

## USA Lacrosse ALL-AMERICAN Definition

USA Lacrosse All-Americans are the best players from their area. They exhibit superior skills and techniques, possess exceptional game sense and knowledge, and embody good sportsmanship.

### Eligibility for Final Nomination:

- Players must be members of their varsity lacrosse team or approved scholastic club program.
- Players must have played in a majority of their teams' games for the current season.
- Players must be a starter or significant contributor to their team (plays over half a game on average).
- Players must be of outstanding character and be in good academic standing in their school.
- Any player that has received a diploma from a secondary school will **not** be eligible for All - American status during post-graduate study.
- Players must earn All-State, All-County, All-District, or similar type Team honors in the current season (minimum requirement shall be voted upon by the area coaches).\*
- A player who violates their school's or program's written contract or code of conduct may be excluded from consideration. Violations must be disclosed to the area chair prior to the vote.
- Sportsmanship and safe play are attributes that must be considered. In this regard, an account of the number of cards (Women's Game) or Unsportsmanlike fouls (Men's Game) attained by a player in the current season should be considered during nomination and voting. *If a player has a substantial number of cards or unsportsmanlike fouls, it is recommended that the Area Chair request testimony from the nominating coach as to how the player's fouls are not lessening of their sportsmanship.*

*\*USA Lacrosse recognizes that the hierarchy of honors differs from state to state. Chairs should contact USA Lacrosse if their coaches' association feels adjustments are necessary.*

## USA LACROSSE ALL-ACADEMIC QUALITY DEFINITION

A USA Lacrosse All-Academic Player is one who exhibits exemplary lacrosse skills, good sportsmanship on the field, and represents high standards of academic achievement in the classroom.

### Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines: *(Must meet ALL the following:)*

- Players must be a **junior or senior** on their varsity or approved scholastic club team.
- Any player that has received a diploma from a secondary school will

- not** be eligible for All - Academic status during post-graduate study.
- Players must have played in a majority of their teams' games for the current season.
  - Player must be a starter or significant contributor to their team (plays over half a game on average).
  - Player has minimum cumulative (freshman year through application deadline) grade point average 3.7 out of a 4.0 academic scale. If in doubt, please ask the school guidance counselor for assistance determining acceptable GPAs for a 5.0 scale or weighted GPA.
  - Nominations must include official transcripts with a signature from their schools Guidance Counselor.
  - A player who violates their school's or program's written contract or code of conduct may be excluded from consideration. Violations must be disclosed to the area chair prior to the vote.
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### **USA LACROSSE JACKIE PITTS AWARD (Women's Game Player)**

This award recognizes a senior player in each area who goes above and beyond in service to her team, school, and community. An athlete, who truly honors the game of lacrosse, is invested in the development of the game in her community and is an exemplary member of her team. This player exemplifies the fundamentals of lacrosse, works hard to improve her game, and exemplifies the spirit of the game both on and off the field. Academically, she is an outstanding student and a valued role model in her school.