



## 2021 VIAHA AWARDS - ACTION BULLETIN

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**COPY:** VIAHA Executive Committee & Staff  
**SUBJECT:** 2021 VIAHA Awards and Nominations

**It's time again to put the call out for VIAHA AWARD NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS!** These awards recognize members, volunteers and MHAs who go above and beyond. Recipients of the awards can be nominated by an individual, team or MHA.

**The deadline to submit nominations to the Executive Director is March 31st, 2021.** All nominations must be in writing and should include any relevant information/documentation. The Officers will review the submissions and the Awards will be presented at the 2021 VIAHA Annual General Meeting.

**MHA of the Year Banner:**

This annual award 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.

**Coach of the Year:**

This award is presented to a coach who shows leadership to players; demonstrates skills development and has a sound coaching philosophy. Winning is a consideration but not the most important one. The Coach of the Year is given to those who demonstrate 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 President's Award:**

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

**Volunteer of the year Award:**

This award is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their hockey community or district over the preceding year or longer. Nominations shall be submitted in writing outlining details of the endeavor/s.

**Official of the Year Award:**

The Official of the Year is presented to an official that exemplifies dedication and support for the VIAHA Officiating Program and the VIAHA/BC Hockey/Hockey Canada Rules and Regulations. He or she also contributes to hockey in ways other than the on-ice requirements and combines leadership and ability both on and off the ice. This person must also be carded for the year.

\*Nominations for this award should be forwarded by the MHA's RIC to their local BC Hockey Officiating Coordinator who will then forward to VIAHA Officers for selection approval.

**Most Deserving Official of the Year Award:**

The Most Deserving Official of the Year is presented to an official that gone above and beyond. This Official is rated on his/her own officiating skills and what they put back into the Branch/Association (i.e. supervisor, instructor or administrator). \*Nominations for this award should be forwarded by the MHA's RIC to their local BC Hockey Officiating Coordinator who will then forward to VIAHA Officers for selection approval.

More information can be found on the VIAHA website at [www.viaha.org](http://www.viaha.org) on our main page and under Administration.

**It is so important that you take the time to consider and recognize your members and volunteers. What better way than with your nomination for a VIAHA Award!**

Thank you.

Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President