

Honouring Ontario's Best Athletes

McGuinty Government Celebrates Achievements In Amateur Sport

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Top amateur athletes and coaches were honoured last night at the 2010 Ontario Sport Awards in Toronto.

The event, hosted by the [Ministry of Health Promotion and Sport](#) and the [Sport Alliance of Ontario](#) also recognized the outstanding contributions of officials, volunteers and corporate supporters of amateur sport in Ontario.

Of the 57 honourees recognized for sport excellence, four athletes received top honours:

- Cody Sorensen, Male Athlete of the Year, Bobsleigh
- Heather Moyse, Female Athlete of the Year, Bobsleigh
- Richard Ball, Male Athlete with a Disability of the Year, Athletics
- Summer Mortimer, Female Athlete with a Disability of the Year, Swimming

Amongst this year's winners are several of the 23 Ontario athletes who brought home medals at the Vancouver Olympics, and many of the 53 athletes competing for Canada at the Winter Paralympics.

Ontario's athletes and coaches will have an opportunity to showcase their skills at home when the GTA hosts the [2015 Pan/Parapan American Games](#). The Games will create thousands of construction jobs, improve sports infrastructure, and bring 250,000 athletes, coaches and tourists to Ontario.

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"I want to congratulate all the athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and sponsors who were recognized for their contribution to sport at the 2010 Ontario Sport Awards. Your dedication, discipline and commitment to building amateur sport are an inspiration to all Ontarians."

Margarett Best, Minister of Health Promotion and Sport

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Sport Alliance of Ontario, I want to congratulate all the athletes for their excellent performances, the coaches for their expertise, officials for their fair play and the volunteers and corporate sponsors that support the sport system in Ontario. The Ontario Sport Awards is one way for us to recognize these accomplishments. Congratulations to all recipients of the Ontario Sport Awards.

Holly Abraham, Chair, Sport Alliance of Ontario

"Receiving an Ontario Sport Award is an amazing way to top off 2010 and I am pleased to celebrate with so many others who achieved great things in sport last year. It is an honour to live in a province that supports sport excellence."

Cody Sorensen, Male Athlete of the Year

QUICK FACTS

- Thirteen Vancouver 2010 medalists received support through Quest for Gold which provides direct support to athletes, as well as enhanced coaching and competition opportunities.
- In February at the [2011 Canada Winter Games](#), Team Ontario captured the Canada Games flag for the 9th time in 12 Games.
- Since 1965, the Ontario Sport Awards have been honouring outstanding achievement in Ontario amateur sport. It is the highest recognition for sport excellence in the province.
- Previous recipients include Priscilla Lopes-Schliep, Eric Lamaze, Patrick Chan, Donovan Bailey, Silken Laumann and Lennox Lewis.
- Award winners are chosen by the Sport Awards Selection Committee, a group of former athletes and sport administrators from Ontario.

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See the full list of winners for the 2010 Ontario Sport Awards

Check the [Sport Alliance of Ontario site](#) for information about the Ontario Sport Awards and the Canada Games program

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