



AWARDS PROCESS

As of October 2024



1. PRINCIPLES

The Canadian University Men's Rugby Championship (CUMRC) provide athletes and coaches with recognition for their contributions to, and achievements within, their sport and their community. The awards distributed by the CUMRC closely resemble the awards distributed by U SPORTS for Women's Rugby.

2. AWARDS

2.1. SEASON AWARDS

- All-Canadian 1st and 2nd XV
- Player of the Year
- Rookie of the Year
- Forward of the Year
- Back of the Year
- Coach of Year

2.2. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- Tournament All Stars
- Player of the Game
- Player of the Tournament
- Coach of the Tournament
- Liam Geddes Memorial Award (Back Row Player of the Tournament)
- Lt. Colonel W.D.C. Holmes Awards (Community Service & Off-Field Accomplishments)
- Jeff Chan Spirit of Rugby Award (Team)

3. SEASON AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Season Awards Selection Committee (Committee) will be appointed by the CUMRC Board on an annual basis. A broad cross section of individuals who are familiar with men's university rugby should be considered, taking into consideration regional representation. A minimum of five (5) and a maximum of eleven (11), excluding the chair, will form the committee.

The Chair of the Coaches Association will act as chair of the committee. If the Chair of the Coaches Association is unavailable, the Chair of the CUMRC Board will act as Chair. If neither are available, the CUMRC Board will appoint the Chair of the Committee at their sole discretion.

All Committee members will be allowed to vote for any of the Season Awards, regardless of university or regional representation, unless an individual on the committee is also nominated for Coach of the Year, and in such circumstance, the conflicted individual will not vote for Coach of the Year.

The Committee may defer selection of any award to individuals of their choosing in the event a more suitable group of individuals is deemed to have more knowledge of individuals up for awards (i.e. deferring the Coach of the Year Award votes to men's university coaches).

3.1. SEASON AWARD SUBMISSION TIMING

All nominations for all categories must be submitted using the nomination templates provided by the Committee Chair. Each Region's nominations must be submitted by the latter of: 1) two weeks before the start of the CUMRC Tournament, or 2) on the same day a Region's award winners are released.



3.2. SEASON AWARD SELECTION

The Committee must finalize their selection of the award winners by the latter of seven days prior the start of the CUMRC tournament or 3 days following the release of last Region's award winners.

Each member of the Committee will rank order nominees, with 1 being their top choice. Rank order 1 will receive 4 points, rank order 2 will receive 3 points, etc. The individual per position or category division with the most accumulated points will be named as the award winner. The committee may have a call prior or after voting at the discretion of the chair.

4. SEASON AWARDS

4.1. ALL-CANADIAN

1. All-Canadian 1st and 2nd XV teams will be selected.
2. The five Regions nominated 1st XV All Stars will make up the pool of eligible athletes for the All Canadian 1st and 2nd XV.
3. All nominations must be accompanied by supporting information and statistics per the nominations template.
4. Each team will be comprised of:
 - 3 Front Row (2 Props & 1 Hooker);
 - 2 Locks; 3 Back Row (2 Flankers & #8);
 - 1 Scrum Half;
 - 1 Fly Half;
 - 2 Centers;
 - 3 Back Three (2 Wingers & Full Back).
5. Athlete's that play multiple positions may be considered for alternate (but similar) positions to ensure the best fifteen is named. Athletes may also be considered for a position outside of their standard position if it is deemed necessary by the selection committee to ensure the best fifteen is named. For example – an athlete who has only been listed at #6 (Blindside Flanker) on game day rosters may be named as an All-Canadian 1st or 2nd XV player at #7 (Openside Flanker).
6. Where possible, each Region's Most Valuable Player / Player of the Year will automatically be awarded as a 1st XV team All-Canadian.

4.2. PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- To win the national award, the athlete must have been named to the All Star team in their Region, if such a team is named.
- The award winner is selected from the five region's nominees.
- Where possible, athletes nominated for this award shall automatically qualify for All-Canadian status.

