

## MESSAGE FROM THE HONOURABLE LANA POPHAM

55TH ANNUAL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS



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Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

On behalf of Premier David Eby and the Government of British Columbia, we are pleased to welcome you to the Athlete of the Year Awards, presented by Sport BC.

As one of Canada's longest standing amateur sport recognition events, the Athlete of the Year Awards play a key role in nurturing and inspiring athletic excellence around the province. This event is important for British Columbia's sport community, because it celebrates and honours outstanding

achievements of British Columbians in the sector, including many dedicated volunteers and coaches. We thank Sport BC for showcasing B.C.'s amazing and diverse sport community at this event.

Congratulations to this year's honourees. British Columbia is proud of you, and we thank you for your leadership and dedication. We also wish to thank the families and friends, mentors and team staff, and our incredible provincial, disability and multisport organizations for their dedicated support. The Province is pleased to support the sector through a variety of programs and grants, as we know the power sport has to advance social change, promote healthy living, and contribute to the development of vibrant and connected communities. For all these reasons, we recognize and appreciate the work that you do every day to boost participation, promote excellence and support sport for all British Columbians.

Enjoy the event, and keep shining.

Sincerely,

Hon. Lana Popham,

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Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

## **Delivering on Diversity Award Description**

The Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport established a new award to amplify the Province of British Columbia's commitment to diversity and inclusion. Congratulations to the recipient of the 2nd Annual Delivering on Diversity Award to be announced this evening by the Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. BC Golf was the inaugural recipient in 2020 and celebrated during our Sport BC's virtual celebration in 2021.