

Jonathan Tower
HNB Female Hockey Breakthrough

Hockey New Brunswick is pleased to award the 2021-22 Female Hockey Breakthrough Award to Jonathan Tower of Bathurst, N.B.

The Female Hockey Breakthrough Award was established in 2004 to recognize an individual who has actively participated in the promotion of female hockey in the current season. Priority is given to grassroots volunteers who surpass role requirements and expectations.

Jonathan has displayed a tireless commitment to developing the female hockey game in northern New Brunswick. His goal this season was to make hockey more accessible following the dissolution of the local AAA female teams. Jonathan wants every player to love the game and to be able to play in a safe, inclusive atmosphere.

Thanks to Jonathan's dedication, the Bathurst Banshee were born. He was able to recruit enough female players to form U9 and U11 teams. Jonathan was involved with every aspect of the team, from fundraising and branding to managing and serving as assistant coach. Although the teams were unable to secure exhibition games due to the pandemic, both practiced weekly and participated in a year-end tournament.

Jonathan is focused on ensuring female hockey is available in northern New Brunswick, and stepped up when it was in jeopardy. His main priority is creating positive and enriching hockey experiences. Planning has already begun for next season, with Jonathan recruiting a dozen players for a U7 Banshee team.

Congratulations to Jonathan on his achievements.