



GOOD SPORT AWARD PAST RECIPIENTS

JARED INGRAM - 2009

Jared Ingram was the recipient of the 2009 Good Sport Award. His act of sportsmanship qualifies as extraordinary. Ingram was an alternate for his St. Louis Express 4x400-meter relay team at the AAU Junior Olympic Games in Des Moines in July. He was tapped to run in the finals when a teammate was injured in the semifinals. Although the 4x400 was not one of his usual events, he assisted his team in clinching a medal with hard work and determination. Ingram would have been within his rights to keep the medal and celebrate with his teammates. However, the McCluer High School sophomore showed amazing selflessness. Without hesitation, Ingram gave the coveted medal to his injured teammate who would have run in the final. He showed the world that true victory is being able to raise someone else's hand.



NICHOLAS KIRKPATRICK - 2008

In 2008, the Sports Commission Associates honored Nicholas Kirkpatrick, age 12, with the "Good Sport" award. While competing in the Endeavor Games – a regional track and field and swim meet for people with physical or visual disabilities – Nicholas noticed an athlete from an opposing team was having problems with her racing chair. Without the equipment, she would not be able to compete with her peers – an opportunity that children with disabilities do not get as often as able-bodied individuals. Nicholas orchestrated a plan in which he raced to the finish line. His dad then quickly transferred him from his equipment and ran Nicholas' chair to the starting line for the girl to use. Nick's coach, Kelly Behlmann, explained, "For people not in chairs, consider after each of your track events you immediately take off your track shoes and let someone else run in them. Then you have to adjust your footwear each time you begin your next race because the person who borrowed your shoes strings up your laces differently." Nick showed great selflessness and compassion for the girl, who like him, just wanted to race and be competitive with everyone else.



CHAD RIEGEL - 2007

In 2007, the "Good Sport" award was presented to Ritenour High School golfer Chad Riegel. After mistakenly hitting an opponent's ball in the district golf tournament, Chad self-reported the error, which resulted in a two-stroke penalty. His final score ended up being one stroke away from making the cut for the State tournament. Although his honesty cost him a trip to State, his integrity and sportsmanship earned him the admiration of many.



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