

# SASKATCHEWAN SPORT AWARDS



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## Saskatchewan Sport Awards Athlete of the Year Finalists Announced

*Awards program will also honour long-time coaches, officials and volunteers*

Feb. 26, 2020 — An all-star lineup of athletes, teams and coaches are among the finalists for the Athlete of the Year awards at the upcoming Saskatchewan Sport Awards.

The annual program celebrates the success and dedication of those in the province's amateur sport community. Nominees for the Athlete of the Year awards were submitted by Provincial Sport Organizations based on the accomplishments of athletes, teams and coaches in 2019. Recipients will be selected by a Sask Sport awards committee. They will be announced at a gala event in Saskatoon on March 26 that will also honour six long-time coaches, officials and volunteers with dedication awards.

"Saskatchewan is home to some incredibly talented and hardworking athletes, teams, coaches, officials and volunteers and we are excited to shine a spotlight on their accomplishments at the upcoming Saskatchewan Sport Awards," said Kenric Exner, Volunteer Board Chair for Sask Sport, which serves as the provincial federation for amateur sport.

"All of these finalists and recipients are making meaningful contributions to sport. They are tremendous ambassadors for the province and serve as an inspiration for others to get active, participate in sport and pursue their dreams."

Finalists for the seven Athlete of the Year awards are listed below. **Select results and highlights from their 2019 competitions are available in the attached document.**

- MORE: **2019 Saskatchewan Sport Awards Finalist Highlights (PDF)**

## Athlete of the Year Finalists

### Female Athlete of the Year Finalists

Courtney Hufsmith	Saskatoon • Athletics Nominated by Saskatchewan Athletics
Keely Shaw	Saskatoon • Para Cycling Nominated by Saskatchewan Cycling Association
Krystal Shaw	Regina • Para Swimming Nominated by Swim Saskatchewan

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### Male Athlete of the Year Finalists

Graeme Fish	Moose Jaw • Speed skating Nominated by Saskatchewan Speed Skating Association
Jarret Kenke	Saskatoon • Kayak Nominated by Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan
Payne Wylie	Elstow • Athletics Nominated by Saskatchewan Athletics

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### Team of the Year Finalists

Team Sask. U19 Men	Water Polo Nominated by Water Polo Saskatchewan
Saskatoon Valkyries	Saskatoon • Football Nominated by Football Saskatchewan

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### Coach of the Year Finalists

Eric Kramer	Saskatoon • Para Swimming Nominated by Swim Saskatchewan
Jason Reindl	Saskatoon • Athletics Nominated by Saskatchewan Athletics
Jeff Stusek	Regina • Football Nominated by Football Saskatchewan

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### **Youth Female Athlete of the Year Finalists**

Aida Lissel-DeCorby	Saskatoon • Rowing Nominated by Saskatchewan Rowing Association
Lila Stewart	Regina • Diving Nominated by Dive Sask
Savannah Sutherland	Borden • Athletics Nominated by Saskatchewan Athletics

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### **Youth Male Athlete of the Year Finalists**

Colby Kosteniuk	Regina • Special Olympics Swim Nominated by Special Olympics Saskatchewan
Carson Lee	Saskatoon • Wrestling Nominated by Saskatchewan Amateur Wrestling Association
Rylan Wiens	Saskatoon • Diving Nominated by Dive Sask

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### **Master Athlete of the Year Finalists**

Laurie Meschishnick	Saskatoon • Weightlifting Nominated by Saskatchewan Weightlifting Association
Team Syrota	Wadena • Curling Nominated by CURLSASK
M. Vincent/I. English	Regina • Canoeing Nominated by Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan

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## **Coach, Official and Volunteer Awards**

### **Coach Dedication Award Recipients**

Russell Martin	Grand Coulee • Softball Nominated by Softball Saskatchewan
Sherry Pasloski	Yorkton • Special Olympics Nominated by Special Olympics Saskatchewan

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## Official Award Recipients

Dennis Rennie	Saskatoon • Tennis Nominated by Tennis Saskatchewan
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Deanna Rindal	Prince Albert • Curling Nominated by CURLSASK
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## Volunteer Recognition Award Recipients

Margaret Auringer	Maidstone • Figure Skating Nominated by Skate Canada Saskatchewan
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Ken Trofimuk	Prince Albert • Weightlifting Nominated by Saskatchewan Weightlifting Association
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For more on the contributions of these coaches, officials and volunteers, see the document below.

- **MORE: 2019 Saskatchewan Sport Awards Dedication Award Recipient Bios (PDF)**

Additional details about the Saskatchewan Sport Awards are available at [sasksport.ca](http://sasksport.ca). Sask Sport would like to thank Global TV, its production and promotion partner for the Saskatchewan Sport Awards, and acknowledge Saskatchewan Lotteries, the main fundraiser for amateur sport in the province.

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## About Sask Sport

Sask Sport is a volunteer-led, non-profit organization committed to enriching Saskatchewan communities. As the provincial federation for amateur sport, Sask Sport develops collective programs and services beneficial to sport. Today, 70 provincial and multi-sport organizations and districts represent more than 330,000 registered participants in the province. Sask Sport is also licensed to operate Sask Lotteries. Through an agreement with the Government of Saskatchewan, Sask Lotteries proceeds — from products including LOTTO MAX, LOTTO 6/49 and ZING tickets — are allocated to eligible sport, culture and recreation groups. Learn more about Sask Sport at [sasksport.ca](http://sasksport.ca).

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