



COVID Hero Awards

Overview of Award

The 2020-2021 season has been a time of adapting to change and overcoming challenges. Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut wants to celebrate those that kept their skaters active and their coaches, officials and club/skating school members engaged. This season was about embracing new ways to train, learn and to stay connected with one another within our figure skating community.

Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut wants to celebrate the stories of embracing change! Submissions are encouraged to feature an inspiring story of triumph and perseverance stemming from the unexpected changes in sport in 2020-2021 due to COVID-19.

Categories of Recognition

Submissions of Recognition may be submitted to recognize the below categories of your choice. A maximum of 5 submissions may be submitted by each AB/NWT/Nun club/skating school. (*example: 5 submissions may be submitted from the same category or one from each category per club/skating school*). For each category below, the individual must be associated with a Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut sanctioned club or skating school.

- Athlete (*individual, pair/dance team, synchronized skating team)
- Coach
- Official
- Volunteer (Board member, Program Assistant, Parent Volunteer, etc. You may nominate a group of volunteers or an individual)

**Individual Athlete includes all categories of skaters: CanSkater, STARSkater, CanPower, Adults, Synchro, Competitive, STAR and Special Olympics*

Submissions of Recognition may be submitted by the following:

- AB/NWT/NUN Clubs
- AB/NWT/NUN Skating Schools
- An individual that is associated with an AB/NWT/NUN Club or Skating School

Submission Requirements

Submissions are to be based on triumph, perseverance, and inspiration from the 2020-2021 season.

To make a submission, please address any of the following in paragraph form in a maximum of 300 words:

- What special challenges did they face in the 2020-2021 season regarding sport/training?
- Are there any exceptional circumstances they have had to overcome?
- Did they still celebrate milestones and/or achievements in their sports career amid the pandemic?
- What changes have they had to make to their sporting life?
- Was there a pandemic-related barrier or challenge they had to overcome?
- Were they still able to make improvements to their training or skills in new ways?
- Was there a coach, official or volunteer who went above and beyond to allow your sport to Return to Play?
- Please include anything else you think would be of value.

Additional Submission Details to Include

- Photo of the individual(s) being recognized.
- Consent must be provided by the individual(s) that is being recognized to provide permission to share their name and photo on social media.
- Up to three (3) support letters may be provided (not required though)

Submission Deadline: March 15, 2021

Submissions are to be submitted via the online form on the Section website.

Recognition of Achievement

Each submission will receive a certificate from Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut to honor the recognition.

All submissions will be honored on the Skate Canada: Alberta-NWT/Nunavut social media through a slideshow presentation.