

## **ANDY LALIBERTE ATHLETE AWARD**

### Terms of Reference

#### Supporting the **British Columbia Wrestling Association Award for Secondary Student Wrestlers**

This award was established in 2001 by former Centennial and Simon Fraser University wrestler, Andre (“Andy”) Laliberte, former Centennial, SFU and WWU wrestler Stephen Wiles, and former Burnaby South and WWU wrestler, John Adams. Andy was a BC High School Champion, and SFU wrestler until injuries forced him to withdraw from the sport. He loved the sport of wrestling, as well as many other sports, and continued to be a coach in wrestling at the junior high school level until he transferred to elementary school. Andy was also a member of the BC Wrestling Association Board for several years. Andy was stricken with ALS in 1996. A few years after the onset of the debilitating disease, John and Stephen decided to begin an award in Andy’s name. A yearly fundraising event began in 2001 where former wrestlers and rugby players were invited, with Andy in attendance, to support amateur wrestling and rugby for student athletes. The funds raised were dedicated to Andy Laliberte Athlete Award (the “Award”). As such:

1. The Andy Laliberte Athlete Award in wrestling will be awarded annually from the funds on hand dedicated to the Award (the “Endowment”), currently held by the BCWA. If a suitable candidate cannot be found in a given year, no withdrawals will be made from the Endowment.
2. The Award will be given to grade 11/12 student athletes in a secondary institution based on commitment to wrestling, athletic merit, support to teammates, and leadership of the wrestling program at his or her school in support of the coach and/or other athletes. Preference will be given to student athletes in grade 12 who plan on attending post-secondary institutions and who wish to continue with the sport of wrestling at those institutions.
3. The Award will be presented to one or two high school wrestlers each year. The winner(s) will receive a bursary of \$1,000 (one winner) or \$500 (two winners) to assist in attending the Canadian U-19 Championships, including the costs of entry, travel, lodging and meals. This bursary is available to high school male wrestlers and female wrestlers.
4. The Nomination Form (attached) is to be submitted by email to BCWA, [execdirector@bcwrestling.com](mailto:execdirector@bcwrestling.com), by January 31st of the year of the Award. Selection and presentation of the Andy Laliberte Athlete Award winner(s) will be determined by the Stephen Wiles and John Adams and will be communicated to BCWA members by February 28th of the same year.
5. In cases where Stephen and John are not available within 2 weeks (fourteen days) of the submission deadline, BCWA is authorized to make the award selection for that year.
6. Criteria for applying for the Award:
  - Member of BCWA in good standing for a minimum of 2 years
  - Member must be in grade 11 or 12

- Dedication to the sport of wrestling
  - Has a good working relationship with the coach and team members
  - Should be your best leader (only one member of the team may be nominated)
  - Attendance at the Canadian U-19 Wrestling Championships
7. The award will be selected from applicants, with advice, if necessary, from coaches involved in the provincial program, and confirmation from the Executive Director of BC Wrestling that the individual is a BCWA member in good standing.
  8. BC Wrestling is directed to ensure that the Endowment is directed in full to the Andy Laliberte Athlete Award. Should the BCWA not fulfill these obligations, the entire amount of the Endowment is to be directed towards the Simon Fraser Endowment Program.
  9. The BCWA Board is authorized to make changes to the terms while only using the funds as intended in the original terms of reference.

Accepted by:

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Stephen Wiles

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John Adams

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Date

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Date

## ANDY LALIBERTE ATHLETE AWARD Nomination Form

Supporting the  
**British Columbia Wrestling Association Award for Secondary Student Wrestlers**

Nominations for the Andy Laliberte Athlete Award for the year 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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### **Nominee**

**Name:**

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**Membership Club:**

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### **Submitted by**

**Name:**

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**Membership Club:**

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**Date:**

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**Please provide a brief description of why you have nominated this individual:**