



YELLOWKNIFE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL
AWARDS
CEREMONY

2025 / 2026 SEASON

MAY 31, 2026

7:00 PM

Shorty Brown Arena

WELCOME

Welcome to the Yellowknife Minor Hockey Association Awards Night.

Tonight is one of my favourite nights of the season.

So much of hockey is focused on goals, wins, losses, saves, and championships. But tonight is about stepping back for a minute and recognizing the people behind all of it.

The players who kept showing up. The coaches and volunteers who gave up evenings and weekends. The parents driving to early practices and sitting in cold parking lots all winter long. And the teammates, friendships, and memories built along the way.

I also think it's important to say this clearly: being nominated matters.

A nomination means somebody noticed. Somebody took the time to recognize effort, leadership, sportsmanship, perseverance, or the impact someone had on the people around them this season.

Because not every contribution shows up on a scoresheet.

To everyone nominated tonight, congratulations. You should be proud of that recognition.

And to all of our players, families, coaches, officials, volunteers, and sponsors, thank you for being part of another season of YKMHA hockey.

Enjoy the evening.

Mike Lalonde
President, YKMHA

THE WADE HAMER AWARD

Awarded to the Association male player who best exemplifies Wade's qualities of excellence, sportsmanship, congeniality, and potential in each division.

REMEMBERING WADE

Wade Hamer grew up playing the game in Yellowknife. As a young student at École St. Patrick in the mid-1980s, he was one of the driving forces behind a simple but lasting idea: a friendly hockey game between St. Pat's and Sir John Franklin. That game, first played in 1985, has grown into the Wade Hamer Challenge Cup, today one of the most anticipated hockey games in Yellowknife.

Wade was just 18 when he passed away. The school game was renamed in his memory, and this award, and scholarship for the U18 winner, carries his name forward in the same spirit: it recognizes not only what a player can do on the ice, but the character they show off it; the sportsmanship, the kindness, and the promise of what's still ahead.

REMEMBERING TER HAMER

The Hamer family have always been proud sponsors of this award, keeping Wade's memory alive within our hockey community. At the heart of that was Wade's father and mother, Ter & Julaine. They joined us at last year's awards night to speak and present this award, and anyone who was there will remember what a great honour it was to have him address our players.

Sadly, Ter passed away this year. Our community is better for having known him. He didn't just lend his family's name to an award; he showed up and he spoke from the heart. Every player who has received this award should know that they are carrying something meaningful forward.



Tonight, as we present the Wade Hamer Awards, we do so with deep gratitude and love for Ter, and with Wade's memory close at heart. The Hamer family's generosity has left a mark on Yellowknife Minor Hockey that will outlast all of us.

In loving memory of Wade and Ter Hamer.

DIVISION AWARDS

U11 AWARDS

Forward of the Year
Defence Player of the Year
Goalie of the Year
Most Valuable Player
Peter Langlois Award
Wade Hamer Award

U13 AWARDS

Forward of the Year
Defence Player of the Year
Goalie of the Year
Most Valuable Player
Jim Hall Award
Wade Hamer Award

U15 AWARDS

Forward of the Year
Defence Player of the Year
Goalie of the Year
Most Valuable Player
Clinton Talbot Award
Wade Hamer Award

U18 AWARDS

Forward of the Year
Defence Player of the Year
Goalie of the Year
Most Valuable Player
Wade Hamer Award

JR. DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Forward of the Year
Defence Player of the Year
Goalie of the Year
Most Valuable Player

SR. DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Forward of the Year
Defence Player of the Year
Goalie of the Year
Most Valuable Player

2026 AWARD NOMINEES

U11 AWARDS

Ice Electric Bulldogs · Canadian North Flyers · Overlander Outlaws · Ollerhead Elks · Aurora Storm

MALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Mason Judas · Giulio Riruako · Nixon Grabke · Rylan Maurice

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Taite Staples · Samuel Couture · William Mansfield · Elijah Richea

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Theo Cuvele-Steele · Jacob Ewing · Daxton Fradsham · Tobias Sheldon

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Xavier Mercredi · Oliver Fraser · Wesley Oldfield · Malcolm Reddy

PETER LANGLOIS AWARD

Conall Healy · Annabelle Vivian · Michael Mandeville · Bryce Gregory · Kailey Julian

WADE HAMER AWARD

Allan Young · Wyatt Mahar · Michael Mansfield · Noah May

FEMALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Natalie Guzzwell · Sawyer Stobbs · Rayne McRae · Alice Cudd · Mila Gour

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Lylah Desjarlais · Henley Waddell · Estelle Murphy · Addison Chartrand · Sanaa Doherty

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Sadie Begg

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Lylah Desjarlais · Shihka Liske · Tegan Mindus · Abigail Bembridge · Dani Chapple

U13 AWARDS

Crowe MacKay Crunchers · Air Tindi Otters · Wesclean Bears · NIC

MALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Jase Pelissey · Gibson Steward · Henry Frazer · Tyler Robinson

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Holden Reid · Kaiyo Barrett · Chase Hewitt · Carter Gravel

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Zachary Kotokak · Caleb Sok · Ayden Cleary · Josh Costache

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Ash Foster · Silas Brandford · Tyco Pokiak · Wyatt Heslep

JIM HALL MEMORIAL AWARD

Logan Fowler · Reye Richardson · Hudson Smith · Gemma Slade · Nathan Kennedy

WADE HAMER AWARD

Felix Bertrand · Xavier Couture · Xander Fish · Henry Frazer · Wilder Goodman

FEMALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Adriana Grabke · Molly Miller · Mackenzie Sok · Tahia Puskas-Gibeau

