



MEMORANDUM

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TO: MHA Presidents
FROM: Mark Kenny, VIAHA President
COPY: VIAHA Officers
SUBJECT: VIAHA Awards

It's time to start thinking about our VIAHA Awards. These awards recognize members, volunteers and MHAs who step above and beyond. Recipients of the awards can be nominated by an individual, teams or MHAs.

The deadline to submit nominations to the Executive Director is April 15th unless this date is extended by the Officers. All nominations must be in writing and any relevant information/documentation should accompany the nomination. The Officers will review the submissions and the Awards will be presented at the VIAHA Annual General Meeting.

VIAHA MHA of the Year Banner:

The MHA of the Year is presented annually to the Minor Hockey Association judged to have made an outstanding contribution to its community by providing a properly organized program where youth can learn the basic skills and fundamentals of the game.

VIAHA Coach of the Year:

This annual award is presented to a coach who shows leadership to players; demonstrates skill development and has a sound coaching philosophy. Winning is a consideration but not the only or most important one. The Coach of the Year is given to those who demonstrates what VIAHA feels are the ideal elements of a coach. The nomination should detail the coaching background of the nominee and be attested to by the MHA President.

VIAHA Official of the Year:

The Official of the Year is presented to an official who exemplifies dedication and support to the MHA, VIAHA and the Hockey Canada Officiating Program. He or she should also contribute to minor hockey in ways other than on-ice requirements. The candidate should demonstrate leadership and ability and participate in mentoring young officials. They must be nominated by their association Referee-in-Chief and supported by the applicable Referee Committee Member.

VIAHA President's Award:

The President's Award is presented to an individual, team or MHA that has brought honor to the amateur hockey fraternity through an outstanding humanitarian endeavor or has made a significant contribution to VIAHA during the preceding year.

More information can be found on the VIAHA website at www.viaha.org under Administration.

Kindly take a moment to consider and recognize members and volunteers within your association with your nomination for a VIAHA Award.