

SASKATCHEWAN SPORT AWARDS



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Saskatchewan Sport Awards celebrate athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers

(SASKATOON) March 26, 2020 — The Saskatchewan Sport Awards are recognizing the outstanding achievements of 13 athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers from Saskatchewan.

The annual awards program, organized by Sask Sport, honours the hard work and dedication of those in the province's amateur sport community. Recipients in the seven Athlete, Coach and Team of the Year categories were nominated based on their performances and results in 2019. The other six awards are presented to deserving coaches, officials and volunteers for their long-time service to their community.

All of the award finalists and recipients were to be recognized at a gala event in Saskatoon on March 26. That event, which was cancelled as a response to the COVID-19 situation, is not being rescheduled.

"On behalf of Sask Sport and its membership, I would like to congratulate all of the Saskatchewan Sport Awards finalists and recipients," said Kenric Exner, volunteer Chair of Sask Sport, which serves as the federation for amateur sport in the province.

"While we are unable to celebrate these individuals and teams as we originally planned, that doesn't take away from the incredible accomplishments of these athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers – all of whom have represented their community and province with distinction at home and abroad. Sport has the power to inspire us and build community and their example encourages others to get involved, share their love of sport and enjoy all of the benefits of participation."

2019 Saskatchewan Sport Awards Recipients

Female Athlete of the Year

Keely Shaw (Saskatoon), Para cycling

Male Athlete of the Year

Jarret Kenke (Saskatoon), Kayak

Youth Female Athlete of the Year

Savannah Sutherland (Borden), Athletics

Youth Male Athlete of the Year

Rylan Wiens (Saskatoon), Diving

Coach Dedication

Russell Martin (Grand Coulee), Softball
Sherry Pasloski (Yorkton), Special Olympics

Official Award

Dennis Rennie (Saskatoon), Tennis
Deanna Rindal (Prince Albert), Curling

Team of the Year

Team Sask 19U Men, Water Polo

Volunteer Recognition Award

Margaret Auringer (Maidstone), Figure skating
Ken Trofimuk (Prince Albert), Weightlifting

Coach of the Year

Jason Reindl (Saskatoon), Athletics

Master Athlete of the Year

Mike Vincent and Ivan English (Regina),
Canoe

Nominees for the Saskatchewan Sport Awards were submitted by active and affiliate members of Sask Sport. Recipients were selected by a Sask Sport awards committee. Biographies and select highlights from the finalists and recipients are available below.

- [2019 Saskatchewan Sport Awards Athlete of the Year Finalists](#) (PDF)
- [2019 Saskatchewan Sport Awards Dedication Award Recipients](#) (PDF)

Sask Sport would like to thank Global TV, its production and promotion partner for the Saskatchewan Sport Awards, and acknowledge Sask 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.

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