



Sport BC Congratulates the Finalists and Winners Announced at the 56th Athlete of the Year Awards

Sport BC celebrated the 56th Annual Athlete of the Year Awards on Thursday, March 7, 2024. The event was hosted by CBC's Scott Russell recognizing the province's best in amateur sport including athletes, coaches, teams, and officials for outstanding performances in their 2023 sport season.

"The 56th Annual Athlete of the Year Awards celebrated sport in our BC at all levels. We were inspired by the sport stories of all of our finalists, the category winners, and the organizations they represent", shared Sport BC's President and CEO, Rob Newman. "We are proud to bring the amateur sport community together and thank you guests, sponsors, and friends in sport."

Each finalist was nominated by their Provincial or Multi-Sport Organization, High School, College, or University. The Selection Committee, led by long-serving Chair Bernie Pascall, included a diverse group of highly experienced British Columbia sport leaders and media members.

"This ceremony underscores that we have a lot to be proud of in our sport sector," said Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. "Congratulations to all the finalists of this year's awards. We are proud to cast the spotlight on all your achievements. Your success is a source of community pride and a testament to your passion and dedication to sport excellence that inspires others and makes our province shine."

Sport BC congratulates all the Athlete of the Year Awards' Recipients:

Athlete with a Disability

Mel Pemble (Victoria, BC) – Para Cycling (Track)

Female Coach of the Year

Jane Gumley (Victoria, BC)

Male Coach of the Year

Dylan Armstrong (Kamloops, BC)

High School Female Athlete of the Year

Keira Pemberton (Langley, BC)



High School Male Athlete of the Year

Nash Semeniuk (Kelowna, BC) – Basketball and Volleyball (Kelowna Secondary)

Junior Female Athlete of the Year

Emmy Lan (Comox, BC) – Cycling

Junior Male Athlete of the Year

Nicholas Bennett (Parksville, BC) – Para Swimming

Senior Female Athlete of the Year

Camryn Rogers (Richmond, BC) - Athletics

Senior Male Athlete of the Year

Ethan Katzberg (Nanaimo, BC) - Athletics

Post Secondary Athlete of the Year

Rowan Hamilton (Chilliwack, BC) – Athletics

Team of the Year

Trinity Western University

Master Athlete of the Year

Malindi Elmore (Kelowna, BC) – Athletics

Official of the Year

Trevor Walmsley (Vancouver, BC) – Karate

An additional six awards were presented including the Best of BC, KidSport BC Community Champion, Harry Jerome Comeback, Daryl Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award and In Her Footsteps Honourees.

Best of BC

Nick Taylor – Golf

KidSport Community Champion

Vancouver Whitecaps FC

Harry Jerome Comeback Award

Garrett Rooker – UBC Football



Daryl Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award

Joe Higgins – Wheelchair Basketball

BC Women and Sport (formerly) ProMOTION Plus

In Her Footsteps...Celebrating BC Women in Sport

Marni Abbott - BC Wheelchair Basketball

Melissa Soligo – Curling

Bobbie Steen Legacy Foundation Award Stacy Fournier - Baseball/Softball

Thank you to our generous sponsors, your support made the 56th Annual Athlete of the Year Awards possible.



About Sport BC

Sport BC believes in the power of sport and is committed to building stronger communities through positive sport experiences. Our goal is to enhance and support sport participation in British Columbia ensuring everyone has the opportunity to thrive. Through our KidSport BC, BC Amateur Sport Fund, and ProMOTION Plus along with our services Sport BC Insurance, and Payroll and Group Benefits; Sport BC supports our sixty plus member organizations. Keep up to date @SportBC

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