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## **Best in amateur sport celebrated at Sport Yukon awards night**

WHITEHORSE—The outstanding achievements of Yukon athletes were recognized Thursday at the 40th annual Sport Yukon awards night.

“It was another banner year for amateur athletes in Yukon, and this awards night is an opportunity to recognize our incredible sport community,” Minister of Community Services Currie Dixon said. “We are pleased to partner with Sport Yukon to co-host this event and celebrate the athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers who help make Yukon the best place to live, work and play.”

The Yukon government’s Sport and Recreation branch presented awards of excellence and awards of recognition to athletes demonstrating dedication to training and achievement at the highest levels of their sport.

In addition to the major awards, Sport Yukon members and sport governing bodies presented 142 awards of distinction to their athletes and volunteers.

“This is the biggest night of the year to celebrate sport excellence in the Yukon,” Sport Yukon president George Arcand said. “We have an amazing number of athletes and officials who are making their mark on regional, national and international levels. We are incredibly proud of our membership and enjoyed celebrating their achievements at the awards night.”

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### **See list of award recipients below.**

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## **SPORT YUKON MAJOR AWARDS**

### **International Female Athlete of the Year**

Emily Nishikawa

### **International Male Athlete of the Year**

Darby McIntyre

### **National/Territorial Female Athlete of the year**

Rachel Pettitt

### **National/Territorial Male Athlete of the Year**

Thomas Scoffin

### **Administrator of the Year**

Sherillynne Himmelsbach

### **Team of the Year**

Bantam Mustangs

### **Coach of the Year**

Dennis Peters & Laurie Jacobsen

### **Hall of Fame Inductees**

Kevin Murphy - Table Tennis Yukon

Les Johns - Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle (Archery)

## **GOVERNMENT OF YUKON AWARDS**

### **Awards of Excellence**

#### **Athletics**

Darby McIntyre  
Brody Smith

#### **Biathlon**

Nadia Moser

#### **Cross Country Skiing**

Colin Abbott  
Dahria Beatty  
Marcus Deuling  
Hannah Deuling  
Annah Hanthorn  
Natalie Hynes  
Knut Johnsgaard  
Darby McIntyre  
Caelan McLean  
Kendra Murray  
Emily Nishikawa

#### **Curling**

Thomas Scoffin

#### **Figure Skating**

Rachel Pettitt

#### **Freestyle Skiing**

Kyran Allen

#### **Hockey**

Bryce Anderson  
Mackenzie Benn-Wipp  
Oscar Burgess  
Carl Burgess  
Dylan Cozens  
Johnny Elias  
Payton Fobe  
Lochlan Fraser  
Cameron Gingell  
Cruz Goodman  
Dylan Kindervater  
Haiden Kremer  
Niall Lawrie  
Martin Lawrie  
Kailem Letto  
Jarod McCulloch  
Wyatt Peterson  
Cole Smith  
Joseph Stokes  
Ethan Vanderkley  
Brett Walchuk  
Isaac Williamson  
Rob Williamson

#### **Judo**

Hannah King

#### **Whitewater Slalom**

Mael Pronovost  
Pelly Vincent-Braun

#### **Orienteering**

Colin Abbott  
Pia Blake  
Leif Blake  
Trevor Bray  
Darren Holcombe  
Brent Langbakk  
Caelan McLean  
Forest Pearson  
Barbara Scheck  
Sabine Schweiger

#### **Para-Athletics**

Jessica Frotten

**Swimming**

Rennes Lindsay

**Awards of Recognition****Figure Skating**

Tijana McCarthy

**Freestyle Skiing**

Dylan Reed

**Orienteering**

Savanah Cash

Curtis Cash

Micah Hildes

Afan Jones

Nesta Leduc

Phillipa McNeil

Elias Sagar

Bob Sagar

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