



Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association

Annual Awards Program
Updated with current version



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Mount Pearl Minor Hockey has reviewed the Annual Awards Program and based on feedback received from coaches, players and parents, and after extensive discussion, we are please to present the following program.

House League	All Star	Other
<u>Novice Initiation:</u> Participation Medals at Yr-End IP Jamboree		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOUSE LEAGUE: Coaching staff of the year ALL-STAR: Coaching staff of the year The Doug Mealy award: (Volunteer w/o child in hockey) The Youth Volunteer award Christopher Pink Award (Atom House Most-Spirited Player) 2 MPMHA scholarships The 'Albert Clarke Parent Volunteer of the Year' award. <p>Awarded at Appreciation Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Albert Stanley' Referee of the Year Award MPMHA Hockey Mom Award MPMHA Hockey Dad Award
<u>Novice:</u> Participation Medals /player		
<u>Atom</u> 3 Esso Medals / team Dave Denine Unsung Hero For Atom House League	<u>Atom</u> 3 Esso Medals / team Derm Connolly Most Valuable Player Award for Atom All Star	
<u>Pee Wee</u> 3 Esso Medals / team Ralph Neil Unsung Hero Award For Pee Wee House League	<u>Pee Wee</u> 3 Esso Medals / team Reg White Most Valuable Player Award for Pee Wee All Star	
<u>Bantam</u> 3 Esso Medals/ team Gerry Taylor Unsung Hero Award For Bantam House League	<u>Bantam</u> 3 Esso Medals / team Pat O'Keefe Most Valuable Player Award for Bantam All Star	
<u>Midget</u> 3 Esso Medals / team Bruce Styles Unsung Hero Award For Midget House League MPMHA President's Certificate of Dedication will be presented to all 3 rd year players	<u>Midget</u> 3 Esso Medals / team MPMHA President's Certificate of Dedication will be presented to all 3 rd year players	
<u>Female Awards (U12, U15, U20)</u> 3 Esso Medals / team Unsung Hero Award		

**** There will be no ties for Awards – one winner per award, with exception of goalies.**

****There will be no all star awards for short term All Star teams (C & D) as they are included within house awards. This includes Female teams that will not play as a team all year.**

****Make sure awards include full name including person being recognized by award (ie. Dave Denine Unsung Hero Award + Team Name)**

To assist with the selection of award winners, it was felt that clearly defined criteria were needed. This criteria will focus on 2 areas: 'general criteria' will outline what is expected in order for a player to be considered for any award; and 'award specific criteria' outlines what we should look for in a player who deserves each specific award.

This criterion does not apply to 'participation' type awards and certificates (i.e. medals of participation).

General Award Criteria:

For any hockey player to be considered or selected for an award (excluding participation awards) they must meet **all** of the following criteria.

- Player is in 'good standing' with MPMHA.
- 75% attendance to practices. (exclude sickness and injury)
- 90% attendance to regular season games (exclude sickness, injury, work (midget) and invitational tournaments).
- Has not been suspended during the season for 'abuse of an official'.
- Has not been written up (documented) for abuse of coaches, players or parents.
- Has not been suspended during the season by MPMHA for behavior reasons.

Coaches are asked to solicit feedback from parents when determining team awards. This feedback should be considered when selecting award winners but would not be the determining factor. Coaching Staff will have the final say.

Considering the number of eligible candidates and in the spirit of 'fairness', **NO** player should receive more than one award. This obviously excludes participation type medals and certificates.

Specific Award Criteria:

ESSO Awards: (ALL MPMHA Teams excluding Novice Initiation AND Novice as per Hockey Canada rule that these two Divisions emphasize FUN ONLY, and no awards specified).

The following 3 achievement awards (medal and certificate as provided by ESSO) will be presented to 3 players from each House League and All Star team (excluding Novice Initiation) within Mount Pearl Minor Hockey.

Most Improved:

This player showed the most improvement throughout the season. Every time they stepped on the ice they worked hard to improve their skills and to make themselves better team members. They had a great work ethic, great attitude, and became a role model for teammates to follow. They always showed a 'never give up' attitude..

