

# **G. SYDNEY HALTER, O.C., Q.C. MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO FOOTBALL OFFICIATING**



## **BACKGROUND**

Sydney Halter was born in Winnipeg on April 18, 1904 and in 1934 helped organize the Winnipeg Football Club. In 1958 he became the first Commissioner of the CFL, a post he held until 1968, after which he was elected to both the Canadian and CFL Halls of Fame.

As the founding Commissioner of the CFL, Syd was instrumental in the writing a new rule book. He brought stability and respectability not only to the League but also to its officials as well. While Commissioner, Syd also actively supported amateur sports at the grass roots level in his community.

## **THE PURPOSE**

The Halter award has been developed with the Halter family and would not only honour the CFL's first Commissioner, but also bring recognition to football officiating, which the Halter family believes is a vital component of the game.

From the CFL perspective, it will raise the profile of officiating, while providing an important link with amateur football, with the presentation being made annually as part of the Vanier Cup festivities. We hope that it will heighten people's awareness and appreciation for officials and provide a useful tool in attracting more people into officiating at the Amateur level, a significant need across the country.

## **THE AWARD**

The award is to be presented annually and is open to any person in the country who has made an outstanding contribution to football officiating, both on and off the field. The recipient's name shall be placed on a trophy and a cheque for \$1000.00 will be donated in the recipient's name to his local officiating association to be used for Officiating development. In addition, the recipient shall receive a personal memento.

## **THE CRITERIA**

The Nominees will be judged on the following:

- performance on the field
- contributions to his Association
- significant contributions to the game
- involvement in the community

## **THE VENUE**

The award will be presented annually at the Vanier Cup Luncheon, sponsored in part by the CFL. It will provide excellent exposure for officiating and celebrate commitment and excellence.

### **NOMINATIONS**

Individuals and organizations are strongly encouraged to nominate worthy candidates. Please send nominations to George Black at the email address below by **NOVEMBER 10, 2008**:

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