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Recipients will be honoured at the 24th Annual Presidents' Awards

Recipients will be honoured at a ceremony on March 28, 2018

VANCOUVER, BC (February 22, 2018) — Sport BC is pleased to announce the following recipients of the prestigious Presidents' Awards presented by *Sports with Balls*. This group is comprised of the following Provincial Sport Organizations - Basketball BC, Volleyball BC, BC Lacrosse, BC Soccer, Softball BC, Baseball BC, BC Rugby, Tennis BC and BC Ringette. The Awards ceremony will take place in Vancouver on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 preceding the Athlete of the Year Awards.



The annual Presidents' Awards, presented by *Sports with Balls*, now in its 24th year, are presented to volunteers from Sport BC member and partner organizations who represent the spirit of volunteerism, and whose dedication, energy and commitment contribute to the development of their sport or organization in the province of British Columbia.

Congratulations to the 2018 recipients that represent 20 communities and 37 Sport BC member and partner organizations across British Columbia!

Organization	Recipient	City
Alpine Ski	Bruce Holliday	Vernon
Archery	Charles Land	Kelowna
Athletics	Maureen De St. Croix	Surrey
Badminton	Lisa Davison	Prince George
Baseball	Corinne Chow	Vancouver
Basketball	Richard Hunt	Victoria
BC Games Society	Rob Needham	Lake Country
Blind Sports	Bill Mah	Kelowna
Boxing	Jeff Laljee	Langley
Canoe Kayak	Dan Norman	Mill Bay
Curling	Paul Addison	Saanichton



Diving	Shelly Smee	Vancouver
Field Hockey	Narinder Sangha	Surrey
Figure Skating	Margaret Warwick	Richmond
Golf	Dee Horie	Courtenay
Gymnastics	Bobbi Symes	Coquitlam
Horse Council	Carol McDonald	Langley
Ice Hockey	Myles Mattila	Prince George
Judo	Mary Nomura	Nanaimo
Judo	Kiyo Nomura	Nanaimo
Karate	Donna Gardecki	Coquitlam
Lacrosse	Dirk Rachfall	Coquitlam
Lawn Bowl	Annie Mathie	Victoria
ProMotion Plus	Kristina MacDonald	Langley
Ringette	Colin Ensworth	North Vancouver
Rowing	Andrea Lynch	Vancouver
Soccer	Peter Price	Coquitlam
Softball	Terri Boizard	Sooke
Speed Skating	Donna Bilous	Abbotsford
Sport Climbing	Paul Hughes	Port Moody
Squash	Bill Vipond	West Vancouver
Swimming	Margaret Penning	Victoria
Tennis	Kiyo Breiting	Coquitlam
Triathlon	Kelly Guest	Victoria
Volleyball	Deb Janzen	North Vancouver
Water Polo	Darlene Sinkovits	Surrey
Wheelchair Sports	Brenda Chinn	Vancouver
Wrestling	Dave Higashi	Burnaby

Tickets are now available through *Eventbrite*:
[Purchase your Athlete of the Year Awards tickets here!](#)



About the Athlete of the Year Awards

The Athlete of the Year Awards, founded by Sport BC, is the longest standing amateur sport recognition event in the country. Awards in 18 different categories are given each year to athletes, coaches, and officials on their performance and contribution to sport in the province of British Columbia. The awards play a valuable role in nurturing athletic success while recognizing extraordinary accomplishments in BC.

24th Annual Presidents Awards

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About Sport BC

In 1966, a small group of dedicated volunteers created an organization to provide a unified voice for amateur sport in British Columbia. While much has changed in 52 years, our core purpose remains the same.

Who we are:

Sport BC is the non-profit sport federation, representing over 60 Provincial Sport Organizations in British Columbia. As a member-based organization, Sport BC offers services and programs to build the capacity of our members and advocate on their behalf to improve the landscape for organized sport in BC.

Mission:

Sport BC, as a member-based organization, supports the growth of amateur sport in BC and provides leadership through delivery of its programs and services for members.

Vision:

Sport in British Columbia is thriving through the leadership of Sport BC and our members.

Values:

Integrity, Transparency, Collaboration, Creativity and Innovation

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PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS: For a list of previous award winners and additional information, including recognition of our corporate and community sponsors and partners, please visit:

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