

BOB HANNAN CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AWARD

The Christian Spirit Award has a long and proud tradition in Parochial League Volleyball. It is strongly believed that this award and the ideals it represents are what makes our league not only special for volleyball but for life.

Bob Hannan (head referee Maureen Dahnke's father) devoted many years of service to our league as coach and referee. He always felt that developing playing quality was not nearly as important as developing personal quality through play. A team would approach each game as a challenge, to play the game to the best of its ability, and then leave the game at the gym. It is to his memory and a deep belief in his conviction that this award was established. Nominations for this award are provided by the coaches within their division during the first round play. During the second round of play, an impartial board observes all nominees in game situations before making the final decision. The trophy is a traveling trophy and only 7th and 8th grade may qualify.

The following are the criteria for nominating and making the final decision.

1. Fair Play
2. Teamwork
3. Respect
4. Acceptance of game's outcome
5. Emphasis on teaching
6. Good player-coach relationship
7. Acceptance of constructive criticism
8. Ability to accept the referee's decision.

Coaches, while instilling in their players these qualities, should help their team recognize and appreciate them in other teams and fans.

Please send your nominations to Maureen Dahnke:
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