



AWARD ELIGIBILITY & CRITERIA INFORMATION

Adaptive Player of the Year

Eligibility: Membership in the USTA Middle States section and residence within the NJD.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Any Adaptive Tennis Player, including Special Olympics athletes, autistic athletes, wheelchair athletes, athletes with prosthetics, or any tennis player who
- 2) A player who exemplifies good sportsmanship and character both on and off the court
- 3) Involvement in USTA national, sectional and/or district programs and activities

Club of the Year (Or) Organization of the Year - Commercial

Eligibility: USTA Middle States New Jersey District member clubs and commercial organizations. Nominee must be located in or provide service to the nominating district. Previous winners are eligible for renomination seven years after receiving the award.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Service to the tennis community (i.e. donation/provision of courts and/or facilities/services for seminars, clinics, USTA Tournaments/league programs, interscholastic events, wheelchair and charity events, etc.)
- 2) Service to organization members (i.e. recreational activities, tournaments, leagues, inter club play, Team Tennis, instructional programs, etc.)
- 3) Involvement in USTA national, sectional and district programs/activities
- 4) Community, district, sectional volunteer involvement of staff, owners, board, etc.
- 5) Scope of programming (i.e. offerings for adult, junior, senior, disabled players)
- 6) Overall contribution/involvement in the tennis industry (i.e. USPTA/USPTR, IHRSA, Tennis Industry Council, attendance, at professional workshops, etc.)
- 7) Historical perspective of organization

Other helpful information: Year established, year joined the USTA, number of members, and Principal officer's name and title

Coach of the Year

Eligibility: Employed as a college, high school, junior high, or middle school coach.
Residence and/or employment in the nominating district. Membership in the USTA.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Length of coaching career
- 2) Scope of coaching career (high school, college, etc.) Please list chronologically.
- 3) Service to the community
- 4) Involvement in the USTAMS New Jersey District programs and activities
- 5) Involvement in coaching enrichment/skill enhancement (i.e. professional organizations, etc.)
- 6) Ability to motivate and teach life skills to team members
- 7) Innovative coaching techniques
- 8) Record in team play
- 9) Outstanding players or protégés produced

Family of the Year

Eligibility: Membership in the USTA Middle States section and residence within the NJD.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Extent of overall involvement by all family members
 - 2) Scope and depth of volunteer contributions to USTA MS NJD and community programs (i.e. instructors, tournament directors/administrators, activity leaders, committee/project involvement, etc.)
 - 3) Competitive involvement
 - 4) Overall contribution/involvement in the tennis industry
- Other helpful information: Names of all family members

Media Excellence Award

Eligibility: Organization or individual active in the print, television, radio or website media.
Nominee must live and/or work (contribute) in our district.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Full-time or part-time contributor(s) (e.g., reporter, writer, etc.) and/or administrator(s) (e.g., publisher, editor, etc.) who provide or have provided extensive media supports for the sport of tennis and its related activities
- 2) Variety of topics covered (e.g., adult/senior/junior players, interscholastic/collegiate/professional play, local clubs/programs, special events, announcements, etc.)
- 3) Coverage of USTA, USTA MS NJD programs.
- 4) Scope and frequency of coverage (e.g., length and number of articles published, size of publication, etc.).
- 5) Depth of coverage (i.e., featured articles, personality profiles, etc.).
- 6) Interaction with USTA MS NJD office.
- 7) Overall contribution/involvement in the tennis and media industries (i.e., attendance at professional conferences, professional memberships, etc.).

Organization of the Year (non-commercial)

Eligibility: USTA MS NJD member schools, community tennis associations, park and recreation centers, and other non-profit organizations. Nominee must be located in or provide service to the NJD. Previous winners are eligible for renomination five years after receiving the award.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Service to the tennis community (i.e. donation/provision of courts and/or facilities/services for seminars, clinics, USTA Tournaments/league programs, interscholastic events, wheelchair and charity events, etc.)
- 2) Service to organization members (i.e. recreational activities, tournaments, leagues, inter club play, Team Tennis, instructional programs, etc.)
- 3) Involvement in USTA, section and district programs/activities
- 4) Community, district, sectional volunteer involvement of staff, owners, board, etc.
- 5) Scope of programming (i.e. offerings for adult, junior, senior, disabled players)
- 6) Overall contribution/involvement in the tennis industry (i.e. USPTA/USPTR, IHRSA, Tennis Industry Council, attendance, at professional workshops, etc.)
- 7) Historical perspective of organization

Other helpful information: Year established, year joined the USTA, number of members, and Principal officer's name and title.

Pro of the Year

Eligibility: A teaching professional who is presently an active instructor. Residence and/or employment in the nominating district. Membership in the USTA.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Length of instructing career
- 2) Scope of instructing career (private and/or public club, ATC, etc.) Please list chronologically.
- 3) Service to the community
- 4) Involvement in the USTA MS district programs and activities.
- 5) Involvement in enrichment/skill enhancement (i.e. professional organizations, etc.)
- 6) Ability to motivate and teach life skills to team members
- 7) Innovative teaching/instructing techniques
- 8) Outstanding players or protégés produced

Senior Service Award

Eligibility: Person who has been, through his/her efforts, willingness, cooperation, and participation, most deserving of the respect and honor of all seniors, either in play or organizational work for the betterment and furtherance of senior activity.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Period of time active
- 2) Description of activity or program
- 3) Numbers reached or served by the program/activity
- 4) Impact that the program/activity has created in the community or its usability at the local level.

Team Spirit Award

Eligibility: Any tennis team that plays within the New Jersey District, including Junior Team Tennis, Inter-Club teams, USTA League teams, High School teams and College teams.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) A team that displays the true spirit of sportsmanship, enthusiasm, camaraderie and team spirit.
- 2) A team that is respectful, gracious and fair to all event officials, opponents, coaches and spectators.
- 3) A team that has gone well above and beyond the realm of playing tennis.
- 4) A team may be nominated by a coach, parent, volunteer or player. Submit a short story telling the awards committee why this team should receive this award. Also include a picture if one is available.

Tournament Director of the Year

Eligibility: Any tournament director who has put in at least five years of service running tournaments in the New Jersey district.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Which tournaments were run by the nominee?
- 2) Details about the nominee makes them stand out from other tournament directors.

USTA League Captain of the Year

Eligibility: Any USTA League Captain with membership in the USTA and residence in the New Jersey District

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) A captain who exemplifies the spirit of sportsmanship, camaraderie, team spirit and fair play.
- 2) A captain who is respectful, gracious and fair to all event officials, opponents, coaches and spectators.
- 3) A captain who has gone well above and beyond the realm of playing tennis.

Volunteer of the Year

Eligibility: Any person who has at least five years of association with the district.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Scope and depth of volunteer contributions to USTA MS NJD or community programs

Junior Volunteer of the Year

Eligibility: Any junior associated with the district under the age of 19.

Criteria for Consideration:

- 1) Scope and depth of volunteer contributions to USTA MS NJD or community programs

Note: Supporting Information: In addition to the information provided above, the USTA MS New Jersey District Awards Committee encourages you to attach supporting information such as a professional resume, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles and lists of awards received, if applicable.

**Please send supporting information to the New Jersey
District Awards Committee via e-mail to
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