



Mermaids Softball Coach/Manager of the Year Award

This is awarded to the person who most embodies the Mermaid Softball mission and vision. This coach/manager treats each athlete as an individual with unique needs and emphasizes enjoyment and satisfaction during practice and games. They provide positive encouragement and supports players' athletic and individual development all season long. He or she demonstrates: That winning is not the most important thing is sports, being a good person is better. They teach how to win and lose graciously, stress playing hard to win (rather than winning itself) and why it is important and Instills respect for teammates and opposing players.

A person who is nominated for this award;

- Maintains emotional control and demonstrates respect for players, officials and other coaches.
- Recognizes the effect their behavior has on players, officials, team staff, coaches and spectators.
- Remains positive, courteous and considerate when dealing with others
- Builds confidence and self esteem in their players
- Promotes teamwork
- Encourages ethical conduct

- Encourages friendship
- Teaches cooperation
- Teaches sportsmanship and most importantly:
- *Leads by example!*

This award will be presented annually during the closing ceremonies of each season. The recipient is selected by the active Executive Board, from **NOMINATIONS received from qualified Mermaid league volunteers, participant and members in good standing**. Only COACHES and/or TEAM MANAGERS are eligible to receive this award.

Nominations should be typewritten no more half a page or 400 words or less. Submissions can be accepted at the snack bar or via mermaidsoftball@gmail.com all season long.