

**THE NATIONAL ACADEMY  
OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES  
ANNOUNCES THE NOMINEES FOR THE  
39th ANNUAL SPORTS EMMY® AWARDS**

**Barry Frank to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Nominees to be Honored During the May 8<sup>th</sup> Ceremony  
At Jazz at Lincoln Center's Frederick P. Rose Hall**

New York, NY - March 28, 2018 - The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) today announced the nominees for the 39th Annual Sports Emmy® Awards.

"The world of sports television grows larger with each passing year and this year was no exception," said Chuck Dages, Chairman, NATAS. "The 39<sup>th</sup> Sports Emmy Awards encompassed a record-setting number of entries across multiple categories and the level of quality continues to show the growth and seemingly, unlimited potential of what is available for the sports viewing audience."

"This looks to be a wide-open competition this year," said Steve Ulrich, Senior Vice President, Sports Emmy Awards. "There are newcomers in many categories, and coupled with content creator extraordinaire Barry Frank receiving the Sports Lifetime Achievement Award, it should be an exciting evening."

Nominations were announced in 40 categories including Outstanding Live Sports Special, Live Sports Series and Playoff Coverage, three Documentary categories, Outstanding New Media, Outstanding Play-by-Play Announcer and Studio Host, among others.

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**About The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences**

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is a professional, non-profit service organization dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television and the promotion of creative leadership for artistic, educational and technical achievements within the television industry. It recognizes excellence in television with the coveted Emmy Award for News & Documentary, Sports, Daytime, Daytime Creative Arts, Public & Community Service, and Technology & Engineering. NATAS membership consists of over 16,000 broadcast and media professionals represented in 19 regional chapters across the country. Beyond awards, NATAS has extensive educational programs including Regional Student Television and its Student Award for Excellence for outstanding journalistic work by high school students, as well as scholarships, publications, and major activities for both industry professionals and the viewing public.

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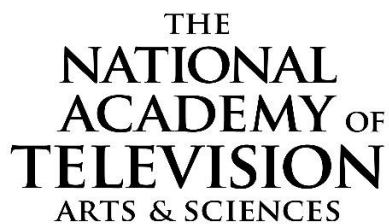
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# Nominations by Network Group

Network or Network Group	Nominations
ESPN (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN3, ABC, ESPN Deportes, ESPNNews, ESPNU, ESPN Classic, ESPN Goal Line, SEC Network, WatchESPN)	54
CBS (CBS, CBS Sports Network)	31
FOX (FOX, FS1, FS2, FOXsports.com, Big10 Network, Nat Geo)	31
NBC Sports Group (NBC, NBCSN, Golf Channel, Telemundo, USA)	28
Turner Sports (tbs, TNT, truTV, NCAA.com, Bleacher Report)	19
NFL Network	13
MLB Network	12
HBO Sports	7
Showtime Sports	6
Verizon	4
Netflix	3
SI.com	2
Univision (Univision, Univision Deportes)	2
Apple iTunes	1
Audience	1
Comcast Watchable	1
DIRECTV	1



## Nominations by Network Group *(Continued)*

<b>Network or Network Group</b>	<b>Nominations</b>
Gear VR	1
Oculus VR	1
Outside Television	1
Snapchat	1
Twitch	1
Vice	1
YouTube	1

Editors Please Note: In the table above, if an entry is credited to multiple network groups, then each network is given credit for a nomination (e.g. CBS/TNT yields 1 nomination for CBS and 1 nomination for TNT). If all credited networks are from the same corporate entity, then the network group gets credit for 1 Emmy® nomination (e.g. ABC/ESPN equals 1 nomination).

# Nominations by Program

<b>Program</b>	<b>Nominations</b>	<b>Network</b>
The 118th Army-Navy Game	8	CBS
E: 60	8	ESPN2
SC Featured	8	ESPN/ESPNews
AFC Championship	6	CBS
2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	5	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV/NCAA.com
College GameDay	4	ESPN/Watch ESPN
MLB Tonight	4	MLB Network
NASCAR on FOX	4	FOX/FS1
2017 ELEAGUE on tbs	3	tbs/Twitch TV
2018 College Football Playoff National Championship	3	ESPN
Dear Basketball	3	Verizon
Hard Knocks: Training Camp With The Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3	HBO
The 35th America's Cup	3	NBC/NBCSN
The 143rd Kentucky Derby	3	NBC
Thursday Night Football Presents...	3	CBS/NFL Network
30 for 30	2	ESPN
Disgraced	2	Showtime
Golf Central	2	Golf Channel
FOX College Football	2	FOX/FS1/FOXSports.com
Inside the NBA on TNT	2	TNT
MLB on FOX	2	FOX/FS1/MLB Network
NBA on TNT	2	TNT
NFL 360	2	NFL Network
NHL Live	2	NBC/NBCSN/USA Network
Monday Night Football	2	ESPN
A Season With Navy Football	2	Showtime
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel	2	HBO
Sunday Night Football	2	NBC

