



## **2019 ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION**

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The Bay State Games Athlete of the Year program was established to recognize individuals who excel above and beyond their participation in the Bay State Games. Individuals are chosen based on overall achievements, involvement in the Bay State Games, and involvement in their community, effort, sportsmanship, and attitude on and off the field. Nominations can be submitted by coaches, commissioners, parents, volunteers, and even other players.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be:

- A registered participant for the 2019 Summer or Winter Games State Games.
- Categories are:
  - o Male athlete under 18
  - o Female athlete under 18
  - o Male athlete 19 and older
  - o Female athlete 19 and older

### **Application Process**

- Nominees may fill out a paper application and/or an online application, **but not both.**
- Nominees may only select one individual to nominate at a time.
- Applications must be submitted in its entirety. Applications that have missing pieces may not be processed for review.
- Nominees may include: staff, coaches, commissioners, volunteers, and other athletes.

### **Criteria**

Applications will be reviewed and participants chosen will be notified by **Friday, August 16, 2019**. Four participants will be chosen, one for each of the four categories. These participants will receive an award medal and will be the Massachusetts candidate entered in to the National State Games Athlete of the Year competition. If selected as a national award recipient, you will be notified by in **early September**. If selected for the national award, participants will be honored at the National Congress of State Games annual conference which includes an all expense paid trip to **Anaheim, CA** November 10-13 where you will receive your national award at the awards luncheon

**The Entry Deadline is August 9, 2019**

### **Application**

Please see the following page for the written application. Written applications will need to be mailed into the office, and received no later than **5pm on Friday, August 9, 2019**. Please attach additional papers if needed. If you wish to submit your application online, please visit <http://www.baystategames.org/AOY> and submit your application by **5pm on Friday, August 9, 2019. NO LATE ENTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED, NO EXCEPTIONS**. This award is very time sensitive and must follow date guidelines set forth by the National State Games.

**Please check off which nomination category you are submitting for:**

- Male Under 18
- Female Under 18
- Male 19 and Older
- Female 19 and Older

Nominee Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know the nominee?: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINEE INFORMATION**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade and/or Age: \_\_\_\_\_

What sport(s) is the nominee competing in?: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

How many years has the nominee competed in the Bay State Games?: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years has the nominee been involved in sports outside of the Bay State Games?: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any volunteer/community service/achievements outside of the Bay State Games: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any achievements or awards from the Bay State Games: \_\_\_\_\_

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**On the following lines, please explain why you believe this nominee is deserving of the Athlete of the Year award. Please see the cover letter for guidelines used to choose the Athlete of the Year. If more space is needed, please attach another page.**

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