

	<b>NSAWA Awards Policy</b>	<b>Approved:</b> May, 2023	<b>Up for Review:</b> May, 2025
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**Overview:** As per the Directors' Handbook, the Awards portfolio falls under the duties of the Secretary.

1. A committee shall be chosen of not less than three (3) members and not more than (5) members, including the Secretary, taking care to avoid any conflict of interest wherever possible.
2. These committee members should have knowledge of the members involved in NSAWA.
3. The Secretary shall also be responsible for ensuring that the Awards ceremony is planned and conducted each year within 60 days of the end of the year.
4. The awards shall be, unless otherwise stated in the individual award, for the period of June 1st to May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Process:**

The Awards committee shall solicit nominations from the members of NSAWA for each of the categories at least 30 days before the ceremony.

- The committee shall discuss the nominations and determine if there is a likely candidate that has not been nominated. Any additional candidates, with rationale, shall be added to the list.
- From the nominations and the rationale, the committee shall then put forth their recommendation to the Executive of NSAWA.
- The committee can recommend an exceptional award if they deem one is merited.

The Executive shall review the recommendations and ensure the information forth-coming is complete. The Executive can:

- Contact the potential candidate(s) for further information.
- Request further information or a different candidate from the Awards committee. - Approve the awards as recommended.
- The Executive can recommend an exceptional award to the Board of Directors if they deem one is merited.

**AWARDS:**

1. **Athlete Leadership Award** This award is given annually to a U17/U19 wrestler who demonstrates continuous and constant leadership throughout the year in the training room and during competition. This award is dependent upon behaviour demonstrating leadership. **Personal results on the mat will not be considered.** This wrestler shall give back to, develop, improve, and further wrestling in Nova Scotia. The following are example behaviours (not limited to):
  - a. Provides positive encouragement to other athletes on and off the mat;
  - b. Takes initiative to lead at practices, warmups and camps;
  - c. Demonstrates positive attitude on and off the mat
  - d. Respectful of others in the wrestling community;

- e. Demonstrates the qualities of good sportsmanship regardless of winning or losing; i.e. handshaking, congratulations, taking feedback well, etc;
  - f. Participates in NSAWA events; i.e. volunteers time at Milk Fair, fundraisers, training camps, assists in setting up/tearing down events, etc;
  - g. Involved with younger athlete programs;
  - h. Is in good standing and involved with NSAWA; i.e., training as a coach or official, etc.
2. **Club Coach of the Year Award.** This award can be nominated by any member of NSAWA and is given to the coach who has contributed to the enhanced development of their athletes and the sport within the current season. The successful candidate will also have contributed to the development and enhancement of NSAWA regionally and nationally. The following behaviours will be considered (but not limited to):
- a. Participation in club tournaments, hosting club tournaments and/or training camps;
  - b. Has had a positive effect on the athletes and their successes;
  - c. Has made considerable difference in promoting and supporting the sport;
  - d. Has shown commitment to athlete recruitment and retention;
  - e. Has helped their athletes and club reach new heights;
  - f. Has gone above the norm in support of athletes, co-coaches, and NSAWA;
  - g. Is respectful and has shown a positive attitude on and off the mat towards all athletes, coaches, officials, and other members of the wrestling community.
3. **Long-Service Award.** This award is presented annually to not more than four (4) individuals who have been a member of and contributed to the development and organization of NSAWA for a minimum of twenty (20) years. A database of candidates will be kept by the Registrar and the Organizational Effectiveness committee.
4. **SSNS School Coach of the Year.** This award is presented annually to an SSNS coach who has contributed to the enhanced development of their athletes and the sport. Examples of criteria to be considered but not limited to:
- a. Has participated in SSNS tournaments as a team or a host, and training camps where possible;
  - b. Has had a positive effect on the athletes and their successes;
  - c. Has made a difference in the promotion and support of the sport;
  - d. Has made an impact on the development of their athletes;
  - e. Has shown commitment to athlete recruitment and retention;
  - f. Has helped their athletes reach new heights;
  - g. Accomplishments in the respective SSNS year;
  - h. Has gone above and beyond for the support of athletes, co-coaches, and the sport;
  - i. Has been respectful with a positive attitude on and off the mat toward all athletes, coaches, and other members of the wrestling community.

5. **Official of the Year Award.** This award is presented annually to an official (referee or drawmaster) who has dedicated considerable time and effort to the wrestling community and without whom the sport would not be the same. Any member of the wrestling community can nominate an official who they believe to be worthy of receiving this award. Criteria to be considered by not limited to:
  - a. Participation in tournaments, training camps, and other wrestling events; ○ Positive attitude on and off the mat;
  - b. Encourages the growth of officials within the organization;
  - c. Promotes wrestling;
  - d. Goes above and beyond in their duties.
6. **Outstanding Development Wrestler Award.** This award is presented to U13/U15 developing athletes of either sex. Examples of criteria to be considered but not limited to:
  - a. Has shown commitment to their own development by regularly attending and fully participating in practices, competitions, and training camps.
  - b. Has demonstrated respect and a positive attitude while having fun.
  - c. Has demonstrated sportsmanship, fair play, respect toward coaches, officials, volunteers, opponents, teammates, and the wrestling community.
  - d. Has demonstrated enthusiasm for the sport, on and off the mat.
  - e. Has demonstrated work ethic, teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.
7. **Parent/Guardian of the Year Award.** This award is presented annually to an individual of the wrestling community who has dedicated considerable time and effort to the successful development and support of athletes, clubs, events, wrestling, and NSAWA. The following criteria will be considered but not limited to:
  - a. Has worked in any aspect of the wrestling community and without them, the sport would not be as successful;
  - b. Has given up a substantial amount of time to volunteer with the sport of wrestling, either/or at an SSNS level or NSAWA level;
  - c. Has promoted the sport, through assisting or setting up Milk Fairs, tournaments, training camps, etc.;
  - d. Has assisted or participated in organizing events, training camps, tournaments, canteens, etc.;
  - e. Has managed or assisted in managing clubs;
  - f. Has attended practice, training camps, and tournaments as a support person;
  - g. Has provided administrative duties, i.e., bookkeeping, marketing/advertising, fundraising, promotions, sport development, governance, organization development, event planning, or educational support;
  - h. Has been an inspiration and is a positive role model for participants and others; ○ There is no requirement to be a paid member of NSAWA.

8. Division awards. An award will be presented to the top successful athlete in each division; i.e., U19 Male, U19 Female, U17 Male, U17 Female, Bantam Male, Bantam Female, Kid Male, Kid Female, Novice Male, Novice Female, Tyke Male, and Tyke Female.

These awards will not have nominations. Statistics for participation at camps and placement at tournaments are kept yearly and the awards will be based on these statistics.