

Sport NB announces Konica Minolta Sport Awards finalists

Fredericton, NB - Athletes who have represented New Brunswick throughout the world, coaches who have invested time and effort, and individuals who have volunteered countless hours, corporate supporters and outstanding members of the media were highlighted today, as Sport New Brunswick announced the names of the finalists for the annual Konica Minolta Sport Awards presented by ANBL.

"Every year the selection committee has a difficult job in narrowing the field of nominees to our finalists; and this year was no different," said Darcy McKillop, Chief Executive Officer of Sport NB. "The quality of nominees in all categories was higher than it has ever been and the voting was as close as we have seen. Among our finalists we have athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers who have been involved at all levels of sport, from grassroots to international competitions."

The Konica Minolta Sport Awards recognize the accomplishments of New Brunswick's top athletes, teams, coaches, officials, and volunteers in amateur sport over the past year.

"New Brunswick can be very proud of all the people who were nominated," said McKillop. "These are the types of people who inspire others to be great, and help see the value in sport participation. New Brunswickers can be very proud of these individuals".

Nominations were submitted by a number of different organizations throughout the Province. Finalists were selected based on their achievements from October 1st 2014 to September 30th 2015. Konica Minolta's support, as well as the other corporate sponsors - ANBL, Comfort Inn, Boston Pizza, BrunNet and Teed Saunders Doyle & Co make these awards possible year after year. This year's awards dinner and ceremony will be held at the Crowne Plaza Lord Beaverbrook Hotel in Fredericton on November 28th. Tickets are available through Sport NB.

The finalists were announced in eleven of the thirteen categories. They are:

Comfort Inn Female Athlete of the Year

Emily Dean, St. Stephen, Olympic Air Rifle
Judith Laforest, Edmundston, Ultimate Frisbee
Geneviève Lalonde, Moncton, Athletics

Comfort Inn Male Athlete of the Year

Shayne Dobson, Moncton, Athletics
Caleb Jones, Saint John, Athletics
Chris O'Toole, Hampton, Wrestling

BrunNet Team of the Year

Legion Midget Boys Relay Team, Athletics
FDSA Clark Toyota U16 Girls, Soccer

Boston Pizza Female Coach of the Year

Josée Daigle, Lac Baker, Judo
Alexandra (Alex) Valerio, Fredericton, Soccer

Boston Pizza Male Coach of the Year

Michel Côté, Bathurst, Wrestling
Peter Steele, Norton, Speed Skating
Peter Stuart, Riverview, Athletics

Official of the Year

Edouard Daigle, Hillsborough, Cross Country Ski
Steve O'Shaughnessy, Fredericton, Lacrosse

Teed Saunders Doyle & Co Spirit of Sport

Veronica Coombs, Shediac Cape, Athletics
Alain Doucet, Fredericton, Soccer
Holly McKay, Grand Bay-Westfield, Cycling and Triathlon

President's Award Female

Veronica Coombs, Shediac Cape, Athletics
Emily Dean, St. Stephen, Olympic Air Rifle
Grace Graham, Islandview, Hockey

President's Award Male

Peyton Hoyt, Lincoln, Hockey
Hielke Moore, Fredericton, Tennis
Malcolm Pelletier, Burton, Judo

Volunteer Sport Administrator Award

Roger Collette, Lower Coverdale, Football
Bobby Despres, Killarney Road, Softball
Dave McManus, Hanwell, Judo

Corporate Award

NB Medical Society, Anthony Knight and Andrew MacLean
Aberdeen Motors, Paul Gautier

KONICA MINOLTA SPORTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS:

The following awards will be presented to the recipients listed below at the Konica Minolta Sport Awards:

Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award

Roger Collette, Lower Coverdale, Football

Outstanding Media Coverage

Alain Ménard, Société Radio-Canada

Sport NB is a non-profit bilingual federation. We advocate sport for all, from the grassroots level to high performance, and provide programs and services for all our members.

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