



2023-2024 Provincial Award Recipients

Provincial Official of the Year: Alex Parker

"I am so incredibly thankful to be receiving this recognition! It is such a privilege to join such an esteemed list of accomplished officials who have contributed so much to the sport and the officiating community over the years.

From the time I started playing ringette, I absolutely fell in love with the sport and have always looked for any excuse to be on the ice or give back to the sport. I never imagined that signing up to become a house league official in North Bay would lead me to where I am today.

As I continue to grow and accomplish my goals as an on-ice official, I also have developed a genuine passion for making a difference in the officials who surround me. I love helping "my people" enjoy the game as much as I do, and want to help them accomplish their goals and feel supported.

Becoming a ringette official is such a huge part of who I have become and I am so thankful for the second family that I have gained through my stripes. ♡"

Hall of Fame Provincial Builder: John Mezenberg

"Being named as the Ringette Ontario 2023-24 Hall of Fame Provincial Builder is such a great honour. To be included with the amazing people who have won this award previously and contributed such a tremendous amount to the sport, is truly something I never would have imagined.

When my wife decided to return to Ringette back in 2002 as an Open B player, who knew that Ringette would become such a huge part of my life and that of my family! That initial season was just the start of a 20+ year journey that I have been able to share with my wife, daughters and many friends along the way and hope for it to continue well into the future.

As a coach at various levels including Regional, AA, AAA, Team Ontario and the NRL I have been lucky enough to have coached with such talented people and worked with many great teams and players throughout the years. Thank you for helping to create such unforgettable memories.

As an official, I have had the opportunity to be part of Team Stripes for 16 years. Being part of this team has helped to give me a better understanding of the game that I have been able to use in all aspects of my Ringette journey. All the fantastic people that I have worked with have been so supportive and I'm proud to call them my friends.

As a long time executive/director/committee member with the Guelph Ringette Association, Western Region Ringette Association and Ringette Ontario it has been a tremendous privilege to work with many wonderful people that have helped lead and shape the sport at various levels and areas over the years. I have watched the sport change in so many positive ways, I am excited to see how the sport will continue to grow in the future.

It is exciting and I am so proud to watch my daughters carry on the same passion for the sport and follow in my footsteps as Association Board Members, Officials and Coaches and to be part of and help build the future of the sport.

I have met incredible people along the way, created unforgettable memories and look forward to meeting many more that share the same passion I have for this game in the future. See you at the Rink!”

Provincial Player of the Year: Sara Hayami

“I am incredibly honoured to be named this year’s provincial player of the year. Ringette has not only brought me my greatest friends, but has also taught me the meaning of hard work and dedication. The amazing coaches and teammates I’ve had the privilege of being surrounded by have forever impacted who I am as a person both in and out of the rink. I’m grateful for the recognition of my efforts and am excited to see what my future in ringette holds.”

Provincial Volunteer of the Year: Colin Deans

“There is nothing like the ringette community. In order for it to thrive, it relies on the tireless work of volunteers. There are so many amazing people ensuring that everyone supporting, and playing, ringette have a memorable experience. I'm honoured to be recognized this year that I did my part and I will continue to promote ringette wherever possible. Thank you!”

Provincial Coach of the Year: Megan Campbell

“It’s such an honour and I am very humbled to be recognized with this award. My ringette career started with the Oshawa Ringette Association as player, fast forward 45 years later – now as a coach. I have spent many hours at the arena playing, watching, learning, and coaching this incredible sport. If there’s one thing I love most about my ringette journey, it’s being able to share my passion, energy, and love of the game to current and future ringette players & coaches. As a coach, it’s such a rewarding feeling to help athletes and teams reach and exceed their potential and goals. I love this game and the many opportunities it has given me throughout my ringette journey – my goal as coach is to continue to share my passion for the game and to have a positive impact on those I meet along the way. I am very thankful to the coaches I have had over the years who have challenged me, mentored me, and inspired me into the coach I am today.”

Provincial Associations of the Year: Markham-Stouffville Ringette Association

“Thank you for choosing MSRA for Association of the Year 2024, We are super excited with this Honour, and we know it is always a full team effort from our Executive Committee and our Fantastic Volunteers that make an amazing experience for our Ringette community.”

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