

This award will be presented annually to Manitoba's most outstanding male and female coaches.

NOMINATIONS

Each Region is encouraged to nominate male and female coaches whom they believe is worthy of receiving this award and meets all of the Award Criteria. Nominations must be endorsed by the Region and forwarded to Special Olympics Manitoba by March 14. Regions will be required to sign-off on the accuracy of the nomination. Only complete nominations will be considered. A complete nomination includes a Nomination Form (form 6000-C), two (2) letters of reference and a digital photo.

The Special Olympics Manitoba Sport Program Committee of the Board will carefully review the nominations, and from them select one (1) male and one (1) female Coach of the Year. Both will be put forward Nationally for the Special Olympics Canada Coach of the Year Program, as well as any relevant Sport Manitoba awards in the following year.

AWARD CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on the strength of their submission by the criteria described in the following:

I. CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS

- The coach should have a minimum of five (5) years of coaching service within Special Olympics.
- How has the coach contributed to the overall organization, promotion and development of sport in Special Olympics?

II. COACHING EFFECTIVENESS

- In what way(s) has the coach been effective in assisting the athletes achieve their personal goals in sport? Is the coach ethical and progressive in sport?

III. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Is the coach involved in personal development and coaching education?

I.V. LEADERSHIP

- What is the conduct of the coach?
- Is the coach a positive role model for the athletes and for other coaches?
- Does the coach provide stable and consistent leadership qualities?
- Does the coach teach and practice co-operation, self-discipline and respect?

AWARD RECOGNITION

- This award will be presented to the recipients at the annual Special Olympics Manitoba Provincial Conference.
- The recipients will receive a certificate and/or plaque.
- All nominees will receive a certificate.
- The recipients will be recognized in the Special Olympics Manitoba newsletter and website.