## NSCA Personal Trainer of the Year Award Criteria Sheet

**Covering the Past 5 Calendar Years (January 2018 – December 2022)** 

Criteria	Value of Item	Points Awarded
Prerequisite Criteria (all required)		
Current Member for 2 consecutive years	Required	NA
NSCA-CPT or CSCS	Required	NA
Resume or CV received	Required	NA
20 hrs/wk minimum as PT with documentation of client load	Required	NA
(Client names are to remain anonymous. If employed, signed	•	
letter of support from employer (on letterhead, if available). If		
self-employed, notarized schedule omitting clients names.)		
3 Letters of recommendation from certified NSCA members	Required	NA
in good standings		
<b>Objective Points</b>		
General Criteria		NA
Years of Certification –	For each 3 years CSCS,	
	CPT, or dual certified	
	beyond first 3 years (1	
	point).	
RCPT; *D; *E	5 pts; 10 pts; 15 pts	
Additional NSCA certification(s); *D	3 pts ea.; +1pt	
FNSCA	3 pts	
Associates degree (select only one degree)	1 pt	
Bachelor's degree (select only one degree)	2 pt	
Master's degree (select only one degree)	3 pts	
Doctorate degree (select only one degree)	4 pts	
Subtotal	No minimum	
NSCA Involvement		
(Documentation Required)		
NSCA Regional Coordinator	5 pts	
NSCA State Director	4 pts	
NSCA Committee Chair	3 pts	
NSCA Committee member	2 pts	
SIG Chair/Executive Council	1 pts	
Attended NSCA Annual Conference	3 pts	
NSCA National Conference Volunteer	3 pts	
Attended NSCA Symposia	2 pts ea.	
Attended NSCA Regional Clinic	2 pts	
Attended NSCA State Clinic	1 pt	
NSCA Awards	1 pt ea.	
Subtotal	6 pts minimum	
Educational/Training Activities as it relates to Personal		
Training		

(Documentation Required)	
Hosted NSCA certification exam or exam prep	1 pt per yr (for 1 or more
	exams hosted)
Hosted an NSCA approved conference, symposia, or clinic	(2 points/each)
Hosted community fitness symposia	2 pts ea. (6 pts Max)
Developed a Personal Training Course currently being taught	2 pts/course
HS/College	
Currently Teaching Personal Training Course HS/College	2 pts/course
Subtotal	No minimum
Publications as it relates to Personal Training	
(Documentation Required)	
Editor for JSCR/SCJ/PTQ/TSAC/NSCA Coach	3 pts ea.
Book or chapter editor	3 pts ea.
Author/Co-author for JSCR or SCJ	3 pts ea.
Author/Co-author for PTQ/TSAC/NSCA Coach	3 pts ea.
Reviewer for JSCR/SCJ/PTQ/TSAC/NSCA Coach	1 pt per 3 article
Author/Co-author Non-NSCA peer reviewed article	2 pt ea. (4 pts max)
Fitness Industry Publications (non-peer reviewed)	2 pt ea. (4 pts Max)
Subtotal	2 pts minimum
Presentations as it relates to Personal Training	
(Documentation Required) NSCA Annual Conference	2 mts as
NSCA Annual Conference  NSCA Pre-con, Symposia, From the Field	2 pts ea 1 pt ea
NSCA Regional/State Clinic	1
NSCA Pod-cast, webinar, or video	1 pt ea 1 pt ea
Non-NSCA Presentations	1 pt ea (5 pts max)
Subtotal	4 pts minimum
Miscellaneous Category as it relates to Personal Training	- pts minimum
(Documentation Required)	
Volunteer coaching, after-school education, etc.	1 pt ea. (6 pts max)
State and Local Involvement – Boards,	1 pt ea. (5 pts max)
Committees, Councils that promote strength and conditioning	
or personal training.	
Non-NSCA Personal Training Awards	1 pt ea. (5 pts max)
Subtotal	No minimum
Objection Subtotal	12 pts minimum
Subjective Points for Tie Breaking	
<b>Professional Recommendations</b>	
Letter 1	Up to 3 pts
Letter 2	Up to 3 pts
Letter 3	Up to 3 pts
Subtotal	3 pts minimum
Total Objective	
Total Subjective	
Grand Total	18 pts minimum