

SNOWFLAKE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ARIZONA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 26, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Ryder Hall of Snowflake High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Arizona Boys Track and Field 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 Hall as Arizona’s best high school boys track and field athlete and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Virginia), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Tate Taylor (2024-25, Harlan High School, Texas).

The 6-foot, 160-pound senior multi-event standout won the Open Division state title in the high jump with a personal best clearance of 6 feet, 10 inches, which ranked No. 60 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring. Hall also won the triple jump with a personal-best effort of 48-11.5, which ranked No. 27 nationally. He’s the school record-holder in six events, including two relays and his personal-best long jump of 23-11 this spring ranked No. 50 nationally.

A member of his school’s chapter of the National Honor Society, Hall holds certifications as a Python IT specialist, as a personal trainer (CPT) and as a physical therapy aide (CPTA). He’s volunteered locally cutting and wood stacking firewood and performing yard clean-up projects for widows in the community. He has also donated his time assembling Christmas meal boxes for the underserved. “Ryder Hall ranks among the nation’s Top 100 performers in an astonishing five events this spring, including No. 25 in the triple jump and the No. 5 decathlon points total,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. “The guy won three state titles to boot. He’s an incredible athlete and a very deserving winner of such a prestigious award.”

Hall has maintained a 4.33 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at Brigham Young University 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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