



**2020 Maine
McDonald's Spirit of the Games
OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**

We are now preparing for 2020 - 40th Annual Maine McDonald's All-Star Basketball Games in partnership with the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. This statewide event celebrates and recognizes 120 Maine High School Seniors, their schools, coaches and athletic programs that teach these students the value of teamwork, discipline, and academics. In addition to recognizing the stellar accomplishments of these athletes and their coaches, 100% of the net proceeds directly benefits the children and families served by RMHC Maine.

In 2009, the Maine McDonald's Spirit of the Game Award was added to honor two high school students involved in the basketball program who embody the spirit of the sport, exemplify sportsmanship, show an ability to overcome obstacles and boundaries, and support and inspire their teammates and coaching staff.

The 2020 Spirit of the Game recipients will be honored in Bangor on Friday, March 6th at the Maine McDonald's All-Star Basketball Banquet held at Anah Shrine Hall and will serve as managers for their respective divisional teams on All-Star Game Day, Saturday, March 7th at Husson University. Two Maine athletes, Patrick Thibodeau and the late Joshua Titus, inspired this award. Though collectively the boys only played two games in High School, they inspired many in their community and showed a great commitment to their respective basketball programs. Josh and Patrick were nationally recognized, appearing on a CBS Sports Final Four broadcast, and received additional awards and recognition including the Boston Celtic's Heroes Among Us Award. In honor of these two young men who inspired America, the awards have been named the Joshua Titus Spirit of the Game Award and the Patrick Thibodeau Spirit of the Game Award.

If you have a student athlete in your program that you think is deserving of this honor then mail your nomination to ***George Conant, 88 Burnham Road, Scarborough, Maine 04074 by Friday, February 1, 2020.***

- Perhaps it is a player who was injured during the season but still attended every practice and game to support their team.
- Or maybe it is an athlete who may not have the best athletic ability but has a positive attitude that motivated their teammates.

This year's Maine McDonald's Spirit of the Game recipients will be selected by a committee made up of representatives from Maine McDonald's, Maine Association of Basketball Coaches, RMHC Maine and the Thibodeau and Titus Families.

Nominations must include the following:

- **Involvement in the basketball program (player, manager, etc.).**
- **Accomplishments, Honors, Awards.**
- **In a short paragraph, please give examples of how the athlete embody the spirit of the sport, exemplify sportsmanship, show an ability to overcome obstacles and boundaries, and support and inspire their teammates and coaching staff.**
- **Please include a brief statement from a teammate or peer about the impact the nominee has had on the basketball program.**