

**Section:** PROGRAM  
**Topic:** Coach of the Year  
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This award will be presented annually to Special Olympics Saskatchewan's most outstanding coaches.

## **NOMINATIONS**

Each Special Olympics accredited district/community is encouraged to nominate coaches 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 Coach 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 Coach of the Year award.