



AVON JUNIOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



2019 Hendricks Regional Health Coach of the Year

It is with great esteem and pleasure that Avon Junior Athletic Association names Joe and Amanda McKinney as the Hendricks Regional Health AJAA Coach of the Year.

Joe and Amanda have been involved in Avon youth sports for over a decade, and have made countless impacts on boys and girls in our community along the way. This dynamic duo of a married couple work in the community to ensure that kids have a place to not just play, but are dedicated to the improvement of skills and a lift of confidence for every kid on their teams. Their effort to lift up local youth does not end with their roster. Oftentimes, you will see Coach Joe helping opposing players along the way during competition.

"The biggest compliment I get is when I see a high school kid, and they still call me Coach," said Joe. It is hard to quantify the number of kids that Joe has coached over the past ten plus years, but we know that each kid left his team with a passion for the game and a smile on their face.

"I let Joe do the coaching, and I handle the management," said Amanda. Both are incremental in the running of youth girls' basketball in Avon. Not only do they work in the AJAA leagues, but also volunteer with Avon Girls Basketball Club.

"Avon Girls Basketball Club is not a part of AJAA, but we share ideas, goals and volunteers." Says Jarod Turner, Executive Director of AJAA. "The entire group of volunteers of another organization have come to the aid of AJAA to ensure that we have good programming for the young ladies of Avon," continued Turner. "April Francis, Abbi Holcomb and Amanda McKinney are dedicated to bringing the love of basketball to girls in Avon. While we can only give one award per year, all three of these ladies and their entire families are deserving of gratitude from every parent of a young lady in town." Turner also added, "The only bad thing I have to say about Joe McKinney is that he broke my ankle one night," referring to their participation in the annual AJAA Coaches Basketball Tournament, when McKinney drained a three-pointer after Turner made a feeble attempt of guarding him.

Please join us in congratulating a wonderful couple of volunteers that help make basketball and baseball happen in Avon. Our programming starts and ends with dedicated volunteers, and the McKinneys are the type of family that have kept AJAA going since 1963.