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Network	Nominations
CBS	31
ESPN	29
FOX	21
NBC	18
FS1	16
ESPN2	13
NFL Network	13
TNT	13
MLB Network	12
NBCSN	10
tbs	10
ESPN Deportes	8
HBO	7
truTV	7
Showtime	6
ABC	5
ESPNews	5
Telemundo	5
Golf Channel	4
Verizon	4
Netflix	3
NCAA.com	2
SI.com	2
Univision Deportes	2
Univision	2
USA Network	2
FOXSports.com	1
Audience	1
Big10 Network	1
Bleacher Report	1
Comcast Watchable	1
DIRECTV	1
ESPN3	1
ESPNU	1
ESPN Classic	1
ESPN Goal Line	1
FOX Deportes	1
FS2	1
Gear VR	1



# Nominations By Network

*(Continued)*

<b>Network</b>	<b>Nominations</b>
iTunes	1
Nat Geo	1
Oculus VR	1
Outside Television	1
SEC Network	1
Snapchat	1
Twitch TV	1
Viceland	1
WatchESPN	1
YouTube	1

# Sports Emmy Awards

## OUTSTANDING LIVE SPORTS SPECIAL

2018 College Football Playoff National Championship <i>Alabama Crimson Tide vs. Georgia Bulldogs</i>	ESPN
The 113th World Series <i>Houston Astros vs Los Angeles Dodgers</i>	FOX
The 118th Army-Navy Game	CBS
The 146th Open <i>Royal Birkdale</i>	NBC/Golf Channel
The Masters	CBS

## OUTSTANDING LIVE SPORTS SERIES

NASCAR on FOX	FOX/ FS1
NBA on TNT	TNT
NFL on FOX	FOX
Sunday Night Football	NBC
Thursday Night Football	NBC



## OUTSTANDING PLAYOFF COVERAGE

2017 NBA Playoffs on TNT	TNT
2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV
2018 Rose Bowl (College Football Championship Semi-Final) <i>Oklahoma vs. Georgia</i>	ESPN
AFC Championship <i>Jacksonville Jaguars vs. New England Patriots</i>	CBS
NFC Divisional Playoff <i>New Orleans Saints vs. Minnesota Vikings</i>	FOX

## OUTSTANDING EDITED SPORTS EVENT COVERAGE

2017 World Series Film <i>Houston Astros vs. Los Angeles Dodgers</i>	FS1/MLB Network
All Access Epilogue: <i>Mayweather vs. McGregor</i>	Showtime [Showtime Sports]
Ironman World Championship	NBC [Texas Crew Productions]
Sound FX: <i>Super Bowl 51</i>	NFL Network [NFL Films]
UFC Fight Flashback <i>Cruz vs. Garbrandt</i>	FS1 [UFC]

## OUTSTANDING SHORT SPORTS DOCUMENTARY

Resurface	Netflix
SC Featured <i>A Mountain to Climb</i>	ESPNNews
SC Featured <i>Arthur</i>	ESPN
SC Featured <i>Restart</i>	ESPNNews
The Reason I Play	Big Ten Network

## OUTSTANDING LONG SPORTS DOCUMENTARY

30 for 30 <i>Celtics/Lakers: Best of Enemies</i>	ESPN <i>[ESPN Films/Hock Films]</i>
89 Blocks	FOX/FS1
Counterpunch	Netflix
Disgraced	Showtime <i>[Bat Bridge Entertainment]</i>
VICE World of Sports <i>Rivals: Boom Squad</i>	Viceland <i>[Vice Media]</i>

## OUTSTANDING SERIALIZED SPORTS DOCUMENTARY

A Season With Navy Football

Showtime

*[Ross Greenburg Productions/  
Stone & Company Entertainment/  
IMG Productions/Crazy Legs]*

