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SSA TECHNICAL & RECOGNITION AWARDS DEADLINE – January 15th of any given year

Recognition awards are intended to highlight outstanding contributions and achievements in individual and team play, coaching, officiating and volunteerism. In any given year, no individual will be awarded multiple recognition awards.

Nominations may originate from the general public, a team, coach, manager, referee, club or association and must be signed by the nominator (in the case on online submission, an electronic signature will be accepted). A photo of the individual and a letter of reference MUST accompany the nomination.

Award nominations can be submitted to the SSA office by:

1. Electronic submission

- [SSA Technical Awards](#)
- [David Newsham Award](#)
- [Volunteer of the Year Award](#)
- [Member Organization of the Year Award](#)

2. Typed/written submission which is **mailed or emailed** to the SSA Office. Nominations must be typed or legibly handwritten using the correct nomination form.

- Fillable PDF Form (Be sure to save a version to your desktop/device before beginning)
- Print & Fill Form

By Mail

Saskatchewan Soccer Association
Attn: Awards & Recognition
300-1734 Elphinstone St.
Regina, SK S4T 1K1

By Email

ea@sasksoccer.com

Technical Awards nominations will be reviewed and winners selected by the SSA Technical Committee. Volunteer nominations (Volunteer of the Year, David Newsham Award) require different forms and will be reviewed and winners selected by the SSA Awards & Recognition Committee. SSA Staff and the Awards & Recognition Committee reserve the right to add names to the list of nominations, although preference will be given to nominations submitted from the soccer community.

Award Categories and Criteria include:

Awards are presented annually to the individuals and teams who have demonstrated extraordinary performances and best exemplify the [values of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association](#) and its membership during the calendar year based on the following criteria:

PLAYER AWARDS

Player of the Year

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- **Youth Player of the Year** (2 Awards) (17 years of age or younger in the calendar year)
- **Adult Player of the Year** (2 Awards) (18 years of age and older)

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- a) Required minimum level of participation: Competitive Stream, such as PSL and Sask Open Cup, University and College environments
- b) Soccer Specific Award

Nomination forms should include details about:

1. Individual on-field ability & accomplishments (Seasonal/game stats throughout the calendar year are encouraged)
2. Team success (Seasonal/game stats throughout the calendar year are encouraged)
3. Dedication
4. Sportsmanship and fair play
5. Contributions to the soccer community

Futsal Player of the Year (2 Awards)

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- **Futsal Player of the Year**

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- c) Required minimum level of participation:
 - **Youth:** SK Prairie Futsal Championships and/or SSA Youth Futsal Provincials
 - **Adult:** SSA Adult Futsal Provincials, SK Prairie Futsal Championships, CanMNT ID Camp Participant/Invitee
- d) Futsal Specific Award

Nomination forms should include details about:

1. Individual on-field ability and accomplishments (Seasonal/game stats throughout the calendar year are encouraged)
2. Team success (Seasonal/game stats throughout the calendar year are encouraged)
3. Dedication
4. Sportsmanship and fair play
5. Contributions to the soccer community

TEAM AWARDS

Team of the Year

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- **Youth Team of the Year** (Teams comprised of players 17 Years or younger in the calendar year)
- **Adult Team of the Year** (Teams comprised of players 18 Years or older in the calendar year)

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- Required minimum level of participation: Competitive Stream, such as PSL and Sask Open Cup, University and College environments
- All inclusive – Can be either soccer or futsal

Nomination forms should include details about:

1. Team Performance (Seasonal/game stats throughout the calendar year are encouraged)
2. Individual Player Performance and Development (Seasonal/game stats throughout the calendar year are encouraged)
3. Sportsmanship and fair play
4. Contributions of team and individual players to soccer in Saskatchewan

COACH AWARDS

Coach of the Year

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- **Youth Coach of the Year** (coaching players 17 or younger)
- **Adult Coach of the Year** (coaching players 18 years or older)

