

SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE IDAHO GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 28, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Claire Petersen of Skyline High School is the 2022-23 Gatorade Idaho Girls Track & Field Player of the Year. Petersen is the second Gatorade Idaho Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Skyline High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Petersen as Idaho’s best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Petersen joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jasmine Moore (2018-19, Lake Ridge High School, Texas), Sydney McLaughlin (2016-17, 2015-16 & 2014-15, Union Catholic High School, N.J.), and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa).

The 5-foot-4 senior won Class 4A state titles in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles as well as the 100 dash this past season, helping the Grizzlies capture the state team championship. Petersen set a state 100-meter record at the Class 4A District Championships with a wind-legal clocking of 11.83 seconds. She ripped off a personal-best 43.06 in the 300 hurdles at the state final, which ranks among the nation’s top 70 girls prep competitors in 2023.

Petersen is a member of the Captain’s Club, a leadership group selected by her school’s teachers and coaches, through which exemplary student-athletes promote sportsmanship and positive behavior around campus. She has also served as a youth track coach and mentor, and has volunteered locally at a flower farm. Petersen is a devoted parishioner at her church, where she participates weekly in gospel study classes and engages in service activities with youth groups. “For the second time in her career, Claire Petersen won three individual state titles, only this time, her performances contributed to Skyline capturing its first girls team championship in 30 years,” said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. “Petersen elevated herself as a sprinter, including the best in state history in the 100, but also demonstrated significant growth in both hurdling events.”

Petersen has maintained a 3.88 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at Utah State this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. 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 state winners in each sport.

Petersen joins recent Gatorade Idaho Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Logan Smith (2021-22, Boise High School), Sammy Smith (2020-21, Boise High School), and Lexy Halladay (2019-20 & 2018-19, Mountain View High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade’s Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade’s social impact partners, supporting Gatorade’s ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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 Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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