

2024/2025 VMHA Award Recipients

ESSO AWARD WINNERS

These awards were selected by team staff. We would like to recognize all of our players who worked hard and were acknowledged for their efforts this season.

	Most Team Spirit	Most Dedicated	Most Improved	
U6 C3	Raymond Watts	Ryo Nishi	Tom Sales	
U7 C1	Tommy Little	Jaxton Dangerfield	Nolan Wilson	
U7 C2	Leo Cristante	Ben Curry	Luca Pellegrino Rocha	
U9 C1	Declan Duplantis	Max Savard	Sullivan Wilkie	
U9 C2	Emmett Owen	Brody Simister	James Theofanus	
U9 C3	Sloane Hagen	Maia Hollick	Clarence Speed	
U9C4	Matheson Mills	Cohen Goode	Angus Corbett	
U11C1	Tyler Harris	Torben Mckernan	Kayden Mcclung	
U11C2	Hugo St Denis	Jason Bradford	Coen Zurich	
U11C3	Cooper Kinch	Lukas Erlank	Marcel Laing	

U11C4	Jacob "JJ" Quast	Nikolai Sityayev (goalie)	Lukacs Sarko	
U11C5	Seulwoo Kim	Austin Fleming	Lincoln Dueck	
U11DevA	Mason Bains	Marcelo Navarrete	Ian Roche	
U11DevB	Koen Bradley	Oliver Leff	Lennon Wallin	
U13C1	Samuel Roberge	Rickard McCormick	Ethan Coombs	
U13C2	Grady Etele	Lucas Barillaro	Sequoia Kirby	
U13C3	Reid Slater	Nolan Tucker	Lachlan De Kleine	
U13C4	Dante Scott	Ryder Fournier	Jude Holwood	
U13C5	Lucas Nash	Kane Humber	Adrian Gajdos	
U13T1	Torin Hunter	Austin Joyce	Nikolas Stamatakis	
U13T2	Jack Mccutcheon	Kai Fiala	Xavier Orango	
U15C1	Henry Pham	Colin Berryman	Emma Roberge	

U15C2	Oliver Ryan-Cover	Gavin Miles	Max Hebert	
U15C3	Aeshan Bandeckha	Cole Enwright	Marius Xiao	
U15C4	Easton Pratt	Niko Ulanowski	Ben Craigie	
U15C5	Beck Steinberg	Asher Heringblu m	Alex Donahue	
U15T1	Jett Boardman	Moss Morrow	Owen Paddock	
U15T2	Axel Cohen	Jonathan Cerovec	Emerson Robbins	
U18C1	Gavin Reich	Tait Walsh	Connor Popowich	
U18C2	Duke Crowle	Colten Durley	Kamran Morrison	
U18C3	Keiden Rushworth.	Parker Schneck	Luke Puritch	
U18C4	Nathan Rogers	Ryan Clarke	Brayden Chatlain	
U18C5	Peter Cavens	Tristan Lam	Desmond Condon	****Awarded at their year end party
U18C6	Jack McQueen	Braeden Johnson	Tasmyn De Jong	

U18C7	Alex Cook	Will Girard	Charlie Pearcey	
U18C8	Robert Alix	Rylan Tickner	Oliver Davies	
U18T1	Jackson Buie	Zach Warnick	Ryan Helmkey	
U18T2	Brody Armstrong	Sully Day	Charlton Li	
U21C1	Connor Ross	Alex Moore	Connor Ross	
U21C2	Caylum Farquhar	Tyler Rowe	Josh Carson (most underrated)	
U21C3	Tobi Zarry	Tyler Low	Thomas Lindholm	

PLAYER AWARDS

U11:

U11 Most Improved

This award is presented to the player who most exemplifies commitment to improvement.

Marcel Liang

U11 Most Dedicated - Charlaine Visscher Award

Charlaine was a dedicated hockey mom who died unexpectedly the year her son played Atom hockey. Char's uniqueness was beautified by her dedication to her children, willingness to help others, kindness to all and love of life. This award is presented to the U11 player who most exemplifies dedication or is otherwise an "unsung hero".

Lukas Erlank

U11 Most Team Spirit

Player who exemplifies sportsmanship, enthusiasm and is supportive and respectful of teammates, coaches, opponents and officials.

