



# ANNUAL AWARDS

## 2022



### **Ryan Coleman**

#### **Dr. Alan Ashare Safety Award:**

**Presented annually to an individual who has made an impact in improving safety in youth hockey and athletics.**

Ryan Coleman served as Chief Secretary to Governor Baker. Growing up, Ryan played youth hockey for Swampscott and captained his high school varsity hockey team and played a post graduate year at Philips Exeter Academy. Ryan began working with Massachusetts Hockey in 2014. In 2020, Ryan's work with Massachusetts Hockey accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic. He was in contact with the Massachusetts Hockey Safety committee promising transparency and assistance when it comes to navigating hockey during very challenging times. Without Ryan's leadership, willingness to help and advocate for Massachusetts Hockey to Governor Baker and his administration, the sport would not have operated as safely or as openly as it did during the pandemic. Ryan is a true champion of safety within hockey.



### **Janet Harrington**

#### **Ron & Jo DiFilippo Registrar Award**

**Presented annually to a registrar in Massachusetts Hockey who has shown the dedication and commitment to the position that was embodied for many years by Ron & Jo Difilippo**

A dedicated hockey mom and volunteer, Janet Harrington has been one of the main reasons for the success of Tewksbury Youth Hockey over the last five years. Her attention to detail and willingness to put in the extra effort was evidenced by Tewksbury Youth Hockey being the first program in their district to have all of their players claimed and rosters submitted. When she is not serving as the manager for Jason and Justin's teams, she is likely attending a TYH or District 10 meeting. Her knowledge of the rostering process and desire to support the program are unparalleled.



### **Mark Rhodes**

#### **Milt Kauffman Award**

**Presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated a dedication and commitment to youth hockey in Massachusetts through his officiating work**

Mark Rhodes has been a dedicated official from western Massachusetts, refereeing at all levels from youth to juniors to college. His dedication to giving back to the youth hockey community through education is what sets him apart from the rest. This past year coming off the COVID-19 pandemic and the ever-changing world we are in, Mark stepped up to make sure every ice session conducted for new officials had a quality team in place, himself leading the way at each event. Beyond that, Mark volunteers his time to shadow new officials during their first few games, most young officials in western Massachusetts have had the pleasure of working with Mark as they honed their skill. All of this has been done after having two knee replacement surgeries! Mark has a clear love and passion for the game of ice hockey and strives to make it better for all.