

MAAA METRO ASSOCIATION FOR ADAPTED ATHLETICS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARDS

The Lebahn-Prohofsky Award

In 2001 the Most Valuable Player Award was created in honor of Tony Lebahan and Ed Prohofsky for their groundbreaking initiatives in the development of the Minnesota Association for Adapted Athletics (M.A.A.A.).

Tony Lebahn, from his wheelchair and using prosthesis for arms and with no legs, provided the role model for students with physical and or other health impairments. Tony courageously lobbied for athletic opportunities where they did not exist, participated as an athlete, coached, officiated, created adaptations for game rules and served on the MAAA Board.

Ed Prohofsky, as an adapted physical education teacher, listened to the voices of his students who requested the same opportunity to participate in high school sports as regular athletes. As its "Founding Father", Ed provided the leadership in the establishment of the athletic conference, the Minnesota Association for Adapted Athletics which offered season and state tournament play. Because of Mr. Prohofsky's vision and leadership, the Minnesota State High School League adopted this unique, "one of a kind" interscholastic high school athletic program.

One student from each division will be awarded this top honor each year.

Metro Association for Adapted Athletics: MVP Award Candidate Form

Name of Candidate

Team

School Name

Home Street Address

City / State / Zip

Phone

Candidate's Community Newspaper Name & Address

Athlete competed in which sports? _____

List the quantity of the following awards earned during high school career: (Grades 9-12)

Varsity Letters: _____ All-Conference: _____ All-State: _____

School/Community Activities: _____

Scholastic Achievements: _____

Please note the criteria and procedures for nominating the MVP candidate on the backside of this form. Also attach this form with a detailed recommendation for your MVP candidate including one wallet size headshot photo and submit to the M.A.A.A. Chairperson.

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THE LEBAHN-PROHOFSKY AWARD

For the

**GOLD (M.H.) DIVISION &
MAROON (P.O.H.I.) DIVISION**

CRITERIA:

1. The athlete needs to have competed in at least 2 of the 3 adapted team sports.
2. The athlete needs to have competed at a high level.
3. The athlete needs to have demonstrated play that was vital to the success of his/her team's success.
4. The athlete needs to have demonstrated good sportsmanship.
5. The athlete needs to have demonstrated positive leadership.
6. Consideration will be given to positive school contributions.
7. The athlete needs to be a senior.

PROCEDURE:

1. At the softball rules interpretations meeting, coaches will need to submit one nomination (per division) with a written justification why their athlete should be chosen for this honor. Note: Coaches who are unable to attend this meeting may fax or mail their nominee information to the MAAA Chairperson or the President of the Adapted Coaches Association prior to the meeting date.
2. After the softball rules interpretations meeting of the nominee's senior year, the MAAA Chairperson, the Meet Manager and the Head of Officials will convene and select the winner of each award.
3. Since the State Tournament is a MSHSL activity, these awards cannot be presented during this activity.
4. It will be the responsibility of the MAAA Chairperson to inform the coach of each nominated athlete the results of the selection and to present the award to the coach of each winning athlete. This will be coordinated with the appropriate timing for submitting the information to the news media.