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Brianna Bennett · Abby Walsh · Ellawynn Ghanie · Tatum Mindus

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Abby Walsh · Leilani Chapple · Tatum Mindus

U15 AWARDS

Old Time Rangers · Kavanaugh

MALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Mark Wagner · Ryan Aikman

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Zackery Fish · Brodie Noseworthy

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Nathan Tremblett · Devon Campeau

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Jaxon Adams · Brodie Noseworthy

CLINTON TALBOT AWARD

Zachary Fish · Cian Segboer · Carter Segboer · Blake Ohakannoak · Naya Nichols

WADE HAMER AWARD

Jake Ellsworth · Finn Marshall · Jake Therrien

FEMALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Allison Cane · Mae Whelan

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Mia Miller · Nevaeh Dusome

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Juliet Goodman · Nevaeh Dusome

U18 AWARDS

Nextreme · DCL Jets · Hak's · Aurora Ford

MALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Cameron Fudge · Callum Hutton · Aiden Tait · Gavin Rose

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nolan Dusome · Alex Mitchell · Jude Brothers · Blake Rose

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Harlan Lizotte · Nathan Tremblett · Kolby Melanson · Hunter Froude

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Nolan Dusome · Nathan Kidd · River Whitehead · Gavin Rose

WADE HAMER AWARD

Peter Staples · Michael Murphy · Kai Walden · Calen Knight · Nate Bergman

FEMALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Brooklyn Hewitt · Willow Whitehead · Lucy Fitzpatrick · Tessa Nendsa

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Hayden Schaffer · Sarah Mackenzie · Holly Murray · Adrena McDonald

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Hayden Schaffer · Sadee Walden · Ria Rogers

JR. DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

DCL Thunder · CR Oilers

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Graham Kidd · Emmett Wyman

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Quinn Long · Cian Segboer

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Liam Hurley · Oliver Potvin

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Thomas Bembridge · Sawyer Oldfield

FEMALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Kaylee Fowler

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Khloe Whitehead

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Hayden Wray

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Abigail Murphy · Tayla Nichols

SR. DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

J&R Rangers · Carl's

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Will Avery · Gavin Rose

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Kai Rivers · Blake Rose

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Lane Bergman · Harlen Lizotte

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Nate Lalonde · Nolan Dusome

FEMALE

FORWARD OF THE YEAR

Sadee Walden

DEFENCE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Nevaeh Dusome

GOALIE OF THE YEAR

Pagie Hawthorn

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Willow Whitehead

ASSOCIATION AWARDS

RUBY YOUNG MEMORIAL TROPHY

Most Valuable Male Player in the Association.

ELAINE WHITFORD MEMORIAL TROPHY

Most Valuable Female Player in the Association.

SHAWN CADIEUX MEMORIAL TROPHY

For the player who has shown determination and perseverance under challenging circumstances.

JOE WALSH AWARD

For long-standing commitment to the development of hockey in Yellowknife — done, like Joe Walsh, “for the love of the game.”

PRINCE OF WALES AWARD

Association Volunteer of the Year — the person who has given most freely of their time to advance minor hockey in Yellowknife.

COACH OF THE YEAR

For a coach who embodies the Association’s vision, sportsmanship and fair play, a positive experience for all players, and teaching life skills alongside the game.

JUNIOR ON-ICE OFFICIAL

For officials whose dedication and effort have made a significant contribution to the success of Association programs.

TEAM SPIRIT AWARD

For a team that embodies sportsmanship, camaraderie, and a positive attitude — win or lose — and represents itself with pride.

ASSOCIATION AWARD NOMINEES

RUBY YOUNG MEMORIAL TROPHY

Peter Staples · Kai Walden · Blake Rose · Nolan Dusome · Cormac Stewart

ELAINE WHITFORD MEMORIAL TROPHY

Adrena McDonald · Willow Whitehead · Sadee Walden

SHAWN CADIEUX MEMORIAL TROPHY

Will Avery · Bodie Rivers · Caius Drybones · Nolan Dusome

JOE WALSH AWARD

Al Denroche · Adam Woogh · Rob Carey · Ashley Rivers

PRINCE OF WALES AWARD

Tim Riviere · Sarah Bembridge · Michelle Julian · Ceilito Rivers · Mike Lalonde · Stephanie Slade

JUNIOR ON-ICE OFFICIAL

Ryan Aikman · Nathan Kidd · Finn Marshall · Sadee Walden · Jack Hurley · Tyco Pokiak

COACH OF THE YEAR

Brad Mueller · Rob Carey · Stefan Goodman · Jeffrey Bembridge · Shean Kidd · Abby Webster · Corey Francis · Phil Frazer · Shakita Jensen · Mitch Grady · Tyler Hurst · Jason Melanson · Marc Bertrand · Alan Denroche · Adam Woogh · Kent Rose · Ryan Nichols

TEAM SPIRIT AWARD

Overlander Outlaws · Air Tindi Otters · Old Time Rangers · U18 DTE Travel Team · Aurora Storm · U15 Spitfires

GRADUATING U18 PLAYERS

2025 / 2026 SEASON

Greyson Klein

James Tait

Kai Walden

Griffin Jones

Brooklyn Hewitt

Josh Soloy

Holly Murray

Evan Aikman

Peter Staples

Nolan Dusome

Nate Bergman

Marcus Vandermeer

Blake Rose

Adrena McDonald

Hunter Froude

James Therrien

Zeph Whelan

Karter Carson

Deacon Lantz

Paige Hawthorn



Wherever the next chapter takes you, you'll always be part of the YKMHA family.