



Rugby Ontario Club Player of the Year Awards

Rugby Ontario Provincial Recognition Awards recognize individuals who have made a difference in the sport of Rugby. Player awards will be made to:

- Senior Club Player of the Year (Male)
- Senior Club Player of the Year (Female)

To be eligible for this award the recipient must:

- Be registered with Rugby Canada/Rugby Ontario as a Senior Player in the current year
- Be in good standing with Rugby Canada, Rugby Ontario and their club
- Agree to have their name and photograph publicized and be prepared to promote the award as requested
- Not been subject to any major disciplinary action during the year of their nomination

Guidelines

- Nominations must be supported by **three** nominators who will attest to the nominee's abilities and contributions based on the Selection Criteria and Evaluation Rubric
- The nominators must be able to comment on the nominee's involvement and activities in detail on the nomination form
- These nominators could include:
 - 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 who is currently registered with Rugby Ontario. If the nominator is not registered with Rugby Ontario, they should provide details of their relationship with the nominee and/or Rugby in Ontario

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated success on the field of play for their club
- Demonstrated success on the field of play for the Branch Union, Ontario and/or Canada
- Exemplify the mission and vision of club rugby
- Demonstrates the attributes of a team leader
- Contributes to a positive "rugby culture"
- Excellent off field ambassador within their community

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- Continues to grow as a player and demonstrates a history of continuous personal development
- Shows a history of mentoring other club players

Additional Criteria (not mandatory)

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

Refer to the enclosed Evaluation Rubric in Appendix 1 for more detail on how nominations will be evaluated.

Selection committee

- The Rugby Ontario Hall of Fame & Awards Committee shall act to determine the winners of these awards and shall use the enclosed Evaluation Rubric in Appendix 1 to compare candidates on a scoring matrix
- Each committee 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 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 purpose of voting for this Award.

Submission Process and Deadline

Please send all nominations to awards@rugbyontario.com. Deadline to submit nominations is **October 4th, 2025.**

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Appendix 1 – Evaluation Rubric: Club Player of the Year – Sr. Male / Female

1. Success on the Field for the Club	Nominee does not meet Criteria	Nominee minimally meets Criteria	Nominee adequately meets criteria	Strong Nominee	Exceptional Nominee
Performance and Contribution	Limited or no notable performance.	Inconsistent performance with minimal impact.	Shows good performance with occasional notable contributions.	Demonstrates strong performance with notable contributions and effectiveness in matches.	Consistently delivers outstanding performance and makes a significant impact in matches, showing exceptional skill, effectiveness, and consistency.

2. Attributes of a Team Leader	Nominee does not meet Criteria	Nominee minimally meets Criteria	Nominee adequately meets criteria	Strong Nominee	Exceptional Nominee
Leadership and Influence	Little to no evidence of leadership attributes.	Limited leadership qualities with minimal influence.	Demonstrates basic leadership qualities with some impact.	Shows strong leadership with positive influence and effective communication.	Exhibits exceptional leadership qualities on and off the pitch, positively influencing team dynamics, motivating teammates, and demonstrating strong decision-making and communication.

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3. Contribution to Positive Rugby Culture and Mentoring	Nominee does not meet Criteria	Nominee minimally meets Criteria	Nominee adequately meets criteria	Strong Nominee	Exceptional Nominee
Demonstrations of Rugby Values and Mentoring	Little to no contribution to rugby culture or mentoring.	Minimal contribution to rugby culture and mentoring.	Shows some contribution to rugby culture and limited mentoring.	Contributes to rugby culture with noticeable positive influence and mentoring efforts.	Actively promotes a positive rugby culture within the club, fosters team spirit, and has a strong history of mentoring and supporting other players.

4. Success on the Field for the Branch, Ontario, and/or Canada	Nominee does not meet Criteria	Nominee minimally meets Criteria	Nominee adequately meets criteria	Strong Nominee	Exceptional Nominee
Performance at Higher Levels	No significant performance at higher levels.	Limited success or impact at higher levels.	Displays good performance with occasional notable achievements at higher levels.	Shows strong success with significant contributions at higher levels.	Demonstrates exceptional success and impact at the Branch, Ontario, and/or national level, showing top performance and contributions.

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