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**2006 BAY STATE SUMMER GAMES ATHLETES RECOGNIZED FOR EXEMPLARY
BEHAVIOR**

Bay State Games New Balance Sportsmanship award winners announced

WOBURN, MA-The Bay State Games, in partnership with New Balance Athletic Shoe Inc., is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 Bay State Summer Games Sportsmanship awards. The 2006 Bay State Summer Games took place July 10-23, and featured athletes in 25 team and individual sports. The Sportsmanship Initiative was implemented in 2002, with the aim to educate and evaluate athletes on elements of good sportsmanship. In 2006, over 250 Bay State Summer and Winter Games athletes were praised for commendable sportsmanship through this program.

The award winners were determined by Bay State Games sport coordinators and officials as they observed the athletes throughout the 2 weeks of competition. Before the start of the Summer Games, elements of encouraged and discouraged behavior were distributed to athletes, coaches and parents. These elements for acceptable behavior were used as the criteria for which the awards were given.

Each award recipient will receive a letter of achievement signed by a representative from the Bay State Games and New Balance, as well as a t-shirt featuring the New Balance Sportsmanship Initiative logo.

Bay State Games Executive Director Kevin Cummings, clearly sees the value in a program such as The New Balance Sportsmanship Initiative saying, "The New Balance Sportsmanship Initiative has proven to be a very effective program which educates all Bay State Games participants on the elements of good sportsmanship. I applaud New Balance Athletic Shoe for their efforts to address this serious issue which affects sports at every level. The Games are proud of all award winners who were recognized for exhibiting outstanding sportsmanship during the 2006 Summer Games."

For complete results from the Bay State Summer Games, as well as information on the 2007 Winter Games and Mass Shape Up program, please visit www.baystategames.org or call (781) 932-6555. Below are the 2006 Bay State Summer Games New Balance Sportsmanship Award winners:

Team Sports

Baseball-Northeast

Basketball-

Boys 9/10 Basketball-Southeast

Girls 9/10 Basketball-Metro

Boys 11/12 Basketball-Central

Girls 11/12 Basketball-Metro

Field Hockey -Southeast

Ice Hockey

Boys' Scholastic- Metro

Girls' Scholastic-Metro

Lacrosse

Boys' Scholastic-Central

Girls' Scholastic-Northeast/Metro

Soccer

Boys' Scholastic-Metro

Girls' Scholastic-Coastal

Softball-Coastal**Volleyball**

Boys Scholastic-Metro

Girls Scholastic-Central

Men's Open-Metro

Women's Open-Southeast

Men's Masters-Coastal

Juniors Basketball

Grade 5&6 Girls: Billerica

Grade 7&8 Boys: Great Barrington

7v7 Soccer

Girls-Natick Cyclones

Boys-North Andover Red Fury

6v6 Field Hockey-Tyngsborough High-Red Team

Individual Sports**Badminton**

Kevin Manomaiudom

Lily Fan

Marc Lai

Daphne Chang

Baton Twirling-Jacqueline McDermott

Fencing

Boys: Robert Patterson

Girls: Jenna Mularkey

Gymnastics

Michelle Hall

Matt Tocchio

Table Tennis

Arthur Giftos

Nick Gangi

Tennis

Boys: Joseph Lingenfelter

Girls: Sarah Forman

Track and Field

Roger Peirce

Page MacTavish

Shooting-Stephen Sherer

Wrestling

Junior: Danielle Coughlin, Kyle Visconti

Scholastic: Ryan Donovan

Open: Brian Viglione