



Alberta Rugby Union

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Awards Policy

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1. Policy Objective

The purpose of this policy is to ensure recognition of those whose performance is outstanding either individually or through their team, club or organization, that contribute to and exemplify Rugby Alberta's core values of integrity, passion, solidarity, discipline, respect, sportsmanship and teamwork.

2. Policy Statement

Rugby Alberta will present yearly awards at the Rugby Alberta Awards Banquet in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting, in the following categories;

- Player of the Year, Senior Men
- Player of the Year, Senior Women
- Player of the Year, U19 Men
- Player of the Year, U20 Women
- Player of the Year, U18 Men
- Player of the Year, U18 Women
- Player of the Year, U16 Men
- Player of the Year, U16 Women
- Coach of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Match Official of the Year
- International Player Exposure Grant

3. Awards Criteria

A. Player of the Year Criteria

The Player of the Year awards are given out to Provincial Representative players who have shown outstanding attributes in playing ability, coachability, and leadership on and off the field and exemplify Rugby Alberta's core values.

Players will be nominated by their Representative team coaches, and final selections made in collaboration with the High-Performance Committee and Executive Committee.





B. Coach of the Year Criteria

Coaches will be nominated by the general membership, by way of an online nomination form. The Coach of the Year nomination forms will be sent to the membership by no later than November 1, in any given year.

The High-Performance Committee will select the top 5 nominees, whose stories will be shared on all Rugby Alberta media channels, along with a voting poll. Winners will be awarded annually at the Rugby Alberta Awards Banquet.

C. Volunteer of the Year Criteria

Volunteers will be nominated by the general membership, by way of an online nomination form. The Volunteer of the Year nomination forms will be sent to the membership by no later than November 1, in any given year.

The High-Performance Committee will select the top 5 nominees, whose stories will be shared on all Rugby Alberta media channels, along with a voting poll. Winners will be awarded annually at the Rugby Alberta Awards Banquet.

D. Club of the Year Criteria

The Club of the Year award winner will be decided using the below criteria:

- Overall participation and dedication to the Club Excellence program and values (sharing of resources, community initiatives club policy and governance)
- On field performance
- Club growth (increased number of programs or registered members)
- Number of players from the club identified for Regional/Provincial/National teams
- Club discipline throughout the season
- Club commitment to coach development
- Club commitment to Women's specific program development

All clubs that meet the criteria will be considered for this award, with the final selection made by the Rugby Alberta Executive Committee in collaboration with True Sport and the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport.





E. Match Official of the Year Criteria

The recipient of the Match Official of the Year award is selected via the President of the Rugby Alberta Match Officials Association (RAMOA), and will follow the criteria and direction specified by RAMOA.

F. International Player Exposure Grant

Any member of Rugby Alberta may apply for the International Player Exposure Grant. The International Player Exposure Grant application forms will be sent to the membership by no later than November 1, in any given year. Players must submit a completed application form to be considered for this grant. Final selections will be made by the High-Performance Committee and the Executive Committee.

To be eligible, the player must be a member of Rugby Alberta, who is travelling abroad in effort to further their rugby careers and gain international rugby experience. Playing ability and overall leadership qualities will be considered in the process.

