



**THE NATIONAL ACADEMY  
OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES  
ANNOUNCES THE NOMINEES FOR THE  
40th ANNUAL SPORTS EMMY® AWARDS**

**Dick Vitale to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Nominees to be Honored During the May 20<sup>th</sup> Ceremony  
At Jazz at Lincoln Center's Frederick P. Rose Hall**

New York, NY – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 – The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) today announced the nominees for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Emmy® Awards.

“The multiplicity of opportunities for the enthusiast to become passionately involved with the teams and superstars of the sports universe boggles the mind,” said Adam Sharp, President & CEO, NATAS. “With this being the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Academy’s commitment to honoring the absolute best in sports coverage, we are anticipating a very exciting show celebrating these outstanding nominees.”

“We’ve never seen such high-quality nominees from such a diverse group of entrants,” said Steve Ulrich, Senior Vice President, Sports Emmy Awards and Events. “I’m especially looking forward to the presentation of the Sports Lifetime Achievement Award to Dick Vitale. He has truly changed the lexicon of college basketball coverage with his iconic lingo, topped off by his boundless energy. Laughter and tears are virtually guaranteed when he steps to the podium to accept.”

Nominations were announced in 41 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.

Accounting services for the competition are provided by the firm of Lutz & Carr, LLP.

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

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) is a 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® Awards for News & Documentary, Sports, Daytime and Daytime Creative Arts programming, as well as achievements in television Technology & Engineering.

NATAS membership consists of more than 17,000 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 and the National Student Production Awards 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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## Nominations by Network Group

Network or Network Group	Nominations
ESPN (ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN3, ESPN+, ABC, ESPN Deportes, ESPNNews, SEC Network, WatchESPN)	56
NBC Sports Group (NBC, NBCSN, Golf Channel, Telemundo, CNBC, MSNBC, NBCOlympics.com, The Olympic Channel, USA)	38
CBS Sports (CBS, CBS Sports Network)	27
FOX (FOX, FS1, FOXSports.com)	25
HBO Sports	16
Turner Sports (tbs, TNT, truTV, PGA.com, BR Live)	13
NFL Network	10
MLB Network (MLB Network, MLB.com)	9
Univision (Univision, Univision Deportes, UniMas)	7
Showtime Sports	6
Netflix	4
Amazon (Amazon Prime Video, Twitch)	3
Tennis Channel	3
DIRECTV	2
Facebook (Facebook Watch)	2
Red Bull (RBTv)	2
YouTube	2



## Nominations by Network Group (Continued)

Network or Network Group	Nominations
NBA (NBA League Pass)	1
NHL	1
The Ringer	1
Snapchat	1
Sports Illustrated (SI TV)	1
UFC (UFC Fight Pass)	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 Sports and 1 nomination for Turner Sports). 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 for ESPN.).



# Nominations By Program

Program	Nominations	Network
XXIII Olympic Winter Games	12	NBC/NBCSN/CNBC/USA/MSNBC/NBCOlympics.com
The Super Bowl Today/Super Bowl LIII	8	CBS
E: 60	6	ESPN2
2018 FIFA World Cup on FOX	5	FOX/FS1/FOXSports.com
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel	5	HBO
SC Featured	5	ESPN/ESPNNews
College GameDay	4	ESPN
NFL 360	4	NFL Network
Zion	4	Netflix
Being Serena	3	HBO
Hard Knocks	3	HBO
Inside the NBA on TNT	3	TNT
Major League Baseball on ESPN	3	ESPN/WatchESPN
MLB Tonight	3	MLB Network
Road To The Super Bowl	3	CBS
Shut Up And Dribble	3	Showtime
2018 Copa Mundial de la FIFA	2	Telemundo
2019 College Football National Championship	2	ESPN
The 119 <sup>th</sup> Army-Navy Game	2	CBS
AFC Championship	2	CBS
All Access	2	Showtime
All or Nothing	2	Amazon Prime Video
Golf Central	2	Golf Channel
Momentum Generation	2	HBO
NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four	2	ESPN2
NFL Films Presents	2	FS1
NFL on CBS	2	CBS
Strokes of Genius	2	Tennis Channel
Sunday Night Football	2	NBC
US Open Tennis Championship	2	ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN3
The World Of Red Bull 2018: Unleashed!	2	RBTv



