## MAPLE GROVE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MINNESOTA 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 **Jordyn Borsch** of **Maple Grove Senior High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Minnesota Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Borsch is the first Gatorade Minnesota Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Maple Grove Senior 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 Borsch as Minnesota'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, Borsch 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-6 senior swept the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dash at the Class 3A state championship meet this past season, helping the Crimson Leaf to fourth place as a team. Borsch set a state record in the 400 earlier in the season with a time of 53.47, which ranked No. 15 nationally among girls prep competitors at the time of her selection. She went unbeaten in 35 individual races across her three sprint events throughout the season.

Borsch has volunteered locally as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Joseph the Worker Church in addition to serving as a summer counselor at its Vacation Bible School. She has also donated her time as a card maker for Letters for Rose, an international organization dedicated to reducing loneliness among elders by distributing letters, artwork and donations. "Jordyn Borsch has become the best all-around female sprinter in Minnesota prep history—her state record in the 400 representing the signature performance as part of a memorable senior year," said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. "She also clocked the state's fastest all-conditions 100-meter dash in history at the state final (a wind-aided 11.65)."

Borsch has maintained a 4.01 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Borsch joins recent Gatorade Minnesota Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Shaina Zinter (2021-22, Concordia Academy), Nyalaam Jok (2020-21, Annandale High School), and Madison Schmidt (2019-20 & 2018-19, Blaine 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at <a href="mailto:facebook.com/GatoradePOY">facebook.com/GatoradePOY</a>, Instagram at <a href="mailto:instagram.com/Gatorade">instagram.com/Gatorade</a> and Twitter at <a href="mailto:twitter.com/Gatorade">twitter.com/Gatorade</a>.