

# BC SCHOOL SPORTS

## Coaching Recognition Program

# 2008-2009 School Coach of the Year

Welcome to the eighth year of the BC SCHOOL SPORTS Coaching Recognition program and the BCSS School Coach of the Year awards.

More than 13,000 coaches volunteer to work with young people in the 425 BCSS member schools. The coaches impart sporting skills, and assist students in developing an appreciation of fair play, team work and a vital sense of self-worth. ***Starting in 2008 teacher-coaches who have been serving 25 years or more will receive a special plaque for their valuable contributions over the years. Requests for this recognition must be received by the Executive Director no later than Monday, March 2.***

**What is the School Coach of the Year Program?** The BCSS School Coach of the Year awards are part of the association's Coaching Recognition program. Every member school may submit the name of one female and one male teacher or community coach each year.

The BCSS School Coach of the Year award acknowledges an individual who exemplifies everything that is positive about school coaches, school coaching and the spirit of coaching. Selected coaches will receive a BC SCHOOL SPORTS & Ministry of Education School Coach of the Year certificate. The list of School Coaches of the Year will be posted on the BCSS web site and published in the BCSS Report magazine.

**How to Nominate:** Please submit the name of your school's selected coaches (one male and one female) to BC SCHOOL SPORTS by March 2. The colourful School Coach of the Year certificates will be printed, signed and framed upon receipt of the coach's name, and sent to the school in preparation for presentation at an upcoming school athletic banquet or assembly. **The selection must be supported by the applicable school's administrator and athletic director.**

**Attributes of your School Coach of the Year:** Do you know a school coach who has made an outstanding contribution to student-athletes and sport development? Who should be selected?

- The coach who appropriately mixes practice, skill development, integrity, fair play, respect, and the pursuit of excellence as key ingredients for a successful athletic experience.
- The coach who understands both the rules of the sport, the spirit of the rules, and ensures that his or her players always play within the spirit of the game.
- The coach who understands that school sport is an extension of the classroom, with the same moral and legislative obligations.
- The coach who helps the student-athletes to identify their dreams and achieve their goals.

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### School Coach of the Year Selection Procedures

#### ***Coach Eligibility for Selection:***

- Head or assistant coach of a grade eight, nine, junior or senior team in any BCSS approved sport.
- Recommended Level One 3M NCCP fully certified.

#### ***Suggested Selection Procedures:***

- Form a small selection committee. We suggest including at least one student, possibly a parent, the Athletic Director and one of the administrators.
- develop an internal nomination process. It could be from students, colleagues or within the committee.
- Determine the criteria for selection and the attributes that should be most highly rated.
- Select the coach who will receive the award and submit that name, along with school, contact information and the date by which you require the Coach of the Year certificate, to BCSS.

#### ***Selection Criteria:***

In your selection deliberations, please consider selecting a coach who:

- Presents a positive public image of coaching and the role of the coach.
- Shows respect for officials, opponents, athletes and parents, and espouses a philosophy of fair play.
- Demonstrates concern for the development needs of student-athletes by helping them balance athletic, educational, and social needs.
- Assists student-athletes to develop confidence, self-discipline and respect for others.
- Demonstrates commitment to coach education.
- Contributes to the advancement of sport.
- Achieves measurable improvement in athlete and team performance and/or participation.

#### ***Deadline for Receipt of Selected Names:***

**Monday, March 2**

Submit to the BC SCHOOL SPORTS office. Attention: Sue Keenan.  
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