

2010 Ontario Sport Award Nominees

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Female Athlete Of The Year Nominees

Ohenewa Akuffo, Wrestling (Brampton, Ontario)

Ohenewa is the top ranked Canadian wrestler in the 72 kilogram class, a multiple world medalist and past Olympic team member. She won a silver medal at the 2010 World Championships in Russia, followed by a gold medal at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India. Ohenewa was also the silver medalist at the 2010 Canada Cup in Guelph.

Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, Athletics (Whitby, Ontario)

Priscilla started 2010 by winning bronze in the 60 meter hurdles at the World Indoor Championships. She dominated the 100 meter hurdles while competing in Europe, winning five out of six races. In August Priscilla ran the fastest time of the year in the world in that event. At the Diamond League Final in Brussels in August, Priscilla captured the overall title in the women's 100 meter hurdles.

Heather Moyse, Bobsleigh (Toronto, Ontario)

Heather Moyse won Canada's first-ever women's bobsleigh gold medal at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics along with Kaillie Humphries. She competed in three other races in 2010, placing on the podium twice. Heather was also part of Team Canada at the Women's Rugby World Cup in England, where they placed sixth.

Male Athlete Of The Year Nominees

Cameron Harris, Ultimate – Disc Sports (Aurora, Ontario)

Cameron won gold at the Under 23 World Championships in Italy as a member of Canada's Open Ultimate Team. As captain of the University of Guelph's Ultimate team, Cam led them to their first ever national title in the Open Division. He was named MVP of the University of Guelph's national championship team and voted first team all-star for the Canadian University Ultimate Championship.

Cody Sorensen, Bobsleigh (Ottawa, Ontario)

Cody Sorenson was the brakeman on the Serge Depres sled that won the 2010 North American Bobsled Championships. He was selected as the alternate for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Team. Cody joined Lyndon Rush's World Cup sled in September, which won the 2010 Canadian four-man Bobsleigh Championships. His sled is currently ranked 5th in the world.

Nyl Yakura, Badminton (Pickering, Ontario)

Nyl is currently the top ranked player under 19 in Ontario, and is ranked in the top 4 in senior rankings. He won gold this year at the Junior Pan Am Championships and in several events in the Junior Elite Series in Quebec. At the Ontario Junior Championships, Nyl won gold in doubles and silver in singles. He also placed fourth in doubles and won bronze in mixed doubles at the Ontario Seniors Championship.

Female Athlete With A Disability Of The Year Nominees**Madison Lawson, Equestrian** (Bonfield, Ontario)

Madison Lawson placed first in the team test and second in the individual test at Springfest 2010 in May. She also placed first at the Ontario ParaSport Summer Games. Madison was named to the 2010 Para World Equestrian Games team, where she placed 15th in the individual test and 11th in the freestyle.

Summer Mortimer, Swimming (Ancaster, Ontario)

Summer broke swimming world records all year long. At the IPC World Championships in the Netherlands, she won gold and broke world records in the 200 meter individual medley, 50 meter freestyle, 100 meter freestyle, and 100 meter backstroke events. At the Can\Am Para-Swimming Championships in Etobicoke, she broke four more world records.

Martha Sandoval Gustafson, Wheelchair Athletics (Toronto, Ontario)

Martha showed great results throughout the 2010 season. She set Canadian records in both the shot put and discus events at the Ontario Para-Athletics Championships. Her achievements in 2010 earned a nomination to Team Canada for the 2011 IPC World Championships.

Male Athlete With A Disability Of The Year Nominees**Richard Ball, Athletics** (Orillia, Ontario)

Rick set a world record at the Canadian Marathon in Ottawa, and followed that with a Canadian record in the 10,000 meter race at the Canadian Track & Field Championships. His great year allowed him to qualify for Team Canada at the 2011 IPC World Athletics Championships.

Jason Dunkerley, Athletics (Ottawa, Ontario)

Jason participated in a number of competitions in 2010. In July, he won his favourite event, the T-11 800 meter race, at the Canadian Track and Field Championships. He also achieved his personal best time in 2010 at the Ottawa Lions Twilight series.

Tim Rees, Visually Impaired Judo (Waterloo, Ontario)

Tim is the top ranked Canadian in the 100 kilogram class. He won a silver medal at the Pan-Am Championships in Orlando, where he also placed third in the open weight category. Tim also competed at the 2010 IBSA Judo World Championships in Turkey where he placed 7th.

Team Of The Year Nominees

Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior Group, Gymnastics (Richmond Hill, Ontario)

The Rhythmic Gymnastics Junior Group won gold at Elite Canada and Elite Ontario events in 2010, becoming Canada's best junior team. In June, they placed first at the Canadian Individual Championships. They finished the year by making history when they won the bronze medal at the first ever Youth Olympic Games in August.

Sam Schachter & Garrett May, Volleyball (Toronto, Ontario)

Sam and Garrett won gold at the 2010 U21 FICB World Championship – Canada's first medal in the tournament's history. They went on to place fifth at the Senior Volleyball Canada National Championships in August and were named Junior Athletes of the Year at the 2010 Canadian Sport Awards.

Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, Figure Skating (Ilderton, Ontario)

Tessa and Scott's year began by winning their third consecutive Canadian championship in senior ice dance. They followed that with an Olympic gold medal, becoming the first North American Ice Dance team to win gold and the first team to win in their Olympic debut. They also became the youngest ever International Skating Union World Figure Skating Dance Champions.

Male Coach Of The Year Nominees

Anthony McCleary, Athletics (Pickering, Ontario)

Anthony coaches a number of athletes in several track events. He has worked with Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, the number one ranked female sprint hurdler in the world, since she was 16 years old. He also coaches Adam Kunkel, who holds the Canadian record in the 400m hurdles, and Toyin Olupona, the 2010 Canadian 100 meter champion.

Dave McDowell, Women's Soccer - OUA (Kingston, Ontario)

In his 23rd season as the head coach for the Queen's women's soccer team, Dave led his squad to their most wins in a single season. He guided the Gaels to their second consecutive OUA silver medal and their ninth medal finish in the last 11 years. Dave led the team to their second national title in his 11th appearance at the championship.

Craig Mortimer, Swimming (Ancaster, Ontario)

Craig has coached and taught competitive swimming at all levels for over 20 years. He coached Summer Mortimer to eight gold medals and eight world records at the IPC World Swimming Championships and the Can\Ams Para-Swimming Championships in Etobicoke. Craig won both the Swim Ontario & Swimming Canada Male Para Coach of the Year in 2010.

Female Coach Of The Year Nominees**Beth Barz, Women's Rugby - OUA** (Kingston, Ontario)

Beth led the Queen's women's rugby team to their first undefeated regular season since 2005. They finished first in the OUA Russell Division, advancing to the OUA Championship and their first CIS Championship, where they finished fifth.

Cathy Dalton, Synchronized Skating (Whitby, Ontario)

Cathy has been the coach of Black Ice since it was founded in 1992. In 2010, Cathy's team placed first at the Spring Cup International in both the short and long programs. They also placed second at both the Winterfest Invitational and Synchronized Nationals, while placing fifth in the World Synchronized Skating Championships.

Svetlana Joukova, Gymnastics (Richmond Hill, Ontario)

In 2010, Svetlana's senior group placed first in four events they participated in, including the Elite Canada, Elite Ontario, Canadian Individual Championships, and Pan American Championships. Her junior group also placed first at the Elite Canada competition. Svetlana was also the recipient of the Gymnastics Canada Coach of the Year Award in 2010.