

LAKE CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE IDAHO BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 20, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jordan Carlson of Lake City High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Idaho Boys Basketball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Carlson as Idaho's best high school boys basketball player, and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, MO), Cooper Flagg (2023-24, Montverde Academy, FL) and Cameron Boozer (2022-23 & 2024-25, Christopher Columbus High School, FL).

The 6-foot-8, 205-pound junior forward led the Timberwolves (19-8) to the Class 6A state title this past season, averaging 17.7 points, seven rebounds and 3 assists per game. Carlson averaged 19.3 points on 51.3 percent shooting to capture tournament MVP honors. Also the 2026 Inland Empire Player of the Year, he was a Second Team All-State selection as a sophomore.

Carlson has volunteered locally with the faith-based youth group Young Life. He has also donated his time to coaching youth basketball camps and participated in season-long efforts by his team to raise funds to fight Noonan Disease, recognize the contributions of community first responders and support Teacher Appreciation Night. "If you're building a state championship roster, Jordan Carlson is where you start," said William Love, head coach at Sandpoint High School. "He blends a natural feel for the game with a growing skill set that makes him an anchor at both ends of the floor. Most importantly, Jordan is committed to helping himself and his teammates become the best they can be, both on and off the court."

Carlson has maintained a weighted 3.99 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the winners in each sport.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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