
Nomination of Candidates

- a) Nominations may be made by any Canadian individual or Canadian organization (sports or otherwise).
- b) Nominations shall be submitted to the Executive Director of Racquetball Canada 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.
- c) 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 or persons nominated. The information can be supported by testimonials or letters of support.
- d) A head shot photograph of the nominee must accompany the nominations form.
- e) The deadline for nominations for any calendar year is midnight CST, March 1st.

Selection of Candidates

- a) The Racquetball Canada Board of Directors will strike an Awards Committee which will review nominations and recommend recipients to the Board of Directors.
- b) Nominations that meet the minimum criteria for selection but are not selected for recognition in the first year, are reconsidered for a period of an additional two consecutive years. If a nomination has not been selected after a total of three years, it will be retired.
- c) Nominations that are not selected for recognition can be amended by the nominator if the nomination has not been retired. Amended nominations must be received by the February 31st deadline to be reconsidered.
- d) Nominations that do not meet the minimum criteria for selection will be retired immediately.
- e) A nominee whose nomination has been retired is eligible to be nominated again after a waiting period of two years.
- f) Nominations can be made posthumously for any category.

Award Information

Description

The Ivan Velan Award recognizes the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution to racquetball at the national level or international level as a builder, official, coach or player.

Criteria:

Recipients can qualify in any one of the following categories:

- a) **Builder:** the nominee must have exhibited outstanding leadership, integrity and dedication. This can include contributions like program development, involvement on committees, boards and task groups, event organization and hosting, or financial support.
- b) **Official:** The nominee will have shown exemplary leadership, integrity, and dedication as an official. This can include contributing to the development of other officials, making significant contributions while officiating, and promoting fair play, safe sport practices, and ethics in sports.
- c) **Coach:** The nominee must have demonstrated leadership, integrity, and dedication as a coach. This could involve contributing to the advancement of coaching, enhancing the role of the coach through mentorship, being a positive role model, and coaching athletes to achieve notable results at the national or international level.
- d) **Player:** The nominee should have promoted or enhanced the recognition of racquetball through their achievements or activities as a player. This can be demonstrated through competitive or non-competitive accomplishments, giving back to the sport by mentoring others, or engaging in sport development activities. These contributions are not restricted to elite competitors.

Eligibility:

- a) The nominee must have made a significant contribution over a period of not less than four years.
- b) A person who receives the Ivan Velan Award in one category is ineligible for nomination in that category a second time. He or she may be nominated for another category which he or she has not previously won. Contributions to areas, other than the one in which a candidate has been nominated, may be taken into consideration when evaluating a nominee.
- c) The nominee can be active or retired at the time of nomination.
- d) Posthumus recognition can be made.

Submit to

By mail:

Racquetball Canada
145 Pacific Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2Z6
Attention: Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Electronically:

execdirector@racquetballcanada.ca

Nominee

Name:

Maiden Name (if applicable):

Street Address/Box Number:

Community & Province/State & Postal Code:

Email:

Phone:

Date & Place of Birth:

Year of retirement (if applicable):

If deceased, please provide year of death:

Nominated By

Name:

Street Address/Box Number:

Community & Province/State & Postal Code:

Email:

Phone:

Date of Nomination:

Signature of Nominator:

Nomination Category

Select one of:

Builder

Official

Coach

Athlete

Please provide an electronic version of the headshot photo 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

General Information

- a) Provide a general description about the nominee's contributions to racquetball at the national or international level.

- b) How has the nominee demonstrated leadership, integrity, and dedication in racquetball?

Detailed Information

For a Builder Nomination:

- a) What initiatives, programs, or improvements has the nominee led or contributed to?

- b) How have their contributions impacted the national or international racquetball community?

For an Officials Nomination:

- a) How has the nominee contributed to the development of officiating in racquetball?

- b) What leadership roles have they taken in officiating?

For a Coach Nomination:

- a) How has the nominee influenced athletes' success at national or international levels?

- b) What mentorship or coaching development efforts have they led?

For a Player Nomination:

- a) How has the nominee contributed to the recognition and growth of racquetball beyond their competition results?

- b) In what ways have they given back to the sport (e.g., mentoring, community engagement, advocacy)?

For all Nominations

- a) Based on the specific criteria for the category of the nominee, share any additional examples that demonstrates how the nominee meets the criteria and why they are worthy of recognition for the Ivan Velan Award.

