



2026 BC Athletics Annual Awards: Celebrating Excellence in 2025

BC Athletics announces our annual awards program, celebrating the outstanding achievements and contributions of our members during 2025. These awards, to be presented in 2026, recognize excellence across our entire community: athletes, coaches, officials, club leaders and volunteers.

We will once again celebrate our award recipients through online platforms and our newsletter.

Athlete Performance Awards (Selected by Working Group)

All athlete performance awards will be selected by a working group.

Please do not submit nominations for these performance-based awards.

If, in the judgment of the selection committee, no nominee demonstrates the exceptional standard of excellence required, BC Athletics reserves the right not to present an award in that category for the 2025 season.

- **Eligibility:** Must be a 2025 member of BC Athletics.
- **Age Categories:** Awards will be structured across U16, U18, U20, U23, Senior, and Masters. Awards will be presented to a male and female athlete in each category.
- **Award Categories:**
 - Sprints / Hurdles Athlete of the Year (80m – 400m)
 - Jumps Athlete of the Year
 - Throws Athlete of the Year
 - Endurance Athlete of the Year (800m – 10000m)
 - Combined Events Athlete of the Year
 - Cross Country Athlete of the Year
 - Road Running Athlete of the Year (U20, U23, Sr, Masters)
 - Mountain and Trail Running Athlete of the Year (Sr, Masters)



Nomination-Based Contribution Awards

We encourage you to nominate deserving individuals for our contribution-based awards. All nominees must be 2025 members of BC Athletics.

Award Category	Description
Gold Star Award	This award recognizes the boundless enthusiasm and outstanding contributions of our athletes across all ages, honouring those who consistently go above and beyond with a smile. Their passion, positivity, and spirit of excellence make our athletics community a better, more vibrant, and welcoming place for everyone. Awarded in U16, U18, U20, U23, Sr, Masters
Community Service Award	This is a volunteer recognition award that will acknowledge a volunteer in our sport who goes above and beyond in their roles and contributes to the development of Athletics in BC.
Development Coach of the Year Award	Recognizes a coach who has made an outstanding contribution to the growth and progression of athletes, particularly at the grassroots or developmental level. This coach demonstrates exceptional leadership, technical expertise, and a commitment to fostering long-term athlete development while upholding the values of Athletics in BC.
Performance Coach of the Year Award	Honours a coach who has achieved success in guiding athletes to high-performance outcomes, whether at provincial, national, or international levels. This coach exemplifies excellence in planning, preparation, and execution, while maintaining integrity and a strong commitment to the values of Athletics in BC.
Gold Star Club of the Year	BC Athletics is pleased to recognize the tireless efforts of our volunteers and club members for their work in the BC Athletics community. Club volunteers, organizers, and builders are an important part of BC Athletics and will be recognized through the Gold Star Club of the Year Award.
Best of BC Award	This award will be given one or more BC Athletics members who inspired the athletics community with their contribution to the sport in 2025. This individual could be an athlete, coach, official, club leader, and/or volunteer.



Award Category	Description
Official of the Year	This award honours a BC Athletics Official who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of Athletics in British Columbia and/or across Canada. The recipient demonstrates excellence, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to upholding the values of the sport. Through their leadership, dedication, and impact, they serve as a role model within the officiating community.
New Official of the Year	Awarded to an official in their first five years of service who has demonstrated consistent commitment to growth, learning, and community-building, approaching their role with enthusiasm and a desire to elevate others.
Official: Longstanding Service	Awarded to an official who has provided dependable, long-term, and versatile service to Athletics in British Columbia, contributing meaningfully across events, roles, and years.
Official: Gold Star Award	This award recognizes an individual who exemplifies dedication, leadership, and positivity within the BC Athletics Officials community. The recipient has gone above and beyond in their contributions, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment, inspiring fellow officials through their actions, and helping to build a culture rooted in respect, collaboration, and excellence.

Submit Your Nominations

To nominate a deserving member for one of the contribution awards listed above, please use the official nomination form:

[2026 BC Athletics Awards Nomination Form](#)



BC Athletics Annual Coach and Official Awards Update: Gender-Neutral Recognition

BC Athletics is proud to announce a positive and progressive change to our annual awards program for coaches and officials: We are transitioning coach and official recognition to **gender-neutral categories**.

This change ensures our awards reflect our commitment to recognizing and celebrating the outstanding contributions of our coach and official members, based on merit, impact, and dedication to the sport across British Columbia.

Why This Change Matters

- **Skill is Not Gendered:** Coaching and officiating are professional roles where success is measured by knowledge, leadership, and impact, not by gender. By removing separate gender categories, we ensure our awards are judged solely on professional merit.
- **Equality and Inclusivity:** This aligns with our commitment to diversity and inclusion and ensures our awards are welcoming to all members, including non-binary individuals.
- **Excellence is Universal:** Recognition is granted based solely on the published criteria of the award.

A Note on Athlete Awards

We maintain a clear distinction between coach and official awards and our competitive athlete awards:

- **Coaches and Officials:** Recognition is based on professional excellence and service, where skill is not gender-specific.
- **Athletes:** Competition is organized into male and female categories to preserve competitive equity, and therefore, our Athlete of the Year awards will **remain aligned with those respective competitive categories**.

We look forward to honouring the exceptional achievements and contributions across our Athletics community.