

SASKATCHEWAN SPORT AWARDS



2019 Saskatchewan Sport Awards Dedication Award Recipients

Coach Dedication Award

- **Russell Martin** (Grand Coulee • Softball)
Nominated by Softball Saskatchewan

Russell Martin is a long-time contributor to Softball Saskatchewan's Coaching Development Program. He has served as a Learning Facilitator since 1999 and today is one of two Master Learning Facilitators for the organization. Russell has attended National Coach Developer Meetings and conducted coaching clinics on behalf of Softball Saskatchewan while remaining active within the Regina Minor Softball League. He has also made significant contributions as a coach, serving as head coach at both the Western Canada Summer Games and Canada Games.

- **Sherry Pasloski** (Yorkton • Special Olympics)
Nominated by Special Olympics Saskatchewan

Sherry Pasloski is leader and role model in her community, where she serves as a coach and board member for Special Olympics Yorkton and District. Sherry is the head coach for the Yorkton bocce program and also helps to coach five-pin bowling. She has also contributed to the development of a snowshoeing program and volunteers with the Yorkton Storm Swim Club, which has integrated Special Olympics swimmers into its mainstream programs. Sherry has worked with a large range of ages and has coached at provincial and national games, where her great motivational skills and positive attitude have promoted skill development and self-confidence amongst athletes.

Official Award

- **Dennis Rennie** (Saskatoon • Tennis)
Nominated by Tennis Saskatchewan

Dennis Rennie is a dedicated official who has trained tennis officials in the province since 2010. In that time, he has assisted Saskatchewan officials who have gone on to work at provincial, regional, national and international events. Dennis himself has officiated at the Rogers Cup, Davis Cup and Fed Cup and has been active at the Saskatchewan Summer Games, Western Canada Summer Games and Canada Games, among other events. For the last decade, Dennis has co-ordinated officials for all Tennis Saskatchewan-sanctioned events. He has multiple certifications and is the only active Course Facilitator in the province.

- **Deanna Rindal** (Prince Albert • Curling)
Nominated by CURLSASK

A long-time member of the Prince Albert curling community, Deanna Rindal was also a well-known and respected umpire, whose contributions were widely recognized. As an official, Deanna rose to the role of Chief Umpire for CURLSASK. She also trained other officials and worked many national and international events, including the Canadian Junior Curling Championships, Brier, Continental Cup and World Women's Curling Championships. Deanna passed away in 2019 and leaves a lasting legacy in her community.

Volunteer Recognition Award

- **Margaret Auringer** (Maidstone • Figure Skating)
Nominated by Skate Canada Saskatchewan

Margaret Auringer has contributed to the Skate Canada Saskatchewan board since the early 2000s. During that time, she has held several positions, served on multiple committees and represented Saskatchewan at national meetings. As an official, Margaret has more than 25 years of experience. She is a Gold Evaluator and a novice singles and juvenile dance judge who has worked at numerous regional and provincial events. In 2005, she co-chaired Celebrate Saskatchewan on Ice, a provincial ice show that included more than 1,000 skaters.

- **Ken Trofimuk** (Prince Albert • Weightlifting)
Nominated by Saskatchewan Weightlifting Association

Ken Trofimuk has been involved in weightlifting for more than 40 years. As an athlete, he holds multiple Saskatchewan records in the master's division. He is a former president of the Saskatchewan Weightlifting Association, whose board he served on for 25 years. Ken is also a long-time coach in the Prince Albert area who has worked with countless athletes, including numerous record holders and medallists at regional and national events. In addition to these roles, Ken has served on boards and committees for the Canadian Weightlifting Federation and volunteered with other local and provincial amateur sport boards and councils.
