

2017 Athlete of the Year Nominations

Youth Female Athlete of the Year

Name: Jade McDonald
Town/City: Long Beach
Age: 15
Sport: Track and Field

Jade has only been competing at Track and Field events for the past 3 years and she has already had many successes in the sport. While competing in the 2016 California State Games, she placed first in both the girls' 13-14 long jump and triple jump. In 2017, Jade continued her winning streak at the California State Games where she placed first in both the girls' 15-16 long jump and triple jump. Her triple jump set a new meet record. Jade has qualified for the Junior Olympics all 3 years she has been competing in Track and Field events. Her aspiration is to become an Olympic athlete someday. In addition to her love for sports, Jade maintains a 3.7 GPA and is fluent in Spanish.



Youth Male Athlete of the Year

Name: Spivey Word
Town/City: Rancho Cucamonga
Age: 13
Sport: Basketball

Spivey is a member of the highly successful RC Bulls Black U13 Basketball team. Led by Coach Austin, the RC Bulls Black have placed first the past 3 years in a row at the California State Games. After winning gold at the 2017 California State Games, the RC Bulls Black went on to win the West Coast Nationals held in Reno, Nevada. Spivey is a well-rounded player that always motivates and encourages his teammates to be the best they can be. In addition to his love of basketball, Spivey enjoys science and is on his school's academic honor roll.



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Adult Female Athlete of the Year

Name: Veronica Aguila

Town/City: San Diego

Age: 39

Sport: Weightlifting

Link: www.mogiv.com/rockmissions/2019e/

Veronica has been involved with weightlifting and powerlifting for many years. She has traveled the world as a member of both Team USA and Team Australia's weightlifting and powerlifting teams. In 2015, Veronica was awarded the title of AAU World Champion and Best Lifter. She is still the World Record holder for weightlifting 58 kg masters. At the 2017 California State Games, Veronica was awarded the Best Lifter in her division. As a way to spread her love for the sport, she will be moving to Africa to open a CrossFit Training Center and will be teaching weightlifting to the locals. Veronica is a true ambassador of the sport and encourages athletes of all ages to pursue what they love.



Sport Athletes of the Year

Basketball: Asia Anderson

Judo: Amaya Ollison (Migoto) & Henry Parasanian (Hayastan)

Rugby: Abbey Savin

Skateboarding: Galen Tindell

Synchronized Swimming: Pessia Fygenon

Track & Field: Sanaiya Watkins

Water Polo: Ben Sange

Weightlifting: Sebastian Galvan