



BASEBALL NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

2026 ANNUAL AWARD CRITERIA

Baseball Newfoundland and Labrador is now accepting nominations for its Annual Awards, honoring its best coaches, officials, players, teams and volunteers for their performances and/or contributions to the sport of baseball. We invite all members to nominate those individuals who deserve recognition for their performance over the past year.

The Executive reviews the applications and selects the most deserving nominee in each category. There is no limit on the number of times an individual can be nominated. The more information the committee receives, the better they can assess your nominee. Nominations should be 250 words at minimum and include specific references to stats, awards, and records where relevant.

Nominations must also include a picture (of good quality) of the nominee that can be used during the Annual Awards Reception. Nominations should only reference competition at Baseball NL sanctioned or affiliated events (local invitational tournaments, Provincials, Atlantics, Nationals, Baseball Canada training camps, etc).

For the 2026 Annual Awards, we are pleased to introduce a new award – *Provincial Championship Host of the Year*. This award will highlight one local association and their efforts as a host during the 2026 Provincial Championship season. More information can be found in the criteria guidelines for the award.

Awards

1. Minor Male Player of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to players who participated in 13U and under in the previous season.
- b. If players participated in multiple divisions, they will only be considered in their primary division based on age.
- c. Nominees are considered based on possessing a strong dedication to baseball, attitudes, developmental progress, cooperation, and sportsmanship.
- d. While possessing an outstanding playing record, the player must show team leadership, enhancing the image of baseball philosophies

2. Minor Female Player of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to players who participated in 14U and under in the previous season.
- b. If players participated in multiple divisions, they will only be considered in their primary division based on age.
- c. Nominees are considered based on possessing a strong dedication to baseball, attitudes, developmental progress, cooperation, and sportsmanship.
- d. While possessing an outstanding playing record, the player must show team leadership, enhancing the image of baseball philosophies

3. Major Male Player of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to players who participated in 15U and 18U divisions in the previous season. Players who fit in this age categories based on age but participated in other divisions (Junior, Senior, etc) would need to be nominated under this category.
- b. Nominees are considered based on possessing a strong dedication to baseball, attitudes, developmental progress, cooperation, and sportsmanship.
- c. While possessing an outstanding playing record, the player must show team leadership, enhancing the image of baseball philosophies.

4. Major Female Player of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to players who participated in 16U and older in the previous season.
- b. If players participated in multiple divisions, they will only be considered in their primary division based on age.
- c. Nominees are considered based on possessing a strong dedication to baseball, attitudes, developmental progress, cooperation, and sportsmanship.
- d. While possessing an outstanding playing record, the player must show team leadership, enhancing the image of baseball philosophies

5. Sr/Jr Player of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to players of any gender over the age of 18 who participated in Junior and/or Senior competition in the previous season.
- b. Nominees are considered based on possessing a strong dedication to baseball, attitudes, developmental progress, cooperation, and sportsmanship.
- c. While possessing an outstanding playing record, the player must show team leadership, enhancing the image of baseball philosophies

6. High Performance Coach of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to coaches who coached AAA teams, 18U AA, provincial teams, senior teams or junior teams.
- b. If coaches participated in high performance and grassroots divisions, they can be nominated in multiple divisions but only the stats relevant to the award they are being nominated for will be considered.
- c. The nominees must display managerial objectives of motivation, inspiration, direction, and leadership.
- d. Recognition is based on the ability to enhance the value of the game as a team sport, develop young players, and community respect.

7. Grassroots Coach of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to coaches who coached AA teams, A teams or house league teams.
- b. If coaches participated in high performance and grassroots divisions, they can be nominated in multiple divisions but only the stats relevant to the award they are being nominated for will be considered.
- c. The nominees must display managerial objectives of motivation, inspiration,

direction, and leadership.

- d. Recognition is based on the ability to enhance the value of the game as a team sport, develop young players, and community respect.
- e. Efforts are recognized for establishing baseball in the community

8. Female Coach of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to all female coaches in any category
- b. The nominees must display managerial objectives of motivation, inspiration, direction, and leadership.
- c. Recognition is based on the ability to enhance the value of the game as a team sport, develop young players, and community respect.
- d. Efforts are recognized for establishing baseball in the community.

9. Minor Umpire of the Year

- a. Nominations open for any registered umpire who is under 18 years old and who through the year has performed in an outstanding manner.
- b. Nominations should include a brief overview of games umpired, including the level(s) in which the individual umpired. Nominations should also include a record of any key assignments and/or important games.
- c. If applicable, nominations can include an assessment of umpire's progress/development throughout the year

10. Major Umpire of the Year

- a. Nominations open for any registered umpire who is 18 years old and older, who through the year has performed in an outstanding manner.
- b. Nominations should include a brief overview of games umpired, including the level(s) in which the individual umpired. Nominations should also include a record of any key assignments and/or important games.
- c. If applicable, nominations can include an assessment of umpire's progress/development throughout the year

11. High Performance Team of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to AAA teams, 18U AA, provincial teams, senior teams or junior teams.
- b. Teams must have excelled in performance during the year. The team's record of competing in and winning championships shall be the main principle in accepting nominees in this category.
- c. The level of competition (provincials, Atlantics or Nationals) that a team has faced will be integral in determining this award.
- d. Team conduct, deportment, and behavior while engaging in their games must be considered top priority in the interests of enhancing the image of baseball.

12. Grassroots Team of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to AA teams, A teams or house league teams.
- b. Teams must have excelled in performance during the year. The team's record of competing in and winning championships shall be the main principle in accepting nominees in this category.
- c. The level of competition (Provincials, Atlantics or Nationals) that a team has faced will be integral in determining this award.
- d. Team conduct, deportment, and behavior while engaging in their games must be considered top priority in the interests of enhancing the image of baseball.

13. Provincial Championship Host of the Year

- a. Nominations are open to Baseball NL member associations that hosted one or more Baseball NL Provincial Championships during the previous season.
- b. Nominees will be considered based on their overall organization and delivery of the Provincial Championship(s), including facility preparation, communication, volunteer involvement, game-day operations, and the overall experience provided to participating teams, officials, and spectators
- c. Consideration will be given to hosts that demonstrate strong hospitality, professionalism, sportsmanship, and a commitment to creating a positive and welcoming environment for all participants.
- d. Nominees should demonstrate their ability to effectively work with Baseball NL, participating associations, teams, coaches, and officials while meeting the requirements and expectations associated with hosting a Baseball NL Provincial Championship.
- e. Additional consideration may be given to hosts that demonstrate initiative and creativity in enhancing the Provincial Championship experience, including promotion of the event, community engagement, ceremonies, field presentation, amenities, or other efforts that contribute to making the event memorable for participants.
- f. Nominations should include specific examples of the association's hosting efforts and may include feedback from participating teams, officials, Baseball NL representatives, or other individuals involved in the Provincial Championship.

14. Les Noseworthy Award

- a. This award honours an individual who has made a significant contribution to the growth and development of baseball in Newfoundland and Labrador
- b. Nominations are open to an individual who has distinguished themselves in an outstanding manner and must include some volunteer activities and not solely as a player
- c. While this is a yearly award and preference will be given to active members, a complete record of achievements must accompany any nomination.

**NOTE – Les Noseworthy Award winners are only eligible to win this award one (1) time.
For a complete list of past winners, please click [here](#)**