# Nominations By Network

Network	Nominations
ESPN	40
CBS	27
NBC	25
FOX	20
FS1	17
HBO	16
ESPN2	12
TNT	11
NFL Network	10
MLB Network	8
NBCSN	8
ABC	7
Telemundo	7
Golf Channel	6
Showtime	6
Univision Deportes	6
tbs	5
truTV	5
CNBC	4
Netflix	4
USA	4
ESPN Deportes	3
ESPNews	3
Tennis Channel	3
Amazon Prime Video	2
DIRECTV	2
ESPN+	2
Red Bull TV	2
UniMas	2
Univision	2
YouTube	2
BR Live	1
CBS Sports Network	1
ESPN3	1
Facebook	1
Facebook Watch	1
FOXSports.com	1
MLB.com	1
MSNBC	1



## Nominations By Network *(Continued)*

<b>Network</b>	<b>Nominations</b>
NBA League Pass	1
NBCOlympics.com	1
NHL Network	1
Olympic Channel	1
PGA.com	1
The Ringer	1
SEC Network	1
SI TV	1
Snapchat	1
Twitch	1
UFC Fight Pass	1
WatchESPN	1

# 40<sup>th</sup> Sports Emmy Awards

## OUTSTANDING LIVE SPORTS SPECIAL

2018 PGA Tour <i>2018 Tour Championship</i>	NBC/Golf Channel
2019 College Football Playoff National Championship <i>Clemson Tigers vs. Alabama Crimson Tide</i>	ESPN
The 114th World Series <i>Boston Red Sox vs. Los Angeles Dodgers</i>	FOX
The 150th Belmont Stakes	NBC
Super Bowl LIII <i>New England Patriots vs. Los Angeles Rams</i>	CBS

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## OUTSTANDING LIVE SPORTS SERIES

Golf Channel on NBC	NBC
Major League Baseball on ESPN	ESPN
NFL on CBS	CBS
SEC on CBS	CBS
Sunday Night Football	NBC



## OUTSTANDING PLAYOFF COVERAGE

2018 FIFA World Cup on FOX	FOX/FS1
AFC Championship <i>New England Patriots vs. Kansas City Chiefs</i>	CBS
NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV
NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four <i>Louisville vs. Mississippi St &amp; Notre Dame vs. Connecticut</i>	ESPN2
SEC Championship Game <i>Alabama Crimson Tide vs. Georgia Bulldogs</i>	CBS

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## OUTSTANDING EDITED SPORTS EVENT COVERAGE

All Access <i>Wilder vs. Fury Epilogue</i>	Showtime
Courtside at the NBA Finals	HBO <i>[Ringer Films]</i>
Mic'd Up: Super Bowl LIII	NFL Network <i>[NFL Films]</i>
Road To The Super Bowl	CBS <i>[NFL Films]</i>
Tiger Woods - Return of the Roar	ESPN <i>[PGA TOUR Entertainment]</i>

## OUTSTANDING EDITED SPORTS SPECIAL OR SERIES

24/7 <i>The Match: Tiger vs. Phil</i>	HBO
A Football Life	NFL Network <i>[NFL Films]</i>
All Access <i>Wilder vs. Fury</i>	Showtime
NFL 360 <i>Steve Gleason</i>	NFL Network
UFC 25 Years in Short	UFC Fight Pass

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## OUTSTANDING SHORT SPORTS DOCUMENTARY

27 Years: The Exoneration of Valentino Dixon	Golf Channel <i>[Golf Films]</i>
E: 60 <i>Identity: Deland McCullough's Journey</i>	ESPN2
E: 60 <i>P9008 - The Story of Charleston Hartfield</i>	ESPN2
SC Featured <i>Respect</i>	ESPNNews
SC Featured <i>Who Says I Can't</i>	ESPNNews

## OUTSTANDING LONG SPORTS DOCUMENTARY

Crossroads	ESPN <i>[ESPN Films]</i>
Love Means Zero	Showtime <i>[Kilo Films]</i>
Momentum Generation	HBO <i>[All Rise Films/Priority Pictures]</i>
Shot in the Dark	FOX
Strokes of Genius	Tennis Channel

