

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

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14. RECOGNITION PROGRAM

14.1 ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Recognition Program is designed to recognize outstanding performance and contribution by both volunteers and players in various disciplines within Ringette™. The process of this program will be administered by the Membership Services Committee. The Membership Services Representative may solicit recommendations for changes from participants of the Regional Executive at any time.

The program is divided into several categories each having a particular impact on the specific area of interest.

All categories with the exception of Service and Appreciation Awards are inducted into the Ontario Ringette Association 'Ringette Hall of Fame'. A "Hall of Fame" is considered a concept/resource or place in which inductee's names are kept on record permanently (Those selected in the Provincial Builder category shall be known as Life Participants and shall have any dues and fees waived when registering). It is the intent of this program to encourage both the Regional and Community levels to initiate reciprocal recognition Awards.

The Regional Recognition Award Selection Committee shall be appointed as per regional policy.

A thank you goes a very long way, and will assist each association in the recruiting and retaining valued volunteers.

14.2 RECOGNITION PROGRAM NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- 14.2.1 All registered participants of the ORA are eligible to nominate potential nominees for Recognition Awards described in Membership Services – Provincial Builder Section 14.3 through Individual Awards 14.4.8 Registered Participants may not nominate their own family members.
- 14.2.2 All Recognition Program Award Nomination Forms are to be submitted to the ORA Office on or before APRIL 1st of each year. It is the Regional Recognition Award Selection Committee’s responsibility to provide Regional Selections to the O.R.A. office. The ORA Office will send nomination forms to M.S. Coordinators by April 7th.
- All Provincial winners will be invited as guests to the O.R.A. Annual General Meeting to receive their awards.
- 14.2.3 Due to the nature of the award categories, it shall be the responsibility of the Provincial and Regional Award Selection Committee to ensure that sufficient information is obtained and/or researched in order to give each application due consideration. You may liaise with the Provincial Program Chair, O.R.A. office or the Local Association in which the nominee belongs to or formerly belonged to.
- 14.2.4 The Recognition Award Selection Committee Chair is appointed at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Provincial Recognition Award Selection Committee (minimum of 3 members) shall be appointed by the Chair and ratified by the President.
- 14.2.5 Provincial Awards are to be presented at the O.R.A. A.G.M. and the Regional Recognition Awards are to be presented at each Region’s A.G.M.
- 14.2.6 Recognition Program Nomination Forms can be found in the Appendices Section of the Operating Manual. (Appendix M-F-16 and M-F-19).
- 14.2.7 All Recognition Program Nominations will be retained for consideration for three (3) years, with the exception of all player awards: Provincial Player Recognition, Provincial Offensive Player of the Year, Provincial Defensive Player of the Year, Provincial Goaltender of the Year, Regional Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Goaltender of the Year Awards which will be valid only for the year of the nomination.

14.3 PROVINCIAL AWARDS

The Provincial Awards are to be submitted in writing, accompanied by a detailed resume, to the Provincial Recognition Award Selection Committee via the O.R.A. business office:

- Provincial Builder
- Community Builder
- Provincial Level Coach of the Year
- Regional Level Coach of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Player Recognition
- Provincial Level Players (3) of the Year:
 - Offensive/Defensive/Goaltender
- Regional Level Players (3) of the Year:
 - Offensive/Defensive/Goaltender
- Association of the Year
- Adult Program Development
- Special Contribution

14.3.1 CATEGORY SELECTIONS

<p>Committee</p> <p>Chair and Regional Directors</p> <p>Sport Development</p> <p>Adult Development</p> <p>Coaching Development</p> <p>Officiating Development</p> <p>Membership Services</p>	<p>Awards</p> <p>Provincial Builders</p> <p>Community Builders</p> <p>Special Contribution</p> <p>Player Recognition</p> <p>Provincial Level Players</p> <p>Regional Level Players</p> <p>(Offensive/Defensive/Goaltender)</p> <p>Adult Contribution</p> <p>Provincial Coach of the Year</p> <p>Official of the Year</p> <p>Association of the Year</p>
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14.3.2 PROVINCIAL BUILDER

There shall be no more than two (2) Provincial Builders elected annually.

- Nominees shall have been involved at the Provincial Level for at least five (5) years. An exception may be granted by virtue of a Nominee's extraordinary and outstanding contribution. The Ontario Ringette Association Board of Directors may reduce the length of service required. This includes involvement on the O.R.A. Board of Directors, Provincial Ad-Hoc Committees and Provincial Standing Committees
- Nominees shall have made an outstanding contribution to the Ontario Ringette Association in one or more of the following: Growth and Development, Publicity, Administration, Technical Programs
- Nominees shall also have made a significant contribution to Ringette™ at the Community level.
- The Board of Directors has a specific mandate to identify potential Nominees to the Hall of Fame Committee. According to Hall of Fame guidelines the Nominee's Region must also support the nomination.
- No nominations may be submitted for individuals actively serving on the Ontario Ringette Associations Board of Directors or a Standing Committee.

