**Nomination of Candidates**

1. Nominations may be made by any Canadian individual or Canadian organization (sports or otherwise).
2. Nominations shall be submitted a designate of each of Racquetball Canada’s provincial associations using the appropriate **Racquetball Canada Award Nomination Form** and should include all the information pertinent to the record and merit of the nominee. Nominations not submitted on the official form will be considered incomplete and will be returned to the nominator.
3. In addition to a list of the contributions and accomplishments of the nominee, the nomination must also reflect upon the character and conduct of the person(s) or organizations being nominated. The information can be supported by testimonials or letters of support.
4. If the nominee is an individual, a head shot photograph of the nominee must accompany the nominations form. If the nominee is a group or organization, a logo or group photo should be provided wherever possible.
5. The deadline for nominations for any calendar year is midnight CST, March 1st.

**Selection of Recipient**

* 1. The Racquetball Canada Board of Directors will strike an Awards Committee which will review nominations and recommend recipients to the Board of Directors.
	2. Nominations can be made posthumously for any category.

**Award Information**

**Description:**

The Innovation Award celebrates an organization, coach, or sport leader whose leadership, creativity, and innovative efforts have made a significant impact on the sport at the community, provincial, or national level.

**Criteria:**

Nominees should demonstrate actions worthy of recognition, which may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

1. Developing creative programs or redesigning existing programs that follow Racquetball Canada’s Long Term Development Plan.
2. Implementing a new initiatives or event including those designed to engage visible minorities and underrepresented groups.
3. Significantly increasing membership through the creation of programs, recruitment activities, or strategic promotion of the sport.
4. Growing participation in tournaments, leagues, or other racquetball programs.
5. Implementing and prioritizing Safe Sport practices, values-based coaching, and participant-centered approaches that demonstrate a concern for the well-being of participants.

**Eligibility:**

1. Nominees can be any individual or group actively engaged in the sport.
2. Individuals being nominated must be a participation member of Racquetball Canada.
3. Organizations being nominated must be an affiliated club or member of their provincial association.
4. Any programs, tournaments, or leagues included in the nomination must be registered in Racquetball Canada’s tournament and program management software.
5. Programs must be led by a coach who is trained at the appropriate level for that specific program (e.g., Badge Program Coach, NCCP Community Coach, NCCP Competitive - Introduction Coach) and has completed the CAC’s Safe Sport Training or Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders training.
6. Nominations will be accepted for initiatives that are actively operating, acknowledging that implementation may have begun in prior years to yield results.

**Submit to**

By mail: Electronically:

Racquetball Canada execdirector@racquetballcanada.ca

145 Pacific Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3B 2Z6

Attention: Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Nominee

Name:

Group or Organization (if applicable):

Street Address/Box Number:

Community, Province & Postal Code:

Email:

Phone:

Date & Place of Birth:

Year of retirement (if applicable):

Note: if the nomination is for a group or organization, please designate one person as the contact.

Nominated By

Name:

Street Address/Box Number:

Community, Province & Postal Code:

Email:

Phone:

Date of Nomination:

Signature of Nominator:

Please provide an electronic version of the headshot photo, group photo or logo of the nominee(s) if possible If you do not have the ability to submit the headshot electronically, submit a copy by mail.

Achievements & Contributions

**Please answer the relevant questions as they relate to the nominee.**

1. **Describe the innovative program(s), initiative(s), or event(s) led by the nominee and** how it demonstrates creativity and leadership in advancing the sport at the community, provincial, or national level?
2. **How does the nominee’s initiative align with Racquetball Canada’s Long-Term Development Plan?**
3. **What impact has the nominee’s innovation had on participation in racquetball?**
4. **How has the nominee prioritized Safe Sport practices, values-based coaching, and participant-centered approaches in their work?**
5. **Why do you believe this nominee is deserving of the Innovation Award?**

Supporting Evidence

1. Provide any other relevant accomplishments, milestones, or statistics that highlight the nominee’s contributions to racquetball. This can be attached as a separate document.
2. List any awards, honors, or recognitions the nominee has received for their contributions to the sport. *(If known.)*
3. Include any supporting documents, links, or testimonials that strengthen the nomination. *(Attach files or provide URLs, if applicable.)*

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