Cooper Kinch

U13:

U13 Most Improved - Aaron Robson-Templeton Award

Nikolas Stamataki

U13 Most Dedicated

This award is presented to the U13 player who most exemplifies dedication or is otherwise an “unsung hero”.

Rickard McCormick

U13 Most Team Spirit - Doug Neilson Award

Doug Neilson valued good sportsmanship, leadership, enthusiasm and hustle. This award is presented to the U13 player who exemplifies sportsmanship, enthusiasm and is supportive and respectful of teammates, coaches, opponents and officials.

Samuel Roberge

U13 LEADERSHIP AWARD

Austin Joyce

U15:

U15 Most Improved - Tim Walsh Award

Tim always showed up for the game and worked hard. He was a Rec player who played with lots of heart and could be described as an unsung hero. This award is presented to the U15 Player who most exemplifies commitment to improvement.

Ben Craigie

U15 LEADERSHIP AWARD

Aeshan Bandechha

U18:

U18 Most Improved

This award is presented to the player who most exemplifies commitment to improvement.

Luke Puritch

U18 Most Dedicated - Steve Simpson Award

Steve was a Rep player who could be described as an unsung hero. He was a gritty player who was a good team player and friend both on and off the ice. While historically limited to Rep players, this award is now presented to any U18 player who most exemplifies dedication or is otherwise an “unsung hero”.

Tristan Lam

U18 Most Team Spirit - RK Spirit Award

Reid was very passionate about hockey and life. He always had a smile and could always be counted on to share a good joke. Reid was a hard-working player who hustled out onto the ice for each shift as if it was the first shift of the game. He was not a selfish player and would rather pass the puck for the shot if he saw that another player was in a better position. He was always positive and encouraged fellow team mates to never give up. Reid always respected all players, coaches and referees. This award is presented to the U18 player who exemplifies sportsmanship, enthusiasm and is supportive and respectful of teammates, coaches, opponents and officials.

Duke Crowle

U18 Leadership Award

Player who exemplifies leadership both on and off the ice.

Braxton Lise

Goalies:

Most Improved Goalie - Ken Griffin Award

Ken Griffin was the father of a goaltender who passed away several years ago. This award is presented to the goalie who most exemplifies commitment to improvement.

Benoit Berube Brandt

Most Dedicated Goalie

This award is presented to the goalie who is most dedicated.

Damon Protz

Females:

Most Improved Female

This award is presented to the female player who most exemplifies commitment to improvement.

Madison Tilley

Most Dedicated Female

This award is presented to the female player who most exemplifies dedication or is otherwise an “unsung hero”.

Jill Hadley

OFFICIATING AWARDS

RIC Award

This award is presented to an Official who most exemplifies dedication and commitment to improvement

Liam Waugh

Most Improved Official

Matthew Simoneau

Most Promising Official

Lucas Byers

TEAM STAFF & SUPPORT AWARDS

Coach of the Year

Presented to a VMHA coach that makes an extraordinary contribution to the Association or the game itself in addition to fulfilling coaching duties. Criteria used in this award include, team chemistry, team performance, coach communication, coach personal development and dedication.

There are always so many worthy nominees for our coach of the year. Our coaches do an incredible job of developing our players and keeping them engaged. This year's recipient is no exception.

Kevin Monkman

Manager of the Year

Presented to a VMHA manager that makes an extraordinary contribution to the Association or the game itself in addition to fulfilling managerial duties. Criteria used in this award include, team organization, administration and communication.

VMHA is lucky to have a wealth of wonderful managers and many are equally deserving of this recognition.

Nancy Dragicevich

Bob Tygat Award

Bob Tygat was a supporter and contributor in the local and professional levels of sport in Victoria. He was a Saanich Junior B Governor and served as time keeper and score keeper for Salsa Junior A (now Grizzlies) and Shamrocks lacrosse games as well as being involved in adult hockey programs. This award is presented to a "Fan" who has made a significant contribution to the betterment of the Association, by providing special support to players, teams or the Executive.