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## OUTSTANDING SERIALIZED SPORTS DOCUMENTARY

All or Nothing <i>Manchester City</i>	Amazon Prime Video
All or Nothing <i>A Season with the Dallas Cowboys</i>	Amazon Prime Video <i>[NFL Films]</i>
Being Serena	HBO <i>[Endeavor Content]</i>
Quest for the Stanley Cup <i>[Ross Greenburg Productions, NHL Original Productions]</i>	ESPN+
Tom vs. Time	Facebook Watch <i>[Dirty Robber]</i>

## **OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW - WEEKLY**

College GameDay	ESPN
Football Night in America	NBC
FOX NFL Sunday	FOX
Inside the NBA on TNT	TNT
The NFL Today	CBS

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## **OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW - DAILY**

The Dan Patrick Show	DIRECTV/NBCSN
The Jump	ESPN
MLB Tonight	MLB Network
Outside The Lines	ESPN
Pardon The Interruption	ESPN <i>[Rydhholm Projects]</i>

## OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW - LIMITED RUN

2018 NBA Playoffs on TNT <i>Inside the NBA</i>	TNT
MLB Now: Postseason Edition	MLB Network
MLB on FOX: The Postseason	FOX/FS1
Postseason NFL Countdown	ESPN
Road to the Final Four	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV
US Open Preview	ESPN

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## OUTSTANDING SPORTS NEWS/FEATURE 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/ESPNNews

## OUTSTANDING SPORTS JOURNALISM

E: 60 <i>Crisis at Michigan State</i>	ESPN2
E: 60 <i>The Florida Shuffle</i>	ESPN2
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel <i>Everest Inc.: The Exploitation and Death of the Sherpas</i>	HBO
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel <i>Putin's Purge: The Silencing of Critics of Russia's Sports Program</i>	HBO
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel <i>Unsettled: The Truth Behind the NFL Concussion Settlement</i>	HBO

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## OUTSTANDING SHORT FEATURE

College GameDay <i>SC Featured: Up Syndrome</i>	ESPN
Monday Night Countdown <i>SC Featured: Paradise Football</i>	ESPN
NFL 360 <i>I Am Shaquem Griffin</i>	NFL Network
Sunday NFL Countdown <i>SC Featured: The Art of Inspiration</i>	ESPN
The Super Bowl Today <i>Guaranteed: The Joe Namath Story</i>	CBS

## OUTSTANDING LONG FEATURE

College GameDay <i>SC Featured: Tyler Strong</i>	ESPN
E: 60 <i>Bonds of Earth</i>	ESPN2
NFL 360 <i>Steve Gleason – No White Flags</i>	NFL Network
Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel <i>Boy Wonder: The Tommy Morrissey Story</i>	HBO
SC Featured <i>Shaquem Griffin</i>	ESPN
Zion	Netflix <i>[Bindery Films]</i>

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## OUTSTANDING OPEN/TEASE

The 119th Army-Navy Game <i>A Different Kind of Kid</i>	CBS
AFC Championship <i>The Gift</i>	CBS
Shut Up And Dribble	Showtime <i>[SpringHill Entertainment]</i>
Super Bowl LIII <i>A Peyton Manning Production</i>	CBS
XXIII Olympic Winter Games <i>Always Start with the Dreams</i>	NBC

## OUTSTANDING TRANS-MEDIA SPORTS COVERAGE

2018 FIFA World Cup on FOX

FOX/FS1/FOXSPORTS.COM

Premier League

NBC/NBCSN

The 100th PGA Championship

PGA.com

The Match: Tiger vs. Phil

BR Live

XXIII Olympic Winter Games

NBC/NBCSN/CNBC/USA/  
NBCOlympics.com

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## OUTSTANDING DIGITAL INNOVATION

Ashe '68

*360-Degree Sand Animation*

SI TV

*[Custom Reality Services/Lumen Anima/*  
*Rexpix Media/Get Lifted Film Co./*  
*Oak Street Pictures/Legend 3D]*

Home Run Derby Virtual Reality

Twitch/Facebook/YouTube/  
MLB.com/ESPN  
*[MLB Games/Engine Shot]*

MLB Tonight

*Diamond Demo 360*

MLB Network

NBA Desktop

The Ringer

NBA in VR

NBA League Pass  
*[Next VR]*



## OUTSTANDING SOCIAL TV EXPERIENCE

Always Late with Katie Nolan

ESPN+

Hard Knocks

*Training Camp with the Cleveland Browns*

HBO

[NFL Films]

