

## OVERVIEW

The Sport Chek Athlete of the Month Awards honour Nova Scotia's top amateur athletes for their outstanding achievement in their sport. Each month, the awards are presented to a deserving male and female athlete and a team.

## CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

1. Athletes must be amateur in status as defined by their Provincial Sport Organization.
2. Nominations must be for an athlete or team who participates in a sport that is a recognized member of Sport Nova Scotia.
3. The award is open to athletes who make their primary residence in Nova Scotia, and athletes who live temporarily in other locations for educational or training purposes. The award is also open to athletes who originally came from other provinces provided their primary residence is declared as being in Nova Scotia.
4. Awards are open to individuals who perform solo or on a team. Categories include male/female individual athlete of the month, male/female team athlete of the month and team of the month. A team is considered a group of two or more people competing simultaneously as a single entity at a team event for one award. Athletes who compete in both individual and team events may be nominated for both the male/female individual athlete and male/female team athlete of the month. However, if the nominee competes in both team and individual events, only those results from the individual competition may be counted for the male/female individual athlete of the month award. Conversely, only those results from the team competition may be counted for the male/female team athlete of the month award.
5. Awards are open to athletes from any level, with the exception of high school and post-secondary athletes/teams competing at a school/university event.
6. The award is given for an outstanding event performance or series of performances. Only those performances that take place during the month of nomination will be considered.
7. Nominations will be accepted up to and including the fifth day of the following month. When the fifth falls on a weekend, nominations will be accepted on the following Monday. The winners will be announced via the news media shortly following that date. Winners will also be profiled in the RICOH Sport Awards' souvenir program and in Scoreboard, Sport Nova Scotia's monthly circular.
8. One nomination will be accepted per category, per sport.

## SELECTION OF WINNERS

1. Selection of winners is made from nominations submitted by:
  - a. Provincial sport organizations
  - b. Members of the Nova Scotia sports media
  - c. Municipal recreation directors
  - d. Members of the general public through Sport Nova Scotia's communications coordinator.
  - e. Individual members of Sport Nova Scotia

**note:** Nominations are subject to approval by the respective provincial sport organization before the selection is made.
2. The selection committee will review all nominations and choose one female individual athlete, one male individual athlete, one female team athlete, one male team athlete and one team each month. This committee has final jurisdiction in all decisions. In the event of a tie, the committee will consult with a staff member of Sport Nova Scotia.
3. Individuals/teams may not win the award more than twice per fiscal year per sport (April 1 - March 31) in any one category.
4. The Selection Committee will meet the second Tuesday of every month. A list of winners will be attached to the nomination forms on a monthly basis.

## RECOGNITION

All winners receive a framed certificate compliments of Sport Chek and each Male and Female Winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Sport Chek. Framed certificates will be distributed at the RICOH Sport Awards in June where each winner will be invited as a tribute to their outstanding athletic accomplishments.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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