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## BC Soccer Announces 2015-16 Award Winners

*Individuals within the soccer community recognized for their commitment to the beautiful game in British Columbia*

**Vancouver BC, May 13, 2016** – BC Soccer is proud to announce all of the 2015-2016 award winners, each have shown a tremendous amount of commitment and passion for the beautiful game in British Columbia.

“It is an honour to be able to recognize each of these individuals with these awards,” said Roger Barnes, BC Soccer President. “Although we can only recognize these exceptional people, we know there are thousands of volunteers who dedicate hours upon hours to soccer in British Columbia and we truly thank all of those people.”

The awards and their recipients are listed below:

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| A.C. Sanford Award         | Jackie Larson                             |
| Adult Coach of the Year    | Russel Huggon                             |
| Adult Official of the Year | Nathan Bird                               |
| Adult Player of the Year   | Patrick Nelson                            |
| Award of Merit             | Terry Hughes                              |
| Award of Merit             | Norm Bradford                             |
| Award of Merit             | Pat Harkness                              |
| Award of Merit             | Bill Ede                                  |
| Award of Merit             | Joe Ciresi                                |
| Award of Merit             | Richard Fast                              |
| Award of Merit             | Sean Arbour                               |
| Clarkes Fair Play          | Ravens from Metro Women’s Soccer League   |
| President’s Award          | Burnaby District Youth Soccer Association |
| Woman of Distinction       | Susan Dhillon                             |
| Youth Coach of the Year    | Spiro Pegios                              |



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| Youth Player of the Year                        | Ashley Cathro     |
| Special Recognition                             | Bob Hope          |
| Administrator of the Year                       | Keith Smith       |
| Youth Official of the Year                      | Kelsey Carrothers |
| Werner Winsemann High Performance Referee Award | Chris Wattam      |

BC Soccer will be presenting these awards to all of the recipients at the BC Soccer Annual General Meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Awards and Scholarship Luncheon.

BC Soccer will also be recognizing an individual with a Life Member Award at the luncheon. The Life Member Award is awarded to an individual who has dedicated more than 20 years to soccer in British Columbia and who has had a positive effective on a countless number of players, parents, coaches, administrators and volunteers.

For more information on the awards presented by BC Soccer, including a description of each, please visit: <http://www.bcsoccer.net/awards>

### **About BC Soccer**

BC Soccer is the provincial sport governing body with the mission to govern, promote and develop the game of soccer in British Columbia in a professional and progressive manner. Established in 1907, BC Soccer is the largest provincial sport organization (PSO) in BC and the third largest soccer specific PSO in Canada with over 150,000 participants. As a professional not-for-profit society and a member of Canada Soccer, BC Soccer is committed to providing the widest opportunities for existing and potential participants, as well as provide support in the most effective and appropriate way for current players, parents, volunteers, member clubs, leagues and districts.

BC Soccer is comprised of more than 120,000 registered players, over 2,200 registered referees, and thousands of volunteer coaches, administrators and soccer leaders. Working with its 40 member Youth Districts and 11 Adult Leagues as well as their affiliate member clubs, BC Soccer operates under the guiding principles of Professional Leadership, Passionate Service and Progressive Collaboration. In managing its relationships throughout the larger soccer community, BC Soccer's **vision** is to ensure every British Columbian has the opportunity to be involved in soccer as part of a lifelong commitment to active, health and involved lifestyle