**Michael Groleau Award of Merit “Raising the Stripes Award”**

In general terms this award recognizes the off-field contributions to the betterment of football officiating. It is awarded to the individual that has placed service and selflessness ahead of self and has demonstrated an attitude that has motivating effects on others. It is about a unique contribution(s) or championing an initiative that improves / develops officiating on or off the field.

These actions should be recent (within the last **5 years** or so)

**Candidate’s Background**

Years of service in any football officiating capacity:

Involvement within FOA (locally/provincially /nationally)

Recognitions achieved – if applicable

**Candidate’s Examples of Contributions, Initiatives or Assistance to Others**

**May include**

-Willingness to help (officials, association) on their own initiative without being asked

Initiatives (recruiting, training, mentorship etc.)

-Engagement in the political aspects of officiating (dealing with leagues, coaches and other officiating bodies)

-other contributions to the betterment of football

While including the aspects above the narrative should also include aspects of integrity, high degree of ethics, presenting officiating in a positive manner and motivating others to forward the mission.

**Candidate’s Examples of Contributions, Initiatives or Assistance to Others**

Contributions to the betterment of football officiating, such as initiatives (recruitment/ training, mentorship), anything that strengthens relationships between officials and nonofficial football groups (Leagues /PSO’s etc), while presenting officiating in a positive manner and motivating others to forward the mission.

**Please include a brief description as to why you feel the nominee represents the qualities that the Michael Groleau Award embodies.**

Name of nominator: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Officiating association: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_