

Dear Judges,

It's my pleasure to nominate Jane Havsy for the Award for Excellence in Coverage of Youth Sports.

In her submission, you'll see that Jane's coverage of youth sports always goes beyond the game. This year, she's often explored the intersection of youth sports and other topics, including race, gender and disabilities.

Much of Jane's in-depth work in the past year focused on New Jersey kids who persevere in athletics despite living with a disability. Not just how they manage to compete, but also how they deal with barriers to insurance coverage and other resources, and how existing programs can be improved.

Jane also wrote stories that shined a light on gender and racial diversity in our local communities, particularly in the sport of ice hockey.

In New Jersey, Jane is one of the leaders when it comes to spotlighting youth sports topics that don't get a lot of attention. She is an excellent nominee for this award.

Sincerely,

Zach Miller

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