

Coaches of Excellence
Nomination Rules and Regulations
Fall 2017

BLACK HILLS PARENT Coaches of Excellence

Criteria for Submissions

A nominee must be a VOLUNTEER Youth Sports Coach that exemplifies character, passion, and drive to further their athlete's success. Your letter of recognition (three to five paragraphs) should include the nominee's name, age, and address, as well as your relationship with the coach. In the nomination essay, tell us their story, including what makes them an excellent coach, citing examples of the challenges he/she faces, their character, their service to others and their outstanding contributions to the sports program.

1. How to enter: Accepted nominations begin at 12:01 a.m. Mountain Standard time (MST) on May 4, 2017, and ends at 11:59 p.m. MST on June 23, 2017. To enter, visit BlackHillsParent.com and upload your story. Limit one entry per person, and entries exceeding 600 words may not be considered. BHParent is not responsible for lost, late, illegible or incomplete entries or entries not received for any reason. Entries become sole property of BHParent, and none will be acknowledged or returned. By entering, Entrant warrants that his or her entry (1) is original and does not infringe the intellectual-property rights of any third party and (2) has not been posted anywhere else.

2. Judging: BHParent editors will select honorees based on the emotional resonance and perceived reader interest of each coach's story and whether the entry adheres to the criteria: illustrating the challenges the nominee faces as well as the qualities of character, service to others, and contribution to the youth sports program. BHParent editors will select the honoree entries after June 23, who will be announced in the fall issue of BHParent magazine. Incomplete and/or inaccurate entries and entries not complying with all rules are subject to disqualification. Decisions of judges are final and binding. Honorees and their nominators will be notified by telephone and/or e-mail after June 23, 2017. The selected stories will also be posted on BlackHillsParent.com on/or around August 2017.

3. Eligibility: Open to legal residents of the Black Hills communities of South Dakota, age 18 or older at time of entry ("Entrant(s)"). Void where prohibited by law. Employees of BHParent are not eligible.

4. Recognition description: The selected honorees will be featured in the fall issue of BHParent magazine, and each will receive a commemorative gift on behalf of the featured sponsors and BHParent. The gift is awarded without warranty, express or implied, of any kind. The gift is not transferable. BlackHillsParent.com

reserves the right to edit or remove any blog content submitted by any Entrant, including the honoree, at any time for any reason.

5. Conditions of participation: Nothing in these official nomination rules shall obligate BHParent to publish or otherwise use any entry submitted in connection with this submission period. All federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Entrants agree to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules and by the decisions of BHParent, which are final and binding on all matters pertaining to this submission period. By entering, Entrant represents that any post, etc., and other materials submitted as part of Entrant's contest entry are original and will not constitute defamation or an invasion of privacy or otherwise infringe upon the rights of any third party, and that the Entrant owns or has the rights to convey any and all right and title in such post. In addition, by entering, Entrant grants permissions to BHParent a nonexclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to edit, publish, promote and republish at any time in the future and otherwise use Entrant's submitted posts, along with Entrant's name, likeness, biographical information and any other information provided by Entrant in any and all media for possible editorial, promotional or advertising purposes, without further permission, notice or compensation (except where prohibited by law). Failure to comply with the deadline may result in forfeiture of the honoree selection and selection of an alternate honoree. Acceptance of the honoree selection constitutes permission for Sponsor and its agencies to use Honoree's name and/or likeness, biographical information, video and other materials submitted for advertising and promotional purposes without additional compensation, unless prohibited by law. By entering and/or accepting this honor, Entrants and Honorees agree to hold and assign BHParent and its promotional partners, directors, officers and employees harmless for liability, damages or claims for injury or loss to any person or property, relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in this submission period, the acceptance and/or subsequent use or misuse or condition of any of the honorees awarded, or claims based on publicity rights, defamation or invasion of privacy. False or deceptive entries or acts will render the Entrant ineligible. BHParent, in its sole discretion, reserves the immediate and unrestricted right to disqualify any entrant or honoree, if either commits or has committed any act or has been involved or becomes involved in any situation or occurrence which BHParent deems likely to subject the title, feature sponsors, Entrant or Honoree to ridicule, scandal or contempt or which reflects unfavorably upon BHParent in any way. If such information is discovered by BHParent after an honoree has received notice of his/her selection and before the commemorative gift is awarded, BHParent may rescind the honor in its entirety. If a portion of his/her honoree opportunity has already been awarded, BHParent may withdraw the remainder of the honor that has been fulfilled. Decisions of BHParent and the featured sponsors are final and binding in all matters related to this paragraph. BHParent is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the contest, or in the announcement of the celebration gathering/ceremony and gift.

6. Internet: BHParent is not responsible for lost or late entries nor for electronic-transmission errors resulting in omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operations or transmission, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to or alterations of entry materials, or for technical, network, telephone-equipment, electronic, computer, hardware or software malfunctions or limitations of any kind, or inaccurate transmissions of or failure to receive entry information by BHParent or presenter on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any website or any combination thereof. If for any reason the Internet portion of the program is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes that corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this submission period, BHParent reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the nomination submission period. BHParent reserves the right to select honorees from eligible entries received as of the termination date. Caution: Any attempt by a contestant to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the game is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, BHParent/Evergreen Media/Print Promotions Plus, LLC reserves the right to seek damages from any such contestant to the fullest extent of the law. If there is a dispute as to the identity of the Entrant, the honor will be awarded to the authorized account holder of the e-mail address. The "authorized account holder" is defined as the natural person to whom the e-mail address is assigned.

7. Governing law: This submission period is governed by the internal laws of the State of South Dakota without regard to principles of conflict of laws. All cases and claims pertaining to this Contest must be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the City of Rapid City, without recourse to class-action suits.

8. Severability: If any provision of these Rules and Regulations are found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction or appointed arbitrator, such determination shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision herein.

9. Honoree list: For names of the honorees, go to blackhillsparent.com on or after August 2017.

10. Host: The host of this nomination submission period is Black Hills Parent, 329 Main Street, Suite1, Rapid City, SD 57701.

{Youth Sports is defined by Black Hills Parent magazine as: a team consisting of athletes ages 18 and under.}

{Volunteer Youth Sports Coach is defined by Black Hills Parent magazine as: an unpaid position of an adult coach over athletes 18 years and under.}