



BC Soccer's 2026 Award Season - Nominations Now Open!

We are excited to announce that nominations for the 2026 BC Soccer Awards are now open! This year, we are celebrating excellence, collaboration, inclusivity, and safety within the soccer community. Through its Awards Program, BC Soccer aims to recognize individuals who truly embody the 'spirit of the game' through their unwavering commitment and dedication to advancing soccer initiatives across the province.

Please note that while anyone can nominate an individual for any of the award categories listed below, only one nomination per category will be accepted from each Full Member. If multiple nominations are submitted from the same member in a given category, BC Soccer will contact the member to confirm a single nomination. All confirmed nominations will then be presented to BC Soccer's Awards and Scholarships Selection Committee for review.

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 Chief Executive Officer. 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

A. C. Sanford

Nominated and selected by BC Soccer's Board of Directors, the A. C. 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. Candidate must not be a current Board Member of BC Soccer and must have completed their term on the Board for at least one year before being awarded.

Life Membership

Nominated by BC Soccer's Members and Board of Directors and selected by the BC Soccer Board of Directors. Awarded to individuals in recognition of valuable service directly to BC Soccer over an extended period of time. Candidate must not be a current Board Member of BC Soccer and must have completed their term on the Board for at least one year before being awarded.

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 or organization that demonstrates active commitment to removing barriers for participation in the game and has consistently worked to implement the Canada Soccer Guide to Accessibility and Inclusion.

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 has led 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 or 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 **Thursday, July 31st, 2026**.

For questions, assistance, or more information on the award nomination process, please visit www.bcsoccer.net/about-us/staff and contact BC Soccer's Manager of Administration, Farideh Zarei.