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**Belleville Sports Hall of Fame Introduces
New Format for High School Athlete of the Year**

Belleville, Ontario, June 2, 2023 – The Belleville Sports Hall of Fame (BSHoF) is pleased to announce a new format for the Belleville High School Athlete of the Year ceremony. The event, which will take place on Monday June 26 at 6:30 pm, will now be separate from the BSHoF induction ceremony, and will focus solely on highlighting the outstanding achievements of young athletes from the community.

Through the generosity of Robert Doyle, owner of the Belleville McDonald’s Restaurants, the Belleville High School Athlete of the Year Award recognizes the Senior Female and Male Athletes of the Year from eight local High Schools – Albert College, Bayside, Centennial, Eastside, Nicholson, Quinte Christian, Sir James Whitney, and St. Theresa – and selects the overall Senior Female and Male Athlete of the Year for Belleville. The brief ceremony will be held at the Belleville Sports Hall of Fame, located in the Dr. R.L. Vaughan Atrium at the Quinte Wellness Centre, and will be open to the public.

“We are thrilled to introduce this new format for the High School Athlete of the Year ceremony,” said BSHoF Volunteer Committee Chair, Ian Press. “We believe in recognizing and encouraging youth achievement in sport. By separating the High School Athlete award from the BSHoF induction ceremony, we are able to give young athletes the recognition they deserve for their hard work and dedication to their sport.”

The Belleville Sports Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing, honouring, and preserving the record of outstanding achievements accomplished by the city’s elite athletes and builders from all eras and displaying them on a permanent basis. The Hall of Fame is housed in the Dr. R. L. Vaughan Atrium at the Quinte Sports and Wellness Center.

The Belleville Sports Hall of Fame sincerely thanks the City of Belleville for their continued support of the Hall and its operations.