

**COACH OF THE YEAR
DEVELOPMENTAL COACH OF THE YEAR
VOLUNTEER COACH OF THE YEAR**

USA Luge is proud to offer awards for *Coach of the Year*, *Developmental Coach of the Year*, and *Volunteer Coach of the Year*. These awards are sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee and are meant to bring more recognition to the profession of coaching. Each sport in the Olympic movement is permitted to select one honoree in each category who will subsequently be honored.

This award is meant to recognize those people who coach the athletes of the United States Luge Association. A perpetual trophy will reside at the USA Luge headquarters where the recipients' names will be listed. The award recipient will also receive a suitable personal trophy to be displayed proudly.

What follows is a nomination form to be used to nominate people for any of the above named awards. The deadline for the receipt of nominations will be **April 25, 2011**.

The nominations can come from any USA Luge member, but the name of the person doing the nominating will remain confidential beyond the members of the Screening Committee (described later).

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 USA Luge professional coaching standards for education and behavior.
3. The individual should have made a significant impact on the athletes' performances at the highest levels 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, for senior level coaches; and the Junior World Championships and the Junior World Cup Series, in that order, for junior level coaches.)
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, 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
 - 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 USA Luge 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 a 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, the arts, acting as role models, 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/must meet all appropriate USOC and/or USA Luge 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 competition within the preceding 12 months. Understanding that athlete development is a long-term process, consideration will also be given to a 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 *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, the arts, acting as role models, etc.
 - General program development
 - The individual's strength as a role model

Prior Winners

<u>Coach of the Year</u>		<u>Developmental Coach of the Year</u>
Wolfgang Schädler	1996	Miroslav Zayonc
Miroslav Zayonc	1997	Jon Owen
Wolfgang Schädler	1998	Klim Gatker
Hans Sparber	1999	Dusty Grant
Walter Plaikner	2000	Fred Zimny *
Wolfgang Schädler	2001	Jon Owen
Wolfgang Schädler	2002	Duncan Kennedy
Wolfgang Schädler	2003	Klim Gatker
Wolfgang Schädler	2004	Dan Smith
Klim Gatker	2005	Jon Owen
Fred Zimny	2006	Duncan Kennedy
Wolfgang Schädler	2007	Patrick Anderson
Miroslav Zayonc	2008	Pete Motta
Wolfgang Schädler	2009	Pete Motta
Klim Gatker	2010	Jon Owen

Volunteer Coach of the Year
Scott Clark 2003

**Was subsequently honored by the USOC as the Nation's Developmental Coach of the Year.*

Coach of the Year Developmental Coach of the Year Volunteer Coach of the Year

Selection Process

- 1.) Any USA Luge member may 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 has been developed for this process and is enclosed for your convenience.
- 2.) An advisory poll of all USA Luge 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 4.)
- 4.) A Screening Committee of three will review all the 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 categories and submit them to the National Team Committee for a vote.
- 6.) The Screening Committee will base its decision on its interpretation of how successfully the nominee meets the category's criteria. The advisory polls of the staff and the athletes are just that - advisory - and by themselves are insufficient justification 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 the nominations put forth by the Screening Committee. Co-winners in either 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 USA Luge 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 Selection 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 two categories after the voting specified in point 7.) above is completed, then the Executive Board will make the final determination of a recipient in the category in question.

