarding athletic aid in the NCAA Graduation Rate Report. The League also had 92 percent of its teams score above the national APR average in the most recent data, and 101 Patriot League teams earned NCAA Academic Performance Program Public Recognition Awards after posting academic progress rate scores in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports.

The Patriot League's mission is simple: to provide successful competitive athletic experiences while maintaining high academic standards, and to prepare its student-athletes to be leaders in society.

Ticket Brochures: Ticket brochures (*for basketball and football-playing member institutions*) MUST include the Patriot League logo on the cover and include a designation for all Patriot League contests. For basketball, additional references need to be made to the Patriot League Basketball Tournament dates. The logo can be black or reversed out in white, depending on the look and design of the brochure. If the brochure is four-color, the two-color version MUST be used.

Men's Basketball Media Day: A men's basketball media day will be held each October before the upcoming season. The head coaches of all 10 Patriot League men's basketball teams must attend, and institutions are strongly encouraged to bring student-athletes. Each institution is responsible for bringing pertinent media information.

Official Statistics: Per NCAA rules, each game's official scorer shall be the home sports information director (SID), or a person designated by the Home SID. The official scorer is responsible for issuing a final game statistics report to both teams upon the completion of the game. At this time, missing or incorrectly awarded statistics such as goals, assists, touchdowns, field goals, etc. should be noted and forwarded to the official scorer.

When a scoring change in the game summary is needed after the official statistics have been distributed, use the following procedure:

- *If the Home team SID decides a scoring change should be made, he or she must alert the visiting SID of the alteration.
- *The home SID must send a copy of the changes to the conference office.
- *If the Visiting team SID wishes to make a change in the final statistics, they must contact the home SID. If the home SID agrees, the home SID must confirm the changes with the visiting SID in writing and send a copy to the conference office.
- *If the home SID disagrees with the change, the visiting SID must accept the final statistics as listed by the home team.
- *The visiting SID cannot alter statistics without the consent of the home SID. There is no appeal.
- *The conference office will not accept changes unless the above procedures have been followed.

Following the NCAA rule: no coaching changes to stats will be made for statistics deemed judgment stats — i.e. groundballs in lacrosse, tackles in football, assists or steals in basketball, etc. The official scorer's final statistics are the game's final statistics unless an issue referenced above takes place.



COMMUNICATIONS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Patriot League Logo:

Full-Color (Pantone Matching System)

- The corporate mark maintains its two-color integrity in all applications.
- The corporate mark should appear in Patriot League blue (PMS 281) and Patriot League red (PMS 485).
- Whenever possible, the two-color version of the logo should be used.
- On an institutional case-by-case basis, process match may also be used if PMS 281 and PMS 485 are cost prohibitive.

Four-Color

- The corporate mark maintains its four-color process integrity in all applications.
- The corporate mark may appear in Patriot League blue (C=100, M=72, Y=0, K=38) and Patriot League red (C=0, M=100, Y=91, K=0).

One-Color

- The corporate mark should appear only in all black, blue or white in any one-color application.
- The corporate mark may appear in any percentage of black (gray) and off-white in any one-color application.
- The corporate mark may appear in white on any color field in the one-color reverse version.

Size

- The size of the logo should be as large as possible and still maintain the aesthetics of the display in which it is used.
- The minimum size of the primary logo should be no less than 3" wide by 1 ½" high.

Promotional Spots: Each institution is required to supply the Patriot League office with promotional spots (:30 seconds) for use in the Patriot League basketball television package. Institutions are also encouraged to cross promote by running Patriot League supplied spots within their own radio and TV packages.

Public Address Announcers/Announcements: PA announcers may not be "cheerleaders" or used to incite the crowd during a game. The PA system may not be used by cheerleaders when the game is in progress. Patriot League PA announcers are expected to exhibit professionalism at all times and follow the procedures printed in the Visual Identity guidelines.

At all Patriot League football and men and women's basketball contests, PA announcers are required to announce game-in-progress updates of all other Patriot League teams. Any final scores and scores of games in progress should be shared with press row media, broadcast teams and the audience through PA announcements or by providing printed or hand-written updates. A MINIMUM of two updates per half is MANDATORY for men and women's basketball games and football games.

