



MR. FOOTBALL AWARDS

Presented by

Iowa Bankers Association

In conjunction with the

Iowa High School Football Coaches Association

Thirty-nine (39) student-athletes will be honored in the six Iowa High School Football classes. The classes are Eight Player, Class A, Class 1A, Class 2A, Class 3A and Class 4A. The awards for each class are as follows:

1. Mr. Football Lineman of the Year - One award for each class, six awards total
2. Mr. Football Lineman of the Year First Runner Up - One award for each class, six awards total
3. Mr. Football Lineman of the Year Second Runner Up - One award for each class, six awards total

4. Mr. Football Back of the Year - One Award for each class, six awards total
5. Mr. Football Back of the Year First Runner Up - One award for each class, six awards total
6. Mr. Football Back of the Year Second Runner Up - One award for each class , six awards total

7. Mr. Football Kicker of the Year – One Award for all six classes
Mr. Football Kicker of the Year First Runner Up – One award for all six classes
Mr. Football Kicker of the Year Second Runner Up – One award for all six classes

Nomination ballots will be sent to all head high school football coaches in the State of Iowa. Each coach will have the opportunity to nominate up to three student athletes in each of the seven classifications. Mr. Football Kicker of the Year will have only three nominations total and they are chosen regardless of classification. Coaches are allowed to nominate their own players.

- **Ballots will be sent out the first week in October and must be returned no later than October 31st to be counted.**

Nominators will list them according to first choice, second choice and third choice. Each selection will be given a point value of five (5) points for first, three (3) points for second and one (1) point for third. The nominations will be tallied and a list of "top vote-getters" will be compiled. This list will then be sent to the members of a selection committee for evaluation and selection of the winners.

The selection committee will be made up of selected prep sports writers and television sports anchors, each from a different geographical area of the state. These areas are listed below.

1. Council Bluffs Nonpareil/ Omaha World Herald, Council Bluffs, Iowa
2. Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa
3. Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa
4. Fort Dodge Messenger, Fort Dodge, Iowa
5. Iowa City Press Citizen, Iowa City, Iowa
6. Quad Cities Times, Davenport, Iowa
7. FOX Channel 18, KLJB, Davenport, Iowa
8. CBS Channel 14, KMEG, Sioux City, Iowa
9. CBS Channel 3, KMIT, Mason City, Iowa

The color analyst for the IHSSN and the President of the Iowa Football Coaches Association will co-chair the selection committee.

The selected prep sports writers and television sports anchors, will meet at a designated time at the Holiday Inn Suites at Jordan Creek, 6075 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa during the **first week in November** to discuss the nominees. They will be asked to have available statistics and other vital information on the "top vote-getters," and anyone else that may not be on the list but they feel may deserve consideration.

Then, by secret ballot they will cast their vote. Once again, each selection will be given a point value of five (5) points for first, three (3) points for second and one (1) point for third. These votes will **decide** the outcome of each award.

The nominee in each category with the highest point total is the winner, the second highest point total is first runner up and the third highest point total is the second runner up. The task of totaling the points will be completed by representatives from the Iowa High School Sports Network and The Iowa High School Football Coaches Association.

Finally, the finalists will be "certified". A representative of the Iowa High School Football Coaches Association will call the superintendent at each school that has a finalist and inform them that "John Doe" has been selected as a finalist for a Mr. Football Award and then will ask two questions:

1. **Is this student someone you feel will represent your school in a positive manner?**
2. **Is this student making satisfactory academic progress towards graduation?**

Should a finalist not meet these two criteria the next top vote-getter will be moved up and put through the same process.

When everything is finalized, a press article will be released announcing all finalists.

There will be an Awards Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Suites at Jordan Creek, 6075 Mills Civic Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa during the first week of December to announce the winners.

- Doors will open at 11:30pm for seating and serving will begin 11:45pm.
- Awards ceremony will begin promptly at 12:20pm with a planned finish at 1:15pm.

Tickets to the event will be distributed as follows and are **by invitation only**:

- Each of the thirty-nine (39) finalists will be given four (4) tickets to bring whomever they may choose (family members, Coach, Director of Athletics)
- One (1) table of ten will be provided for the selected prep sports writers and television sports anchors.
- Two (2) tables of ten will be provided for the Iowa Bankers Association
- Two (2) tables of ten (10) will be provided for the IHSSN, the IHSAA organization and the Iowa High School Football Coaches Association.

The awards ceremony will commence with opening remarks by the President and CEO of the Iowa Bankers Association. Upon completion, the presentation of the awards will begin.

There will be two podiums, one for the “**Lineman**” and one for the “**Backs**”. The Play by Play announcer for the IHSSN will represent the (“Lineman”) and the Color analyst for the IHSSN will represent the (“Backs”). They will alternate and read a brief bio on each athlete. The nominees will then be escorted to the stage as each bio is completed.

After the finalists for both lineman and back for each specific class are in place, the winner is announced and plaques and trophies are distributed by representatives of the Iowa Bankers Association and the Iowa High School Football Coaches Association. The athletes will then be escorted to a media area for pictures and interviews.

The Play by Play announcer will announce the Kicker awards and close out the luncheon.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS:

A dress code consisting of a jacket, tie and appropriate dress shirts and slacks will be in effect for all finalists attending the ceremonies.

The entire Awards program will be streamed live to the internet at no cost to the end user.

To further promote the Iowa Bankers Association and their affiliation with the Mr. Football Awards program, a duplicate first place trophy will be given to each High School where the winner attends for permanent placement in the High School trophy case. The winner’s local financial institution will make the presentation to the High School at time mutually agreed upon by all parties involved. The local financial institution and the IHSSN will assist the High School in contacting all forms of the media to have them present at the ceremony.

If the winner is not affiliated with a financial institution that is a member of the Iowa Bankers Association, the High School’s financial institution, which also must be a member of the Iowa Bankers Association, will make the presentation. In the event of multiple financial institutions, the Superintendent of Schools will be consulted to choose the presenter.