

**KIMBERLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE IDAHO 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 Joshua Sonderegger of Kimberly High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Idaho 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 Sonderegger as Idaho’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-5, 230-pound sophomore thrower won the shot put and discus throw at the Class 4A state meet this past season, leading the Bulldogs to the team title. Sonderegger’s personal-best toss in the discus of 187 feet, 5 inches at the Kimberly One Last Tri meet ranked No. 81 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring. He also ripped a personal-best 59-2.5 in the shot at the state meet.

A member-elect of the Kimberly High student council, Sonderegger has volunteered locally as a youth track coach. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church youth group. “Already establishing himself as the state sophomore class record-holder in both the discus throw and shot put by pretty significant margins, Joshua Sonderegger suffered his only regular-season losses at the Boise Relays,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor for PrepCalTrack.com. “He’ll have great opportunities to take down the state discus record over the course of the next two years.”

Sonderegger has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom and ranks No. 1 in his class. He will begin his junior 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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