

## 2018 NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN UNTIL JUNE 28!

The **Ontario Coaching Excellence Awards** program celebrates the dedication and commitment of exemplary individuals who inspire, innovate and share knowledge of sport with others. The Awards recognize the importance of leadership, performance and the value of human insight which are all integral to great coaching.

A coach may be nominated in one of the following six categories:

### **GRASSROOTS (an inspirational role models in the community)**

Coaches recognized in this category are inspirational role models in the community. The coaching focus would be on introducing children and youth to a sport, developing fundamental movement skills while creating a positive environment for healthy development and instilling a life-long love to be physically active and stay involved in sport. A coach in this category would measure their daily success in the number of smiles achieved.

### **GOOD-TO-GREAT (focus is on performance excellence and competing to win)**

The coaching focus is on performance excellence and competing to win. The coach would be recognized as the primary coach who identifies talented individuals; who creates a training environment that further develops athletic skills and abilities to a higher level of success in competition over a period of time.

### **TRAILBLAZER (an innovative out-of-the-box thinker who has made a difference in their sport or for their athletes)**

The Trailblazer coach is an innovative out-of-the-box thinker who inspires others to follow and has made a difference in their sport or for their athletes. Whether coaching a community rep team or top performing provincial athletes, the coach who pushes the envelope, invents new approaches to old challenges and breaks through barriers should be nominated for this award.

### **EVERYONE MATTERS (influences the culture of their team, organization or community by embracing diversity)**

The “Everyone Matters” Award recipient has influenced the culture of their team, organization or community by embracing diversity. Over a sustained period of time they have demonstrated the value of an inclusive approach through acceptance and accessibility. Examples in this category include success in reaching out to and actively welcoming different genders, different age groups, newcomers to a sport program or a coach who successfully integrates athletes with a disability into the program.

### **ABORIGINAL IMPACT COACH (advancing the Indigenous Sport system/community in Ontario)**

The “Aboriginal Impact” Award recognizes a coach who has made a significant impact by advancing the Indigenous Sport system/community in Ontario. Over a sustained period of time they have demonstrated the value of physical, emotional and mental well-being of Indigenous peoples of Ontario through physical activity and sport. Examples in this category include success in reaching out to and actively welcoming Indigenous athletes to an existing team or sport program, introducing a new sport program to an Indigenous community, or a coach who advocates for Indigenous cultural and traditional practices in their coaching

### **ANDY HIGGINS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (has made a significant contribution to coaching in Ontario over a long sustained period of time—20+ years)**

An outstanding coach who has made a significant contribution to coaching in Ontario over a long sustained period of time—20+ years. Andy Higgins, an Olympic decathlon coach, an educator and all around good human being, has devoted his lifetime to instilling positive values, citizen development and making a difference in people’s lives through sport. A coach who dreams big, looks for the possibilities, and focuses on a lasting legacy would be an ideal award recipient in this category.

**SCHOOL SPORTS COACH – Selected by OFSAA:** The selection of recipients (1 Male and 1 Female teacher-coach) is based on their unique contribution to sport through continuous development of new coaches. The nominated coach must have influenced the development of new coaches and have shown evidence of program building as well as encouraging athletes to give back to sport.



**Consent of Nominated Coach: Please ensure the nominated coach has been consulted and agrees to allow their name to stand for nomination.**

Please prepare to provide the following information to complete a full nomination form, as it is only available online for submissions, here: <http://www.coachesontario.ca/awards/#nomination> and click “submit” by **Thursday, June 28th, 2018, 4:00 pm** to send in your nomination.

For any questions, please contact [brooke@coachesontario.ca](mailto:brooke@coachesontario.ca) at (416) 426-7427 – she is CAO’s Communications Lead. All information required for online nomination form completion is provided below:

Please upload 2 letters of recommendation for the award - e.g. from a parent, athlete, or a community program or sport administrator.

(Maximum upload size: 34MB)

Please submit any other supportive written testimony or media reports about the nominated Coach.

(Maximum upload size: 34MB)

**Nominee Information**

- Nominee Name
- Nominee Address (City, Postal Code)\*
- Nominee Phone Number\*
- Nominee Email Address\*
- Please identify if the nominee is any of the following: Aboriginal, Coaching for 20+ years, Coach of Para Athletes

**Nominator Information**

- Nominator Name\*
- Nominator Address (City, Postal Code)\*
- Nominator Phone Number\*
- Nominator Email Address\*

**Contribution to Sport**

- What is the total number of years the nominee has been coaching?\*
- Which sport(s) does the nominee coach?\*
- Describe the role of the nominee with the athlete(s) or team\*
- How has the coach demonstrated their enthusiasm for coaching?

**Coaching Achievements**

- What successes has the coach achieved in the past year? (e.g. Coaching juniors, performance coaching, mentoring and educating other coaches, coaching athletes with disabilities\*)
- What resulting improvements or impacts has the nominee made to sport? (e.g. has the number of coach’s and/or athletes increased, or have the coach’s athletes demonstrated athletic or personal improvements, etc.)

**Coaching Qualities and Leadership**

- What makes this coach stand apart from other coaches? Describe any outstanding qualities or contributions that the nominator feels would be of interest to the selection committee.\*
- How does the nominee emphasize and foster a passion for sport for life amongst his or her athletes?
- What challenges or barriers has the nominee met head on to improve the condition of his or her sport? (e.g. political barriers, issues surrounding inclusion and accessibility, scoring flaws, challenges with sport structure, etc.)

**Personal Development**

- Indicate any personal development the nominee has achieved. This could be NCCP course conducting, coaching seminars, presentations or any other contributions that the coach has made to the sport (initiation of athlete development programs, etc.)\*
- Please describe how the nominated coach has transferred his/her personal developments and achievements to their athletes and/or other coaches.\*
- What other awards or recognition has this coach received

