



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CELEBRATES SEASON WITH “NFL HONORS” ON SUPER BOWL EVE ON CBS

TWO-HOUR PRIMETIME AWARDS SHOW SALUTES OUTSTANDING PLAYERS & PERFORMANCES FROM 2015 SEASON

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2016 TO BE ANNOUNCED DURING PROGRAM

Show to air from Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco

The National Football League will recognize its best players, performances and plays from the 2015 season with a two-hour primetime awards special - “NFL Honors” - to air nationally on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 9 PM ET/PT on CBS.

The newest **PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME** class will be announced and introduced during the show with the Class of 2016 appearing on stage at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. The 15 finalists [were announced](#) on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Joined by current NFL stars and former legendary players, **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS** will announce its annual accolades in an awards show format. “NFL Honors,” which debuted in 2012 in Indianapolis, is an annual event hosted from the Super Bowl city the evening before the AFC and NFC champions meet. The winners will be on hand to accept their awards.

Kicking off the night will be “**Super Bowl Saturday Night presented by Bose,**” a red carpet show on NFL Network from 8-9 PM ET featuring the presentation of the Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award and many of the stars who will be celebrating the best of the NFL later that evening.

Among the awards that will be announced will be the prestigious Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award presented by Nationwide, which recognizes a player’s off-the-field community service as well as his playing excellence. The winner of the Rooney Sportsmanship Award presented by McDonald’s, as voted by his peers, also will be recognized.

Seven of the awards will be from the AP. These awards are voted on at the end of the regular NFL season by a nationwide media panel of 50 people who regularly cover the league. The ballots are tabulated solely by the AP.

Microsoft Surface tablets will again replace the award envelopes this year at the NFL Honors.

The full list of awards that will be presented will be:

<u>AP Most Valuable Player presented by Verizon</u>	<u>Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year presented by Nationwide</u>
<u>AP Coach of the Year presented by Lenovo</u>	<u>AP Comeback Player of the Year</u>
<u>AP Offensive Player of the Year presented by Microsoft</u>	<u>AP Defensive Player of the Year</u>
<u>AP Offensive Rookie of the Year</u>	<u>AP Defensive Rookie of the Year</u>
<u>Bridgestone Performance Play of the Year</u>	<u>FedEx Air & Ground Players of the Year</u>
<u>NFL.com Fantasy Player of the Year presented by SAP</u>	<u>Courtyard's Greatness on the Road Award</u>
<u>Salute To Service Award presented by USAA</u>	<u>Rooney Sportsmanship Award presented by McDonald's</u>
<u>Deacon Jones Sack Leader</u>	<u>Clutch Performer of the Year presented by Castrol</u>

Top-Tier Sponsors of "NFL Honors" include Bose, Bridgestone, Lenovo, McDonald's, Nationwide, Microsoft, SAP and Verizon.

Associate Sponsors include Castrol, FedEx, Courtyard, USAA and Papa John's.

"NFL Honors" is an NFL Network production in association with Rock Garden Media. For more information about "NFL Honors" fans may visit <http://www.nfl.com/honors> and follow the #NFLHonors conversation on Twitter.

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For questions regarding credentials e-mail Elizabeth McCollum, elizabethm@bzapr.com.

Note: A "Week of Game" or Super Bowl credential does not gain access to NFL Honors or the Red Carpet. You will have to apply for a separate credential using the link above. The deadline to request credentials is Wednesday, February 3.