PA announcements should always refer to Patriot League games when welcoming the crowd. (*Example: Welcome to tonight's Patriot League game between ...*).

Radio Spots: On any basketball game that a Patriot League school has a radio broadcast, it is REQUIRED that a 30-second spot promoting the Patriot League or the upcoming Patriot League Basketball Tournament be used at least once during the broadcast (*once per half is preferred*). If the matchup is against another Patriot League team, it is RECOMMENDED that the halftime show and time-out segments feature a reference to the Patriot League. The Patriot League office will work with the schools to provide the necessary information. It is also RECOMMENDED that the institution promote the upcoming Patriot League Men and Women's Basketball Tournaments, at a minimum, once during basketball broadcasts (*it is preferred to have two tournament promotional spots aired*). The Patriot League office will provide the text for the 30-second spots.



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Radio and Television Timeouts: To create consistency in timeouts for televised and non-televised games, the Patriot League has adopted the following policy for Patriot League and non-Patriot League basketball games: For all men basketball games, the following timeout structure will be adopted: 16-, 12-, 8- and 4-minute media timeouts will be taken each half with an additional media timeout being added when the first coach-called timeout occurs in the second half. For women’s basketball games, timeouts will be taken at the 5-minute mark for each quarter, as well as after the first and third quarter. For Patriot League Network games and other institutionally televised contests, the length of the media timeouts will be 90 seconds (first horn at 75, second at 90). Additionally, each team will have one 60-second timeout as well as four 30-second timeouts (*only three 30-second timeouts may be carried over to the second half*). Any timeouts not used in regulation will be carried over into overtime. Each team will also be awarded one extra 30-second timeout for each overtime period.

Reciprocal Line Agreement: At all Patriot League football and men and women’s Patriot League basketball contests, the visiting team’s primary commercial (or if no commercial, then student) radio station shall be provided one phone line at no cost. Every effort should be made to accommodate radio/phone line requests for Patriot League championships.

Rookie Definition: The Patriot League will use the following definition for consideration of Rookie of the Week or Rookie of the Year awards. A rookie is defined as a true freshman who is in his or her first collegiate academic year.

Rosters and Schedules: The Patriot League will refer to rosters and schedules posted on each institution’s website. Please notify the Patriot League office if there are roster and schedule changes throughout the season.

Roster Formats: The Patriot League recommends the following roster formats. Women’s sports will omit weights. Rosters should use Associated Press state abbreviations. When exchanging rosters with another Patriot League school, the roster submitted must follow the Patriot League format. Institutions can follow different formats on their websites or materials.

a. Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer and Volleyball

No. Name Pos. Year Ht. Wt. Hometown/High School

b. Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field

No. Name Pos./Event/Flight Year Ht. Wt. Hometown/High School

c. Cross Country, Golf

Name Year Ht. Wt. Hometown/High School

d. Baseball, Softball

No. Name Pos. Year Ht. Wt. B/T Hometown/High School

Academic All-Patriot League Voting Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Academic All-Patriot League Team voting will take place in conjunction with All-Patriot League voting and the winner announced the week of the Patriot League Championship in baseball, men’s and women’s basketball, field hockey, volleyball, softball, men and women’s lacrosse and men and women’s soccer (football at end of regular season). Scholar-Athlete voting will take place after the Patriot League Championship in men and women’s cross country, men and women’s indoor and outdoor track and field, men and women’s tennis, men and women’s golf, women’s rowing and men and women’s swimming and diving. When submitting nominations for Scholar-Athlete/Academic All-Patriot League Team, each SID can designate one student-athlete as their Scholar- Athlete of the Year nominee.

Sports Information Directors’ (SID) Annual Meeting: The Patriot League SID meeting will be held through a conference call shortly after the conclusion of the 2015-16 Patriot League championships.

Stat Crew Roster Formats: Rosters should be typed numerically with last name, then first name. Please do not use all capital letters in either first or last names (i.e. Smith, Joe). The student-athletes’ classes should also be included (Fr., So., Jr., Sr.). Rosters should be sent to the Patriot League office and League members following the approved format.



