



SOFTBALL MANITOBA

ANNUAL AWARDS – FAST PITCH



Softball Manitoba annually presents awards to players, coaches, managers, administrators, executive members, umpires and builders for outstanding performance or contribution to the game of Softball.

Nominations for any award may be made by any member of Softball Manitoba and must be accompanied by detailed information on the nominee related specifically to the criteria for the award. All nominations will be reviewed by a Softball Manitoba Awards Committee, which will select a winner in each category. **All nominations must be submitted as only 1 person, player, coach and team per nomination form.**

The winner(s) in each category will be invited to the Softball Manitoba Awards Presentation where the winners will be announced. The winners in each category will be suitably recognized by Softball Manitoba.

Nominees for any Softball Manitoba awards must have displayed a desirable attitude towards the game and its participants, officials and executives.

JIM ADAMS MEMORIAL AWARD - Outstanding Administrator, Builder or Executive Member

This award recognizes the contributions that Jim Adams made to the game of softball as a builder, administrator, and executive member. He coached several championship teams in the Winnipeg Men's Industrial Fastball League and was the league president in the 1960s. He also became involved with Softball Manitoba at the Executive level during that time and served as the Association's president from 1970 to 1975. His connection with Softball Canada goes back to its founding years in the mid-sixties. He served three terms as Manitoba commissioner for Softball Canada and was elected as a vice-president of the national organization in 1974. In 1977, Jim was honored as Softball Manitoba's first life member. In 2002, he was the first builder inducted into the Manitoba Softball Hall of Fame. Jim passed away in 2005.

CRITERIA

1. Nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to Softball as an administrator, builder or executive member for an extended period of time.
2. Contributions that have been made at the team, league, provincial, national or international level or any combination of those areas of activity.
3. This category is open to persons no longer associated with Softball as well as current members of Softball Manitoba.

MO SIMCOFF MEMORIAL AWARD - Outstanding Contribution or Performance in The Senior Women's Category

This award recognizes Softball Manitoba's second Life Member, who received that high honour in 1980. Mo Simcoff served Softball in Manitoba as an umpire for over 30 years. He also sat on the Softball Manitoba executive for several years. Mo or "Rosie" as he was affectionately known to players and coaches from the minor to senior level throughout the province, had a particular love for Senior Women's Softball. In 1973, when the Association first conducted Senior Fast Pitch Elimination Tournament, it decided to name the championship trophy for women in honour of Mo. Mo himself then decided to recognize the tournament's most valuable player with a second award. Following his death in 1980, Softball Manitoba decided to continue with the tradition, but to recognize builders rather than athletes at the Senior Level. The criteria for this award has now been expanded to include players, coaches and umpires as well as persons working at the executive level.

CRITERIA

1. Outstanding performance or contribution at the Senior Women's Level over an extended period of time
2. This award is open to players, coaches, managers, executive, umpires, builders or administrators.
3. This award is only presented when a deserving candidate is nominated.

WAYNE GILBERT MEMORIAL AWARD - Top Male Player – Fastpitch

This award was placed in competition for the first time in 1985 in memory of Wayne Gilbert, who passed away suddenly in March of that year. At the time of his death, Wayne was the Past-President of Softball Manitoba. He took on the presidency of the Association in April 1983 following the death of Bill Sadonick and served most capably until October of 1984 when he chose to step down from that position. Wayne's greatest softball love was top competition and he competed at that highest level both here in Manitoba and nationally. He himself was an outstanding player and by naming this award in his honor, Softball Manitoba recognizes that as well as his contributions at the executive level.

CRITERIA

1. Based on performance in competition within the Province, Regional, National, and/or International competition levels during the current year only.
2. Outstanding record in their classification and/or the most valuable player to their team.

OLIVE LITTLE MEMORIAL AWARD - Top Female Player - Senior Fastpitch

One of Manitoba's truly remarkable athletes. Olive Little played professional softball with the Rockford Illinois Peaches of The All American Girls Baseball League. During her career with Rockford, she was selected to The All-Star Team, which played at Wrigley Field, Chicago in 1943. Olive also pitched several no-hit games and held many strike-out records and was honoured by two Olive Little Nights in Rockford. Prior to turning professional in 1940, she was a member of two Provincial Championship teams, The C.U.A.C. Blues of Winnipeg and The Moose Jaw Royals in Saskatchewan. She was inducted in 1983 to The Softball Canada Hall of Fame and in 1985 to The Manitoba Sports Federation Hall of Fame. In recognition of her outstanding athletic abilities, The Olive Little Memorial Award is presented to The Manitoba Softball Association's Top Senior Female Player.

CRITERIA

1. Based on performance in competition within the Province, Regional, National, and/or International levels during the current year only.
2. Outstanding record in their classification and/or the most valuable player to their team.

ELAINE JONES AWARD - Top Female Player - Junior Fastpitch

Elaine Jones was elected as a Life Member of Softball Manitoba in 1981. During her years in Softball, she became involved with every aspect of the game. As a player, she was talented enough to compete at the national level in senior competition. As a coach, she took her Junior Women's team to the Canadian Championship twice. At the Executive Level, she served Softball Manitoba for several years, in particular as Registrar and Treasurer. She also represented the province as a delegate to Softball Canada Annual Meetings where she was a strong voice for Manitoba. In 1973, she was closely involved with the formation and development of our Junior Women's Canada Summer Games team and served as a member of the Manitoba Mission Staff at the games. In recognition of her many contributions to Softball, the Elaine Jones Award is to be presented to the Top Female Player at the Junior Fast Pitch Level.

CRITERIA

1. Based on performance in competition within the Province, Regional, National, and/or International levels during the current year only.
2. Outstanding record in their classification and/or the most valuable player to their team.

TOP FAST PITCH TEAM AWARD

CRITERIA

1. Open to adult Fast pitch teams in all categories.
2. Based on performance during the current competitive season.
3. Must be a registered team and at least one (1) coach must be minimum Level I (Community Sport On-Going Participation).

NOMINATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30TH