

COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Deadline: Nominations will be accepted until February 15th, 2022 at 11:59pm (PST)

BACKGROUND

The Coach of the Year Awards were founded by the Coaches Association of BC, and are funded by the Bob Bearpark Foundation. The Foundation continues to support viaSport in providing recognition awards for B.C. coaches in the following categories: Community Coach, Competition Coach and High Performance Coach.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the Coach of the Year Awards is to recognize dedication and commitment to coaching in British Columbia. Each recipient will be selected for their outstanding achievement in the category in which they have been nominated, and for their unique contribution to the advancement and well-being of athletes and their sport. The award is intended to reflect the accomplishments and contributions of a coach over their careers, as opposed to the work they have done in one particular year. Each recipient of a Coach of the Year Award will receive a \$250 bursary from the Bob Bearpark Coaching Bursary Fund. Recipients will be honored at a recognition event. This recognition event will be a virtual celebration for the recipient and their community.

CATEGORIES

- **Community Coach** – the nominee coaches grassroots or recreational athletes of any age
- **Competition Coach** – the nominee coaches athletes who are developing competitive skills and preparing for higher competition within regional or provincial programs
- **High Performance Coach** – the nominee primarily coaches athletes at the international level

Please note that coaches can only be nominated for one category.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Have the relevant NCCP qualifications (at minimum)
 - Recreational / Grassroots – Community Sport in Training
 - Regional / Provincial Development – Competition-Introduction Trained
 - International – Competition-Development Trained or CAC-recognized High Performance Coach
- Be a member in good standing of a B.C.-based PSO affiliated or accredited with viaSport
- Be a resident of British Columbia
- Be nominated in only one category per year

CRITERIA

Nominees should:

- Show respect for officials, opponents, parents and embrace a philosophy of fair play
- Demonstrate concern for all-around development of the athlete
- Apply relevant training theory and coaching practices
- Demonstrate a proven capacity to improve the team's or athlete's performance

Four areas will be considered by the selection committee:

- **Contribution to Sport** - the nominee has contributed to the organization and development of sport
- **Coaching Effectiveness** - the coach demonstrates his/her abilities through the improvement of athletes
- **Personal Development and Achievement** - nominee's commitment to further learning, including NCCP certification, professional development, mentorship, etc. As well as other awards or recognition the nominee has received for their efforts in coaching
- **Leadership** - the coach should be known as a positive role model for the athletes and should demonstrate stable, consistent leadership qualities

WHO CAN SUBMIT A NOMINATION?

viaSport will accept nominations from a variety of individuals including, but not limited to:

- Provincial Sport Organization representatives
- Local Sport Organization (Club) representatives
- Current or Former Athletes
- Parents/Guardians of Athletes
- Other Coaches

All nominations must also be accompanied by two references with letters of support for the nominee.

SELECTION PROCESS

Eligible applications are evaluated by a selection committee comprised of a diverse group of qualified coaches. The members of this committee will be carefully chosen to ensure balanced representation. The committee bases its recommendations on the eligibility requirements and other criteria described in these guidelines, within the context of the nominee's organization, community and regional needs. If it is deemed that no candidate meets the selection criteria in a particular category, the selection committee may choose not to grant the award in that particular year.

HOW TO APPLY

Nominations for these awards will only be accepted ONLINE. The nomination form can be completed [HERE](#). **Applications will be accepted until 11:59 pm PST on February 15th 2022.**