

Awards and Recognition

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CIRA Ontario gives out the CIRA Outstanding Intramural Award to schools who have intramural success. Over 70 schools submitted an application for this award. When a school applies they have to submit how their program is thriving, with one area including student awards and recognition. Many students put a lot of their time, effort, and skill into their school's intramural program. Schools choose different ways to award and give recognition to their students for all the hard work, dedication, and performance amongst their program.

Listed below are a few different ways that schools acknowledged certain groups or individuals for their achievements within intramurals.

- **Wilfrid Laurier University:** We get full-time and student staff together to celebrate and recognize the student leader's exceptional work with a Student Leader Brunch. Our brunch includes a waffle and smoothie bar. We also award our Convenor of the Year and Referee of the Year Awards. We write a full article recognizing their hard work and post it on our website.
- **Turnbull School:** Championship teams are awarded the league trophy and have their team's photo taken. It is then framed and mounted in our "Athletics Hall of Fame". Students and parents love seeing the photos. Plus every time graduates come back, they go to find pictures of themselves and their friends. It creates lasting memories for the students and legacy within the school.
- **McKinnon Public School:** We have a "Frequent Walker" card that each student receives and it gets stamped each time he/she walks to and from school. When the card is full students put it into a draw box in the office. Each month during our Student Recognition Assembly, a student from each grade is selected from the Draw Box to win a prize that encourages physical fitness. (ie: skipping ropes, sleds, footballs, skip-its, hockey sticks, soccer balls, etc.)
- **Edenbrook Hill PS:** "Walking Wednesdays" are days when classes can earn the "Golden Shoe" if they have the highest percentage of walkers in the school.
- **Lindsay Collegiate and Vocational Institute:** We reward our student leaders with volunteer hours since intramurals occur at lunch. At our year-end assembly we present our student leaders with certificates.
- **St. Mark:** The students are given T-shirts to recognize their victory in a sport.
- **St. Peters Catholic High School:** The Intramural Cup (a large trophy) is awarded at the end of the year for the homeroom class that earns the most points throughout the year.
- **Redeemer University College:** The intramural athlete of the year is awarded to the participant who is active in the most sports/activities with a Fair Play attitude.
- **John William Boich P.S.:** We try to recognize our student leaders through announcing their efforts on morning announcements, having students thank them for their time and having a celebration games day for the leaders.

- **St. Anne Catholic Elementary:** Our awards program (Link Assembly) are a great way to recognize the accomplishments and efforts of the students who are participating and running the activities.
- **St. Elizabeth School:** We have 3 spirit assemblies during the year. At these assemblies students are recognized for participation in a variety of activities.
- **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School:** We recognize positive behaviour and participation among the students by rewarding them with certificates and prizes.
- **Morton Way Public School:** We ordered coloured chains and plastic charms from Fitness Finders to reward students for various accomplishments. Each student receives a chain along with their first charm award. Then they continue earning charms for their chains, which they proudly wear around their necks.
- **Tomken Road Middle School:**
 - Students at Tomken have an opportunity to obtain tabs after participating in each intramural league. Tabs are given as a keepsake to students, and are a great collection piece to remember their experiences together.
 - Ribbons are also given to students who participate in special events, such as the Fall Classic, as recognition for their achievements at these school-wide competitions.
 - Students receive Athletic Points for participating in various athletic events. This is to encourage them to come out, participate, and have fun.
 - Special Event Trophies: The winners receive a picture with the trophy and their names imprinted on the trophy for the next generation of Tomken students to admire.

Prizes, trophies, keepsakes, honourable mentions, and free meals are the main ways that these schools have recognized their hard-working students. Awards and recognition are important as they encourage students to excel and enjoy physical activity within their intramural programs.

Further Resources:

Student Recognition Ideas

- Here you will find over 15 creative ideas where you can recognize and award students in different ways.
- http://www.wacaonline.org/resources_student.html

Free Printable Awards & Certificates

- This website has free printable certificates that teachers can use for awards or recognition in intramural programs.
- <http://www.123certificates.com/>