



## 2019-20 Joe Martin Award Nomination Letter

For the 2019-20 season the Midget Local League team would like to nominate Colter Beally for the Sr. Joe Martin Award. The Joe Martin award is given annually to the Local League player that exhibits an outstanding attitude, is dedicated, a hard worker, a good role model and plays "for the love of the game". Colter easily checked all of these boxes for us this season.

Coming to Almaguin from Powassan Minor Hockey in 2016-17, Colter originally tried out for our Midget Rep team, but unfortunately found himself among the last cuts that season. Rather than hang his head and head back up the highway, he stayed and joined our young Midget Local League team, a team coached by myself. He was a welcome addition to that squad, quickly becoming friends with an entire team of new faces.

Following that season, Colter again tried out for our AMHA rep team, this time successfully, grabbing one of the last roster spots (in my mind due to my tutelage the previous year). Despite that fact of being one of the last surviving cuts I am told (a fact that I am sure Jamey as the head coach of that years team will attest), became one of the teams most relied upon defenseman by seasons end.

Fast forward to this season when I received an email from Mom and Dad Beally in Trout Creek inquiring as to whether or not we would have an overage spot available and if so, would we consider Colter? Now, I will be honest with you, the overage spot currently provided in Midget Local League is not an easy one to fill. It is chosen primarily by the coaches and for me must be filled by a player of good character, who will fit in with the team and as they say, "play for the name on the front, not the name on the back". Having coached young Mr. Beally in the past I thought he was well worth the chance and for once in my hockey career was not wrong.

Colter did everything we asked this season. He mentored younger players, scored big goals, helped us win big games, kept things light off the ice and provided leadership on the ice. Personally, I think the dedication to ones team and what the team believes in are the most important attributes of this award. As with many young adults, Colter had the struggle this season of trying to fit two jobs (in North Bay) in with his hockey season, yet made every game, practice and as many skills nights that he physically could. His only missed ice times were during a mid-season hiatus due to a concussion. And during that time he continued to come and support his team, including travelling to Brantford to WATCH his team play.

Remember how he came to try Almaguin from Powassan? Following this season's final game, the final minor hockey game he will play, he asked (rather pleaded) to BUY his Ice Devils jerseys!!

There may be some as equally as deserving, but no one will ever be more appreciative of Almaguin Minor Hockey than the guy likely wearing Almaguin #17 to his wedding, Colter Beally!

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