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## Alberta's 2015 athletes and teams of the year

Edmonton - Alberta Sport Connection has announced their 2015 Athlete and Team of the Year Awards.

Allison Beveridge	Open Female	Cycling	Calgary
Nathan Smith	Open Male	Biathlon	Canmore
Geneva Roach	Junior Female	Waterskiing	Calgary
Stefan Daniel	Junior Male	Triathlon	Calgary
Ben Saxton and Chaim	Open Team	Beach	Calgary/Red Deer
Schalk		Volleyball	
Team Kelsey Rocque Kelsey Rocque (skip), Danielle Schmiemann (third), Holly Jamieson (second), Jessica Iles (lead), Amanda- Dawn St. Laurent (coach)	Junior Team	Curling	Edmonton area

The Athlete and Team of the Year Awards celebrate significant achievements, performances and contributions of Alberta's amateur athletes. Award winners are outstanding role models who inspire other Albertans to higher achievements at the recreational or competitive level.

"Congratulations to the recipients of the 2015 Athlete and Team of the Year Awards. I am so proud of the breadth and scope of talent that is developed in Alberta every day," said Ricardo Miranda, Minister of Culture and Tourism. "These world-class athletes are an inspiration to all Albertans and we look forward to their continued success. Well done!"

"Alberta Sport Connection is committed to sport development and supporting our athletes who strive for excellence," said John Short, Chair of the Alberta Sport Connection. "These individuals and teams were Alberta's best in 2015. They deserve honour and recognition, not only for the hard-work and commitment needed to achieve this level of success, but for their total contribution to our province's sport sector."

For detailed biographies on this year's Alberta Sport Award winners see: <u>2015 Athletes and Teams of the Year</u>.

The Awards will be presented in conjunction with this year's Alberta Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, on June 3, 2016, in Red Deer.

Alberta Sport Connection is dedicated to making Alberta the premier sport delivery system in Canada and to enhancing, advocating and inspiring participation and partnerships as Albertans strive for excellence in sport.

For additional information on the awards please click on: <u>Alberta Sport Awards</u> or visit the Alberta Sport Connection, website at: <u>www.albertasport.ca</u> Follow ASC on Twitter <u>@ AlbertaSport</u>

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