



BC Soccer's 2023 Award Season - Now open for Nominations!

We are excited to announce the commencement of the 2023 BC Soccer Awards nominations, now opened! This year, we are celebrating excellence, collaboration, inclusivity, and safety in the soccer community.

Each year through its Awards Program, BC Soccer seeks to recognize those individuals who embody the 'spirit of the game' through their commitment and dedication to supporting soccer initiatives within the province.

Please note, while anyone is welcome to nominate an individual for any of the award categories below, only one nomination per category from each Full Member will be accepted; therefore, if there are multiple award nominations from one within the same member, BC Soccer will refer to the member to confirm one nomination. All confirmed nominations will be put forth to BC Soccer's Awards and Scholarships Selection Committee!

BC Soccer will soon be accepting nominations for the following awards:

EXCELLENCE AWARDS

BC Soccer President's Award

- Nominated and selected by BC Soccer's president in consultation with BC Soccer Board and Executive Director. Awarded to an individual/organization for their significant contributions to soccer in BC at local, regional, provincial and/or national levels.

Administrator of the Year

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by BC Soccer's Senior Management Staff Team. Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and service to their club/league/district.

Player of the Year

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by BC Soccer's Soccer Development Committee. Awarded to individuals that have demonstrated outstanding talent on and off the field while exemplifying values of fair play, integrity, and love for the game.

Coach of the Year

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by BC Soccer's Soccer Development Committee. Awarded to individuals that have devoted tremendous effort to create a positive environment to assist and develop players, while displaying exceptional leadership, technical expertise, and organizational skills.



Werner Winsemann - Referee of the Year

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by BC Soccer's Soccer Development Committee. Awarded to an individual in line with outstanding achievements and service to their club/district/league and/or at the Provincial level.

COLLABORATIVE AWARDS

AC Sanford

- Nominated and selected by BC Soccer's Board of Directors, the AC Sanford Award is the most prestigious and highest honor one can receive from BC Soccer. Awarded to an individual with 20+ years of "service to soccer" contributing to all levels of the game in British Columbia.

Life Membership

- Nominated by BC Soccer's Members and Board of Directors and selected by the BC Soccer's Board of Directors. Awarded to individuals in recognition of valuable service directly to BC Soccer over an extended period of time.

Award of Merit

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by the BC Soccer Board of Directors. Awarded to an individual with 10+ years of "service to soccer" contributing to the regional level (Districts and Leagues).

Special Recognition

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by the BC Soccer Board of Directors. Awarded to an individual with 5+ years of "service to soccer" contributing to the local level (Clubs and Teams).

INCLUSIVITY AWARDS

Exceptional Leadership

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by BC Soccer's Senior Management Staff Team. Awarded to an individual/organization that demonstrates active commitment to remove barriers for participation in the game and has demonstrated continues effort to implement of the Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion.



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Woman of Distinction

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by BC Soccer's Senior Management Staff Team. Awarded to a self-identified female who has made significant contributions to soccer in BC and lead achievements at local, provincial and/or national levels.

Community Service

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by BC Soccer's Senior Management Staff Team. Awarded to an individual/organization recognized for giving back through work with non-profit organizations, charitable associations, or community groups within their soccer community in the form of services in kind.

SAFETY AWARDS

Safe Sport Organization of the Year

- Nominated by BC Soccer Members and Affiliated clubs and selected by BC Soccer's Senior Management Staff Team. To an organization that demonstrates active commitment and implementation of the Canada Soccer Guide to Safety.

To submit an award nomination, please [click here.](#)

The deadline to submit Award Nominations is **Friday September 1st, 2023.**

For questions, assistance or for more information on the 2023 award nomination process, please contact BC Soccer's Club Engagement Coordinator [Lucas Castro.](#)