4.3. ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

- The award winner is selected from the five region's nominees.
- To win the national award, the athlete must have won the award in their region, if such an award exists
- Athlete must be in their first year of eligibility as of September 1st and be a maximum of 21 years of age as of December 31 in the year of competition.

4.4. FORWARD OF THE YEAR AND BACK OF THE YEAR

- The Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year winners are not eligible to win this award.



- The award winner is selected from the five region's nominees for the specific award as well as the Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year nominees that fulfil positional requirements that were unsuccessful in winning the national award.
- To win the national award, the athlete must have won the award (or Player of the Year or Rookie of the Year) in their region, if such an award exists

4.5. COACH OF THE YEAR

- The award winner is selected from the five region's nominees.
- To win the national award, the coach must have won the award in their region, if such an award exists

5. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

5.1. CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY (THE SPENCE MCTAVISH CUP) AND BANNER

Presented to the Championship winning Team.

5.2. CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALS

Presented to the top 3 teams in the Championship (gold, silver, bronze).

5.3. PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT

Selected by a 3-person committee established by the Host. Best efforts should be made to include non-participating coaches attending the Championship.

Selection based on the athletes' performance at the Championship. Must be a member of the Tournament All Star team.

5.4. COACH OF THE TOURNAMENT

Selected by participating and non-participating coaches via survey on the eve of Finals Day or by such a method as determined by the CUMRC Board.

5.5. TOURNAMENT ALL STARS

All Star selection is done by a designated individual or committee, established by the Host, in conjunction with the CUMRC Board. Best efforts should be made to include non-participating coaches attending the Championship.

Tournament All Stars will be presented following the Gold Medal match.

5.6. PLAYERS OF THE GAME

A designated individual, committee, or the Head Coaches of the participating teams will select the Player of the game for the opposing team. One player from each team will be picked as the Players of the Game.

5.7. LIAM GEDDES MEMORIAL AWARD (BACK ROW PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT)

Established in October 2022, the Liam Geddes Memorial Award was created to honour the memory of Liam David Geddes. The Liam Geddes Memorial Award Fund is intended to provide funding from its endowment for an annual award presented initially to the outstanding back row player at the Canadian University Men's Rugby Championship (CUMRC).



This award will be presented following the Gold Medal match by Liam's parents, Colin Geddes and Alison Longhorn-Geddes, or if unavailable, a designate representative.

5.8. LT. COLONEL W.D.C. HOLMES AWARDS

The Holmes Awards are presented by Michael Holmes, Chair of the Canadian Rugby Foundation, in memory of his late father Lt. Col. W.D.C. Holmes, who won the sword of honour at RMC in 1942 before embarking on a distinguished career in the British Army during and after World War II.

Awards are presented to a player nominated by each participating coach at the Canadian University Men's Rugby Championship and the U SPORTS Women's Rugby Championship recognized for their off-field contributions to the game of rugby at their university and community in the preceding 12 months.

The award is selected by each participating team's head coach for their respective team. Examples of factors to be considered in the nomination include organizing community events involving the team, mentoring younger players, volunteering with their home rugby club or at the community in which the university is located, volunteering as a club executive or an official at any level, and providing off-the-field leadership on the university team. The objective of these awards is to encourage the involvement and experiences that will develop Canadian rugby's managers and administrators of the future, so this should be considered in the nomination.

A \$500 financial award will be presented to the university for the Rugby Athletic Financial Award (AFA) pool which the coach may determine is directed to the player if their maximum AFA hasn't been reached, or to the team's AFA pool.

5.9. JEFF CHAN SPIRIT OF RUGBY AWARD (TEAM)

Awarded to the team that best demonstrates the spirit, values and culture of the game of rugby including good sportsmanship, competitiveness, respect for opposition and officials over the course of the tournament. The selection shall be made by the officials and Jeff Chan, in conjunction with the Host Organizing Committee on the evening prior to the final day of the championships. The award is presented following the Gold Medal match.