

Ideals of Athletic Competition

This award program is dedicated to the memory of John H. (Jack) Cramer, an outstanding local athlete, who, throughout his lifetime, fully demonstrated what we have termed the Ideals of Athletic Competition. Below is a composite of these ideals.

Dedication

by dedicating oneself to the purpose of winning the competition while on the field of athletic competition.

Preparation

by preparing oneself for the competition through practice and mental and physical conditioning to the highest level of one's potential.

Determination

by pursuing the conduct of the game with tenacious determination from start to finish of the assigned encounter.

Maximum Exertion

by exerting oneself through personal desire and the natural exhilaration of the competition to the limit of one's speed and endurance.

Team Contribution

by serving the interests of the team in offering encouragement and acceptance to those of lesser ability; in offering the certainty of one's efforts and interest to those of greater ability; and thereby retaining the faith of those teammates in the constancy of one's purpose in fulfilling the assigned role.

Fair Play

by observing the spirit and letter of the game rules without regard to which competitor an individual rule may favor at any one moment of the play.

Sportsmanship

by conducting oneself in such a manner which, in victory, serves to enhance one's own accomplishment; which, in defeat, does not diminish the accomplishment of one's opponent; and which, in either event, allows sportsmanship to grace the efforts of all those engaging in the contest.

Ideals of Athletic Competition Award

Instructions

1. Consider carefully the proposed candidate and be certain in your own mind that he or she truly qualifies for this award. Separate awards will be given for a male and female senior high through adult aged athlete, coach, or organizer. Candidates must live or work in Bartholomew County.
2. Fill out the Nomination Form as thoroughly and accurately as possible.
3. Nomination forms can be dropped off, emailed or mailed:
Drop off – Columbus Parks and Recreation, NexusPark, 2252 25th St, Entrance 2, Columbus, IN47201
Email – jprowant@columbus.in.gov with Jack Cramer Nomination Form in the subject line.
Mail: Ideals of Athletic Competition Award Program
Columbus Parks and Recreation Department
P.O. Box 858
Columbus, IN 47202
4. The form must be received by the Selection Committee by June 19, 2026. Nominations received after June 19 will not be considered.
5. Be prepared to meet the Selection Committee if requested to do so. Learn as much as you can about your candidate and be prepared to present your information accurately and concisely.
6. When scheduled to meet with the Selection Committee, arrive promptly at the appointed time.

**Ideals of Athletic Competition Award
Nomination Form**

Nominee_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____ Cell Phone Number_____

Email_____

Provide as complete a history as you can of this person from an athletic standpoint. What programs has he or she participated in locally? Approximately when did he or she participate?

Describe in your own words this person's mental attitude and behavior while engaging in athletic competition.

How would you describe this person's effect on other people? Teammates? Opponents?

How would you describe his or her sportsmanship during the competition?

What other people would you recommend the Committee contact to learn more about this person (coaches, principals, teammates, opponents, league supervisors, etc.)?

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