AWARD: Provincial Individual Award

14.3.3 COMMUNITY BUILDER

There shall be no more than ten (10) Community Builders elected annually.

- Nominees shall have been involved in the Community Program for at least five (5) years.
- The Nominee shall have contributed to the development and/or expansion of Ringette within the Community, and fulfilled a key leadership role. Example to include, but not limited to, the following:
 - Substantial increase in player registration
 - Initiation of a new program or development of existing programs within the organization
 - Assisted other organizations in starting a Ringette™ program
 - Involvement with hosting Ringette™ events
 - Active in coaching, refereeing, fundraising, and/or sponsorship
- Nominees may or may not be actively involved at the time of nomination.
- No nominations may be submitted for individuals actively serving on the Ontario Ringette Association Board of Directors or a Standing Committee.

AWARD: Community Builders Plaque

14.3.4 PROVINCIAL LEVEL COACH OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Provincial Level Coach of the Year elected annually.

- Nominees shall have been involved with a Provincial level team for a minimum of five (5) years in any “Bench Staff” capacity.
- Nominees must display an excellent rapport with players, parents and referees, and embody Ringette’s™ philosophy of teamwork, fair play and sportsmanship.
- Nominees shall be a current participant of a registered Provincial level team and have the minimum certification requirements for their bench position.
- Nominees must have not won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Provincial Individual Award

14.3.5 REGIONAL LEVEL COACH OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Regional Level Coach of the Year, Provincially elected annually.

- Nominees shall have been involved with a Regional level team for a minimum of five (5) years in any “Bench Staff” Capacity.
- Nominees must display an excellent rapport with players, parents and referees and embody Ringette’s philosophy of teamwork, fair play and sportsmanship.
- Nominees shall be a current participant of a registered Regional level team and have minimal certification level requirements for their bench position.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Provincial Individual Award

14.3.6 OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Provincial Official of the Year elected annually.

- Nominees must have been involved in officiating for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Nominees must be registered participants in good standing with the Officiating Development Program, having taken all required clinics and being ranked at a minimum 3B level.
- Nominees must be actively involved in officiating at the Community, Regional and Provincial levels and must possess an excellent rapport with players, coaches and fellow officials.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Provincial Individual Award

14.3.7 PLAYER RECOGNITION

There shall be no more than one (1) Provincial Player Recognition recipient elected annually.

- Nominees shall have been involved as a player for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Nominees shall have exhibited high standards of sportsmanship, striven for personal excellence, contributed to teamwork and team spirit.
- Nominees shall have made an overall contribution to the sport of Ringette™ in Ontario (i.e. Coaching, Officiating, Player Development or Administration).
- Nominees shall be a player of U16 age or higher, yet they may or may not still be active.
- Nominees must not have won this award within the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Provincial Individual Award

14.3.8 PROVINCIAL LEVEL PLAYERS:

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

GOALTENDER OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Provincial Level Player of the Year in each category elected annually.

- Nominees shall have been involved as a player for a minimum of three [3] years.
- Nominees shall have demonstrated exceptional abilities at an individual and team level.
- Nominees shall exhibit high standards of performance and sportsmanship.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Plaques

14.3.9 REGIONAL LEVEL PLAYERS:

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

GOALTENDER OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Regional Level Player of the Year in each category elected annually.

- Nominees shall have been involved as a player for a minimum of three [3] years.
- Nominees shall have demonstrated exceptional abilities at an individual and team level.
- Nominees shall exhibit high standards of performance and sportsmanship.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Plaques

14.3.10 ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Provincial Association of the Year elected annually.

- Nominees shall be members in Good Standing with the O.R.A. and their Regional Committee.
- Nominees will have displayed above average performance in areas including, but not limited to: Publicity and Promotions, Volunteer/Participant recruitment and development, Outreach assistance, Player Development opportunities, competitions for varied levels of play and generally offering a well-rounded program for their membership.
- Nominations may be put forth by another member association or a participant of the Regional Committee.
- The Region and Ontario Ringette must support any nomination based on a Nominee's adherence to the fees, deadlines, rules and regulation of the corporation.

AWARD: Plaque

14.3.11 ADULT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

There shall be no more than one (1) Provincial Adult Program Development recipient elected annually.

Nominees shall have been involved in the Adult Program for a minimum of five (5) years.

- Nominees shall have displayed above average performance at the Adult level in areas including but not limited to:
 - Active in coaching, officiating, fundraising and/or sponsorship
 - Involvement in hosting Adult Ringette™ events
 - Publicity and promotion of the Adult Program
 - Volunteer/Participation recruitment and development
 - Player Development Opportunities
 - Initiation of a new program or development of existing programs
- Nominees may or may not be actively involved at the time of nomination.
- No nominations may be submitted for individuals actively serving on the Ontario Ringette Association Board of Directors or Selection Committee.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Provincial Individual Award

14.3.12 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

To be presented when warranted, no more than one annually.

- Nominees must have made significant contributions in finances, goods and/or services to the sport of Ringette™ on a Provincial level.
- Nominees must have been involved for a period of no less than five (5) years.

