

NIAA STATE ACADEMIC TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

“SPIRIT SQUAD”

The current NIAA guidelines for selection of State Academic Teams will also apply for spirit squads. In addition to those guidelines, are these added stipulations.

- Varsity spirit squad only (excludes mascot)
Mascots are not always selected by the spirit coach and are sometimes not a part of the spirit squad.
- 5-person minimum roster
If a high school has separate varsity teams for fall and winter, both squads must be combined to be submitted for consideration as one team during the winter sports season. Otherwise, all members of the school’s spirit squad are submitted.

If a high school sponsors a “competitive only” squad that does not normally participate in school spirit activities, that squad would not qualify for the NIAA State Academic Team.
- Dance/Drill teams will not be considered for the 2005 awards, however, the spirit coaches association will include that as a discussion item at their next coaches conference.

Presentation of spirit academic teams will be in conjunction with the winter sports teams’ announcements.