

Salmon Arm Minor Hockey Association 2025-2026

Awards Criteria for Minor Hockey:

Salmon Arm Minor Hockey Association will present annual awards to all recreation and rep teams.

- Most Dedicated Player
- Most Improved Player
- Most Team Spirit Player

The deserving players will be presented with an annual trophy as well as an Esso medal at the Awards Ceremonies held in April.

Selection Process:

The administrator of S.A.M.H.A. will contact all head coaches and division directors. The names will be forwarded to the administrator for engraving purposes. The directors will contact all winners and the administrator will contact all trophy presenters after season officially ends. (March 13) Head coach or designate will present medals and trophies at Awards Night on April 21 6 pm on Hucul Pond dry floor.

Only one individual winner per team. The President will approve the final selections.

S.A.M.H.A. board requests that coaches complete the selection process in a fair and just manner. See selection criteria.

Selection Criteria:

Most Dedicated Player

- has an excellent work ethic in practices and games
- has a positive impact on the team
- is coachable
- respectful to players, coaches and other adults
- seeks ways to improve his/her game
- attends practices and games with regularity

Most Improved Player:

- has an excellent work ethic in practices and games
- shows marked improvement throughout the course of the year in a variety of hockey skills
- has a positive impact on the team
- is coachable
- respectful to players, coaches and other adults
- seeks ways to improve his/her game
- attends practices and games with regularity

Most Team Spirit

- enjoys the game
- is an excellent role model on and off the ice
- boost morale of team on and off the ice
- shows care and respect for all members of his team, opponents and game officials
- goes that extra step to ensure teammates are having fun
- follows through with all team's expectations
- plays the game through example
- has a limited amount of penalty infractions
- attends practices and games with regularity

Awards:

The administrator and VP 1 will make arrangements to pre-order the Esso Medals each year.

Adult Awards:

Please send your nominations via email (include write up) to Administrator by March 13th. Final selection will be made by the executive and/or committee.

President's Award: This is presented to adult who has gone beyond the call of duty to assist the President. Chosen by the President

Wendy Pottie Memorial Volunteer of the Year: Presented to a worthy volunteer who tirelessly assists in team, division or association matters. Again, goes beyond the call of duty.

Can be nominated by any parent, coaching staff or board member. Submit nominations in writing to administrator. Chosen by executive.

Coach of the Year: Presented to Rep, Rec and Female coach who exemplifies the outstanding coaching characteristics both on and off the ice as per SAMHA coaching code of conduct. A truly unselfish, dedicated individual whose goal is to strive to improve each member of his/her team. Chosen by executive.

Most Dedicated Referee: Chosen by Referee-in-chief and his committee. Presented to referee who is totally dedicated to doing the best job he/she can do. Is professional, enthusiastic and willing to learn. Upholds the referee code of conduct.

Most Promising Referee: Usually a first year official who shows enthusiasm, dedication and desire to improve his/her game. Willing to learn. Shows marked improvement during the season. Chosen by RIC and committee.

Unsung Hero: Presented to a person, whether player, parent, official or coaching staff who has experienced major setbacks (injuries, personal tragedies, etc) within the year and continues to support minor hockey in a courageous and dedicated manner. Chosen by executive.

Safety Award: Presented to a person usually involved in the HCSP program or Risk Management area. Ensures the safety of all players is a priority. Chosen by the executive and Risk Management director.

Honorary Life Time Member: Highest award presented by SAMHA. At least five years or more of outstanding/meritorious service to minor hockey.