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### **Harry Jerome Comeback Award finalists announced**

Winner will be recognized at the Athlete of the Year Awards on March 28, 2018

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**VANCOUVER, BC (February 14, 2018)** — Sport BC is pleased to announce the finalists of the *Harry Jerome Comeback Award*. The recipient in this distinguished category will be recognized at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Athlete of the Year Awards in Vancouver on Wednesday, March 28 at the Westin Bayshore Vancouver Hotel.

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony and Gala dinner is set for Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at the Westin Bayshore Vancouver Hotel. The ceremonies will recognize BC's best in amateur sport including athletes, coaches, and officials for outstanding performances in their sport over the 2017 season. Each finalist was nominated by their Provincial or Multi-Sport Organization, High School, College or University. The Selection Committee, chaired by Bernie Pascall, included 16 highly regarded sportswriters, broadcasters, and amateur sport leaders in British Columbia.

This award recognizes an athlete who competed in a sport, individual or team, in 2017 after having suffered an unusual setback (i.e. illness, injury, etc.).

### **Harry Jerome Comeback Award**

Zachary Clay (Chilliwack) – Gymnastics

Denny Morrison (Calgary) – Speed Skating

Spencer Allen (Kamloops) - Athletics

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.

### 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Presidents Awards

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Presidents Awards is proudly sponsored by *Sports with Balls*. This group is comprised of Basketball BC, Volleyball BC, BC Lacrosse Association, BC Soccer Association, Softball BC, Baseball BC, Tennis BC and the BC Ringette Association. These awards are presented annually to volunteers from Sport BC member organizations who represent the spirit of volunteerism, and whose dedication, energy, and commitment contribute to the development of their sport or organization.



### 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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