

# ATHLETE OF THE MONTH AWARDS

## OVERVIEW

The Cleve's Source for Sports Athlete of the Month Awards honour Nova Scotia's top amateur athletes for their outstanding achievement in their sport. Each month, the awards are presented to deserving male and female athletes (junior and senior) and a team.

## CRITERIA NOMINATION

1. Athletes must be amateur in status as defined by their provincial sport organization.
2. Nominations must be for an athlete or team who participates in a sport that is a recognized member of Sport Nova Scotia.
3. The award is open to athletes who make their primary residence in Nova Scotia, and athletes who live temporarily in other locations for educational or training purposes. The award is also open to athletes who originally came from other provinces provided their primary residence is declared as being in Nova Scotia.
4. Awards are open to individuals who perform solo or on a team. Categories include male and female junior athlete of the month, male and female senior athlete of the month, and team of the month.
5. A team is considered a group of two or more people competing simultaneously as a single entity at a team event for one award.
6. The junior category is for athletes under the age of 21 who have competed in competition at the developmental level (under 21 or younger).
7. The senior category is for any athlete who competed in open age group competitions.
8. Athletes who compete in both individual and team events may be nominated for the junior female/ male athlete of the month, and team of the month. Likewise, those nominated for senior female/male athlete may also be nominated for team of the month. However, if the nominee competes in both team and individual events, only those results from the individual competition may be counted for the individual athlete of the month award. Equally, only those results from the team competition may be counted for the team athlete of the month award.
9. Awards are open to athletes from any level, with the exception of high school and post-secondary athletes/teams competing at a school/university event.
10. The award is given for an outstanding event performance or series of performances. Only those performances that take place during the month of nomination will be considered.
11. Nominations will be accepted up to and including the fifth day of the following month. When the fifth falls on a weekend, nominations will be accepted on the following Monday. The winners will be announced via the news media shortly following that date. Winners will also be profiled in Scoreboard, Sport Nova Scotia's monthly circular.
12. One nomination will be accepted per category, per sport.

## SELECTION OF WINNERS

Selection of winners is made from nominations submitted by:

- Provincial sport organizations
- Members of the Nova Scotia sports media
- Municipal recreation directors
- Members of the general public through Sport Nova Scotia's communications coordinator.
- Individual members of Sport Nova Scotia

\*Note: Nominations are subject to approval by the respective provincial sport organization before the selection is made.

- The selection committee will review all nominations and choose one female junior athlete, one female senior athlete, one male junior athlete, one male senior athlete and one team each month. This committee has final jurisdiction in all decisions. In the event of a tie, the committee will consult with a staff member of Sport Nova Scotia.
- Individuals/teams may not win the award more than twice per fiscal year per sport (April 1 - March 31) in any one category.
- The Selection Committee will meet the second Tuesday of every month. A list of winners will be attached to the nomination forms on a monthly basis.

## RECOGNITION

All winners receive a plaque compliments of Cleve's Source for Sports and each Male and Female Winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Cleve's Source for Sports. Plaques will be distributed annually.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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