



Rugby Ontario Match Official of the Year Awards

Rugby Ontario Provincial Recognition Awards recognize individuals who have made a difference in the sport of Rugby. One award will be made for each of the following:

- Junior Official of the Year
- Senior Match Official of the Year

To be eligible for this award the match official must:

- Be registered with Rugby Canada/Rugby Ontario as a Match Official in the current year
- Be in good standing with Rugby Canada/Rugby Ontario
- Be a qualified World Rugby Certified Match Official
- Be a currently active Match Official in Ontario
- In the case of the Junior Match Official be no older than turning 21 years of age in the current year.
- In the case of the Senior Match Official be turning over 22 years of age or older in the current year.
- Must agree to have their name and photograph publicized and be prepared to promote the award as requested.

Guidelines

- Nominations must be supported by **three** nominators who will attest to the nominee's abilities
- The nominators must comment on the nominee's match officiating involvement in detail. These nominators could include:
 - Referee Committee Member
 - Current or past match official
 - Current or past player, coach or club member
 - Current Rugby Ontario club or club administrator
 - Current Branch Union
- Nominator 1 must be an individual or club who is registered with Rugby Ontario. Nominators 2 or 3 may or may not be an individual currently registered with Rugby Ontario.

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Selection Criteria

- Demonstrates the attributes and knowledge to be a leader in match officiating
- Demonstrated success on and off the field of play
- Maintains a professional attitude toward match officiating at all times
- Continues to grow as a match official and demonstrates a history of continuous personal development by attending workshops, clinics or seminars
- Shows a history of mentoring other Match Officials
- Acts as an ambassador for rugby
- Not been subject to any disciplinary action during 2024

Supporting documentation could include letters of reference, covering letter, video testimonials, audio interviews, other, etc.

Selection Panel

- The Rugby Ontario Match Official Committee shall act as the Selection Panel to determine the winners of these Awards.
- Each Panel member shall receive one vote.
- If the event of a tie between candidates, the Chair shall have the casting vote.
- In the event of a Committee member being one of the nominations, that Committee member shall withdraw from the voting process.
- If the Chair is one of the nominations, then the Committee amongst themselves shall appoint a temporary Chair for the purposes for voting for this Award.

Submission Process and Deadline

Please send all nominations to awards@rugbyontario.com. Deadline to submit nominations is **October 6th, 2025.**

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