

PEI SOCCER - 2020 AWARD WINNERS

'Alan Godfrey' Volunteer of the Year



Anne Morgan

Club: Eliot River Ramblers SC



Anne is the club Youth Coordinator but when COVID hit, Anne stepped in to help make the season possible. Like many other club volunteers, Anne was instrumental in helping to implement and enforce our COVID Plan. Anne helped cut the grass, line the fields, set up and maintains the disinfection stations and ensured that all coaches stayed up to date on the rules and had all the support they needed such as hand sanitizer, ball sanitizer, gloves, etc. Without the support of volunteers like Anne who go above and beyond, it would have been very difficult for the club to have a season at all.

Junior Female Player of the Year



Ria Johnston

Club: Winsloe-Charlottetown
Royals FC



The ever-smiling Ria Johnston looks like butter wouldn't melt in her mouth, but the friendly and personable manner belies a fierce competitor, who has become one of the best players for her age in the Province.

Ria has the build of a soccer player, which she marries with great athleticism in her dynamic performances where she doesn't stop running and she provides great energy for her teammates. Excelling at multiple positions, but most noticeable in the centre of midfield where she can really influence a game, Ria was a consistent performer with the PEI FC team. She attended the Whitecaps High Potential Camp, and was another who at 16 was playing in the varsity fall league, where she certainly didn't look out of place.

Incredibly talented with a great soccer brain, Ria has a very bright soccer career ahead of her, and she will be highly sought after when it comes to making choices on where to attend university in a couple of years.

Junior Male Player of the Year



Tony Nguyen

**Club: Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals
FC**



Tony Nguyen lives to play soccer. Whenever you see him in the street he is always carrying a soccer ball, and he lives, eats and breathes the game.

A good tackler he is equally at home in defence or midfield, where he has a great ability to read the game. He is a vital part of the U17 PEIFC team, and is tracking for the Whitecaps High Potential Camp. He had a strong showing at the Canada Soccer Regional Excel camp, and as a 16 year old, he played in the varsity fall league against University players and older.

He is technically sound with a very high soccer IQ, and throughout his youth soccer career he has always had the greatest respect and admiration from his peers, who see him as one of the very best in the Province.

Junior Female Referee of the Year



Stephanie Angel

Club: Eliot River Ramblers SC



Certification level: District

Stephanie has found a place in the middle of the field. After a successful first year of refereeing, she followed up with another strong season.

A calm, confident referee, Stephanie demonstrates maturity beyond that of her short career.

Very active as a referee and as an assistant referee where she was called on to work in higher age levels because of the positive feedback received on her performance.

We are excited to see continued success from Stephanie as she moves ahead in her refereeing career.

