



Michael Groleau Award of Merit

The award is created in honour of former CFOA President Michael Groleau (1957-2016). While Mike had a brilliant on-field career that spanned close to 30 years, including numerous championship assignments, his off-field contributions were equally impressive.

He was an integral part of his local association (Lakeshore Football Officials Association -LFOA), his provincial association (Ontario Football Officials Association - OFOA) and OUA (U Sports) Officials Panel. He served as CFOA President from 2008 to 2014.

Michael worked tirelessly and selflessly at all levels of football, whether it was at the local level or the national level. He was an important contributor in the rewriting of many CFOA policies and documents. Michael was instrumental in the creation of and having the Tom Cheney Award placed in the Canadian Football Hall of Fame thus enabling amateur officiating being recognized as an important contribution to the sport of football.

Michael understood that the game of football is only as strong as the sum of its parts. Thus, he was constantly working towards building a strong officiating network and strengthening the relationship among key stakeholders – the provincial FOA, Provincial Sports Organizations and Football Canada.

The Award of Merit will be presented annually.

Award Selection Criteria

- The award recipient will embody the spirit of Michael – an unparalleled dedication, demonstrated leadership and effect positive change through collaboration.
- The award recipient(s) must have made a significant and tangible contribution to the betterment of amateur officiating in recent years.
- On-field accomplishments are not part of the criteria.
- Each member (provincial FOA) can submit multiple worthy nominees.
- A selection committee, comprised provincial reps and chaired by a CFOA Executive, will make the selection.
- Recipient will be selected based on majority vote by the committee members.
- Nominations, detailing the nominee's accomplishments and contact info, must be submitted to CFOA by March 31.

For nomination submission or additional information, please contact:

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