



Ariana Luterman Honored with Jeff Jewell Spirit Award

13-year old Ariana Luterman and Team Ariana has been chosen as recipient for the 2012 Jeff Jewell Spirit by the USAT Sports Development Search Committee. This award is to honor Jeff Jewell, a massage therapist for Team USA from 2001-2009. He lost his battle with brain cancer on November 15, 2010. He was one of life's biggest cheerleaders and was an inspiration to everyone he met.

The representative for this award should be someone who truly embodies the spirit of Jeff Jewell. Jeff was someone who was uplifting to everyone he knew and treated each person with the utmost respect and care. The award honoree will exhibit the following characteristics:

1. Trains and races on a consistent basis in the sports of triathlon, duathlon, aquabike, Paratriathlon or other areas of multisport;
2. Gives back to the sport outside of competitions and is considered a role model to other athletes;
3. Coach and / or volunteer to help develop youth multisport programming in local communities – (i.e., Clubs, YMCA's, Recreation Facilities, and Park Leagues).

Congratulations to Ariana for her exceptional work with homeless children and Vogel Alcove. She is an inspiration to adults and children alike throughout the United States.

