

Saskatchewan's Top Athletes, Volunteers, and Coaches Honoured at Sport Awards

The recipients of the Sask Sport Inc. 2008 Athlete of the Year Awards, Volunteer Recognition Awards, and new Coaching Awards, were recently announced at the Saskatchewan Sports Awards in Saskatoon. The award recipients are:

Master Athlete of the Year: Ralph Ibanez, Saskatoon, Judo Saskatchewan

Youth Male Athlete of the Year: Michael Qing, Regina, Swim Saskatchewan Inc. / Special Olympics Saskatchewan

Youth Female Athlete of the Year: Kendra Chernoff, Saskatoon, Swim Saskatchewan Inc.

Male Athlete of the Year: Reuben Ross, Pilot Butte, Sask Diving

Female Athlete of the Year: Ilana Duff, Bradwell, Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association

Team of the Year: Eugene Hritzuk Senior Men's Curling Team, Saskatoon, Humboldt, Wadena, Saskatchewan Curling Association

New to the Sport Awards this year are three Coaching Awards.

The recipient of the inaugural **Coach of the Year Award** is **Rick Reelie**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports Association

The recipient of the **Coach Dedication Award – Male** is **Lyle Sanderson**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Athletics.

The recipient of the **Coach Dedication Award – Female** is **Betty Blue**, Nipawin, Special Olympics Saskatchewan

The Saskatchewan Sport Awards also featured the **Volunteer Recognition Awards**, which were presented to: **Toni Beerling**, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Athletics; **Bruce McLeod**, Regina, Canoe Kayak Saskatchewan; and **Graham Tuer**, Regina, Saskatchewan Hockey Association.

Biographies of all the recipients, finalists and nominees can found at www.sasksport.sk.ca. The Saskatchewan Sports Awards are sponsored by Global TV, McMaster Photographers, Coaches Association of Saskatchewan, and the Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan.



