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**OPERATIONAL POLICY: MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

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**Policy:** To annually recognize those persons who have made an outstanding contribution to amateur hockey. Hockey Alberta members, volunteers and/or staff shall have the ability to nominate candidates in various categories. Hockey Alberta will review all nominations and present awards to those deemed to have made the most significant impact.

**Eligibility:** Seven (7) categories of awards are 'PUBLIC' and open to nominations from Hockey Alberta Member organizations, sanctioned Leagues, sanctioned Junior/ Senior Club Teams, Hockey Alberta Volunteers or Staff Members. Three (3) categories of awards are 'INTERNAL' and will be determined by Hockey Alberta through a review of all eligible candidates are not open to nominations. The Awards and subsequent categories are:

*PUBLIC NOMINATION*

- Volunteer of the Year
- Coach of the Year
- Player of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Team of the Year
- MHA of the Year
- Order of Merit

*INTERNAL REVIEW*

- Zone Award
- Provincial Championships Host Site
- Lifetime Achievement Award

**Recognition Procedures:** Hockey Alberta will determine the appropriate method for presenting each award on an annual basis. Successful nominees will be notified about their selection and invited to attend a presentation event to be recognized and to receive the award.

In case of a banquet/ formal awards ceremony, individual Award Recipients will be offered accreditation for themselves and one (1) guest as well as the necessary accommodations (if applicable). Group / Team Award Recipients will be offered accreditation for twenty-five (25) people as well as a preferred rate for group hotel room bookings (if applicable). Additional accreditation for the banquet/ ceremony can be requested of Hockey Alberta at the recipient's expense.