

**Enter Last Name of
Nominee**

Morgan

**Enter First Name of
Nominee**

Michael

City

Germantown

State and Zip code

TN 38138

Phone Number (best for contact)

901 277-1083

Date of Birth

1945 ???

Nominee Gender

Male

Has the Nominee been involved in Pickleball at least 7 years?

Yes

**Is the Nominee a
USAPA member in good
Standing?**

**Has Nominee has participated in the following
tournaments:**

Yes

Mid-South Regional Tournaments, National Senior
Games, State Level Senior Games

Why my Nominee should receive this award

Pioneer Award Submittal
For
Michael Morgan

Mike has been an ambassador for approximately ten years principally serving the Memphis/Shelby County Metropolitan Area. During this time he has made significant contributions to the advancement of Pickleball not only in Memphis but also in Tennessee and elsewhere.

When he became an ambassador, there was only one place to play in the Memphis area. Today, there are currently twenty listed on the USAPA web site and two additional locations have requested not to be listed. This has been accomplished through demos and on site meetings with venue staff, all of which Mike has coordinated.

Mike led a small group of approximately 20 players to Nashville eight years ago and gave a pickleball demo for the State Sr. Olympics staff and participants in other sports. This demo resulted in pickleball being added to the Sports played in the TN Sr. Olympics. Almost every year since, the number of participants at the State level has increased about fifty percent each year and over 160 played in 2016 using three venues. He has been the sports chair/rule advisor for pickleball in the Memphis District and at the State level since the introduction of pickleball in the TN Sr. Olympics. He runs the District tournament preparing the brackets and coordinating the daily schedule.

He has also supported and assisted with the league play and tournaments held at the Bartlett Rec Center and Racquet Club.

Mike is the USAPA District Ambassador for TN and recently became a TN Sr. Olympics Board Member representing all athletes in all sports from the Memphis Sr. Olympics District which encompasses three counties.

Mike has worked with USAPA officials developing the relationship with St Jude Research Hospital. He along with five other players recently performed a demo on the St Jude campus introducing pickleball to the St Jude/ALSAC team.

Mike contributions have been extraordinary. He brings to the table not only playing ability but strong administrative, organizational and communication skills. His interactions with others have definitely led to the development of

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