Hard Knocks

HBO

*Training Camp With The Tampa Bay Buccaneers*

*[NFL Films]*

Last Chance U

Netflix

Us Against the World

Comcast Watchable

*[Uproxx Studios]*

Why We Fight

Verizon

*[Dirty Robber/The Religion of Sports/  
Complex Networks]*

## OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW - WEEKLY

College GameDay	ESPN
FOX NFL Sunday	FOX
Inside the NBA on TNT	TNT
Monday Night Countdown	ESPN
The NFL Today	CBS

## OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW - DAILY

MLB Tonight	MLB Network
NHL Live	NBC/NBCSN
Pardon The Interruption	ESPN <i>[Rydhholm Projects]</i>
The Dan Patrick Show	Audience <i>[AT&amp;T]</i>
The Herd with Colin Cowherd	FS1

## OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW - LIMITED RUN

Gruden's QB Camp	ESPN/ESPN2
Inside the NBA on TNT <i>2017 NBA Playoffs</i>	TNT
MLB on FOX: The Postseason	FOX/ FS1
NHL Live: Stanley Cup Playoffs	NBC/NBCSN/USA Network
Road to the Final Four	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV

## OUTSTANDING SPORTS NEWS ANTHOLOGY

E: 60	ESPN2
NFL 360	NFL Network
NFL Films Presents	FS1 <i>[NFL Films]</i>
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel	HBO
SC Featured	ESPN

## OUTSTANDING SPORTS JOURNALISM

Disgraced	Showtime <i>[Bat Bridge Entertainment]</i>
E: 60 <i>Respectfully Submitted, Ricky Dixon</i>	ESPN2
E: 60 <i>Setenta e Sete</i>	ESPN2
E: 60 <i>The Dictator's Team</i>	ESPN2
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel <i>The Strongman: Ramzan Kadyrov</i>	HBO

## OUTSTANDING SHORT FEATURE

College GameDay <i>A Different Wave</i>	ESPN
College GameDay <i>Melvin Keihn</i>	WatchESPN
Golf Central <i>Limitless: The Jim Hunt Story</i>	Golf Channel
SC Featured <i>Thank You Pittsburgh</i>	ESPN
Thursday Night Kickoff <i>Kate Foster: A Letter to My Younger</i>	CBS/NFL Network

## OUTSTANDING LONG FEATURE

E: 60 <i>Fight On</i>	ESPN2
E: 60 <i>Lionheart</i>	ESPN2
E: 60 <i>Searching for Schuye</i>	ESPN2
E: 60 <i>Underdog</i>	ESPN2
SC Featured <i>For Those Who Can't</i>	ESPN

## OUTSTANDING OPEN/TEASE

2017 NBA on TNT <i>The Response</i>	TNT
2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship <i>The Stage</i>	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV
AFC Championship <i>Teasing John Malkovich</i>	CBS
NFL Draft	ESPN
The 118th Army-Navy Game <i>The More Things Change</i>	CBS

## OUTSTANDING TRANS-MEDIA SPORTS COVERAGE

2017 ELEAGUE on tbs and twitch.tv	tbs/twitch.tv
2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament <i>NCAA March Madness Live</i>	NCAA.com
2018 College Football Playoff National Championship <i>MegaCast</i>	ESPN/ESPN2/ ESPNU/ESPNEWS/ ESPN Deportes/ESPN Goal Line/ ESPN Classic/ESPN SEC Network/ESPN3
Hard Knocks <i>Training Camp With The Tampa Bay Buccaneers</i>	HBO <i>[NFL Films]</i>
HBO Boxing <i>Canelo Alvarez vs. Gennady Golovkin</i>	HBO



## OUTSTANDING DIGITAL INNOVATION

2017 Game of Zones <i>Father of Balls</i>	Bleacher Report
2017 NBA Finals <i>Strength in Numbers</i>	Oculus Rift/Gear VR <i>[m ss ng p eces]</i>
2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament <i>NCAA March Madness Virtual Reality</i>	NCAA.com
Capturing Everest <i>360-degree VR</i>	SI.com <i>[Endemol Shine Beyond]</i>
Take Every Wave <i>360 VR camera technologies capture riding the longest wave in the world</i>	SI.com <i>[Ryot]</i>