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Television: For any game that a Patriot League member has an institutional broadcast, it is RECOMMENDED that at least one 30-second Patriot League spot be used during the broadcast (*once per half is preferred*). On basketball telecasts, it is also RECOMMENDED that the institution promote the upcoming Patriot League Men and Women's Basketball Tournaments, at least once during the broadcasts (*it is preferred to have two promotional spots aired*).

If it is a Patriot League broadcast, the participating institutions will be highlighted in 30-second spots (provided by the institutions), as will the Patriot League in 30-second spots.

The Patriot League office and its television partners will use discretion in selecting games for the television package to maximize exposure. The Patriot League will work with the schools to promote televised games and to enhance the clearances.

Visiting Seat Locations (basketball): Each host SID shall provide the primary visiting radio station with courtside seats comparable to those given to the home radio station for all Patriot League basketball contests. The host SID shall also place the visiting scorebook with a seat next to the official and home scorebooks, or by the bench if preferred by visiting school.

Website: A link MUST be set-up between each institution's website and the Patriot League site (it is strongly recommended that the link include the Patriot League logo). Additionally, the Patriot League MUST be referenced on the main athletics home page through either logo or name recognition (this can also be the link). The logo MUST be the two-color version. On each sport-specific page there MUST be a reference to the Patriot League standings, with at least one logo or Patriot League name on the sport-specific pages.



PATRIOT LEAGUE WEEKLY AWARDS

The following criteria will be used by the Patriot League Office in selecting winners for Player of the Week Awards and student-athletes receiving weekly Honorable Mention; The selection of each sport's Player of the Week will be given to the student-athlete with the best overall performance of the week in ALL games*. If two or more student-athlete performances are close, weight will be given to the student-athlete's performances in the following order to separate the pack:

- Against nationally-ranked opponents
- Against Patriot League opponents
- Against teams with a winning record
- Individual Patriot League record set
- Individual program record set
- Individual Statistical milestone achieved
- Consultation of Patriot League Media Relations Staff

** In the sports of cross country, track and field and swimming and diving, the following criteria will be considered first in the selection of each week's award winner.*

Cross Country

- Winning or place in meet
- Against nationally-ranked opponents

Track

- IC4A/ECAC qualifying mark (indoor)
- NCAA Regional qualifying mark (outdoor)

Field

- IC4A/ECAC qualifying mark (indoor)
- NCAA Regional qualifying mark (outdoor)

Swimming

- Use NCAA Time Standards as gauge for selection; closest percentage to standard to receive award
- Performance in accordance to difficulty of event
- Performance in multiple events at meet
- Comments on nominating form

Diving

- Winning or finish in meet
- Margin of victory
- Total points

The selection of each week's honorable mention will be awarded by the Patriot League Office and shall not be limited to a specific number, but does not have to include all of that week's nominated student-athletes. Any student-athlete performance that week which warrants selection, in the opinion of the Patriot League Office, shall receive honorable mention. The purpose of awarding honorable mention is to recognize all outstanding performances that week which did not receive Player of the Week. Schools may still only nominate one student-athlete per Player of the Week award for each sport.

In the case when a student-athlete is nominated for Rookie of the Week and the school would like the nominee to also be considered for Player of the Week, the SID must actually nominate that student-athlete for both awards. Schools may only nominate one student-athlete per award, which means schools can not nominate a student-athlete for Player of the Week and then a second student-athlete for Rookie of the Week to also be considered for Player of the Week. Only one nomination per award will be selected. The Patriot League Office will not be responsible for assuming anything in regards to each school's nominations.

It is the responsibility of each school's designated individual who nominates its student-athletes for Player of the Week consideration to complete the form in full. It is NOT the responsibility of the Patriot League Office to track down missing information from nomination forms, and only information included or attached to the forms will be considered.



