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To: Rowing Canada Aviron Members

From: The Rowing Canada Aviron Awards Committee

Re: 2011 Rowing Canada Aviron Awards Nominations

Nominations are invited for the following Rowing Canada Aviron Awards for 2011.

- Volunteer Service Awards (Long Service Award, Centennial Medal and Award of Merit)
- Coaching Recognition Award
- Special Citation Award
- Male and Female Adaptive Athlete of the Year
- Adaptive Coach of the Year

The criteria for these awards are attached. Further details can be found in the Awards section of the Rowing Canada Aviron website at <http://www.rowingcanada.org/awards/>

Nominations may be sent to the RCA office by mail, fax or e-mail to the address below or by email to [<rcaawards@rowingcanada.org>](mailto:rcaawards@rowingcanada.org).

All other Rowing Canada Aviron annual awards are identified by the Awards Committee on the basis of performance at regattas, recommendations from various committees and the trustees of certain trust funds.

If you have any candidates for the volunteer service awards but are unsure whether they have already received the award (Long Service Award, Centennial Medal or Award of Merit) you can review the lists of past award recipients on the website. To assess whether you or a member may qualify for the Centennial Medal or Award of Merit under the Rowing Canada Aviron points system please complete the Awards Booklet attached as Appendix D to the Awards Policy on the website and send it to Carolyn Taylor-Smith at the address below.

Award winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet held during the Annual General Meeting in Toronto on January 28, 2012.

Please submit your nominations by November 15, 2011.

Thank you,

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CRITERIA FOR RCA AWARDS FOR WHICH NOMINATIONS ARE SOUGHT

RCA VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

To qualify for a Rowing Canada Aviron volunteer service award a person must be registered with RCA at the time of the award.

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Long Service Awards are given for service to RCA of 15, 25, 35, 45 and 50 years. Service shall be determined on the basis of participation as:

- a member of a member club of RCA providing volunteer service for at least two days in each qualifying year;
- a volunteer administrator at any level within RCA;
- a volunteer coach at any level within RCA; and
- an official at any level within RCA.

No Long Service Award will be awarded for service rendered as a competitive athlete at the club level only. A Long Service Award may be awarded for an athlete who has represented Canada if the competitive period was for 15 years and not more than 5 qualifying years were at the club competitive level.

Long Service Award recipients will receive a distinctive long service pin.

CENTENNIAL MEDAL AND AWARD OF MERIT

Holders of the Long Service Award will be considered for the Centennial Medal and Award of Merit. They will be evaluated according to the points system set out in Appendix A to the Awards Policy.

COACHING RECOGNITION AWARD

The RCA Coaching Recognition Award will be presented annually to a coach who has:

- demonstrated a long term commitment to coaching excellence;
- developed outstanding crews or individual athletes in competitive activities;
- contributed to the development of other coaches and their rowers;
- functioned as a role model and a builder for our sport; and
- consistently contributed to the Canadian rowing system.

The coach would be one who:

- espouses fair play and good sportsmanship;
- instils good ethical and moral principles;
- demonstrates respect for officials;
- is committed to the growth of the sport;
- promotes the development of athletes' abilities both on and off the water;
- has been continuously involved in RCA's national coaching education program; and
- has the respect of his or her peers.

Nominations for this award will be reviewed by RCA's level 4/5 committee which will make its

recommendation to RCA's Awards Committee.

SPECIAL CITATION AWARD

This is awarded in recognition of significant acts of bravery, good sportsmanship and concern for others which uphold the traditional values of our sport.

ANNUAL ADAPTIVE ROWING AWARDS

The awards committee will select the recipients of the adaptive male and female athlete and adaptive coach awards from nominations received based on:

- results at any recreational, adaptive and able bodied events entered by the athlete; and
- improvement over the course of the year (nomination to outline how improvement has been measured).

For adaptive coaches, the following would also be considered:

- commitment to the growth of adaptive rowing;
- espouses fair play and good sportsmanship;
- instils good ethical and moral principles;
- demonstrates respect for officials;
- promotes the development of athletes' abilities both on and off the water;
- has been continuously involved in RCA's national coaching education program; and has the respect of his or her peers.