



MSI 2019 Team of the Year Nominations Now Being Accepted
Deadline: Monday, December 16, 2019

Is your MSI team the MSI Team of the Year? Would you like to tell all of MSI about what a great team you have? MSI is seeking nominations in an effort to find the team that best exemplifies all that is good about MSI soccer. If you feel that your team is worthy of this honor, please take a few minutes to send us your team's nomination and tell us about it. Please review the criteria below and note that we are not looking for the STRONGEST team. MSI teams are about a lot more than wins and losses!!!

Anyone may nominate their team for the award. Letters of nominations are due by Monday, December 16th, and can be sent by US mail or email! Please send your nominations to MSI, 7650 Standish Place, Suite 108, Rockville, Maryland, 20855, in an envelope marked "Team of the Year" or email your nomination to msi@msisoccer.org with a header "Team of the Year". Be certain to include your team's name, age group, gender and the name of the head coach.

Letters of nomination should include examples of your team's greatness in the following areas:

- **Sportsmanship:** How does your team exemplify the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair play? Do team members and parents congratulate their opponent and the referee after a hard fought game? Are players encouraged to understand the link between soccer sportsmanship and other aspects of life? Do the coach and players understand that playing the game is about more than just winning?
- **Love of the Game, Love of the Team-** Is your team an extended family for its members? Do players LOVE to come to practice? Do they sleep in their uniform the night before their game? How do they show their "team pride" at games? Does the team stay connected at social events in the off season? Do teammates support one another even after a tough loss?
- **Good of the Game-** Does your team support DC United and the Washington Spirit- our area's professional sports franchises? Do they attend high school and college games together?
- **Citizenship-** Is the team active in the MSI community and involved in charitable activities outside of MSI? Do members of your team make contributions to the MSI Food Drive?
- **Player Development-** What does your team do to help players be the best they can be? Are all players motivated to learn and play to the fullest extent of their ability? Are the team's strongest players encouraged to seek a higher level of play?

MSI "Team of the Year" winners will be announced on our website and awards will be presented at MSI's Annual General Meeting in January. We'd love to hear from you so send us your nomination today!!!