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- Required minimum level of participation: Competitive Stream, such as PSL and Sask Open Cup, University and College environments
- All inclusive - both soccer and futsal coaches are eligible

Nomination forms should include details about:

1. Coaching ability and knowledge of the game
2. Individual athlete development and support
3. Team development and improvement
4. Team performance (Seasonal/game stats throughout the calendar year are encouraged)
5. Leadership and dedication
6. Sportsmanship and fair play
7. Fostering a positive playing environment

Coaching Dedication Award

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- The Coaching Dedication Award is designed to recognize and honour the outstanding accomplishments and contributions that a coach has made to their sport and for the athletes and community over an extended number of years. This award is dedicated to recognizing history and dedication to coaching in growing the game of soccer in communities and across the province

Nomination forms should include details about:

1. Coaching ability and knowledge of the game
2. Long term dedication to coaching in soccer
3. Sportsmanship and fair play
4. Contributions to the soccer community
5. Fostering a positive playing environment
6. Long term impact and influence on individuals they have coached in soccer

REFEREE AWARDS

Referee of the Year

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- Age Specification: 14 Years and older
- Minimum Required Level of Competition: Soccer for Life competitions, such as SSA Youth/Adult/Masters Provincial Championships
- All inclusive – Can be either soccer or futsal

Nomination forms should include details about:

1. Technical knowledge
2. Consistency
3. Ability to control game and keep respect
4. Fitness and appearance
5. Other contributions to soccer, both locally and provincially
6. Mentorship

Community Referee of the Year

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- Age Specification: 14 Years and older
- Minimum Required Level of Competition: Soccer for Life – Local leagues
- All inclusive – Can be either soccer or futsal

Nomination forms should include details about:

1. Technical knowledge
2. Consistency
3. Ability to control game and keep respect
4. Fitness and appearance
5. Other contributions to soccer, both locally and provincially

Member Organization of the Year

Introduced in 2020, the Member Organization of the Year award celebrates an SSA Member Organization that exemplifies and aligns to the Values, Vision, and Mission of the SSA and is a good partner, provides quality, innovative and inclusive programming, and benefits the overall game of soccer in their community and in the province.

Principles of the nominated Member Organization should reflect, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Prioritize Fun
- b) Emphasize Physical, Mental, and Emotional Safety
- c) Provide Developmentally-Appropriate, High Quality Programs
- d) Maximize Attraction, Holistic Personal Development, Progression, and Long-Term Engagement
- e) Focus on Participant-Centred Decision Making
- f) Foster Accessible, Inclusive, and Welcome Environments
- g) Act as a Good Corporate and Community Citizen

Volunteer of the Year

The Saskatchewan Soccer Association (SSA) Volunteer of the Year Award is awarded to an individual in recognition of an outstanding contribution and/or achievement that he or she has made during the past calendar year.

The contribution or achievement will have been exemplified in one or more of the following ways:

- a) strong community involvement
- b) was consistently a person on whom others could count
- c) provided exceptional or extraordinary volunteer service
- d) inspired others to volunteer

The Volunteer of the Year Award may be presented to an individual who in the same year has also been presented with a recognition award in one of the player, coach, official or volunteer categories.

Volunteer recognition is a vital part of the ongoing programs and activities of the SSA. The soccer community is asked to take the time to think of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to soccer in Saskatchewan so that they can be recognized by the SSA and its membership.

David Newsham Award

David Newsham was an athlete and builder and was instrumental in the development of soccer in Saskatchewan. As an athlete, he participated from 1948 through 1983. His dedication and commitment continued past playing with his contributions in coaching and administrative capacities from the club to the Canadian Soccer Association levels.

The David Newsham Award is awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding volunteer contribution as a coach, official, manager, administrator, or board volunteer that has positively affected the development of soccer on a provincial scale or over the course of their career in Saskatchewan.

The David Newsham Award may be presented to an individual who in the same year has also been presented with a recognition award in one of the player, coach, official or volunteer categories. For a list of previous winners, visit the SSA Recognition Awards [page](#).