## OUTSTANDING SOCIAL TV EXPERIENCE

100,000 Cameras <i>Ohio State vs. Michigan</i>	FOX <i>[NASCAR Productions]</i>
MLB Tonight <i>The Fans Make The Show: MLB Tonight Social Takeover</i>	MLB Network
NASCAR Throwback	NBCSN
SportsCenter on Snapchat	ESPN/Snapchat
The 143rd Kentucky Derby	NBC

## **OUTSTANDING SPORTS PERSONALITY - STUDIO HOST**

Rece Davis	ESPN
Ernie Johnson	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV
Bob Ley	ESPN
Curt Menefee	FOX
Dan Patrick	NBC

## **OUTSTANDING SPORTS PERSONALITY - PLAY-BY-PLAY**

Mike Breen	ABC
Joe Buck	FOX/FS1
Mike 'Doc' Emrick	NBC/NBCSN
Jim Nantz	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV/NFL Network
Brad Nessler	CBS

## **OUTSTANDING SPORTS PERSONALITY - STUDIO ANALYST**

Alexi Lalas	FS1/FS2
Al Leiter	MLB Network
Harold Reynolds	MLB Network
Michael Strahan	FOX
Tom Verducci	MLB Network/FOX

## **OUTSTANDING SPORTS PERSONALITY - SPORTS EVENT ANALYST**

Gary Danielson	CBS
Jon Gruden	ESPN
Kirk Herbstreit	ESPN/ABC
Tony Romo	CBS/NFL Network
John Smoltz	FOX/FS1/MLB Network

## **OUTSTANDING SPORTS PERSONALITY - SPORTS REPORTER**

Allie LaForce	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV
Ken Rosenthal	FOX/FS1/MLB Network
Lisa Salters	ESPN/ABC
Michele Tafoya	NBC
Tom Verducci	MLB Network/FOX

## **OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL TEAM REMOTE**

2018 College Football Playoff National Championship <i>Alabama Crimson Tide vs. Georgia Bulldogs</i>	ESPN
Monday Night Football	ESPN
NASCAR on FOX	FOX/FS1
The 35th America's Cup	NBCSN
US Open	ESPN

## **OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL TEAM STUDIO**

2017 NFL Draft	NFL Network
College GameDay	ESPN
MLB Tonight	MLB Network
Premier League	NBC/NBCSN
Super Bowl LII	NFL Network

## OUTSTANDING CAMERA WORK

A Season With Navy Football

Showtime

*[Ross Greenburg Productions/  
Stone & Company/IMG Productions/  
Crazy Legs Productions/Vidiots]*

Over the Horizon

Outside TV

*[Echo Bay Media]*

SC Featured

ESPNNews

*A Mountain to Climb*

The 118th Army-Navy Game

CBS

*The More Things Change*

The 143rd Kentucky Derby

NBC

## OUTSTANDING SHORT FORM EDITING

AFC Championship <i>Teasing John Malkovich</i>	CBS
Dear Basketball <i>[Glen Keane Productions/Granity Studios/ Believe Entertainment Group]</i>	Verizon
The 118th Army-Navy Game <i>The More Things Change</i>	CBS
The 143rd Kentucky Derby	NBC
Thursday Night Football Presents...	CBS/NFL Network

## OUTSTANDING LONG FORM EDITING

Breaking2 <i>[Nat Geo Studios/Dirty Robber]</i>	NAT GEO
Golf Central <i>Feeling and Reality: The Billy Hurley Story</i>	Golf Channel <i>[May Fifth Productions]</i>
NFL 360 <i>Konrad Reuland: On a Mission</i>	NFL Network
SC Featured <i>The Rob Young Story</i>	ESPNews
UCONN: The March to Madness	HBO <i>[IMG Productions]</i>

## THE DICK SCHAAP OUTSTANDING WRITING AWARD

AFC Championship <i>Teasing John Malkovich</i>	CBS
MLB Tonight <i>Opening Day Essay</i>	MLB Network
Special Olympics World Games	ESPN2
The 118th Army-Navy Game <i>The More Things Change</i>	CBS
Thursday Night Football Presents...	CBS/NFL Network

## OUTSTANDING MUSIC DIRECTION

30 for 30 <i>Nature Boy</i>	ESPN <i>[ESPN Films]</i>
AFC Championship <i>Teasing John Malkovich, "They Are Two Goliaths"</i>	CBS
Dear Basketball	Verizon <i>[Glen Keane Productions/Granity Studios/ Believe Entertainment Group]</i>
Road To The Super Bowl	FOX <i>[NFL Films]</i>
The 118th Army-Navy Game <i>The More Things Change, "The Letter"</i>	CBS

