

Section: PROGRAM 4000-15 A
Topic: Junior Coach/Volunteer of the Year
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This award will be presented annually to Special Olympics Saskatchewan's most outstanding coach/volunteer in a junior category

NOMINATIONS

Each Special Olympics accredited district/community is encouraged to nominate a coach/volunteer 21 years of age or younger who they feel are worthy of receiving this prestigious award. Nominations are accepted from any SOS member in good standing including: the executive committee, coaches, volunteers, athletes, Board of Directors, Sport Advisory Committee, and the provincial office by the annual deadline date. All nominations must be accompanied by a Nomination Form (attached), a minimum of one (1) letter of reference and maximum of two (2), and either a digital photo OR a passport sized photo.

*NOTE: Any additional forms/letters of support **will not** be considered by the Selection Committee when reviewing the nominations.*

The Special Olympics Saskatchewan Awards committee will carefully review the nominations and select the winners.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on the strength of their submission by the criteria described in the following:

- I. **CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS**
 - How has the coach contributed to the overall organization, promotion, and development of sport in Special Olympics?
- II. **COACHING EFFECTIVENESS**
 - In what way(s) has the coach been effective in assisting the athletes to achieve their personal goals in sport? Is the coach ethical and progressive in sport?
- III. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
 - Is the coach involved in professional development and coaching education?
- IV. **LEADERSHIP**
 - What is the conduct of the coach? Is the coach a positive role model for the athletes and for other coaches? Does the coach provide stable and consistent leadership qualities? Does the coach teach and practice cooperation, self-discipline, respect for officials and opponents, and proper attitudes in language, dress, and deportment?

AWARD RECOGNITION

- This award will be presented to the successful recipients at the SOS Provincial Awards Banquet held annually.
- The recipients will receive a Junior Coach/Volunteer of the Year plaque.
- The recipients' names will be added to the Special Olympics Saskatchewan Recognition plaque.
- The recipient and nominees may be highlighted and publicly recognized by Special Olympics Saskatchewan for their achievement(s). This may include such things as; postings on social media sites, newspaper/journal articles, community newsletters, etc.
- The coach will be further considered for the National Male/Female Coach of the Year award.