Junior Male Referee of the Year



Sam LeClair

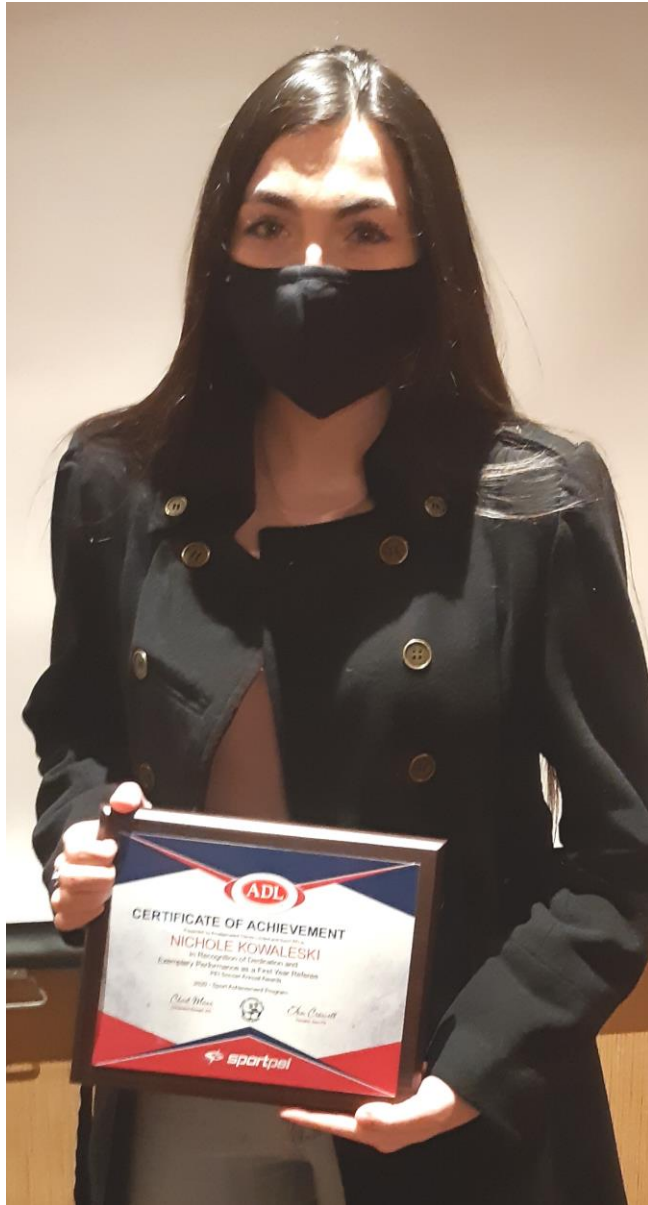
Club: Eliot River Ramblers SC



Certification level: District

Sam is a young official who seems to have been around for years. One of our most active officials, you can find him many nights wearing a referee jersey on one field or another. Whether he's working the middle of a U11 game or running the line in the Senior Men's division, Sam performs his role with confidence and competence. He is a trusted youth referee that can be counted on by the senior officials when acting as an assistant referee.

First Year - Female Referees of the Year



Nichole Kowaleski

Club: Eliot River Ramblers SC



“In recognition of dedication and exemplary performance as a first year referee”

While new referees can often be hesitant to start their careers, Nichole spent the 2020 season on the field applying her training. She looked the part on the field and continued to grow in confidence throughout the season moving from U11 to U13 as the year passed. Looking forward to continued growth from Nichole in the coming years.

First Year - Male Referees of the Year

Harry Nguyen

Club: Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals
FC

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“In recognition of dedication and exemplary performance as a first year referee”

Even in his first couple of games after passing his refereeing clinic, Harry showed a command for the game that was impressive.

Not only was he looking the part coming onto the field, he showed a level of confidence rarely seen in a first year referee. He applied his training well and was accurate in his calls as well as crisp in his signals. We hope for continued development ahead in 2021 for our Male - First Year Referee.

Lowell Stewart Memorial Award



The award recognizes soccer skill development, dedication to soccer, sportsmanship and support within a club and community.

Maleah Welton

Club: Kensington & Area SC



Maleah has been a lifelong member of KASC and this summer played for the Summerside United U15 Girls Premier team. Maleah played a key role as center fullback playing nearly every minute of every game. Her ability to read the play and her willingness to always and sometimes selflessly put herself between the ball and the goal was a key part of the team's success. Maleah also played several games as a call-up with the 2020 PEIFC U15 Girls team and her ability to adapt to playing different positions and to different styles of play made it possible for her to fit in with the team and to be an asset.

During the 2020 season she attended all of her U15 Premier games and all but one practice. She also attended every PEIFC game that she was invited to as well and every practice as long as it didn't conflict with her Club team. As a player; Maleah plays for the love of the game and is always gracious regardless of the outcome. She is always supportive and encouraging to her teammates.

Maleah also showed dedication to the sport by volunteering as an Assistant Coach/Team Manager for the KASC U15 Girls Division 1 Team and her contributions were a key part of the teams' success.

Maleah also took the Referee clinic and took on as many assignments as she could as both a referee and an assistant referee.

Although 2020 was a different season and the opportunity to coach at the U5-U9 level wasn't available at KASC; Maleah found other ways to step up and help out whether it was helping to line fields or put nets on goals and this continued into the school season when she volunteered as an assistant coach for the KISH Intermediate Girls team which required her to complete the Making Headway online concussion course. Maleah's dedication and commitment as a player, a volunteer and as an official at the age of 15 is certainly impressive and the Kensington and Area Soccer Club are certainly proud to call her one of our own!

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Unfortunately, due to covid-19, the 2020 soccer season was like no other experienced before.

The season started in late June and we were fortunate to be able to offer a 10 – game soccer season before the Fall school season kicked in.

With the emphasis on getting all teams 10 league games, playoffs would not take place in 2020.

The National Club Championships were also cancelled.

Without national championships, playoffs and the emphasis on making sure all players got to play, be active and stay safe during the unusual circumstances that covid-19 brought upon our season in 2020; the following awards were not presented in 2020:

Senior Female Player of the Year

Senior Male Player of the Year

Coach of the year

Team of the Year