



DEVELOPMENT COACH OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

A Developmental Coach of the Year nominee is coach of a youth club, school, or junior-level coach, or a coach directly responsible for coaching athletes to the junior and/or elite level. This award is based on the accomplishments from January 1, 2025 and December 1, 2025. The nominee must currently be coaching or within their first year of retirement. The developmental coaches' application should address the following areas: record/performance of athletes; service to their sport; coaching character; honors they receive as a coach; service to their community; honors/recognition of their athletes.

Please note: Only NGBs may submit nominations on behalf of coaches. No applications will be accepted that are received directly from the coach nominees themselves.

**Applicants will be scored based solely on the information that is provided so be as thorough as possible. If you need additional space to fully explain why this coach should be the 2025 USOPC Development Coach of the Year, please attach it with your application. Applications must be received by USS no later than December 8th at 12pm MT.*

Please submit to mwohlab@usspeedskating.org

*****Please submit an electronic headshot photo of the coach along with this application.*****

Nominee Name _____ Sport _____
Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Email _____ Home Phone _____
City/State/Zip _____ Cell Phone _____

Developmental Coach of the Year

Nominee must be coaching at the youth club, high school or junior level, or a coach who is directly responsible for training athletes to reach the junior and/or elite level.

What are we looking for?

- Examples of how the coach provides developmentally appropriate skills and drills, and supports development of basic skills for young athletes through fun and engagement
- Examples of how the coach has impacted or supported holistic athlete development (i.e. personal and social development, health and wellbeing and educational attainment)
- Evidence of performance highlights, significant or historic achievements, win-loss record, awards received, etc.

Please Note: NOMINEES WILL BE EVALUATED BASED SOLELY ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS FORM.

Accomplishments must occur within the eligibility period from **January 1, 2025 and December 1, 2025.**

Outline any examples that positively reflect the activities, achievements and impact made by the nominee in the sport

*Please be sure to refer back to *"what are we looking for?"* section at the top of this page for a more detailed list of selection criteria that the nominee will be evaluated within.

1. Coaching record for January 1, 2025 – December 1, 2025 (win/loss record, athletes coached, etc.). Please include any honors/recognitions this coach and/or this coach's athletes received during this time.

2. How has the coach impacted or supported holistic athlete development (i.e. personal and social development, health and wellbeing, educational attainment)? Please provide specific examples.

3. Examples of how the coach provides developmentally appropriate skills and drills, and supports development of basic skills for young athletes through fun and engagement.

Please attach additional information as needed to adequately support this coach as the USOPC Development Coach of the Year.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Please print name of proposer