

COACHING AWARDS NOMINATION GUIDELINES

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the viaSport Coaching Awards aims to recognize coaches who are making sport better through their dedication and commitment to coaching in British Columbia. The awards aim to reflect the accomplishments and contributions of a coach over their careers.

The viaSport Coaching Awards 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: (1) Community Coach Development and (2) Competition Coach.

Each recipient of a viaSport Coaching Awards will receive a \$500 bursary from the Bob Bearpark Coaching Bursary Fund, a physical award and will be honored at a recognition event. Recognition events will be hosted in a meaningful way with each recipient, their nominators and respective communities

CATEGORIES

Coaches can be nominated for one of the following categories:

CATEGORY 1: Community Coach Development

- A coach that has invested time into building quality grassroots and community coaches (e.g. – an individual that is considered a coach of coaches)
- The nominee could be a coach developer or a club coach* who is working within a program or across a club initiative that supports quality sport delivery
- The coach should hold trained or certified status for NCCP competition introduction or development stream
- The person should be supporting quality sport** and building the capacity of coaches who teach foundational sport skills (e.g. – fundamental movement skills, bumps and jumps, etc.)

* club coach is defined as a grassroots coach that is growing their sport at the club or local level. They may not be solely coaching athletes but are stewarding and driving coach performance.

** Quality sport is defined as an environment that is developmentally appropriate, safe and inclusive, and well run.

Eligibility - Nominees must meet the following:

- Have National Coaching Certification Program training relevant to their category and sport
 - A minimum certification level of Competition Introduction Trained status is expected
- 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

Criteria - nominees should:

- Show respect for officials, athletes, opponents, parents and embrace a philosophy of fair play
- Demonstrate concern for all-around development of the athletes, sport and other coaches
- Apply relevant training theory and coaching practices
- Demonstrate a proven capacity to improve sport experiences by furthering coach development within their club or program

CATEGORY 2: Competition Coach

- Focused on coaches who are supporting the development of athletes into the performance stream where athletes are competing on a provincial team in inter-provincial competitions or are being selected to national teams
- Coach could also be a club/PSO lead coaching a group of performance athletes
- Coach should be trained or receiving training in the competition development pathway for their sport.
- Competition Coaches should one of the following levels:
 - Provincial Coach; or
 - U Sport Head Coaches for sports receiving Athlete Assistance Program Funding; or
 - Canada Games Head or Assistant Coach

Eligibility - Nominees must meet the following:

- Have National Coaching Certification Program training relevant to their category and sport
 - A minimum of Competition Development in training status is expected
- 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

Criteria - nominees should:

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

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 letters of a support for the nominee.

SELECTION

Four areas will be considered by the selection committee:

- Eligibility of Coach – the nominee has National Coaching Certification Program training relevant to their nomination category and sport (vetted through NCCP Certification Record)
- Contribution to Sport – the nominee has contributed to the organization and development of sport
- Leadership – the coach should be known as a positive role model for the athletes and should demonstrate stable, consistent leadership qualities
- Coaching Effectiveness – the coach demonstrates his/her abilities through the improvement of athletes and/or other coaches
- Personal Development and Achievement – nominee's commitment to further learning, including NCCP certification, professional development, mentorship, etc.

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 an award.