

RED DEER – BFL Coach of the Year is back for the third season and nominations are now open!

The BFL Coach of the Year Awards recognize and honour female coaches who exemplify the positive values of hockey and sport, for their successful and outstanding achievements in player development and the leadership of their players and teams. Honouring a female coach in each province at the community, competitive and high-performance level, the BFL Coach of the Year Award will be presented to coaches who have made outstanding contributions over an extended period of time coaching hockey programs within Hockey Canada female and/or minor hockey programs.

Provincial winners will be considered in the selection of the national BFL Coach of the Year Awards. Each provincial winner will receive a \$1,000 bursary; while the national winners receive a \$2,500 bursary, customized Team Canada jersey, a five-year subscription to the Hockey Canada Network, a Hockey Canada merchandise package and a tablet.

Categories

- Community coach: Defined as a woman coaching athletes of all ages who play and compete in divisions where there is not a national championship identified as a culminating event.
- Competitive Coach: Defined as a woman coach whose athletes play and compete in divisions where the participants are eligible to compete in National Championships, accredited Residential Schools or Sport Schools or provincially designated Programs of Excellence.
- High-Performance Coach: Defined as a woman coach whose athletes are above the age of 16 and compete at the USports, Canadian Collegiate Hockey and Professional Women's Hockey Player's Association levels.

Criteria

The nominee:

- Leads by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship,
- Places the emotional and physical well-being ahead of a personal desire to win,
- Places an emphasis on equitable participation of all players registered on the team,
- Demonstrates a commitment to the development of every player and staff Member,
- Treats each player as an individual and understands the range of emotional and physical development,
- Does her best to provide a safe playing situation for all players,
- Uses the coaching techniques that are appropriate for all of the age and skill level of her players,
- Must be actively coaching at the female hockey, minor hockey or high-performance levels within the province the nomination originates from,
- Must be trained and/or certified in the Hockey Canada National Coach Certification Program,

- Must have completed all elements required to be an active coach,
- Must be a Member in good standing within the Province the nomination originates from.

How to Nominate

Any individual may nominate a coach for the provincial coach awards. The nomination must clearly state whether the award nomination is for the **community coach and competitive coach category** or if the nomination is for the **National high-performance coach**.

The individual submitting the nomination should complete the online nomination form and should also include a covering letter of support (not to exceed 300 words). As well, the supporting materials will include testimonials as to why the individual should be considered.