## OUTSTANDING LIVE EVENT AUDIO/SOUND

The 35th America's Cup	NBC/NBCSN
Indianapolis 500	ABC
MLB on FOX	FOX/FS1/MLB Network
NASCAR on FOX	FOX/FS1
NASCAR on NBC	NBC/NBCSN

## OUTSTANDING POST-PRODUCED AUDIO/SOUND

Blood Road	iTunes <i>[Red Bull Media House]</i>
Hard Knocks <i>Training Camp With The Tampa Bay Buccaneers</i>	HBO <i>[NFL Films]</i>
Inside the NFL <i>Super Bowl LII</i>	Showtime <i>[CBS Sports/NFL Films]</i>
Radioactive - The Championship Race	FS1 <i>[NASCAR Productions]</i>
The 118th Army-Navy Game <i>The More Things Change</i>	CBS



## OUTSTANDING LIVE GRAPHIC DESIGN

2017 ELEAGUE on tbs	tbs
2017 NBA All-Star Weekend on TNT	TNT
2017 NBA Finals <i>Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Golden State Warriors</i>	ABC
College Basketball	ESPN/ESPN2
League of Legends	YouTube <i>[Riot Games]</i>

## OUTSTANDING POST-PRODUCED GRAPHIC DESIGN

CBS Thursday Night Football/NFL Today <i>NFL Quick Facts</i>	CBS/NFL Network
Dear Basketball	Verizon <i>[Glen Keane Productions/Granity Studios/ Believe Entertainment Group]</i>
Fantasy Football Marathon	ESPN2
Monday Night Football	ESPN
NFL on NBC	NBC

## OUTSTANDING STUDIO OR PRODUCTION DESIGN/ART DIRECTION

AFC Championship <i>Teasing John Malkovich</i>	CBS
El Clasico Coming to America	ESPN <i>[DLP Media Group]</i>
Sunday Night Football <i>Oh Sunday Night</i>	NBC
The 118th Army-Navy Game <i>The More Things Change</i>	CBS
Thursday Night Football Presents... <i>Chicago Bears vs. Green Bay Packers</i>	CBS/NFL Network

## THE GEORGE WENSEL TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2017 ELEAGUE on tbs <i>ELEAGUE Augmented Reality</i>	tbs
FOX College Football <i>C360</i>	FOXSports.com
NHL on DIRECTV: Penguins at Golden Knights <i>First Live 4K HDR Linear Broadcast</i>	DIRECTV
Sunday Night Baseball <i>Front Row Cam</i>	ESPN
The 35th America's Cup <i>Flytime</i>	NBCSN

## OUTSTANDING SPORTS PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

2017 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament <i>The Arrival</i>	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV
A Football Life <i>Circle of Life</i>	NFL Network <i>[NFL Films]</i>
FOX College Football <i>Every Game is Everything</i>	FOX/FS1
NASCAR on FOX <i>Daytona 500 - Daytona Day</i>	FOX
The XXIII Olympic Winter Games <i>The Winter Olympics Campaign 2017</i>	The Networks of NBC Universal

## OUTSTANDING LIVE SPORTS COVERAGE IN SPANISH

FIFA World Cup Qualifier <i>Mexico vs. USA</i>	Univision/Univision Deportes
Final de la Copa FIFA Confederaciones <i>Chile vs. Alemania</i>	Telemundo
La Finales de la NBA <i>Golden State Warriors vs. Cleveland Cavaliers</i>	ESPN Deportes
La Previa UEFA Champions League Final	FOX Deportes
Rumbo Al Mundial <i>Fecha Final</i>	Telemundo

## **OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW IN SPANISH**

Béisbol Esta Noche	ESPN Deportes
Futbol Central	Univision/Univision Deportes
Futbol Picante	ESPN Deportes
La Liga Premier: Tercer Tiempo	Telemundo
SportsCenter Deportes	ESPN Deportes

## **OUTSTANDING ON-AIR SPORTS PERSONALITY IN SPANISH**

Andrés Cantor	Telemundo
José Ramón Fernández	ESPN Deportes
Ernesto Jerez	ESPN Deportes
Jorge Ramos	ESPN Deportes
Sammy Sadovnik	Telemundo