

# AWARD DESCRIPTIONS (last updated August 2022)

Please read the award descriptions below when choosing a deserving recipient. Look at the provided list of names in the gym, or review the rosters posted online before choosing. Also remember you can only vote for your division with the exception of choosing a Coach of the Session. Use an Awards/All-Star Ballot also included in Helpful Documents and hand it in before the posted due date.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Man or 6<sup>th</sup> Star

(Staff and Players Vote)

Effective August 2022 coaches will select two athletes from their team to be eligible to receive this award. They are to use the criteria below when making this selection. All other athletes from their team will be listed as ineligible on the divisional voting ballot. For the player whose effort is never in question and possesses a strong hidden quality.... heart.

Journeyman teaches the importance of teamwork and effort regardless of how great your skills are. Everyone brings something to the team or they bring it down. A 6th Man or 6th Star is a very consistent player. There may only be 5 players on the court at any given time, but the 6th Man or 6th Star is always there to do whatever task is asked of them. They may not be the highest scorer or pull down 15 rebounds, but they are always invested in the game. They never give less than they are capable of and constantly set the tone for effort that the rest of the team should follow.

## Best Defensive Player

(Staff and Players Vote)

Players who receive this award have shown outstanding skills in playing defense. These players are chosen by consensus of the coaches and players who have observed them on the court and in practice. Solid footwork and court awareness is the key to this award. This player's ability to wear down his opponent, make them tired and cause them to make poor decisions make him a great defensive player.

## CE Coffey / Kelsey Leonard Award

(Staff and Players Vote)

Charlie Coffey may be one of the most dedicated coaches to ever represent the seacoast and Kelsey Leonard may be the best J-Hawk to ever play. Certainly they both had great attention to detail, impressive dedication and leadership skills. Most of all, they were always invested in their team, inspiring teammates to work harder and dominate their opponents because they worked together. Charlie and Kelsey Leonard never said "quit" and they always believed their team still had a chance. Players who receive this award are great overall players, but receive the award for their investment in hustle, dedication to the meaning of Journeyman and teamwork. Their effort is never in question and commitment to their team is always superior.

## Most Valuable Player Award

(Staff and Players Vote)

Our MVP Awards are hard-earned. Perhaps the most coveted of all our awards, the MVP, or Most Valuable Player, Award is given to the player or players who bring that "extra something" to their game. Usually awarded for outstanding skills performance, it can be awarded for other reasons as well. Sum up nearly all our awards and you get an MVP. To receive the MVP Award, you have to bring all you can to your performance and inspire others to win. You must be pursuant in your goals and encourage your teammates to follow you.

## Coach of the Session

(Players Vote)

Remember, our coaches are volunteers! They donate their valuable time for the betterment of our student athletes. This is an opportunity for the players to choose who they think best represents the program. This award is only chosen by players only. It is important for players to remember that they can vote for any coach in any division!

**The following awards are presented periodically: (Team Leader, Most Improved, Journeyman Award and The Vinny). Awards are voted upon by President, Vice President with input from staff and coaches.**

## Team Leader Award

(Players may nominate only via email)

There are always players who show leadership skills. Sometimes these players may have great technical skills as well, but this award focuses primarily on the ability to create team spirit, cohesion and solid communication to keep their team together throughout the session. There is a lot of responsibility in keeping a team together and leading by example. Players that receive this award show their leadership qualities in wins and losses and in their attitude. They remain strong, determined, positive and focused. This is perhaps the easiest award to give because in a sense it is the players themselves who show us who is leading and who is following.

## Most Improved Player

(Staff Note: When presenting this award a detailed reason must be given in short speech format)

This award is not necessarily given every session, however, Journeyman Basketball likes to recognize players who put forth the effort to improve their game. They accept constructive criticism and stay pursuant in their goal of being a better player that

contributes to their team in a multitude of ways. We judge this improvement from one session to the next, so it is rare that you will ever see a rookie win this award.

### **Most Valuable Parent / Volunteer**

(Staff Note: When presenting this award a detailed reason must be given in short speech format)

We created this special award to help recognize the effort and participation of Journeyman parents. The parents who have won this award put the kids first and never needed to be reminded of what this program is all about.

### **Journeyman Award** (introduced 12/27/2011)

(Staff Note: When presenting this award a detailed reason must be given in short speech format)

**The Journeyman award is given to one athlete per session who exemplifies the term Journeyman.** The recipient may not be considered the "most valuable player" on the floor but is an athlete who shows up all the time, gives 100% effort each time their feet hit the court. This athlete has participated in community service projects, and is considered to be the best representation of the three "C"s as worn on the uniform. This athlete is a team player, plays to the highest of their skill level and always tries to improve their game. The award recipient is selected by consensus of the coaches and staff.

### **Rookie of the Year**

(Players may nominate only via email)

For the player who made the biggest impact on their team's success during their first Journeyman session during the awarded year. Rookie of the year is a unique award. At the end of the year we take a strong look back throughout the year looking at all the rookies and the impact they had on their team. We review statistics, speak with volunteers and coaches and get a true understanding of all the athletes that qualify. Only one Journeyman is selected from the entire group, Seniors, D1 or D2.

### **The Vinny**

(Staff Note: When presenting this award a detailed reason must be given in short speech format)

This prestigious achievement is awarded to the player that proves his ability in all aspects of the game. This player shows skill in post play, shooting, dribbling, passing and many other fundamentals. It is named after our very own former Vice President and Hall of Fame Coach Vincent Benevento. Coach Benevento always pushed young Journeyman to work and perfect all aspects of the game in order to be the consummate teammate and ultimate threat.

Questions or Nominations: Email [info@journeymanbasketball.com](mailto:info@journeymanbasketball.com) before posted due date.