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2025 VIAHA AWARDS ACTION BULLETIN

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Date: January 31, 2025
TO: VIAHA Membership
FROM: Al McCulloch, VIAHA President
COPY: VIAHA Executive Committee & Staff
SUBJECT: 2025 VIAHA Awards and Nominations

It is time again to put the call out for VIAHA AWARD NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS! These awards recognize members, volunteers and MHAs who go above and beyond. Recipients of the awards can be nominated by an individual, team or MHA.

The deadline for submitting nominations to the Executive Director is March 31st, 2025. All nominations must be in writing and should include any relevant information/documentation. The Officers will review the submissions, and the Awards will be presented at the 2025 VIAHA Annual General Meeting on May 25th, 2025.

MHA of the Year Banner:

This Award is presented to the Minor Hockey Association who has demonstrated to have delivered an outstanding hockey program to its community. Consideration may include skills and coaching development programs, policy development, sportsmanship, or anything that you are most proud of in your MHA. All nominations should include an explanation of what makes their MHA outstanding.

Coach of the Year:

This Award is presented to a coach who shows leadership to players; demonstrates skills development and has a sound coaching philosophy. Winning may be a consideration but emphasis will be on respect, sportsmanship, fair competition and development. The nomination should detail the coaching background of the nominee and include a support letter from the MHA President.

VIAHA President's Award:

This Award is presented to an individual, team or MHA that has brought honour to the amateur hockey fraternity through an outstanding humanitarian endeavor, or has made a significant contribution to VIAHA during the preceding year.

Volunteer of the Year Award:

This Award is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their hockey community or district over the preceding year or longer. Nominations shall be submitted in writing outlining details of the endeavours.

Youth Volunteer of the Year Award:

This Award is presented to a youth volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to their hockey community or District over the past season or longer. Nominations should be submitted in writing outlining details of their endeavours.

Official of the Year Award:

This Award is presented to an Official that exemplifies dedication and support for the VIAHA Officiating Program and the VIAHA/BC Hockey/Hockey Canada Rules and Regulations. They also contribute to hockey in ways other than the on-ice requirement and combine leadership and ability both on and off the ice. This Official must have been carded for the year.

***Nominations for this Award should be forwarded by the MHA's RIC onto their local BC Hockey Officiating Zone Lead who will then select and forward to VIAHA Officers for approval.**

Most Deserving Official of the Year Award:

This Award is presented to an Official that has gone above and beyond. This Official is rated on his/her own officiating skills and what they put back into the Branch/Association (i.e., supervisor, instructor, or administrator). This Official must have been carded for the year.

***Nominations for this Award should be forwarded by the MHA's RIC onto their local BC Hockey Officiating Zone Lead who will then select and forward to VIAHA Officers for approval.**

*Please email nominations to Charlotte Johnson at cjohnson@viaha.org by the March 31st deadline. If you prefer to mail or fax please use the info listed in the letter head.

It is so important that you take the time to consider and recognize your members and volunteers. What better way than with your nomination for a VIAHA Award!

Thank you.

Al McCulloch, VIAHA President

