



## SASKATCHEWAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL AWARDS

### Award Categories and Criteria

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.

Nominations can be submitted to the SSA office in four (4) ways:

1. **Electronic submission** – [Click here to start a nomination](#)

2. Typed/written submission which is **mailed, faxed 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

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.

For more information about the Awards and Recognition process, please contact [ccfd@sasksoccer.com](mailto:ccfd@sasksoccer.com).

**Please forward the completed nominations by December 15th of any given year to:**

#### **By Mail**

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

#### **By Fax**

1-306-780-9480

#### **By Email**

[ea@sasksoccer.com](mailto:ea@sasksoccer.com)

**Emphasis must be placed on the accolades and accomplishments with in the calendar year in a nominations submitted for “Of the Year” categories**

## PLAYER AWARDS

### Player of the Year

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- **Female Youth Player of the Year** (17 years of age or younger in the calendar year)
- **Male Youth Player of the Year** (17 years of age or younger in the calendar year)
- **Female Senior Player of the Year** (18 years of age and older)
- **Male Senior Player of the Year** (18 years of age and older)

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- Required minimum level of participation: Competitive Stream, such as PSL and Sask Open Cup, University and College environments
- 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

### Soccer for Life Player of the Year

Nomination Information and Criteria:

- Required minimum level of participation: Soccer for Life competitions, such as SSA Youth/Adult/Masters Provincial Championships, Local leagues including High School, and local competitions
- Soccer Specific Award
- No age restriction

Nomination forms should include details about:

1. Individual on-field ability & accomplishments (Seasonal/game stats 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

### Multi-sport Athlete Award

Nomination Information and Criteria

- 14 to 18 years old
- All inclusive - both soccer and futsal players are eligible
- We encourage multi-sport athletes and look to recognize soccer participants for excellence in another sport while still playing soccer
- Nominations will highlight the accomplishments of the individual both on the soccer field, and all other sporting opportunities
- Athlete must be registered with an SSA Member Organization/Club

## Competitive for Life Award

### Nomination Information and Criteria

- Age Specification: 30 years or older
- All inclusive - both soccer and futsal players are eligible
- There are participants who have played soccer throughout their life and while they may have never achieved participation in higher performance environments within the sport, and truly exemplify a love of the game within the Active for Life Stream – Competitive for Life. Considerations around contributions in leadership that keeps the teams/programs together will also be a factor.

## Futsal Player of the Year

### Awards are presented in the following categories:

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

### Nomination Information and Criteria:

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

## 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)
- **Senior 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
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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

### Soccer for Life Team of the Year

Nomination Information and Criteria

- Age Specification: None
- Minimum Required Level of Competition: Soccer for Life competitions, such as SSA Youth/Adult/Masters Provincial Championships, Local leagues and competitions
- 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)
- **Senior 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

### Soccer for Life Coach of the Year

Nomination Information and Criteria:

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

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 & 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.

## **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

## **NEW\* Member Organization of Year**

New for the 2020, the Member Organization of the Year award celebrates an SSA Member Organization that is a good partner, provides quality, innovative and inclusive programming, and benefits the game 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

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## NOMINATION FORM

### PART I – NOMINEE/NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Category of Nomination (Please check the appropriate award)

Female Youth Player of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Coach of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Male Youth Player of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Coach of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female Senior Player of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soccer for Life Coach of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Male Senior Player of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coaching Dedication Award	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soccer for Life Player of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	Referee of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Futsal Player of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Level Referee of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Futsal Player of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>	Youth Team of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competitive for Life Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Team of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multi-sport Athlete Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	Soccer for Life Team of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Organization of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

#### INFORMATION ON NOMINEE

Name/Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (for Team Nominations only): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INFORMATION ON NOMINATOR

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have/will be informing the above named nominee of this submitted nomination: Y  N

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_





2. Please explain how the nominee best exemplifies the positive ideals and [values of the Saskatchewan Soccer Association](#), its members, and soccer in general.

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3. Please explain any contributions made by the nominee to the soccer community not outlined in the above.

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4. Please provide any additional information in support of this nomination.

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**Nomination Checklist (All pieces are required to complete the nomination):**

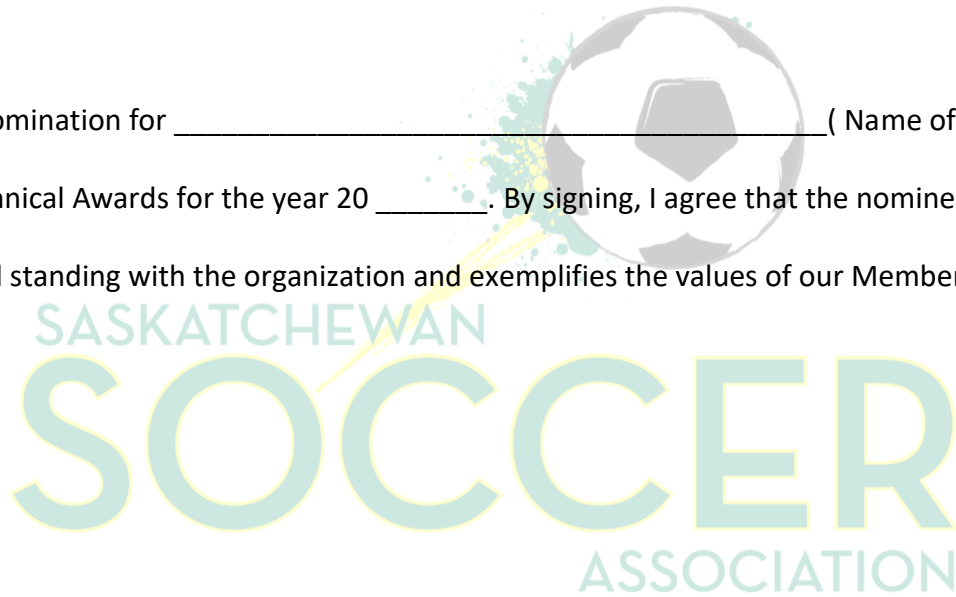
- Completed Nomination Form**
- Photo of the Nominee**
- Member Organization Endorsement Form**

# SASKATCHEWAN SOCCER ASSOCIATION TECHNICAL AWARDS

## MEMBER ORGANIZATION ENDORSEMENT FORM

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Print First & Last Name), am the  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Member Organization).

I endorse the nomination for \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Nominee)  
for the SSA Technical Awards for the year 20 \_\_\_\_\_. By signing, I agree that the nominee named  
above is in good standing with the organization and exemplifies the values of our Member  
Organization.



\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**