COACHES AWARDS NOMINATIONS

PLAY LIKE A CHAMPION TODAY® COACHES AWARD & ST. SEBASTIAN COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose of awards:
1. To recognize coaches at both the parish/school and archdiocesan levels who represent the Play Like A Champion Today® philosophy in influencing their individual athletes and teams to GROW toward maximizing their potential as athletes and disciples.
2. To recognize a coach from each sport at the archdiocesan level as a Play Like A Champion Today® Coaches Award winner and among those winners, recognize the St. Sebastian Coach of the Year Award.

Parish/School PLACT® Coaches Award:
- One coach may be awarded this honor in each sport season at the parish or school level
- The archdiocesan award application should be used as a template for the parish/school athletic director or parish/school athletics board/commission to decide who their award winners are.

Archdiocesan PLACT® Coaches Award:
- Each participating program may nominate forward their parish or school award winner for the archdiocesan award.
- The archdiocesan award application should be submitted by the parish/school athletic director by the completion of regular season for the sport of nomination to ensure sport committee consideration at their post season gathering.
- One coach will be chosen for each sport season for this award by the sport committee in consultation with the Director of CYO Athletics.
- The coach will be recognized at the Champions of Faith event at the conclusion of the program year.
- The archdiocesan winners for each sport season will be considered for the St. Sebastian Coach of the Year Award.

St. Sebastian Coach of the Year Award:
St. Sebastian is patron saint of athletes because of his physical endurance and his energetic way of spreading and defending the Catholic faith. He entered the Roman army in order to defend the confessors and martyrs of his day without drawing attention to himself.

1. The annual St. Sebastian Coach of the Year Award is given to one coach each year who are Play Like A Champion Today® Coaches Award winners that demonstrate the highest level of understanding and integration of the Play Like A Champion Today principles and the GROW approach in their coaching style and who further support the fun and development of our youth by ensuring that the focus of the competitive experience is on the athletes.
2. This award will be selected by the CYO Athletics Advisory Commission in consultation with the Director of CYO Athletics and will be awarded at the “Champions of Faith” event at the conclusion of the program year.
PLACT® COACHES AWARD

Instructions:
1. Please submit the information requested below. Incomplete nominations will not be considered.
2. Nominations must be submitted in this format by completion of regular season for the sport of nomination to ensure sport committee consideration at their post season gathering.
3. Each nomination must be submitted by the parish/school athletic director and accompanied by the written endorsement (email is sufficient) of the nominee’s Parish Priest or School Principal if not affiliated to a parish.
4. ALL nominees must be in at least their second year of coaching the sport of nomination in CYO Athletics (three years overall) and be up to date on Safe Environment and Play Like A Champion Today® requirements.
5. Please fill out online nomination form or return the nomination to:
   Play Like A Champion Today® Coaches Award
   Archdiocese of Seattle/CYO Athletics
   710 9th Ave
   Seattle, WA 98104

Fields to include:
• NOMINEE NAME
• PARISH/SCHOOL
• ADDRESS
• CITY/STATE/ZIP
• SPORTS & NUMBER OF YEARS COACHED
• E-MAIL
• PHONE
• QUESTIONS
  o [prompt] Coaching requires stamina and creative ways of engaging young athletes so that they maximize their potential as individuals and as a team. “Champion” coaches are those that embody the Play Like A Champion Today® philosophy in everything that they do.
  • In what ways did the nominee:
    1. Encourage athletes to PLAY with passion and enthusiasm that connected them with the spiritual nature of sports and the joy of competition?
    2. Instill discipline and commitment to compete LIKE A CHAMPION?
       a. By assisting athletes in creating and striving for both individual and team GOALS?
       b. By developing positive, supportive RELATIONSHIPS among each other and within the community,
       c. By empowering OWNERSHIP so athletes take responsibility for themselves and their experience,
       d. By creating a WINNING culture where the focus is maximizing potential & not the scoreboard;
    3. Create focus on the present moment of TODAY so that athletes made the most of each opportunity.

Please note: it is not necessary to answer all of the questions above but instead pay attention to those areas where the nominee stood out as a “champion” coach. A coach’s achievement may be broadly represented in each of the areas or more deeply in one or two. Please select that approach that best suits the nominee coach and your experience of them.

*create nomination form