

representatives of the school. In intramural athletics we are not dealing with students in regard to their abilities, as that is for more highly organized teams; but with the individuals who cannot make these teams, the objective we are striving for is participation.

If awards are given, some individuals will attempt to win at any cost, even by unfair tactics. This argument is of importance but does not confine itself only to award systems. It arises wherever there is competition. We should encourage the spirit of fair play in all of our activities and it is our duty to see that all activities are properly supervised and conducted under capable officials in an attempt to enforce fair play.

#### PLANS FOR GIVING THE AWARDS

Many different systems are used where awards are given. The most commonly used one is the point system, in which the students are given points for participation, winning, and officiating. Some of the schools give individual awards, others give team awards and some give both individual and team awards. The awards are given when a certain number of points are accumulated. These points may accumulate during the student's enrollment in the junior high school or in the senior high school, or in college but are not carried over from one school to the other. In this plan each individual may win an award.

Another plan is to give awards only to the winners in each activity, either team or individual.

A third point system used is to give points for participation, and winning, and then to give awards at the close of the year to a certain number of students with the greatest total of points.

Another plan closely related to this is the sweepstake award that is given to the home room, class, or organization that accumulates the most points during the school year.

#### TYPES OF AWARDS

The most common types of individual awards include letters, certificates, medals, charms, sweaters, cups, ribbons, and medallions. Of these, letters are perhaps the most popular. They are usually made of colors that do not resemble a varsity letter with the word INTRAMURAL on it. The letters are not expensive and at the same time are something that each boy takes pride in wearing. Medals and charms are perhaps a little more expensive but are very satisfactory. Sweaters and cups are almost too expensive but are given in a number of schools. They are probably more satisfactory for colleges and universities.

Certificates are something that the boys cannot display and for that reason are not very popular, but they are, however, inexpensive. Ribbons are perhaps the cheapest type of award and are very popular in schools where finances present a great problem. They can be made by the school, which makes them still cheaper.

Medallions are another type of individual award that can be given. They are very popular. They can display a school or activity insignia and with a little initiative can be made into a very attractive award. They can be made in the industrial arts department at a minimum cost.