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Dear Sir:

Once again the time has arrived for us to canvass the United States and determine the athlete of this country who, by his performance as a competitor and by his example and influence as an amateur, did most to advance the cause of sportsmanship during the year 1938, and, therefore, entitled to the James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy.

You are one of the 500 outstanding leaders of the world of sport, selected from all sections of the United States, who are being invited to serve on the Tribunal to decide the athlete to receive the award for 1938. Will you serve as a member of this Tribunal?

If you agree to act, and we hope you will, please send at your earliest convenience and not later than November 1st, the names of not exceeding three competing athletes or active sportsmen or sportswomen, who in your opinion, are entitled to consideration for this award. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU STATE THE REASONS WHY YOU BELIEVE YOUR NOMINEES ARE ENTITLED TO CONSIDERATION. Acts of sportsmanship, excellence of performances, strength of character, qualities of leadership, force of personality, and high ideals of amateurism should be taken into consideration in making your nominations.

In the past many members of the Tribunal made their choice on athletic ability and popularity which came through wide newspaper publicity. Please do not vote on athletic ability only. If you do not know your nominees personally please refrain from submitting such names. Good character, sportsmanship and high ideals of amateurism are as important as athletic ability. If you know of any reason why some outstanding candidate should not receive the award, please send the information to me. The source