### Ontario Coaching Excellence Awards

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Trailblazer Award**

The Trailblazer coach is an innovative out-of- the-box thinker, a creative change agent who inspires others to follow, has made a difference in their sport or for the athletes they coach. Whether coaching a community rep team or top performing provincial athletes, the coach who pushes the envelope, invents new approaches to old challenges and breaks through barriers should be nominated for this award. Taking the road less travelled is often bumpy and this coach embraced the goal, persevered and made things better for their sport for years to come.

*Up to one outstanding individual in the Province will be selected in this category.*

**Eligibility:**

* Must be an Ontario resident
* Actively coaching Ontario athletes for the past 3 years (minimum).
* Note: Coaches who are nominated for other 2014 Ontario Coaching Excellence Awards may also be considered for this award at the discretion of the Selection Committee.

**Complete Nominations Include:**

* A completed Trailblazer Coach Application form.
* 1 letter of recommendation for the award e.g. from an athlete, parent or sport administrator explaining what
* 1 written testimony or media report as evidence of impact of the Trailblazer Coach’s breakthrough, influence or results.

**Nomination Procedures:**

Nominations must be complete. If space is not adequate on the form, please feel free to attach any relevant information on a separate piece of paper. You may attach any supporting documents (i.e. letters of reference, news articles, etc.)

You may type directly onto the nomination form, or write/type on a separate sheet to complete the questions.

Completed Nomination forms must be received by **Friday, July 25, 2014, 4:00 pm.**  All e-mailed nominations will be confirmed.

Please send completed nomination forms to Brooke Rosenfeld at:

Coaches Association of Ontario  
**Mail:** 3 Concorde Gate, Suite 108 Toronto, Ontario M3C 3N7

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#### *Thanks Coach…for making sport a better place to be….*

**Trailblazer Award**

**Nominee Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Relationship to Coach: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Consent of Nominated Coach: Please ensure the nominated coach has been consulted and agrees to allow their name to stand for nomination.

Contribution to Sport

1. What is the total number of years the nominee has been coaching?

2. Which sport(s) does the nominee coach?

3. Describe the role of the nominee with the athlete(s) or team

Leadership

4. Please describe any projects or ongoing activity the nominee has performed towards developing other coaches or programs *e.g. events, NCCP course conducting, research, presentations or any other educational contributions the coach has made.*

5. What challenges or barriers has the nominee met head on to improve the condition of his or her sport? (e.g. political barriers, issues with sport structure or system, scoring flaws, etc.)

6. What makes this coach stand apart from other coaches? Describe any outstanding qualities or contributions that the nominator feels would be of interest to the selection committee.

Coaching Achievements

7. What has the coach achieved in the past year? Eg. Coaching juniors, performance coaching, mentoring and educating other coaches, coaching people with disabilities, outstanding competitive results

8. What improvements, results or impacts has the nominee made to sport? (e.g. has the number of coach’s and/or athletes increased, or have the coach’s athletes demonstrated athletic or personal improvements, etc.)

Personal Development

9. Indicate any personal development the nominee has achieved. This could be NCCP course conducting, coaching seminars, presentations or any other contributions that the coach has made to the sport (initiation of athlete development programs, etc.)

10. Please describe how the nominated coach has transferred his/her personal developments and achievements to their athletes and/or other coaches.

11. What other awards or recognition has this coach received?

Additional Information (Optional)

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Check here if supporting pages are attached. (e.g. letters, news articles)

**Please attach:**

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