



MVP Award Nomination Criteria

MVP AWARDS

Each year, the Wisconsin Rapids Area Sports Commission MVP Award acknowledges an individual that demonstrates commitment, creativity, and dynamic energy toward the growth of sports tourism in our community. The purpose of the award presentation is to increase awareness of local athletic and sport resources, and highlight the impact of sports on our economy and community. Past recipients of the MVP Award (listed below), were chosen because they are the 'movers and shakers' in our sports community.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS AREA SPORTS COMMISSION

The Wisconsin Rapids Area Sports Commission (WRASC) provides a forum for leaders in the athletic community who are passionate about promoting our area as a sports destination! We work to connect people and provide collaborative opportunities to achieve growth and success of our area sports organizations. Additionally, we seek to acquire new athletic events, and capitalize on our area's valued recreational facilities and natural assets.

The Wisconsin Rapids Area Sports Commission (WRASC) is an extension of the Wisconsin Rapids Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (WRACVB also known as VisitWisRapids). WRACVB recognizes the vital role sports have in the tourism industry and supports WRASC by helping to identify and complete proposals, exploring resources, and ensuring that the hospitality needs necessary to acquiring an event are fulfilled.

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Written nominations are **due by Friday, October 20th, 2023** to marketing@VisitWisRapids.com.

Please include the following in your nomination:

- Nominee name and contact information, including email address and telephone number.
- A short write-up of why you feel they should be MVP including:
 - ways nominee demonstrates growth toward sports tourism, the positive impact to individuals and / or community, evidence of financial benefit / economic impact, and any examples.
- Your name and contact information.
- Photo(s) of nominee and their activities within our local sports community, flyers, or posts promoting the sports organization

Eligibility

- Anyone actively engaged in area sports organization or event for the past calendar year.
- Alumni WRASC MVP winners, while continually appreciated, are not eligible.

Winner will be selected based on exemplary performance and merit by committee comprised of previous MVP winners, Sports Commission members, and Directors from WRACVB (VisitWisRapids).

Past recipients

Bill Arneson, Tri-Norse Ski Club and Winter Park
Ken Porter, Wisconsin Rapids Area Sports Commission
Marty Quarters and the Wisconsin Rapids Riverkings
Jim Arnold, South Wood County Recreation Center
Kim Kinsey, SUP the Rapids
Charlie Martin & Jim Newman, LHS WIAA State Gymnastics

Bob Atkinson, Nekoosa Legion Baseball
Mike and Lynn Swanson, Tri-City Curling Club
Mark and Kris Statz, Central Wisconsin BMX
Dan and Maggie Muleski, Wisconsin Rapids Aqua Skiers
Liz Kern, Wisconsin Rapids Rafters Baseball
Dan Guck & Lee Graf, Rapids Area Sports Complex

SAVE THE DATE! WRASC MVP Award Celebration
Thursday, November 16th, 2023



