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Accepting Nominations for Local Sports Awards

RAPID CITY, S.D. – Each year the Rapid City Sports Council in cooperation with the Rapid City Convention & Visitors Bureau acknowledges individuals who contribute to and support Rapid City area sports outside of the South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA).

“The purpose of the awards is to recognize exceptional individuals that may not get recognized for their hard work and dedication otherwise,” says Domico Rodriguez, Sports and Events Sales Director at the Rapid City Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Nominations are being accepted **March 17th through March 31st** for the following awards:

- **Service to Sports**
Recognizes achievements of an individual involved in area sports organizations on a long standing basis (minimum of 10 years).
- **Sports Volunteer of the Year**
Recognizes an exceptional volunteer of area sports.
- **Youth Official of the Year**
Recognizes an official of area youth sports that has demonstrated exceptional character and conduct.
- **Sports Coach of the Year**
Recognizes a coach who has made a difference in our athlete’s lives and demonstrates exceptional character and conduct.
- **Team of the Year**
Recognizes an area sports team who demonstrated exceptional character and conduct to fellow teams, coaches, officials, and fans.
- **Club of the Year**
Recognizes a sports organization for its committee structure, by-laws, code of conduct, annual development plan/action plan, equality of opportunities for all individuals to participate, successes and achievements, coaching structure/development, appropriately qualified coaches and first aid personnel, athlete protection procedures, education for members, social environment, and fund-raising efforts.

- **Independent Athlete of the Year**

Recognizes an area athlete of any age that competes outside of the SDHSAA and has had an extraordinary season, while demonstrating exceptional character, leadership and conduct with fellow teammates, coaches, officials, and fans.

Award recipients will be **announced mid-April**. For more information visit www.rapidcitysports.com.

How to nominate an individual:

1. Write a brief letter explaining why the Rapid City Sports Council should honor your nominee as a 2010 Award Winner.
2. Submit your letter **by March 31st** via email, mail, fax or hand delivery to the following contact:
Domico Rodriguez, Sports & Events Sales Director
Rapid City Convention & Visitors Bureau
444 Mt. Rushmore Road N
Rapid City, SD 57701

Email: sports@rapidcitysports.com

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The Sports Council is made up of event planners, coaches and players to help fellow organizers arrange venues, promote events, boost attendance and secure special grant funds. The Rapid City Convention & Visitors Bureau is a division of the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce. The CVB's mission is to market the Rapid City area as a convention and leisure destination and to promote economic growth that will enhance the area for visitors and residents.

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