

2012 ALBERTA SPORT, RECREATION, PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
SPORT RECOGNITION AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM

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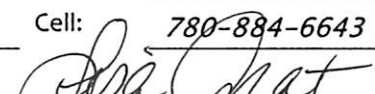
SPORT VOLUNTEER

In order for this nomination to be considered, all sections of the form relevant to the nominee must be completed and the form must be endorsed by the Provincial Sport Association.


NOMINEE:

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NOTE: INCOMPLETE NOMINATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2013

Please return to:
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NOMINEE BACKGROUND:

*** Note *** The award recipients will be selected based only on the information provided with the nomination form. Please contact the nominee as necessary to obtain accurate, reliable and relevant information that would help determine their eligibility for the award. Additional material/pages may be attached in support of the nomination.

1. How many years has the nominee been active? Coach 15 Official _____ Volunteer 15
2. How many years has the nominee been a resident in Alberta? 49
3. Please indicate the nominee's level of certification or accreditation: _____

Coach (NCCP): Competitive Intro

Official: _____

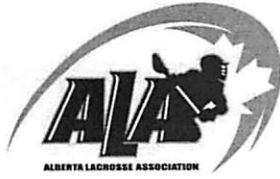
4. Is the nominee a volunteer or paid staff for the sport? Volunteer Paid Staff
5. On an additional sheet, please provide a complete list of the nominee's coaching and officiating involvement at Provincial, National and International Events:
 - Year
 - Level of Competition
 - Athlete/Team
 - Age Group
 - Results
6. On an additional sheet, please provide a summary of the nominee's major volunteer highlights:
 - Name of Organization
 - Description of Position
 - Volunteer Position(s) Held
 - # of Years
 - Time Period
7. On an additional sheet, please indicate other contributions this nominee has made to the sport (Professional Development, Program Development, Operating Practices, Event Organization, Presentations, Course Conductor, Facilitation, Regional, Provincial, National or International Level, etc.)

Application Checklist

- All fields on the preceding page have been completed
- Active Years and Years of Residency questions have been answered above
- Certification or Accreditation information is complete above

Additional Information

- A complete list of the nominee's coaching and officiating involvement is attached
- A summary of the nominee's major volunteer highlights is attached
- A written summary of the nominee's contribution to the sport is attached



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Thank you to Brad Banister and the Calgary Roughnecks for their support of Alberta Lacrosse

Brad Banister is a native Albertan, who started playing lacrosse in Calgary at the age of 13. His love for the game began as a Pee Wee player, but evolved over the years. Today, he continues to contribute to the game of lacrosse at both the grassroots and professional level.

Brad began playing lacrosse in 1976 and continued playing competitively until 1987. Over the years, Brad played both Box and Field lacrosse. He played for a number of communities including Lake Bonavista, Willow Ridge and the Calgary Roamers. In 1981, Brad played for Calgary and attended the Canadian National Junior B Box Championship. Then, as a Senior player, he played for the Calgary Shamrocks. In his later years, the love of the game could not keep him away and he returned to the Senior League in 2003, playing for the Okotoks Glaciers.

Even after his playing years were behind him, Brad opted to stay heavily involved with the game of lacrosse. In 1997, Brad founded the Okotoks Mustangs Lacrosse club and is still involved with the club today. At this time, the Box game was limited to Edmonton, Red Deer, and Calgary.

Brad has been involved with the Okotoks Mustangs, in many capacities, throughout the years. He was the coaching director from 1997-2002. In addition, he has coached Novice and Pee Wee teams in 2003; Pee Wee and Bantam in 2004; Pee Wee and Bantam in 2005; Bantam and Midget in 2006; Bantam and Midget in 2007; and Midget in 2008 and 2009. Brad has coached the A teams but has also contributed to the House League teams throughout his lacrosse career. Many of these teams were Calgary and District League Champions and travelled to Alberta Lacrosse Provincial Championships.

Alberta Lacrosse has a program called TEAM ALBERTA which allows the best players to travel to a National Championship at the Pee Wee, Bantam, Bantam Female and Midget level. Brad has participated in this program as both a parent and a coach, as well as providing financial support.

Many of the teams Brad has coached have seen the benefits of travelling outside of Alberta. In 2004, a Pee Wee team travelled to Denver for the Heritage Cup. The Heritage Cup is an All-Star competition between professional lacrosse players from Canada and the US. During half-time, Pee Wee players from Canada competed against those from the US. In 2005, this project was duplicated with a team travelling

to Calgary from Denver to play at the National Lacrosse League All-Star Game's half time show. In 2009, the Okotoks Midget team travelled to Halifax for a lacrosse competition at the Midget level.

In 2003, Alberta entered the ranks of Junior A Lacrosse within the Canadian Lacrosse Association. This was the first year Alberta participated in the Minto Cup. The Minto Cup, which is the second oldest sporting cup vied for, was traditionally a competition limited to British Columbia and Ontario. Alberta won its bid to participate because two organizing groups had the vision to bring lacrosse to the next level in Alberta. One group was the Edmonton Miners and the second was the Calgary Raiders, in which, Brad was a director. Their participation, at the Junior A level, aided in keeping Alberta players in the province to play at a higher level rather than leaving to play with BC and Ontario teams.

Besides his involvement in helping build the grassroots of Alberta Lacrosse, Brad also took time and founded Alberta's first professional lacrosse team in 2001. That same year, the Calgary Roughnecks had their inaugural season. As the team's President and General Manager, Banister helped the province grow lacrosse participation from 4141 players in 2001; to 5852 in 2002; and 8261 players in 2003. The exposure the Calgary Roughnecks gained through TV grew the game even more, with Calgary's neighbors to the north adding a team and stirring up a Battle of Alberta rivalry.

Lacrosse clubs started to grow in rural areas as well. This event probably had the largest affect on the game of lacrosse in Alberta. After nine years in the league, the Roughnecks have been very successful, winning the National Lacrosse League's Champion's Cup in 2004 and 2009.

The Calgary Roughnecks contribute to the grassroots of lacrosse by hosting player development camps, attending lacrosse functions, and by participating in the game of lacrosse as coaches and officials. The Calgary Roughnecks Foundation is a very generous organization which supports minor lacrosse, as well as other charities and provides Scholarships for players of all sports. The Foundation has donated close to half a million dollars to the community.

While taking part in minor lacrosse and professional lacrosse, Brad has found the time to sit on many committees of the National Lacrosse League. Since 2002, he has participated in the Expansion Committee, Competition Committee and the Labour Committee. Brad was named NLL Executive of the year in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Smith

ALA Executive Director