AWARD: Plaque

14.4 REGIONAL AWARDS

The following Regional Awards are to be submitted in writing, accompanied by a detailed resume, to the ORA Office:

- Coach of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Player Recognition
- Regional Level Players (3) of the Year:
- Offensive/Defensive/Goaltender
- Association of the Year
- Adult Program Development
- Corporate Sponsor of the Year

All nominees shall be determined based on the criteria listed below, with specific focus on Regional and/or Community efforts.

14.4.1 COACH OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Regional Coach of the Year elected annually per region.

- Nominees shall have been involved with a Regional Level team for a minimum of five (5) years in any 'Bench Staff' Capacity.
- Nominees must display an excellent rapport with players, parents, referees, and embody Ringette™ philosophy of teamwork, fair play and sportsmanship.
- Nominees shall be a current participant of a registered Regional level team and have the minimum certification requirements for their bench position.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Plaque

14.4.2 OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Regional Official of the Year elected annually per region.

- Nominees shall have been involved in officiating for a minimum of five (5) years
- Nominees must be registered participants in good standing with the Officiating Development Program, having taken all required clinics and being ranked at a minimum 2C Level and officiate in the Regional Championship.
- Nominees must be actively involved in officiating at the Community and Regional levels and must possess an excellent rapport with players, coaches and fellow officials.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Plaque

14.4.3 PLAYER RECOGNITION

There shall be no more than one (1) Regional Player Recognition recipient annually per region.

- Nominees shall have been involved as a player for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Nominees shall have exhibited high standards of sportsmanship, striven for personal excellence, contributed to teamwork and team spirit.
- Nominees shall have made an overall contribution to the sport of Ringette™ in Ontario (i.e. Coaching, Officiating, Player Development or Administration)
- Nominees shall be a player of U16 age or higher, yet may or may not still be active.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five [5] years.

AWARD: Plaques

14.4.4 PLAYERS OF THE YEAR:

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

GOALTENDER OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one (1) Regional Level Player of the Year in each category elected annually per region.

- Nominees shall have been involved as a player for a minimum of three [3] years.
- Nominees shall have demonstrated exceptional abilities at an individual and team level.
- Nominees shall exhibit high standards of performance and sportsmanship.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five [5] years.

AWARD: Plaques

14.4.5 ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one [1] Regional association of the Year recipient elected annually per region.

- Nominees shall be members in Good Standing with the ORA and their Regional committee.
- Nominees will have displayed above average performance in areas including, but not limited to; Publicity and Promotions, Volunteer/Participant recruitment and development, Outreach assistance, Player Development opportunities, competitions for varied levels of play and generally offering a well-rounded program for their membership.
- Nominations may be put forth by another member association or a participant of the regional Committee.
- The Region and Ontario Ringette must support any nomination based on a Nominee's adherence to the fees, deadlines, rules and regulation of the corporation.

AWARD: Plaque

14.4.6 ADULT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

There shall be no more than one [1] Regional Adult Development recipient elected annually per region.

- Nominees shall have been involved in the adult Program for a minimum of five [5] years.
- Nominees shall have displayed above average performance at the Adult level in areas including but not limited to:
 - Active in coaching, officiating, fundraising and/or sponsorship
 - Involvement in hosting Adult Ringette events
 - Publicity and promotion of the Adult Program
 - Volunteer/Participation recruitment and development
 - Player Development Opportunities
 - Initiation of a new program or development of existing programs
- Nominees may or may not be actively involved at the time of nomination.
- No nominations may be submitted for individuals actively serving on the Ontario Ringette Association Board of Directors or Selection Committee.
- Nominees must not have won this award in the past five (5) years.

AWARD: Plaque

14.4.7 REGIONAL VOLUNTEER

There shall be no more than one [1] Regional Volunteer elected annually per region.

- People who give of their free time to Ringette for at least five [5] years, on a general basis and not in any official capacity.

AWARD: Plaque

14.4.8 CORPORATE SPONSOR OF THE YEAR

There shall be no more than one [1] Regional Corporate sponsor of the Year Recipient elected annually per region.

- Nominees must have made significant contributions in finances, goods and/or services to the sport of Ringette on a Regional level.
- Nominees must have been involved for a period of no less than five [5] years
- Nominees may be nominated by a regional committee or the Ontario Ringette Association.

AWARD: Plaque

14.5 SERVICE AWARDS

- 14.5.1 Retiring Provincial Board of Directors
- 14.5.2 Retiring Provincial Program Chair
- 14.5.3 Association Year Service Awards (5,10,15, etc.)

14.6 APPRECIATION AWARDS

- 14.6.1 Member Association Hosting National Championships
- 14.6.2 Provincial AA Championship Host Association
- 14.6.3 Provincial A Championship Host Association
- 14.6.4 U12 Provincial Event Host Association

14.7 INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

All Provincial Individual Award Winners will receive the same award, as approved by the Provincial Recognition Award Selection Committee.