



“Martina M. Mendez Memorial Courage and Spirit Award”

This award is dedicated to the memory and spirit of Martina M. Mendez, a volunteer who displayed her love and dedication to the Mermaid Girls Softball League for many years. Martina was a coach and fan who donated her time and experience to all players in all divisions. She instilled sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty and loyalty. She was an example of dedication, courage and positive spirit, in hopes that the girls she mentored, would grow up to be decent, honest and strong women. Martina would have wanted us to look at this life through the eyes of a child: having fun, not taking the game overly serious, and striving to live our lives with joy and passion.

This award will be presented annually during the closing ceremonies of each season. The active Executive Board will collect nominations received for ANY eligible Mermaid league volunteer, staff, parent etc.) to select one (1) person for this distinguished award. **PLAYERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THIS AWARD.**

When making a nomination for this award, you are urged to look for these traits:

1. Who through adversity still has the courage to give of themselves and still be a positive role model for our girls and league.
2. Whose spirit of volunteering has made a remarkable impact on the lives of the girls, the league and community.
3. Who recognizes that honesty and loyalty is first above all else.
4. Who promotes sportsmanship and teamwork to enrich the lives of those around them.
5. Who strives to enhance the development of the league through unselfishness and hard work.

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.