



## CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Pickleball Alberta is looking to again recognize | affiliated clubs and members for their involvement and dedication to the sport through the annual *Of the Year* awards for 2023. The awards are intended to show appreciation and recognition for clubs, members, and volunteer accomplishments throughout Alberta. Although we are recognizing certain individuals for each category, we know pickleball in Alberta would not be what, or where, it is without the contributions of the hundreds of volunteers, instructors, and players across our province. For 2023, we are excited to add the President's Award and Partner of the Year Award.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

To make a nomination, simply answer the following questions in an email or MS Word document and submit to [awards@pickleballalberta.org](mailto:awards@pickleballalberta.org)

1. Award Category
2. Nominee information (Name, email address, phone number, and pickleball club).
3. Nominator information (Your name, relationship to the nominee, email address, phone number, and pickleball club).
4. Describe your nominee's exceptional achievements, contributions or services for the **2023 season**, as they relate to the award you are nominating them for.
5. What attributes has your nominee demonstrated to support this nomination?
6. Describe the impact of your nominee on a local, regional, national, and/or international level.
7. Is there anything else about the nominee you would like the committee to consider?

You are encouraged to submit any additional testimony, pictures, or documentation to support the

nomination. Nominations may be submitted by anyone, and self-nominations are also welcome. Please keep in mind that the awards are open to recognize contributors of any scope, whether local or provincial. **Nominations will be accepted until May 15, 2024.**

### SELECTION PROCESS

The awardee(s), with the exception of the President's Award, will be selected by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee may recognize multiple awardee(s) for any category in circumstances in which the contributions of multiple nominees are viewed as being of similar importance.

### VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The volunteer of the year is an individual that embodies a fearless approach to support their community, club, and sport of pickleball. This individual thinks creatively, utilizes resources, takes initiative, is humble about their work, and are driven by a passion. The person who is nominated for this award makes you consider "where would our sport/club be today without this person".

### JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR - THE LOGAN AWARD

The Junior of The Year "The Logan Award" is made in honor of the late Logan Cassidy. Logan was a talented youth pickleball player that brought a positive attitude to the court and made everyone around him smile. The nominee should exemplify Logan's passion for the game, courageous attitude, skill, and sportsmanship. The player must be 18 years or younger for the award year.

### PLAYER OF THE YEAR - MALE

The Male Player of the Year is awarded to the male who is the most outstanding pickleball athlete from Alberta. This individual showcases, excellence, achievement, and sportsmanship on and off the court. Metrics to consider are skill level, sanctioned tournament achievements in singles, gender doubles, mixed doubles, and overall sportsmanship. Results at major tournaments such as Nationals, Regionals and Provincials will have a heavier weight in the decision for this award. This player is also a

mentor to other aspiring competitors, and preferably has competed with a number of different partners. Though preferred, the nominee does not need to be a member of your club.

## **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

### **- FEMALE**

The Female Player of the Year is awarded to the female who is the most outstanding pickleball athlete from Alberta. This individual showcases, excellence, achievement, and sportsmanship on and off the court. Metrics to consider are skill level, sanctioned tournament achievements in singles, gender doubles, mixed doubles, and overall sportsmanship. Results at major tournaments such as Nationals, Regionals and Provincials will have a heavier weight in the decision for this award. This player is also a mentor for other aspiring competitors, and preferably has competed with a number of different partners. Though preferred, the nominee does not need to be a member of your club.

## **CLUB OF THE YEAR**

The Club of The Year is a club that has grown their membership and achieved great accomplishments that support the Pickleball Alberta values of fun, transparency, open-mindedness, inclusiveness, and promotes an active lifestyle. The club has strong programs including recreation play, competitive play, player development, junior development, safety program, along with others. Clubs are encouraged to self-nominate for this award. Only affiliated clubs of Pickleball Alberta are eligible to be nominated for the Club of the Year award.

## **COACH OF THE YEAR**

This Coach of the Year is an individual that exemplifies a positive, enthusiastic, supportive, trusting, focused, goal-oriented, knowledgeable, respectful, patient, and clear communication to their students. They share their love of the game of pickleball through coaching and improving the skills of their students in a fun, inclusive, caring, and respectful manner. He or she has gone above and beyond to build membership, preserve and improve existing programs, and introduce beginners to our sport in a safe and enjoyable manner. This individual has a passion for teaching and has also demonstrated a high standard of personal conduct.

## **OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

This Official of the Year is an individual whose performance as a referee for Pickleball Alberta tournament matches is exemplary. Other factors also considered include acceptance of club referee assignments and assisting in the training and development of other referees in the program. In games, they are positive, focused, knowledgeable, respectful, and have clear communication with the competitors.

## **THE QUEEN OF RECREATION**

This award goes to a female member of an affiliated club of Pickleball Alberta who eats, sleeps, and breathes recreational pickleball. This lady just always seems to be at the courts having fun. Common traits would include organizing recreational drop-ins, ladders, mixed play and always attending these sessions. The best part of these individuals is they are

always inclusive and making sure everyone is having a fun time.

## **THE KING OF RECREATION**

This award goes to a male member of an affiliated club Pickleball Alberta who eats, sleeps, and breathes recreational pickleball. This gentleman just always seem to be at the courts having fun. Common traits would include organizing recreational drop-ins, ladders, mixed play and always attends these sessions! Best part of these individuals is they are always inclusive and making sure everyone is having a fun time.

## **PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

Awarded annually to a sponsor or partner or sponsor of pickleball that has shown tremendous support to the sport.

## **PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

Awarded annually to anyone as selected by the President of Pickleball Alberta for outstanding service to the sport of pickleball. Current Board members are not eligible. Nominations for this award will be considered but the recipient is usually self-selected by the President holding office in the year for which the award is being presented.