PATRIOT LEAGUE WEEKLY AWARDS

A panel consisting of each school's Sports Information Director that covers the sports listed below and one member of the school's media will select the weekly award winners in the following sports (*Honorable Mention selections will be made by the Patriot League Office based on the voting*):

- Football – Offensive, Defensive, Special Teams and Rookie of the Week
- Men and Women's Basketball – Player and Rookie of the Week
- Men's Lacrosse – Offensive, Defensive, Goalkeeper and Rookie of the Week (*Face-Off Specialist position may be added for 2016 season - awaiting approval of Patriot League athletic directors*)

The Patriot League Office will select weekly award winners in the following sports:

- Men's Cross Country – Runner, Rookie of the Week
 - Women's Cross Country – Runner, Rookie of the Week
 - Field Hockey – Offensive, Defensive, Goalkeeper and Rookie of the Week
 - Men's Soccer – Offensive, Defensive, Goalkeeper and Rookie of the Week
 - Women's Soccer – Offensive, Defensive, Goalkeeper and Rookie of the Week
 - Volleyball – Player and Rookie of the Week
 - Men's Swimming and Diving – Swimmer, Diver of the Week
 - Women's Swimming and Diving – Swimmer, Diver of the Week
 - Men's Indoor Track and Field – Track Athlete, Field Athlete and Rookie of the Week
 - Women's Indoor Track and Field – Track Athlete, Field Athlete and Rookie of the Week
 - Men's Outdoor Track and Field – Track Athlete, Field Athlete and Rookie of the Week
 - Women's Outdoor Track and Field – Track Athlete, Field Athlete and Rookie of the Week
 - Baseball – Player, Pitcher and Rookie of the Week
 - Softball – Player, Pitcher and Rookie of the Week
 - Men's Golf – Golfer of the Month (September, October, March, April)
 - Women's Golf – Golfer of the Month (September, October, March, April)
 - Men's Tennis – Player of the Week (spring season)
 - Women's Tennis – Player of the Week (spring season)
 - Women's Lacrosse – Attacker, Midfielder, Defensive Player and Rookie of the Week
- Note: There is nothing for rowing at this time, but coaches group has passed a Boat of the Week award for approval by sports management committee.

The Patriot League will begin releasing weekly award winners in each sport in the first week that at least 30% of the membership is participating and throughout the remainder of the regular season, as long as 30% of teams are competing in a given week. The first week of award winners will include all games played up until that point, and any week where awards are not given out will be carried over to the next week. Awards will be given out in team sports that continue the regular season after the Patriot League Championship as long as 30% of teams compete.

The Patriot League Office will forward updated nomination forms prior to the start of each sport's season and also notify schools at that time when weekly awards will commence.



PATRIOT LEAGUE TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES

Non-League contests completed before the Monday prior to the Championship will be included in the tiebreaker formula, if necessary. Any non-League contest played on or after the Monday prior to the Championship will not be included in the tiebreaker formula.

- a. In the case of a two-way between teams in the final standings for regular-season League play, the following process will be used until all ties are broken and the seeding process is completed (*ties will be broken in rank order beginning with the highest seed*):
 - i. Head-to-head competition — the higher seed will go to the team that has won the most League contests played against the other team involved in the tie (*in the sport of volleyball, both sets and individual games will be considered*).
 - ii. If a tie still exists, a comparison of records will be made between the tied institutions starting at the highest possible seed and continuing through the lowest seed, if necessary.
 - iii. Sport specific tie-breaking procedure, if any (*see Sport Specific regulations*).
 - iv. Comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents.
 - v. Coin flip.
- b. In the case of multiple ties (*more than two teams tied for the same spot*), the following process will be used: **Note:** The entire process for multiple-team ties must be completed. The Patriot League does not revert back to the two-way tie formula once the multiple-team tie has been resolved.
 - i. Records between the tied teams will be evaluated to determine if one team won more contests against the other tied institutions.
 - ii. If a tie still exists, a comparison of records will be conducted for each team starting with the highest seed not involved in the tie and continuing through the lowest seed, if necessary.
 - iii. Sport specific tie-breaking procedure, if any (*see Sport Specific regulations*).
 - iv. Comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents.
 - v. Coin flip (*two teams*) or draw (*multiple teams*).

