

BC Athletics Officials Awards Criteria – Approved June 17, 2021

Ian McNeil Award, Official of the Year:

A registered, active Official who made an outstanding contribution to officiating Athletics in BC. The recipient has demonstrated recent excellence in consistent and fair application of the rules and participation in officiating meets at the local, regional, provincial and national level. Other activities to consider is the role the official played in developing their own skills and those of other officials (e.g., supervising officials, mentoring, evaluating, instructing) and administration of the various officiating programs used to recruit, develop and retain officials in BC.

An official may be eligible to receive the award more than once, provided the interval between awarding is five years or more and subsequent awards are based on significant accomplishments and/or leadership in officiating athletics in BC. Generally, this award builds on the Mary Temple award for Novice official—picking up officials who have been officiating for more than 5 years.

Ralph Coates Award, Longstanding Service:

A registered, active Official who has contributed dependable, long term and versatile service to Athletics in BC. It is recommended the length of service be a minimum of 20 years and awarded to an active official.

An official may only receive this award once. First awarded in 1991.

Mary Temple Award, Novice Official:

A registered, active Official who, in his/her first 5 years, has focused substantial effort on learning to be a BC Official as well as contributed willingly and unselfishly as a beginner Official. The five-year term commences when the official registers for the pathway to Level 2 official.

An official may only receive this award once. First awarded in 1995.

Dave Coupland Inspirational Award:

The Dave Coupland Award is presented to a BC Athletics member who has been an inspiration for Officials. The recipient is someone who has demonstrated respect, support and encouragement for officiating in BC. This person could be an official, meet director, club member, etc.

An official may be eligible to receive the award more than once, provided the interval between awarding is five years or more and subsequent awards are based on significant accomplishments and/or inspirational activities in officiating athletics in BC. First awarded in 2003.