Inside the NBA on TNT

TNT

SportsCenter on Snapchat

ESPN/Snapchat

XXIII Olympic Winter Games

NBC

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

Rece Davis	ESPN
Ernie Johnson	TNT
Bob Ley	ESPN
Curt Menefee	FOX
Mike Tirico	NBC/Golf Channel
Scott Van Pelt	ESPN

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

Mike Breen	ESPN/ABC
Joe Buck	FOX/FS1/NFL Network
Ian Eagle	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV/Tennis Channel
Mike Emrick	NBC/NBCSN
Jim Nantz	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV

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

Charles Barkley	TNT
Kirk Herbstreit	ESPN
Alex Rodriguez	FS1
Michael Strahan	FOX
Kurt Warner	NFL Network

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

Jay Bilas	ESPN/ESPN2
Cris Collinsworth	NBC
Kirk Herbstreit	ESPN/ABC
Bill Raftery	tbs/CBS/TNT/truTV/FS1
Tony Romo	CBS
John Smoltz	FOX/FS1/MLB Network

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

Ken Rosenthal	FOX/FS1/MLB Network
Holly Rowe	ESPN/ESPN2/ABC
Lisa Salters	ESPN/ABC
Michele Tafoya	NBC
Tom Verducci	MLB Network/FOX

## **OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL TEAM REMOTE**

2018 College Football Playoff National Championship	ESPN
The 100th PGA Championship	CBS/CBS Sports Network
Super Bowl LIII	CBS
U.S. Open Tennis Championship	ESPN
XXIII Olympic Winter Games	NBC/NBCSN/CNBC/USA

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## **OUTSTANDING TECHNICAL TEAM STUDIO**

2018 FIFA World Cup on FOX	FOX/FS1
College GameDay	ESPN
MLB Tonight	MLB Network
Super Bowl LIII	NFL Network
XXIII Olympic Winter Games	NBC/NBCSN/CNBC/USA

## OUTSTANDING CAMERA WORK

Being Serena	HBO <i>[Endeavor Content]</i>
Hard Knocks <i>Training Camp with the Cleveland Browns</i>	HBO <i>[NFL Films]</i>
North of Nightfall <i>[Red Bull Media House/Freeride Entertainment]</i>	DIRECTV
XXIII Olympic Winter Games <i>Always Start with the Dreams</i>	NBC
Zion	Netflix <i>[Bindery Films]</i>

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## OUTSTANDING EDITING - SHORT FORM

FOX NFL Thursday	FOX
Grand Slam Tennis <i>2018 US Open</i>	ESPN/ESPN2
Morning Drive <i>Parscription: The Gary Smith Story</i>	Golf Channel <i>[Evolve Studio]</i>
Super Bowl LIII <i>A Peyton Manning Production</i>	CBS
The 119th Army-Navy Game <i>A Different Kind of Kid</i>	CBS

## OUTSTANDING EDITING - LONG FORM

Birthright: Becoming Toby Dawson	The Olympic Channel
Golf Central <i>Meet Don Byers</i>	Golf Channel <i>[May Fifth Productions]</i>
Shut Up And Dribble	Showtime <i>[SpringHill Entertainment]</i>
The World Of Red Bull 2018: Unleashed!	RBTV <i>[Red Bull Media House]</i>
Zion	Netflix <i>[Bindery Films]</i>

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## THE DICK SCHAAP OUTSTANDING WRITING AWARD

Golf Central <i>Meet Don Byers</i>	Golf Channel <i>[May Fifth Productions]</i>
HBO Boxing <i>45 Years of Legendary Nights</i>	HBO
SC Featured <i>Cleveland 22</i>	ESPN
XXIII Olympic Winter Games <i>Always Start with the Dreams</i>	NBC
XXIII Olympic Winter Games <i>Mexico City 1968</i>	NBC

## OUTSTANDING MUSIC DIRECTION

Being Serena	HBO <i>[Endeavor Content]</i>
Hard Knocks <i>Training Camp with the Cleveland Browns</i>	HBO <i>[NFL Films]</i>
Momentum Generation	HBO <i>[All Rise Films/Priority Pictures]</i>
Road To The Super Bowl	CBS <i>[NFL Films]</i>
Strokes of Genius	Tennis Channel

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## OUTSTANDING LIVE EVENT AUDIO/SOUND

