

2019 Ken and Beryl Knudtsen Memorial Spirit Award

COOPER CHOI

TWHA PeeWee 6 Red



The team manager and coaches on PeeWee 6 Red wrote an amazing letter nominating Cooper Choi as a recipient for this award. Here are excerpts from their nomination letter:

“Affectionately nicknamed “Chopper” by his coaches and teammates, Cooper would be a most worthy recipient as he is the complete embodiment of the positive spirit of sportsmanship and has the most genuine love of the game of hockey. Cooper and his family moved to Calgary from overseas just over a year ago. Upon arriving, Cooper decided that he would like to play ice hockey. With grit and determination that is largely unparalleled by any other 11 year old, Cooper got some skates and started learning how to use them. He is noticeably grateful to his coaches for the coaching he receives. Our coaches call him “the most eager and coachable player” that any of them has ever worked with.

Cooper is a low-profile leader who is typically the last to leave the dressing room after providing words of praise and encouragement while saying good bye to his teammates and coaches. He is compassionate, he remembers the injuries or the tougher days others have had and checks in with his teammates the next time he sees them to see how they are doing. He remembers all of his teammates successes and uses them as means of encouragement when needed and he is very quick to congratulate teammates every chance he gets.

Cooper is genuinely kind and thoughtful and is an undeniable “hockey addict” with top notch work ethic and enthusiasm. He is humble and polite with a positive attitude and off the ice he is the one to jump up first to pitch in or to help clean up after a messy team fun event. He may not be a top tier super star (yet!) but he is unmatched in his sportsmanship, enthusiasm and passion for the game of hockey.”

As the recipient of this award, Cooper received:

- \$500.00 gift card to Play-It-Again Sports Westhills
- His name on the Memorial Trophy displayed at the Flames Community Arenas
- Personalized engraved metal water bottle “trophy”

A TWHA player in need of financial assistance will receive full reimbursement of TWHA registration for the 2019-2020 season in Cooper’s name. This was made possible by financial supporters of this award, Nesbitt Burns, Trails West teams that donated surplus team funds and TWHA Bantam/Midget Cup surplus funds. Three \$250 gift cards were donated from Play It Again Sports Westhills which will be offered to TWHA players requesting financial assistance for the 2019-2020 season.