Most Sportsmanlike:

This award recognizes the person that displays positive conduct and attitude on and off the ice, works hard in practices and games, rarely penalized, is concerned for everyone around them (on both teams), can handle winning and more importantly losing. They are also respectful towards players and officials, supportive of others especially when making mistakes, has fun but also competes when required.

Most Dedicated

This award goes to a player who shows spirit, sportsmanship and tireless effort and dedication no matter if winning or losing. This player attends most practices and games and works hard the entire time on the ice. They would be someone that every coach would like on their team due to their level of commitment, as well as their willingness to learn.

Coaches and managers are asked to solicit feedback from the parents and submit a name of one player for each award on their team who is deserving of these awards.

Unsung Hero Award: (Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget HOUSE LEAGUE Teams ONLY)

This award is intended to go to the 'unsung hero' of a team. This is a player who, in the opinion of the coach(s), plays a quiet but important role on the team. The player that best displays dedication, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and a genuine love for the game of hockey. This is not solely intended for the player who normally stands out on a team by scoring all the goals and making all the big plays. The player should truly be a team player who works hard and who is always eager to help and support his teammates.

This award recognizes the player who:

- Shows up for most all games and practices and who gives his/her best at all times.

- He/she supports his/her teammates, encourages others, displays a positive attitude during good and bad plays, and helps others when they get down or frustrated.
- He/she helps the coach when ever possible and is respectful of everyone around.
- Demonstrates dedication, and leadership to the game and to his/her team.
- Plays the game with heart.
- Shows enthusiasm and all around team spirit.
- Demonstrates 'sportsmanlike' behavior on and off the ice and does not draw attention to themselves through unacceptable behavior (i.e. yelling at team mates, banging stick, use of poor language, etc..).

Coaches and managers are asked to solicit feedback from the parents and submit a name of one player on their team who is deserving of this award.

MVP Award: (Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget ALL-STAR Teams ONLY)

This honor typically bestowed upon the best performing player on a specific team who has contributed the most to the success of the team. This player demonstrates:

- Excellent skills.
- Displays leadership ability.
- Commitment and dedication.
- Ability to be a team role model, during practices and games, as well as on and off the ice.
- a positive influence on people around them.
- Ability to support his/her teammates, encourages others, displays a positive attitude during good and bad plays, and helps others when they get down or frustrated.

Medals of Participation: (Novice Initiation and Novice Hockey Divisions)

A participation medal will be presented to each Novice Initiation player at the Year-end Jamboree. Novice Division will receive participation medals at year-end banquet.

ESSO Certificate of Participation: (Novice, Atom, Pee Wee)

A ESSO medal and certificate or participation will be presented to each player in Novice, Atom and Pee Wee hockey player.

Christopher Pink Award (Atom House League)

The Christopher Pink Award is awarded to the Most Spirited Player in Atom House League. This award is in memory of Christopher who past away tragically in an automobile accident only a few short years ago. Christopher at the time played for "Lee's Snowballs" and each year Mrs. Pink attends our year end banquet and presents this award in memory of Christopher and his love of a great game to a very deserving player.

Please choose a player who you feel best represents this award. You should focus on a player who:

- Has a very positive up beat type of spirit.
- Is hardly ever late for a practice or a game and a low absenteeism.
- Has a positive spirit to both his peers and his teammates.
- Has left a positive impression of his/her leadership all year.

There are no ties for this award and Coaching staff(s) are asked to solicit feedback from parents and submit names of players who would be deserving of this award, and provide a brief written explanation as to why the person is being nominated.

MPMHA President's Certificate of Dedication:

A certificate will be presented to each outgoing Midget player as a token of appreciation after years of contributing to MPMHA. This includes players within the female division and DMHL.

Coaching Staff of the Year Award: (One for House League and All Star)

This award is presented on an annual basis to a Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Coaching staff that has shown not only "hockey knowledge" but "people skills". This staff will have demonstrated respect and leadership towards children, adults of the game, be it parents, co-coaches, or officials.

