

## **MYRTLE BEACH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 26, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Julian Brown of Myrtle Beach High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade South Carolina 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 Brown as South Carolina’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-3, 170-pound junior jumper set a state record in the high jump at the Beach Run Invitational this past season, and his leap of 7 feet, 4.25 inches ranked tied for No. 1 nationally among prep boys competitors in 2026 and tied for 15th in prep history. Brown won the high jump and long jump at the Class 5A, Division 2 state meet, leading the Seahawks to a third-place finish as a team. He also took sixth at the USATF Under-20 Championships and the Nike Outdoor Nationals, earning All-American status in the latter.

Brown has volunteered locally as a youth track coach and mentor. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. “Although the high jump can be among the events most difficult to master at the prep level, Julian Brown has carved himself a niche,” said Rich Gonzalez, PrepCalTrack editor. “With a year still to go in his prep career, the national record and venue records will repeatedly come under attack.”

Brown has maintained a B average 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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