The 102nd Indianapolis 500	ABC
MLB on FOX	FOX/FS1
NASCAR on FOX	FOX/FS1
NFL on CBS	CBS
Sunday Night Baseball	ESPN
XXIII Olympic Winter Games	NBC

## OUTSTANDING POST-PRODUCED AUDIO/SOUND

NASCAR Race Hub <i>Feeling Speed</i>	FS1 <i>[NASCAR Productions]</i>
NFL Films Presents <i>Sounds of the Year</i>	FS1 <i>[NFL Films]</i>
Road To The Super Bowl	CBS <i>[NFL Films]</i>
The World Of Red Bull 2018: Unleashed!	RBTV <i>[Red Bull Media House]</i>
Zion	Netflix <i>[Bindery Films]</i>

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## OUTSTANDING LIVE GRAPHIC DESIGN

2018 FIFA World Cup on FOX	FOX/FS1
Major League Baseball on ESPN	ESPN
NFL Draft	ESPN/ABC
The Super Bowl Today/Super Bowl LIII	CBS
XXIII Olympic Winter Games	NBC/NBCSN/CNBC/USA/MSNBC



## OUTSTANDING POST-PRODUCED GRAPHIC DESIGN

Inside the NBA on TNT <i>Audio Toons</i>	TNT
League of Legends World Championship <i>RISE</i>	YouTube <i>[Riot Games]</i>
Monday Night Football	ESPN
NHL Tonight <i>NHL Tonight Open: Shaken...and Stirred</i>	NHL Network <i>[MLB Network]</i>
Sunday Night Football	NBC

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## OUTSTANDING STUDIO OR PRODUCTION DESIGN/ART DIRECTION

National League Division Series <i>Fall Colors: National League Division Series</i>	MLB Network
NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four <i>The Rules</i>	ESPN2
Super Bowl LIII <i>A Peyton Manning Production</i>	CBS
The Super Bowl Today <i>Guaranteed: The Joe Namath Story</i>	CBS
XXIII Olympic Winter Games	NBC

## THE GEORGE WENSEL TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

ESPN College Football <i>Line-to-Gain Pylon Cam</i>	ESPN/ABC/SEC Network
Major League Baseball on ESPN <i>K Zone 3D</i>	ESPN/WatchESPN
Notre Dame Football <i>Single Stream HDR with Atmos</i>	NBC
Tour de France <i>Raptor Smartglasses</i>	NBC/NBCSN
US Open Tennis Championship <i>ESPN ACES System</i>	ESPN/ESPN2/ESPN3
USGA on FOX: U.S. Open <i>5G</i>	FOX/FS1

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## OUTSTANDING SPORTS PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

2018 Copa Mundial de la FIFA	Telemundo
2018 FIFA World Cup On FOX	FOX/FS1
Shut Up And Dribble <i>"Greater" Trailer</i>	Showtime
SportsCenter <i>This is SportsCenter</i>	ESPN
Thursday Night Football <i>Now It's A Game Campaign</i>	FOX/NFL Network
XXIII Olympic Winter Games <i>Best of U.S.</i>	NBC

## **OUTSTANDING LIVE SPORTS COVERAGE IN SPANISH**

2018 Copa Mundial de la FIFA	Telemundo
2018 MLS Cup <i>Atlanta United vs. Portland Timbers</i>	UniMas
2018 NBA Finals <i>Golden State Warriors vs. Cleveland Cavaliers</i>	ESPN Deportes
Copa Libertadores 2018 Final <i>River Plate vs. Boca Juniors</i>	Telemundo
Liga MX - La Gran Final Torneo Apertura <i>Cruz Azul vs. América</i>	Univision/Univision Deportes

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## **OUTSTANDING STUDIO SHOW IN SPANISH**

Debate Mundial	Telemundo
Futbol Central	Univision/Univision Deportes
Futbol Club	Univision Deportes
Hoy en La Copa	Telemundo
Minuto 45	Univision Deportes
Mision Europa	UniMas/Univision Deportes

## OUTSTANDING ON-AIR TALENT IN SPANISH

Martín Ainstein	ESPN Deportes
Andres Cantor	Telemundo
José Ramón Fernández	ESPN Deportes
Miguel Gurwitz	Telemundo
Luis Omar Tapia	Univision Deportes