

**October 2026 Youth Athlete of the Month
Recreation Basketball**

Athlete: Jadzia Daaga
Coach: Mak Daaga

Jadzia Daaga is a 12-year-old student in the Florida Virtual School program and a participant in the Sunrise Girls Recreation Basketball program.

Comments from her Coach:

I believe Jadzia deserves this award because she represents the complete model of what a youth athlete should be - skilled, selfless, and consistently committed to her team. On the court, she is one of the league's best playmakers, creating scoring opportunities for others and anchoring the defense with discipline and awareness well beyond her age. Her impact shows up in every possession, not just in highlights.

Off the court, she leads with maturity: she organizes warmups, encourages teammates, and collaborates on strategy during timeouts; always putting the team first. Jadzia embodies sportsmanship, responsibility, and quiet confidence, making her a standout example of athletic achievement and strong character.

Athlete: Zariel Chamel
Coach: Razel Garcia

Zariel Chamel is an 8-year-old participant in the Sunrise Boys Recreation Basketball Program.

Comments from his Coach:

I am nominating Zariel because I've seen his commitment to being a leader both on and off the court. What stands out to me most is the way he treats his teammates, with respect, love, and encouragement.

As his coach, I've watched him step up to help me with the team and make sure the other kids know that he's got their back. He doesn't just focus on himself or how well he plays; he genuinely wants to see his teammates succeed. The team is winless at this point, but Zariel continues to show up with a positive attitude and continues to encourage his teammates and keep them motivated.

I am amazed and proud of the way Zariel continues to put the team first. Leadership isn't just about winning, it's about how you carry yourself when things aren't going your way, and Zariel has shown that he understands what it means to be a team player, a good teammate, and a leader.