Below is the sport-specific tie-breaking procedure, if applicable

Baseball: The tiebreaker for comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents can only be applied if each school(s) has played an equal amount of games against a common opponent. If two or more teams are still tied, the tie will be broken by RPI rating on the Monday after the end of the original Patriot League regular-season schedule.

Men's Basketball:

- a. Collegiate Basketball News RPI published on the day (or the next day that a report is available) following the final regular-season League game to determine the higher seeded team. The team with the higher RPI will receive the higher seed.



PATRIOT LEAGUE TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES

Women's Basketball:

- a. Collegiate Basketball News RPI published on the day (or the next day that a report is available) following the final regular-season League game to determine the higher seeded team. The team with the higher RPI will receive the higher seed.

Football:

- a. If a tie exists, the higher seed will go to the team that won the most head-to-head League contest(s) played against the other team(s) involved in the tie.
- b. If a tie still exists, a comparison of League records will be made between the tied institutions starting at the highest seed and continuing through the lowest seed, if necessary.
- c. If a tie still exists, a comparison of records against common out-of-league opponents will be made;
- d. If a tie still exists, a committee consisting of the athletics directors of each of the institutions not involved in the tie will make a final decision. The committee should consider various factors including, but not limited to, the following examples. **Note:** the examples are listed in no particular order:
 - i). strength of schedule
 - ii). overall record
 - iii). computer rankings
 - iv). performance during second half of season

The committee will meet immediately following the conclusion of the final game of the season's final weekend. A majority vote of the members of the committee will be needed to determine the champion.

Field Hockey:

- a. Comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents;
- b. Goal differential between tied teams (capping at +/- 4)
- c. Goal differential between tied teams in all League games (capping at +/- 4)
- d. Comparison of NCAA RPI rating

Men's Lacrosse:

- a. Record versus out-of-League common opponents;
- b. Goal differential between tied teams (*the goal differential can be no greater than eight in any contest*).
- c. Goal differential of total League competition (*goal differential can be no greater than eight in any one contest*).



PATRIOT LEAGUE TIEBREAKING PROCEDURES

Women's Lacrosse:

- a. Record versus out-of-League common opponents;
- b. Goal differential between tied teams (*the goal differential can be no greater than five in any one contest*).
- c. Goal differential of total League competition (*goal differential can be no greater than five in any one contest*).
- d. NCAA RPI

Men's Soccer:

- a. Goals against (*in League only*);
- b. Goal differential (*in League only*);
- c. Results against common opponents outside the League

Women's Soccer:

- a. Goal differential (*in League only*);
- b. Goals against (*in League only*);
- c. Results against common opponents outside the League

Softball: The tiebreaker for comparison of records versus out-of-League common opponents can only be applied if each school(s) have played an equal amount of games against a common opponent. If two or more teams are still tied, the tie will be broken by RPI rating on the Monday after the end of the Patriot League regular-season schedule.

Men and Women's Tennis: Seeding will be determined via a conference call the Tuesday before the Championship. Teams will submit win/loss records and the following will be used in deciding ties:

- a. Head-to-head competition
- b. Comparison of League results (*win/loss*)
- c. Comparison of common opponents (*win/loss*)
- d. ITA rankings

Volleyball:

- a. Set record of the matches between tied teams;
- b. Percentage of total points between tied teams
- c. Set record of total League competition;
- d. Percentage of total points in all League competition

2015-16 Patriot League SID Assignments

FALL

	Patriot League	American	Army	Boston	Bucknell	Colgate	Holy Cross	Lafayette	Lehigh	Loyola	Navy
Cross Country	Matt Dougherty	Doug Dull	Stephen Waldman	Kevin Edelson	Matt Jackson	Kat Castner	Greg Celona	Erik Pedersen	Tim Geer	Kristen James	John Gasparoni
Field Hockey	Matt Dougherty	Melissa McKeown	n/a	Brian Kelley	Matt Jackson	Jarrett Abelson	Jim Sarkisian	Erik Pedersen	Justin Lafleur	n/a	n/a
Football	Matt Dougherty	n/a	n/a	n/a	Todd Merriett	John Painter	Charlie Bare	Phil LaBella	Steve Lomangino	n/a	n/a
Men's Soccer	Dana Funyak	Nick Guerriero	Harrison Antognioni	Scott Ellis	Jon Terry	Kat Castner	Jim Wrobel	Brian Ludrof	Chelsea Vielhauer	Amanda McClure	Matt Muzza
Women's Soccer	Dana Funyak	Nick Guerriero	Mark Mohrman	Laura Devine	Matt Torres	Kat Castner	Jim Sarkisian	Brian Ludrof	Justin Lafleur	Kristen James	John Gasparoni
Volleyball	Dana Funyak	Melissa McKeown	Ally Keirn	n/a	Matt Jackson	Jarrett Abelson	Jim Wrobel	Erik Pedersen	Chelsea Vielhauer	Ryan Eigenbrode	Justin Kischefsky

