

## COACHING AWARDS

### 1 AWARD CATEGORIES

BC Artistic Swimming recognizes the following categories of Coaching Awards:

#### Female Coach of the Year Award

Recognizing the exceptional achievement of an individual who has been responsible for coaching a team(s) and/or individual athletes (Solo/Duet) at the national stream level.

#### Excellence in Coaching Award

Recognizing an individual who demonstrates exemplary leadership in the sport of artistic swimming at the provincial stream level.

#### Sport Development Coaching Award

Recognizing the exceptional contribution of a coach who demonstrates exemplary leadership and development for the sport of artistic swimming as a Recreational, Adaptive Artistic Swimming and/or Masters Coach.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- a. The nominee must meet the eligibility requirements described in Section 1: Award Categories of the award for which they are being nominated.
- b. A coach can be nominated in only one category by a BCAS member club.
- c. Eligible coaches are those who have resided in or whose primary coaching responsibility was in British Columbia for the previous season.
- d. Nominees for **Excellence in Coaching** and **Sport Development Coaching** Awards must also meet the following criteria:
  1. Education and Experience
    - Must have, or be working towards, Competition Introduction (CI) Certification
    - Minimum 1-year coaching experience at the level described in the Awards Categories for which they are being nominated
    - Proven commitment to continued coach education
    - Willingness to actively seek out the most successful and current coaching methods
  2. Athlete Development
    - Creates a positive environment which fosters confidence, self-discipline, and respect in each athlete
    - Creates a supportive environment in which athletes aspire to achieve their chosen athletic goals
    - Demonstrates continued support in athlete development by helping athletes to balance sport, social, and educational needs

- Achieves measurable improvement in athlete and team performance from one competition to the next
- Demonstrates a high athlete retention history

### 3. Professionalism

- Actively promotes the sport of synchronized swimming
- Maintains a professional manner at both practices and competitions
- Demonstrates the ability to work with other coaches in the club and province
- Is a positive role model for both swimmers and coaches
- Constantly coaches with commitment and passion

## 3 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- a. Only electronic nominations will be accepted.
- b. BCAS and/or its representative Awards Committee reserves the right to seek additional nominations at any time and the right to decline nominations.
- c. Completed nomination forms and citations must be received by BCAS by September 1<sup>st</sup> each year
- d. Please include a head and shoulders or action photo of the nominee in jpg format with a minimum of 300 pixels per inch by September 1<sup>st</sup> each year

## 4 SELECTION CRITERIA

- a. Nominees will be judged for the performance of athletes in their charge in the previous season only.
- b. The Awards Committee will also consider a combination of the quantitative ranking and/or performance of the coach's athletes and/or team as well as the subjective and positive qualities demonstrated by the coach including but not limited to their promotion of, commitment to and abiding by the BCAS values, True Sport Principles and the Responsible Coaching Movement.

## 5 PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

To see a list of previous award recipients, please visit the [BCAS website](#).