



## **AWARDS & RECOGNITION POLICY**

The honors described in this policy recognize excellence and establishes criteria and requirements for recognizing and rewarding distinguished Members of the EODSA. The Common denominator of each award is the achievement of quality. Implied is the understanding that meaningful recognition must be selective, fair and carefully determined. The bestowing of these awards and honors compliments the recipients and adds vitality to the Association.

### **PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

The President's Distinguished Service Award is a meaningful recognition bestowed only on those individuals who have made significant and substantial contributions to the District soccer community at any level over a period of several years. It need not be awarded annually nor is there any limit to the number of awards that can be given out. The sole determining factor in a person's confirmation is the worth of the contribution of the nominated individual.

Criteria:

- The candidate should have been active within the Association for 5 or more years, not necessarily consecutively.
- Significant and substantial contributions include, but are not limited to governance appointments (elected office, Committee Member, task force, etc.), regular authoring and/or editing responsibilities for EODSA publications, involvement in mentorship/collegial activities (Coaching, Officiating, Playing, etc.) among others.
- Special guests of the District, including representatives from other soccer governing bodies, local dignitaries, business and community leaders among others who have made a significant contribution to the sport.

The sum of the recipient's relevant accomplishments to the Association shall be judged by the Executive Committee to have made highly meaningful contributions to the development of the EODSA and to the advancement of the sport of soccer over a significant period of years.

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

The Award of Excellence is presented to individuals and/or organizations who have made a significant contribution to the sport of soccer at the Provincial or National level.

Selection Procedure:

- Sponsors of the EODSA will submit nominations to the Office of the Eastern

Ontario District Soccer Association by December 1<sup>st</sup> using the official nomination form and providing supporting documentation as requested.

- The Secretary or his/her designate will obtain whatever additional information on the individual is necessary and prepare materials for distribution to the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee will review the nominations and vote to select one or more or none of them each year.
- The President, or his/her designate will notify both the selected nominee and the person(s) who nominated them within two weeks of the selection meeting. If necessary, notice will also be sent by the Secretary or his/her designate to the nominees who were not selected, congratulating them on their nomination and noting that they can be nominated again in subsequent years.

The award ceremony will take place during the annual President's Dinner in December. Nominators may be asked to help with the presentation.

Material Manifestations of the Awards may take the form of one or all of:

- Lifetime Membership in the Association
- Plaques, medallions, certificates, cups, coins or golf shirts or any other item approved by the Executive Committee.

Reporting Requirement:

Gifts and/or awards given are to be included in the Association's financial statements.

Naming of Buildings and Grounds

The naming of buildings and grounds is a posthumous honor limited to individuals who have been Members of, and have contributed significantly to, the distinction of the District. It shall not be afforded to a donor, sponsor or investor of such an endeavor regardless of the amount of the gift or investment.

## **BOARD RECOGNITION**

Any Board Member that has been deemed to have faithfully served the District for a given year will receive a token of the District's appreciation in the form of a small gift. (Usually apparel, such as a golf shirt, hat, sweatshirt, mug, etc.)