Our children become involved in hockey for different reasons:

- They want to make the NHL
- They enjoy playing the coolest game on earth;
- Their friends play hockey.
- Their parents enjoy the game.

Our children also come into hockey at the beginning of each season with enthusiasm, different attitudes and various levels of skills. Therefore our coaches and in particular our Coach(s)-of-the-Year, would have demonstrated patience in allowing for individual differences. They would be a role model on and off the ice while motivating & encouraging the growth of hockey's younger enthusiasts.

Things that should be considered (but not limited to) is that the coaching staff: :

- Represents values, goals and objectives of MPMHA.
- Continuously shows respect for players, officials, opponents and parents.
- Treats everyone fairly and promotes fair play.
- Demonstrates concern for all-round development of the athlete and promotes responsible conduct even beyond the rink.
- Presents a positive public image of coaching and the role of the coach;
- Applies relevant training theory and coaching practice;
- Demonstrates a proven capacity to improve the team's or athlete's performance.
- Certified in at least one level of the National Coaching Certification Program. (includes IP)

Parents, players or parent representatives are asked to submit names of coaches who would be deserving of this award, and provide a written explanation as to why the coaching staff is being nominated and how they worked to satisfy the above criteria.

Albert Clarke Parent Volunteer of the Year Award:

(Note: Coaching staffs have their own award and cannot be considered for this award.)

This award is presented on an annual basis to a Mount Pearl Minor Hockey parent/guardian who has been a dedicated volunteer in furthering the objectives of the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey. They dedicate the time and energy towards making the hockey season a positive experience for everyone around them. This person will demonstrate respect and leadership of not only children but also the adults of the game, be it parents, co-coaches, or officials.

Coaching staff should consider the numerous volunteers involved with their teams and identify one that goes well beyond the call of duty and demonstrates the following:

- Demonstrates exceptional "organizational" and "planning" skills.
- Has had a positive impact on their respective team.
- Shows respect for players, coaches, officials, opponents and other parents.
- Presents a positive public image for their respective team.
- Plays an active role at team events and is viewed as being more than a 'typical' hockey parent/ guardian.

Coaching staff(s) are asked to solicit feedback from parents and submit names of volunteers who would be deserving of this award, and provide a brief written explanation as to why the person is being nominated.

MPMHA Scholarship Awards (Midget Players and Female Under 20)

Each year the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association awards two scholarships of \$500.00 each to 3rd year Midget players. The Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association encourages all high school graduating players (male and female) to apply. These scholarships are based on a point system. The recipients of these scholarships must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be graduating high school students as of September of the year application is submitted.

- Applicants must reside in an area within the boundaries of the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association.
- Applicants must have registered with the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association for the previous season.
- The applicant must be in good financial standing with the Mount Pearl Minor Hockey Association.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a post-secondary educational institution.

The player is asked to complete the necessary application and file with MPMHA by April 15 of the current year, along with an official high school transcript, an essay of approximately 500 words discussing your educational goals and any other comments which may aid the selection committee in its decision.

Doug Mealy Award (Volunteer without child in hockey)

Doug Mealy coached in the MPMHA system for 28 years in variety of positions, and is very well known for his work with the Novice Skating Program. Doug coached at all levels from, Atom to midget including female and also in house and all-star programs. One year he even coached three teams.

This is a great accomplishment considering he had no child in the system for many of these years. As a tribute to Doug's dedication this award will be presented to a volunteer within MPMHA that does not have a child in the system. When selecting a deserving candidate for this award please consider the characteristics that Doug brought to the rink each day:

- Continuously shows respect for players, officials, opponents and parents.
- Treats everyone fairly and promotes fair play.
- Displays a positive attitude at all times.
- Helps others when they get down or frustrated.
- Demonstrates dedication, and leadership to the game and to his/her team.
- Promotes 'sportsmanlike' behavior on and off the ice.

The Youth Volunteer award

This award was introduced in 2006 and is presented to an individual youth who has excelled in volunteering with our association for the hockey season.

The MPMHA board will complete the selection of the award winner.