

United States *Luge* Association

COACH, DEVELOPMENTAL COACH AND VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR Selection Process

1. A nomination process will be initiated that will allow any USLA member to nominate any coach for consideration of either Coach of the Year, Developmental Coach of the Year or Volunteer Coach of the Year. These nominations will be submitted to the Screening Committee. A form will be developed for this process and communicated to the membership.
2. An advisory poll of all USLA coaches may be undertaken to seek their opinions for Coach, Developmental Coach and Volunteer Coach of the Year. The results of this poll will not be made public but will be submitted to the Screening Committee for their use. This advisory poll will be done by the Executive Director.
3. An advisory poll of samplings of the relevant athlete population may be undertaken to seek their opinions for Coach, Developmental Coach and Volunteer Coach of the Year. The results of this poll will not be made public but will be submitted to the Screening Committee for their use. This advisory poll will be done by an athlete as specified in point four (4.) below.
4. A Screening Committee of three will review all nominations. It will be comprised of the Executive Director, the Chair of the National Team Committee, and an athlete chosen from the athlete ranks. None of the three members of the Screening Committee may submit a nomination.
5. The Screening Committee will reduce the field of nominations down to no more than three in each of the three categories and submit them to the National Team Committee for a vote.
6. The Screening Committee will base its decisions on its interpretation of how successfully the nominees meet the category's criteria. Any advisory polls of the staff and athletes are just that - advisory - and by themselves are insufficient evidence for a decision by the Screening Committee.
7. The National Team Committee will decide upon the winners of the Coach, Developmental Coach and Volunteer Coach of the Year from amongst the list of nominations put forth by the Screening Committee. Co-winners in any category will not be allowed. The winner must receive a majority of the votes cast. If a vote results in at least one person not getting a majority of the votes, the individual(s) with the least amount of votes will be dropped from the list and a new vote will be undertaken. This process will be repeated until an individual on each list receives a majority of the votes cast.

8. Although it's the hope of the USLA that a recipient for an award in each category is selected each year, it's permitted that the National Team Committee not choose anyone, or the Screening Committee not select anyone, if either party feels such a decision is appropriate.
9. Should the National Team Committee be hopelessly deadlocked in any of the categories after the voting specified in point seven (7.) above is completed, then the Executive Board will make the final determination of a recipient in the category in question.

COACH OF THE YEAR

1. The individual must have actively coached in the year under consideration.
2. The individual should meet all appropriate USOC and/or USLA professional coaching standards for education and behavior.
3. The individual should have made a significant impact on the athletes performances at the highest level of competition within the preceding 12 months. ("Highest" will be defined as the Olympics, the World Championships and the World Cup Series, in that order).
4. Although active coaching will be the main reason for receiving the Coach of the Year Award, supporting consideration may be given for the following contributions in the field of coaching:

A distinguished career as a coach

Educating or mentoring other coaches

Development of coaching materials like books or videos, etc.

Promotion of character development, education, vocational
and career planning, and ethical sport

Community involvement

Pioneering new training or competition methods

Expanding the knowledge of technical skills within the sport

Technical Creativity (development of new sleds, components, techniques, or ideas, etc.

General program development

The individual's strength as a role model

Commitment to continuing education and certification

Honors / Recognition received

DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR

1. The individual must have actively coached in the year under consideration.
2. The individual should meet all appropriate USOC and/or USLA professional coaching standards for education and behavior.
3. The individual should have made a significant impact in helping developmental athletes at the youth or junior level progress to the elite junior level of the sport within the preceding 12 months. Understanding that athlete development is a long-term process, consideration will also be given to the developmental coach's career record for helping athletes develop to higher levels of sport and as human beings.
4. Because developing athletes entails developing all aspects of a person - psychological, physical, and social - supporting consideration for the Developmental Coach of the Year may include:

A distinguished career as a coach

Educating or mentoring other coaches

Promotion of character development, education, vocational
and career planning, and ethical sport

Community involvement

Developing excellent athletes who also display excellence in
other fields like citizenship, scholastics, art, etc.

General program development

The individual's strength as a role model

Commitment to continuing education and certification

Honors / Recognition received

VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR

1. The individual must have actively coached in the year under consideration and did not receive any payment for services rendered, except for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
2. The individual should meet all appropriate USOC and/or USLA professional coaching standards for education and behavior.
3. The individual should have made a significant impact in helping developmental athletes progress to higher levels of the sport within the preceding 12 months. Understanding that athlete development is a long-term process, consideration will also be given to the volunteer coach's career record for helping athletes develop to higher levels of sport and as human beings.
4. Because developing athletes entails developing all aspects of a person - psychological, physical, and social - supporting consideration for the Volunteer Coach of the Year may include:

A distinguished career as a coach

Educating or mentoring other coaches

Promotion of character development, education, vocational and career planning, and ethical sport

Community involvement

Developing excellent athletes who also display excellence in other fields like citizenship, scholastics, art, etc.

General program development

The individual's strength as a role model

Commitment to continuing education and certification

Honors / Recognition received