

**THE VAA ANNUAL PAUL BRONSON
MEMORIAL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Valley Athletic Association recognizes the importance of many volunteer hours and effort put in by numerous volunteers in the community. We appreciate everyone's help in making the VAA program a success and want to honor, annually, a coach that exemplifies the following characteristics:

- Respects everyone involved in the game
- Demonstrates good sportsmanship
- Is concerned with the development of all their players and focuses on the 'team' aspect
- Is a positive role model
- Has the ability to improve the performance of the players and the team they coach
- Listens to input from and provides feedback to the parent's of their players as to the child's progress
- Prepares for and conducts well organized practices and games, involving all of the players on the team
- Understands the rules of the sport
- Creates a fun and enjoyable experience for the players
- Follows the mission of the VAA

The VAA will accept nominations from any member of the VAA community (no self-nominations). The nomination form, printable from the VAA website, can be submitted by mail or handed in person to a VAA Board member. Nominations must be received by October 15th to qualify for the current year's award, which will be voted on by the VAA Board of Directors and presented during the VAA Annual Meeting in November. Submissions after October 15th will qualify for the following year's award.

*Paul Bronson coached VAA football and basketball since 1997. He touched the lives of many youths through his generous commitment and energy. Paul shared many of the same values that are at the foundation of VAA. During his years of service in VAA, Paul demonstrated respect for the kids he coached, received commendations from parents and exemplified the true spirit of sportsmanship. With four children, Paul was always willing to step forward and help with the VAA teams. Paul made an extraordinary impact, and had a positive influence, on the kids he coached. Paul Bronson passed away on December 21, 2004.

VAA has awarded the President's Award to Paul Bronson and his family. In addition, VAA has established the "Paul Bronson Memorial Coach of the Year Award". The award will be given each year to a VAA coach who advances the interests of Apple Valley youth, demonstrates respect for the players and instills the principles of teamwork, fundamentals, and spirit of sportsmanship.