Adrian Lise

Brave Award - Sponsored by: Team J.A.C.K. & Jack Westhaver (Journey Against Cancer and Kids)

3 weeks shy of his 6th birthday, Jack Westhaver was diagnosed with ALL: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Just hours before his diagnosis he was playing hockey, something he loved to do and something he was able to continue to enjoy thanks to the support of his community. Although most of Jack's 2009-2010 season was spent in the hospital and away from the rink, we know

that this award inspired Jack every time he was able to go to the rink and give it a try! The 'first' #1 Brave Award was presented to Jack's family on April 3rd of 2009 as Jack was unable to attend the SMHA awards banquet due to his intensive treatment plan. As sick as he was at the time, this award brought Jack to his feet and kept the 'brave' in him strong! Today Jack is well and enjoying his favorite pastime...the game of hockey. This award is presented to a player who has been faced with adversity, challenge, illness or injury who shares Jack's love of hockey.

Eamonn Millar

Bob Lindal Award of Merit

Awarded to any parent, player, referee, team official, coach or executive member who makes an extraordinary contribution to the Association or who demonstrates exceptional qualities that are a positive example for others, both on and off the ice.

Matt Stockman

Darin Alexander Award

Awarded by the VMHA board to a player or players who best exemplify the qualities of perseverance, resilience and character. Players eligible to receive this award have had to overcome personal challenges during the season and have used the game of hockey as a positive influence for themselves while upholding the game's true spirit of camaraderie and competition.

George Sanchez

ICE Society Mentorship Award

The ICE Society Mentorship Award celebrates individuals who make a lasting impact within the hockey community by supporting the healing, growth, and empowerment of children and youth through meaningful mentorship. This award recognizes referees, players, parents, siblings, fans, coaches, managers, safety personnel, and on-ice helpers who foster confidence, compassion, and personal growth, helping young athletes navigate challenges and thrive both on and off the ice.

Graeme Wright

GRADUATING PLAYERS

First Name	Last Name
PARKER	AIKEN
ROWAN	BRODIE RAFUSE
JACKSON	BUIE
CALLAHAN	COWAN
QUINN	CRAMB
TOAH	DAVIS
JACK	HALL
JORDAN	HANOSKI
RYAN	HELMKAY
CALE	KAUFMANN
JASPER	KEAST
AIDAN	MARSON
MICHAEL	OUGHTRED
TAYLOR	PATON
DYLAN	PATTERSON
OLIVER	PEMBERTON
ZACHARY	WARNICK
EVERETT	WILKE
OWEN	WILSON
SABINE	BAILEY
WILLIAM	BECKNER
DENNIS	KOSKI
RILEY	LOWE
GAVIN	REICH
COOPER	RENAUD
FINN	STORY
TAIT	WALSH
JORDAN	ALEXANDER
DUKE	CROWLE
BECKETT	HARRISON
DEVIN	ANTONIAZZI
LUKAS	DRAGICEVICH

BRANDON	GLOVER
RUMI	MAFTECHUK
SCHIONA	MARKOTIC
AUGUSTUS	RASCHDORF
GEORGE	SANCHEZ
BLAKE	ANDERSON
MATTHEW	BAVINGTON
ROWAN	CHANEY
BRAYDEN	CHATLAIN
RYAN	CLARKE
RICHARD	POLIVKA
NATHAN	ROGERS
CHASE	BIDNEY
JADEN	HANSEN
DOMINIC	HARRIS
TRISTAN	LAM
JAYLEN	ORMISTON
ZEPHYR	COWAN
AARON	MAYCOCK
JACK	MCQUEEN
SAMUEL	NIENHUIS
BENJAMIN	SCHNEIDER
KIMBERLEY	SHUBROOK
SIMON	CHEN
ALEXANDER	COOK
BRAXTON	LISE
AVA	RUFFOLO
NIKOS	SHANNON
ZACHARY	DING
DEVLIN	GUENETTE
ALEX	PALM
MAGNUS	SLATER
SHION	WIGHTMAN
BRODY	ARMSTRONG
CAMERON	BONO
TRISTAN JAMES	CARROTHERS

ERIC	CHAMBERS
SULLIVAN	DAY
KYLE	GIBSON
LEIF	JENSEN
LUKE	LEVESQUE
CHARLTON	LI
KYLE	MATSUBUCHI
JASSY	QIU
LIAM	WAUGH
MATTHEW	WEBB