WINTER

Men's Basketball	Matt Dougherty	Nick Guerriero	Mark Mohrman	Scott Ellis	Jon Terry	Kat Castner	Charlie Bare	Brian Ludrof	Justin Lafleur	Ryan Eigenbrode	Matt Muzza
Women's Basketball	Dana Funyak	Melissa McKeown	Harrison Antognioni	Laura Devine	Matt Jackson	John Painter	Jim Sarkisian	Erik Pedersen	Chelsea Vielhauer	Kristen James	Justin Kischefsky
Indoor Track	Matt Dougherty	Doug Dull	Stephen Waldman	Patrick Lawlor	Matt Torres	Kat Castner	Greg Celona	Erik Pedersen	Tim Geer	Kristen James	John Gasparoni
Swimming & Diving	Dana Funyak	Nick Guerriero	Ally Keirn	Laura Devine	Todd Merriett	Jarrett Abelson	Greg Celona	Phil LaBella	Tim Geer	Amanda McClure	Justin Kischefsky

SPRING

Baseball	Matt Dougherty	n/a	Mark Mohrman	n/a	Todd Merriett	n/a	Jim Sarkisian	Erik Pedersen	Chelsea Vielhauer	n/a	Alex Lumb
Men's Golf	Matt Dougherty	n/a	Joshua Gleason	n/a	Jon Terry	John Painter	Jim Sarkisian	Brian Ludrof	Steve Lomangino	Amanda McClure	Stacie Michaud
Women's Golf	Matt Dougherty	n/a	n/a	Kevin Edelson	Jon Terry	n/a	Jim Sarkisian	n/a	Steve Lomangino	n/a	Matt Muzza
Men's Lacrosse	Dana Funyak	n/a	Matt Faulkner	Kevin Edelson	Jon Terry	John Painter	Jim Wrobel	Brian Ludrof	Justin Lafleur	Ryan Eigenbrode	Stacie Michaud
Women's Lacrosse	Matt Dougherty	Melissa McKeown	Harrison Antognioni	Laura Devine	Jon Terry	Jarrett Abelson	Jim Wrobel	Brian Ludrof	Justin Lafleur	Amanda McClure	John Gasparoni
Outdoor Track	Matt Dougherty	Doug Dull	Stephen Waldman	Patrick Lawlor	Matt Torres	Kat Castner	Greg Celona	Erik Pedersen	Tim Geer	Kristen James	John Gasparoni
Women's Rowing	Dana Funyak	n/a	n/a	Patrick Lawlor	Todd Merriett	John Painter	Jim Wrobel	n/a	Justin Lafleur	Kristen James	Alex Lumb
Softball	Dana Funyak	n/a	Ally Keirn	Scott Ellis	Matt Jackson	Kat Castner	Greg Celona	Phil LaBella	Steve Lomangino	n/a	n/a
Men's Tennis	Dana Funyak	n/a	Stephen Waldman	Scott Ellis	Matt Jackson	Jarrett Abelson	Jim Sarkisian	Brian Ludrof	Chelsea Vielhauer	Ryan Eigenbrode	Justin Kischefsky
Women's Tennis	Dana Funyak	n/a	Kelly Dumrauf	Scott Ellis	Matt Jackson	Jarrett Abelson	Jim Sarkisian	Brian Ludrof	Chelsea Vielhauer	Ryan Eigenbrode	Matt Muzza